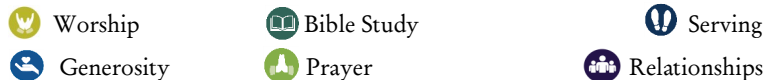


## Spiritual Growth Key

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.

## 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.

## Total Income\* thru 12/31/16

YTD Actual—\$360,832  
YTD Budget—\$358,646  
AHEAD/(BEHIND) - \$2,186

**STLAC\*\*-2**  
Goal - \$454,395  
Given to date - \$435,798  
AHEAD/(BEHIND) - (\$18,597)

## Total Expense thru 12/31/16

YTD Actual—\$395,707  
YTD Budget—\$371,677  
AHEAD/(BEHIND) - (\$21,844)

\*\*So that Lives Are Changed-Phase 2  
(Capital Campaign)

Thrivent Choice Receipts for Nov. \$125  
smile.amazon.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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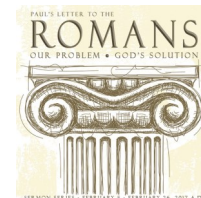
We're on Instagram:



**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 next week for the 3rd week of our sermon series focusing on Paul's Letter to the Romans. God's plan was for Jesus to offer unlimited grace and salvation to everyone. We'll explore how God didn't discriminate against anyone and brought hope for ALL people.



## Sign Up/Registration Opportunities: (see inside for details)

Monthly Leadership Gathering  
Baptism Class  
Lenten Opportunities—*The Grace Card* Movie  
Ash Wednesday Worship, Supper & Activity  
*The Grace Card* Bible Study  
*Face of Grace* Devotional Book  
New Member Classes  
Adult Retreat

## Meet Joy!

Learn more about Joy! and what we are all about at a light luncheon **today** after the 2nd service.

## Love Offering for Seminarians

Joy! is proud to have two of our very own taking seminary classes. If you would like to support Laura Kline and Colin Cranmer, we will be taking up a special offering for them on Sundays, February 19 & 26. Envelopes will be inserted in the Weekly Connections for your convenience.

## Baptism Class

**Sunday, February 26 11:45am**

Anyone interested in adult or infant Baptism are invited to attend this required class. A light lunch will be served and childcare is available. Contact Children & Family Ministry Director, cheryl.oneill@joylutheran.org with questions.

## Monthly Leadership Gathering

**Topic: Intentional Conversations**

**Monday, February 27 from 7-8:30pm**

At Joy!, we believe leadership matters, so we invite all those who are interested in leadership development tools and concepts to join us monthly for individual, organizational and community transformation. We encourage you to sign up at [www.joylutheran.org](http://www.joylutheran.org) or at the kiosk, but feel free to drop in as your schedule permits. Childcare is available. Any questions, please contact [alice.m.kerwin@gmail.com](mailto:alice.m.kerwin@gmail.com).



## Community Partners

### COOL Ministries

Food for February is breakfast items (cereals, muffin mixes, pancake mix, syrup). Please leave donations in the cart outside the Worship Center. Contact Becky Valenta at [bvalenta88@gmail.com](mailto:bvalenta88@gmail.com) with questions.

### PADS

Joy! serves every 3rd Monday of the month and food donations are always needed. Please stop by the PADS table to sign up to help. Contact Cathy Kramer at [cathykramer@ameritech.net](mailto:cathykramer@ameritech.net) if you have questions or concerns.

## Adult Spiritual Growth Retreat

**March 3-5 Siena Retreat Center in Racine, WI**

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 year's all new adult retreat! The weekend will include: testimonials, small group time, unique educational opportunities with some of the topics below:

- Drama Triangle
- Seeding the Mission Field
- Reengaging Young Adults
- Raising Children with a Heart for God

This is a chance to grow in your faith as well as spend time in fellowship with other Joy! members. Cost is \$195/person\* which includes Saturday meals, Sunday breakfast, two nights at the resort, and retreat materials. Register online at [www.joylutheran.org](http://www.joylutheran.org) (under the "Adult" tab) or visit the table in the Connections Café by 2/19. Registration is limited, so don't wait! Contact Tom Keefe at [tomkeefe1@comcast.net](mailto:tomkeefe1@comcast.net) or 847-977-8172 if you have any questions.

\*Scholarships are available—do not let the cost keep you away!

## New Member Classes

**Mondays 3/6, 3/13 & 3/20 6:30-8:30pm**

Life is full of starting points. We want to invite you to a starting point at Joy! Pastor Mark Borgetti, Jenelle Ancona & Rose Froseth will be leading the Starting Point Classes (new member classes) at Joy! New members will be received during the 10:30am service on 4/2.

- It is an opportunity to learn more about the Lutheran story...its history and meaning.
- It is an opportunity to learn about the Joy! story...what we believe, where we have been and where we are going.
- It is an opportunity to discover a piece of our story... who God made you to be and to make plans for the best life as a part of this faith community.
- It is opportunity for you to meet some great people, who are also at a starting point.

A light dinner will be served each week. Childcare available - please sign up ASAP. This class is a requirement for membership at Joy!, BUT the class is available to any, who are ready for a new start or to simply learn more & get connected. Sign up at [www.joylutheran.org](http://www.joylutheran.org) or on the kiosk. If you have any questions, please contact Relational Ministry Coord., [jenelle.ancona@joylutheran.org](mailto:jenelle.ancona@joylutheran.org).