

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.

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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 12/31/17 (Fiscal Year July-June)

YTD Actual	\$438,248
YTD Budget	\$375,738
AHEAD/(BEHIND)	\$62,510

Total Expense thru 12/31/17

YTD Actual	\$375,200
YTD Budget	\$381,519
AHEAD/(BEHIND)	\$6,319

Mortgage Balance \$1,952,779

Thrivent Choice Receipts for January	\$75.00
smile.amazon.com receipts	\$98.69

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



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weekly connections

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Reaching our neighbors with Christ's love so all lives are changed.



Join us for worship next Sunday, Feb. 25th for the 2nd week of our "Building Bridges" sermon series. We'll study together how Jesus made it a habit of seeing the potential and possibility, building bridges that helped people see beyond their limitations.

Monthly Leadership Gathering—Feedback

February 26th at 7 pm in the Connections Café

Colin Cranmer says... You are invited to attend our next leadership gathering as we explore and discuss the importance of receiving **feedback** in our personal and professional lives. We will be watching and discussing a video presentation by author Sheila Heen from the Willow GLS conference. I can't speak highly enough of her impactful presentation and how it has affected me personally! Please sign up at joylutheran.org/sign-ups or at the Information Center.

Joy! Vision Recap

Sunday, March 11th after the 10:30 Service

Join us to learn more about Vision 2020, our Vision Objectives and what it means for Joy! Please sign-up at: joylutheran.org/sign-ups and contact Mark Borgetti at mark.borgetti@joylutheran.org with any questions.

Sign-ups and Registrations

- Starting Point New Member Class
- Joy! Jam
- PADS volunteering and donations
- ATF Pasta Fundraiser
- Leadership Gathering
- Vision 2020 Recap

Holy Week Worship Services

**March 29 at 7 pm
Maundy Thursday**

**March 30 at 7 pm
Good Friday**

**April 1—Easter Sunday
Services at 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 am
Breakfast from 8:30 until 10:30 am**

Building Access—PLEASE NOTE

The new building access system will go into effect on Monday, 3/5. If you need access outside of normal office hours, please fill out a request form at joylutheran.org/sign-ups. If you have already done so, you will receive an email on Monday, 2/19 regarding receiving your key fobs and how to access the building. Any questions, please contact Jori Maguire in the church office or at jori.maguire@joylutheran.org

PADS Volunteer and Donation Sign-up

1st and 3rd Monday pm through April 2018 at Shepherd of the Lakes

Please prayerfully consider volunteering this season - Sign-up for volunteering is available at joylutheran.org/sign-ups. Please contact Cathy Kramer at cathykramer@ameritech.net to donate food and supplies and Amy Bothmann at abothmann@att.net to volunteer or with volunteering questions.

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 February is breakfast items (cereal, granola bars, etc.)
- The food item for March is canned tuna.

As always all non-perishable food items are welcome. COOL also accepts toiletries, paper goods & laundry soap to help Veterans in need. Please contact Becky Valenta at bvalenta88@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Joy! Jam

Musicians (vocalists & instrumentalists) age 13 and older are invited to join members of the Worship Band on Sunday, March 18th, for a pizza lunch and fun jam session. Sign up at joylutheran.org/sign-ups or at the Info Center. For more information or if you can't attend this jam but are interested in future events, please contact Laura Kline at laura.kline@joylutheran.org

Vison Goal Teams

Excited about where Joy! is going? Sign up for a Vision Objectives Goal Team at joylutheran.org/sign-ups. Want to know more? Contact Mark Borgetti at mark.borgetti@joylutheran.org.

**Save the Date—COOL 35th Anniversary Gala
April 7, 2018 Illinois Beach Resort & Conference Center**

Starting Point aka “New Member Class”

Mondays 3/5, 3/12, & 3/19 from 6 - 7:30 pm

Light supper served. Childcare on request.

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). 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. For more information contact jenelle.ancona@joylutheran.org or call the church office at 847-362-4JOY! You can register at joylutheran.org/sign-ups or at the Info Center.

ATF Fundraiser Donations

Our youth group will be holding a “Bake Sale, Band, and Basket” Fundraiser with proceeds going to the high school mission trip to Colorado this summer and we're looking for donations for our baskets. If you work at a company that would be willing to sponsor a gift certificate, item or something else for our baskets, we would be so grateful! Do you have a timeshare you're not using, or a movie gift card sitting in a drawer? Maybe you want to adopt a basket! All of these would help us so much! If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at colin.cranmer@joylutheran.org.

New or Newer to Joy!?

Welcome! First of all, I'd like to commend you for the courage it took to walk through our doors. I understand how hard it can be walking through the doors of a church for the first few times.

So many questions! Where do we sit? Will people notice how nervous we are? Will they make us stand up and introduce ourselves? No, we won't make you do that! That would be weird! But what we will do is try our best create the space so you can have an encounter with God. It might be a song that speaks to your heart. A point in the message that is relevant to your own life. Or a sense of peace that could only come from God.

So, thank you for being here. Thank you for having the courage to show up. I hope I get a chance to meet you and talk in person. After the service stop by in the Connection Cafe for some coffee.

Mark Borgetti
Lead Pastor