

## 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.

## Building Access

The new building access system is in effect. If you need access outside of normal office hours, please fill out a request form at [joylutheran.org/sign-ups](http://joylutheran.org/sign-ups). Any questions, please contact Jori Maguire in the church office or at [jori.maguire@joylutheran.org](mailto:jori.maguire@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.

**Communication Plan**—Please email [jori.maguire@joylutheran.org](mailto:jori.maguire@joylutheran.org) 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 at [jori.maguire@joylutheran.org](mailto:jori.maguire@joylutheran.org)

## Total Income\* thru 1/31/17 (Fiscal Year July-June)

YTD Actual	\$509,726
YTD Budget	\$436,227
AHEAD/(BEHIND)	\$73,499

## Total Expense thru 1/31/17

YTD Actual	\$441,571
YTD Budget	\$440,794
AHEAD/(BEHIND)	(\$777)

Mortgage Balance \$1,952,779

Thrivent Choice Receipts for February	\$296.00
smile.amazon.com receipts	\$147.19

\*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.

# PALM SUNDAY

one week we'll never forget

JOY! LUTHERAN CHURCH GURNEE, IL MARCH 25, 2018

Join us for worship next Sunday, March 25th for Palm Sunday. This marks the first day of Holy Week where Jesus entered into the city of Jerusalem for the last week of his earthly ministry. We celebrate with palms to commemorate that day 2000 years ago when crowds of people welcomed Jesus by waving palms and placing palms in his path, recognizing him as their king.

## Joy! Jam—TODAY from 12-1:30 pm

Musicians (vocalists & instrumentalists) age 13 and older are invited to join members of the Worship Band for a pizza lunch and fun jam session

## Easter Breakfast- Sunday, April 1 - 8:30-10:30am

You, your family and friends are invited to Joy!'s annual Easter Breakfast. Food donations AND help serving are needed. Please donate your time, talent and generosity to this wonderful tradition by signing up at the information center kiosk. If you have any questions, please contact Jenelle Ancona, Relational Ministry Coordinator, at [jenelle.ancona@joylutheran.org](mailto:jenelle.ancona@joylutheran.org).

## Sign-ups and Registrations

- Easter Breakfast
- Facilities & Grounds
- PADS volunteering and donations
- Joy! Jam—TODAY!
- COOL Plant & Flower Sale
- Joy! Singles Pizza Party

## 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

Easter breakfast from 8:30 until 10:30 am  
Childcare available at all services for nursery through 5 years

## Spring Is Coming—and the COOL Plant & Flower Sale!

Orders Due by March 25—Plant Pick-up on May 12

Pick up an order form for the COOL Plant & Flower Sale from the Info Center and support the COOL Food Pantry and Transitional Housing Program. Checks made payable to COOL. Questions? Email Becky at [bvalenta88@gmail.com](mailto:bvalenta88@gmail.com).

## PADS Volunteer and Donation Sign-up

1st and 3rd Monday 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](http://joylutheran.org/sign-ups). Please contact Cathy Kramer at [cathykramer@ameritech.net](mailto:cathykramer@ameritech.net) to donate food and supplies and Amy Bothmann at [abothmann@att.net](mailto:abothmann@att.net) to volunteer or with volunteering questions.

## Council Nominations

It's that time again! Neal Johnson ([johnson.neal36@gmail.com](mailto:johnson.neal36@gmail.com)) and Chuck McCumber ([carlosmccumber@comcast.net](mailto:carlosmccumber@comcast.net)) will be accepting names for the two upcoming open council positions. Both Neal and Chuck are also available if you have any questions about what it means to be a part of Joy! Council.

## Spring is in the air—Facilities & Grounds needs your help!

We are looking for volunteers to assist with general maintenance within our building and the outside grounds. If you have a passion for tinkering or enjoy the great outdoors, we can find a way for you to utilize those talents. If you have questions or show an interest in serving in this capacity, please see Pat O'Neill or contact at [patrick.oneill921@gmail.com](mailto:patrick.oneill921@gmail.com). Sign- up at the Info Center!

## Thrivent Members!

The deadline for directing Thrivent Choice dollars to Joy! Lutheran Church is **Saturday, March 31st**. This is a small but significant way to contribute to our church and must be renewed every year. We thank you!

## Youth Pizza Fundraiser

**Saturday, April 7th starting at NOON through 3:00 pm**

We are making 800 pizzas (cheese, sausage, pepperoni) with NO PRE-ORDERS! Pizza sales on the 7th and every Sunday until they are gone!



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SAVE THE DATE! Get Shipwrecked June 11th through 15th

## Vision Goal Teams

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

## Singles Pizza Party!

**Sunday, April 22nd from 12 to 3 pm**

Join Joy! Singles for food and fellowship on 4/22. Children are welcome! Sign-up is available at the Info Center or at [www.joylutheran.org/sign-ups](http://www.joylutheran.org/sign-ups). Please contact Becky Gum with any questions at [beckygum@aol.com](mailto:beckygum@aol.com).

## 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 March is canned tuna.
- The food item for April is juice or powdered milk

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](mailto:bvalenta88@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## Route 120 Road Clean-up

**Meet at Joy! on April 21st at 9:00 am**

Beautify God's country and help us clean our sponsored section of Route 120. Please wear boots and gloves and meet here in the Joy! parking lot. Sign-up at the Information Center or online [joylutheran.org/sign-ups](http://joylutheran.org/sign-ups). Please contact Gary Koehler at 847-650-9242 or at [garypkoehler@yahoo.com](mailto:garypkoehler@yahoo.com).

## Ten to End

You can be part of ending chronic homelessness in Lake County! During March, you will have the chance to commit \$10 a month to END chronic homelessness. Be sure to get your "Ten To End" keychain at our table in the connections café and join the movement that ENDS Lake County chronic homelessness by giving at [TenToEnd.com](http://TenToEnd.com)!

