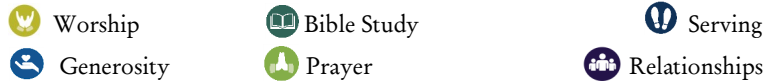


Spiritual Growth Key

Our focus is on Spiritual Growth. Below is the six soils key to help guide your activities:



Joy! Mission/Retreat Scholarship Fund

This fund has been established to meet the needs of various individuals, teenagers and adults, who may have a calling to attend mission trips or retreats, but do not have the financial ability to do so. To make a contribution, please make checks payable to Joy! Lutheran Church and write Joy! Mission Scholarship Fund in the memo. If you have any questions, please contact Financial Manager, sue.gearica@joylutheran.org.

Smileamazon.com

Remember to log on to SmileAmazon.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. We just received \$49.45 for 3rd quarter purchased, which will go toward COOL Thanksgiving baskets!

Total Income* thru 10/31/16

YTD Actual—\$228,458
YTD Budget—\$234,638
AHEAD/(BEHIND) - (\$6,180)

STLAC*-2
Goal - \$454,395
Given to date - \$445,739
AHEAD/(BEHIND) - (\$8,656)

Total Expense thru 10/31/16

YTD Actual—\$242,547
YTD Budget—\$254,170
AHEAD/(BEHIND) - \$5,442

*So that Lives Are Changed-Phase 2
(Capital Campaign)
Thrivent Choice Receipts for Oct. \$600
smileamazon.com receipts—\$49.95

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

Communication Plan

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

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

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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!

Sermon Series

Join us for worship next Sunday for the second week of our "Unwrapping Christmas" sermon series. The Christmas story is a perfect example of how sometimes God changes our plans and things don't always go quite as we had expected. Join us as we explore how to navigate changed plans.



Congratulations to Addelyn Szczerba and her parents, Ashlee & Aaron, and to Colton and Jaxon Brooks and their parents, Jennifer & Kevin, on their Baptisms.

Sign Up/Registration Opportunities:

 (see inside for details)

Dinner & Theater Road Trip
Youth Retreats
Christmas Program Breakfast Serving and Food Donations
Women's Christmas Event

Serving Opportunities

We'd love for you to join our First Impressions team!

Families welcome to serve together!

- *chair set up*- work with others to set up chairs in worship 1x/month Sept-May
- *ushers*- welcome people to worship space, hand out bulletin, collect offering and excuse for communion
- *greeters*- welcome folks to Joy!
- *communion servers*- distribute bread & wine
- *refreshment provider*- bring nut free snack to share to support hospitality

You control when you serve by signing up at <http://signup.com/go/EMSLLq>
Training available. Contact: jenelle.ancona@joylutheran.org

Nursery Volunteers Needed -Wednesday mornings from 9-11am

Childcare during a mom's small group. Please contact shaycranmer@gmail.com for more info or if you can help out.

'Tis the Season at Joy!.....

Annual Giving Tree

This is the last week to stop by the Connections Café and pick up a gift request for the Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center of Gurnee. Sign out your name, shop and return your gift no later than Sunday 12/4/16. Thank you for sharing the Joy! of Christmas with community members in need. If you have any questions please call Mary Reiling at 847-987-2371 or email mreiling@sbcglobal.net.

Women of Joy! Hurry & Sign up for Art & Apps!

December 7, 6-9pm \$48 per person **5 spots left!!**

We are partnering with Art Rave again at the Lakehouse in Lake Villa for another fun night at our annual event! Sign up online or at the kiosk by 12/4 and pay at the Info Center. Space is limited to 40, so register right away! Any questions, please contact Michelle Hood at houseofhoods@hotmail.com.

Dinner and Theater Christmas Road Trip

December 10th, 3:00-10:30pm \$52.00 per person

The Christmas Story by Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, George & Ringo. Price includes transportation, tickets, and dinner at Giordano's in Naperville. Hear the Christmas story in a way you have NEVER heard it before. Follow Mary and Joseph down "the long and winding road" to Bethlehem as a full band and ensemble uses the timeless music of The Beatles to tell the greatest story of all time. Usher in the Christmas season with this Epic holiday tradition. Sign up on the kiosk or online, and pay at the Info Center by 12/4. Any questions, contact mark.borgetti@joylutheran.org

Family Christmas Program & Breakfast

Sunday, December 11 at both services

Dress rehearsal: Saturday, December 10 from 9-10:30am

If you have any questions or need more information contact Stacey Van Zeyl at yecats71@hotmail.com or cheryl.oneill@joylutheran.org.

Helping hands and food donations are needed to make this annual event a huge success. Please stop by the kiosk in the main entrance to sign up. If you have any questions, contact Katie Fuko at nre1265@gmail.com.

Holiday Worship—invite family & friends!

Christmas Eve 4pm Family Friendly Service

8 & 11pm Candlelight Services

No services Christmas Day

New Year's Day One service at 9:45am

Youth Retreats

ATF 1/13-1/16, 2017 Cost \$180

Crossroads 2/10-2/12, 2017 Cost \$160

This is an amazing opportunity for our kids to bond with their peers, have tremendous fun and learn about God. Even if you are not currently involved in Crossroads or ATF you are invited to share in this experience. For more information and to sign up, go to www.joystudentmin.com.

COOL Ministries

Food for November is tuna. Please leave donations in the cart outside the Worship Center.

Great Christmas Gifts!

There is an ongoing fundraiser with Yankee Candle. COOL will receive 40% of sales made through www.yankeecandlefundraising.com using group # 990099961. Contact bvalenta88@gmail.com with questions regarding any fundraisers.

PADS

Help the homeless by volunteering at the Shepherd of the Lake Shelter. Critical needs:
1st Monday of the month - 1st Shift Lead, Set-up Lead & help (4-8pm)
2nd Monday of the month - Kitchen Lead, Set-up Lead & help (4-8pm)
4th Monday of the month - Set-up Lead & help Needed (4-8pm)
4th & 5th Mondays of the month - Condell laundry drivers (pick up on Tuesday)
Any Monday 2nd Shift Lead or help (11:00pm to Tuesday at 3:00am)

Please contact Karen Senase at kdsenase@gmail.com or 847-223-5278 or Cathy Kramer at cathykramer@ameritech.net or 847-731-7643 for more info or if you are interested in serving. To register online go to www.shepherdofthelakes.org Click link for "Ministries" tab, click link for "Pads" tab, register as a first time user. Go back to "Sign-Up" and register for the date and time you want to volunteer.

Simply Giving Contributions

Thank you to all who continue their electronic giving thru Simply Giving sponsored by Thrivent. Please remember to update your 2017 giving. Log on to your account or contact Financial Manager, Sue Gearica. REMINDER #1 > So That Lives Are Changed closes out 12/31/16. REMINDER #2 > Help support each budgeted line item of the General Fund by not restricting your gifts; gifts directly to General Fund are appreciated. As of Jan 2017 the various restrictions listed on Simply Giving will be deleted. We ask that you redirect your gifts to the General Fund. Please contact Sue at sue.gearica@joylutheran.org for any concerns.

Stewardship Update

To date we have 98 pledges totaling \$406,200, which is 56% of our current year budget of \$728,167. For those who plan to pledge and have not please drop your pledge card in the offering plate or mail them to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact sue.gearica@joylutyheran.org.