

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is administered by Pastor Mark Borgetti and used to help members and attenders of Joy! in need. This fund is always in need of donations. If you would like to make a contribution to this fund, you may give it to Pastor Mark, bring it to the church office or place it in the offering plate labeled as Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

smile.amazon.com

Remember to log on to smile.amazon.com when purchasing items from Amazon. Pick Joy! Lutheran Church, Gurnee, IL as the charitable organization and we will receive a percentage of your purchase! Once you have chosen Joy!, it will become your default organization.

Communication Plan

Please email jori.maguire@joylutheran.org 3-4 weeks prior to ministry events/needs so we can create an effective, impactful communication plan to help you succeed.

Room Reservations

When planning meetings or gatherings at Joy!, please remember to reserve a room by emailing jori.maguire@joylutheran.org.

Total Income* thru 10/31/17 (Fiscal Year July-June)

YTD Actual	\$267,514
YTD Budget	\$244,760
AHEAD/(BEHIND)	\$22,754

Total Expense thru 10/31/17

YTD Actual	\$243,901
YTD Budget	\$248,619
AHEAD/(BEHIND)	\$4,718

Mortgage Balance \$1,982,154

Thrivent Choice Receipts for November	\$151.00
smile.amazon.com receipts	\$99.21

*Total Income includes all receipts of gifts, facility usage, program fees, etc.

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Our Mission is to be a joy-filled, Christ-centered community that is passionate about reaching our neighbors with Christ's radical love so that all our lives are changed!



Join us for worship next Sunday, Dec. 3 for the 2nd week of our "God With Us" sermon series as we focus on the PEACE we find through the birth of Jesus.

PADS Volunteer and Donation Sign-up

1st and 3rd Monday evenings at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church in Grayslake now through April 2018

PADS is the ONLY emergency shelter for the homeless in Lake County. Immediate shelter and food is provided through a network of churches, such as Shepherd of the Lakes. But this can't happen without the support of many volunteers. **Please prayerfully consider volunteering this season** - Get more information at the sign-up desk near the Connections Cafe or contact Amy Bothmann at abothmann@att.net to volunteer to serve and Cathy Kramer at cathykramer@ameritech.net to make food donations.

Stewardship Update

Here is the update after Commitment Sunday 11/19/17: 117 Pledges totaling \$492,862 which is 66% of our 2017-2018 budget \$742,322.

For those who plan to pledge and have not, please drop your pledge card in the offering plate or send your pledge card to Joy! Lutheran Church.

Sign Up Opportunities at Information Center:

- Family Celebration Breakfast
- Joy! Giving Tree
- Christmas Poinsettias
- Joy! Annual Women's Christmas Event

You can also sign up online for these opportunities at joylutheran.org/sign-ups:

- College Cares
- Holding On To Hope

COOL Monthly Food Drive—Food of the Month

Please place your canned food donations in the COOL Food Ministry Basket by the restroom entrances.

- The food item for December is side dishes (noodles, rice, beans)
- Thinking ahead to January, the food of the month is peanut butter. We know December will fly by!

As always all non-perishable food items are welcome. COOL also accepts toiletries, paper goods & laundry soap to help Veterans in need.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Joy! Annual Women's Christmas Event Buon Natale—A Taste of the Holidays!

Wednesday, December 6th from 6:30—8:30

Galati's 142 Cedar Lake Road in Lake Villa

Come join us for an evening of fun and fellowship! We will each be making a necklace to keep or give away as a gift as well as build relationships and fill our bellies with hearty apps and homemade desserts. Wine & soda included. Cost is \$35.00. Sign up at the Info Center. Limit 50 women. **Questions?** Contact jenelle.ancona@joylutheran.org.

Joy! Giving Tree—Gifts due Sunday, 12/3

The Giving tree is up at the main entrance. Please stop by to pick up a gift request from a family of the Zacharias Center. When choosing a tag please consider picking up a gift card request. While gift card may not be fun to purchase, a card empowers parents to have the thrill of picking out the right gift for their children. The women of Amazing Grace, thank you for your continued support of the Giving Tree. Please return your gift no later than Sunday, 12/3. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Reiling at [847-987-2371](tel:847-987-2371) or at mreiling@sbcglobal.net.

Christmas Poinsettias—It's Time!

Order now through December 3rd

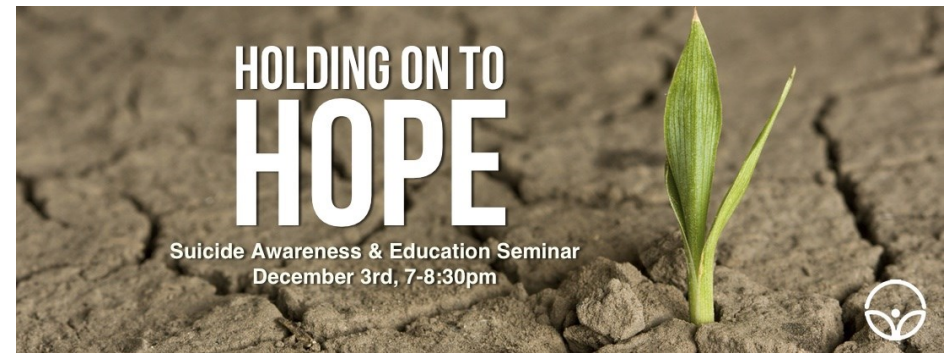
Take part in the beautifying of our worship space by ordering Christmas Poinsettias in honor or in memory of a loved one. Order forms are available at the Information Center and are due with payment no later than December 3rd.

Family Celebration Worship and Breakfast

Sunday, December 10th at both services



Join Kids Adventure Klub and the Joyful Noise Choir for "T'was The Light Before Christmas" and our annual Family Celebration Breakfast. Help us make this day a success by donating food for our breakfast or help serve! Please contact Cheryl O'Neill at cheryl.oneill@joylutheran.org for more information.



Holding On To Hope

December 3rd from 7-8:30 pm

For Adults and High School Age Students

Is suicide preventable? How can we listen and talk to our loved ones about such a scary topic? What do we do when there are no clues but people die by suicide anyway? What do we do after we lose a loved one to suicide? These are important questions that require a public health approach---educating every citizen---just like cancer, diabetes and any other medical problem. This seminar seeks to answer these and other questions about this tragedy that takes over 44,000 lives in the US annually compared to 17,000 by homicide. Register online at www.joylutheran.org and please contact Mark Borgetti at mark.borgetti@joylutheran.org for more information.

Faithful Journey - Registration begins January 2018

Friday, February 23rd at 7 pm - Sunday, February 25th at Noon
Lake Lawn Resort in Delavan, Wisconsin

Are you an adult at Joy! who is interested in "A focused opportunity for spiritual growth, strengthening relationships, and finding direction for deepening your Christian faith"? If so, you do not want to miss this opportunity for our all-new adult retreat! Please contact Kristin Herrmann at kdherrmann@att.net with any questions or for more information.

PLEASE NOTE—No Leadership Gathering on 12/4

The Leadership Gathering for December 4th in the Connections Café has been cancelled.



College Cares—

Today is the last day to sign up!

Boxes will go out three more times this year along with care cards telling each student how much we appreciate them. Sign-up at the Info Center or online at www.joylutheran.org! Contact Pat at debreaufamily@sbcglobal.net with any questions.