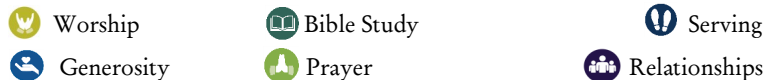


## Spiritual Growth Key

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 2/28/17

YTD Actual—\$476,182  
YTD Budget—\$482,714  
AHEAD/(BEHIND) - (\$6,532)

**STLAC\*\*-2**  
Goal - \$454,395  
Given to date - \$438,298  
AHEAD/(BEHIND) - (\$16,097)

## Total Expense thru 2/28/17

YTD Actual—\$483,714  
YTD Budget—\$492,780  
AHEAD/(BEHIND) - (\$8,374)

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

Thrivent Choice Receipts for March \$317  
smile.amazon.com receipts—\$123.70

\*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 next Sunday for the 4th week of “The Grace Card” sermon series. In order for us to grow and mature to help us develop character and perseverance, God sends us the Holy Spirit and sometimes places other people in our lives to teach and guide us. Join us next Sunday as we explore how and why to keep an open and obedient heart to this process of refining us.



Congratulations to Elliott Bergstrom and his parents, Joann Epifanio & Sean Bergstrom, on his Baptism.

## Sign Up/Registration Opportunities:

(see inside for details)  
College Cares Pizza Fundraiser  
Easter Breakfast Serving & Food Donations Council Nominations

## Joy! Jam

**TODAY Noon-1:30pm**

Instrumentalists and vocalists of all skill levels are encouraged to join members of the Worship Band for a pizza lunch and a fun, informal gathering to learn and play worship music.

## Pizza Fundraiser

**Sundays March 12, 19 & 26, April 2 after both services**

Help support the youth mission trip by purchasing homemade pizzas: cheese, sausage & pepperoni for \$6 each. Youth will be taking orders at the table outside the bathrooms. Pizza pick up is Saturday, April 8 noon-3pm or Sunday, April 9 after both services.

## Thrivent Choice

Thrivent members are reminded to apply Thrivent Choice earnings by 3/31/17 before they are no longer available. We appreciate the funds given to Joy! over the past 12 months, which have been used for various ministry requests and special projects.

## Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday	April 9	9 & 10:30pm	
Maundy Thursday	April 13	7pm	
Good Friday	April 14	7pm	
Easter Sunday	April 16	7:30, 9 & 10:30am	
Annual Easter Breakfast		8:30-10:30am	<b>All are welcome!</b>

## Easter Breakfast

**Sunday, April 16 - 8:30-10:30am**

Family and friends are invited to share in the 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 Info Center kiosk by the main entrance. If you have any questions, please contact Relational Ministry Dir., jenelle.ancona@joylutheran.org.

## Joy! Bike Ministry

**2nd & 4th Tuesdays April—December 7-9pm in the Joy! barn**

If you love to tinker, enjoy fellowship and, best of all, want to do God's work then this opportunity is for you! The Bike Ministry team is looking for 2-3 people to join them in refurbishing bikes that go to children in need as well as, adults, who are lacking basic transportation. No experience needed, supplies and tools provided. Come as your schedule permits and be a part of a team with Tom Wiseman, Corey Pelland, and Scott Winkler that gives away approx. 100 bikes per year!!! If interested contact Scott Winkler at swinklers5@icloud.com.

## College Cares

**Tuesday, April 25 6-7pm**

If you would like your actively enrolled Joy! college student to receive love from home, please complete and return the registration form (on the kiosk) along with \$15 shipping fee by 4/16. This is the last care package of the school year. Remember to bring 50 items with you to share on packing night. If you have any questions, please email Pat DeBrau at debraufamily@sbcglobal.net.

## Council Nominations

*Galatians 5:13b "...serve one another humbly in love."*

There are three council seats that need to be filled beginning this June for a three year commitment. If you are someone or know someone who possesses a heart for leadership, a curious mind, a servant's humble heart, please consider council. Nomination forms are at [www.joylutheran.org](http://www.joylutheran.org) or the Info Center kiosk and must be in by 4/10. Please direct any questions to [council@joylutheran.org](mailto:council@joylutheran.org).

## Sand Volleyball

Interested in being a part of a Joy! co-ed recreational summer sand volleyball team? Games start May 2nd and are all played at Jesse Oaks. If interested contact Travis at (708) 207-5246 or [Travis10k@yahoo.com](mailto:Travis10k@yahoo.com)

## NEW - Welcoming Our Neighbors Team

We are building a team to brainstorm ways to welcome the new neighbors moving into TWO NEW SUBDIVISIONS on Hunt Club Rd. Interested? The date and time of our first meeting will depend on the availability of team members. Contact [mark.borgetti@joylutheran.org](mailto:mark.borgetti@joylutheran.org).

## Joy!'s 2017 Pledge Update

Joy!'s 2017 Stewardship Campaign exceeded all expectations. The results are unprecedented.

- \$615,598 (2017) vs \$530,819 (2016) - an \$84,779 increase over last year's General Fund pledges!
- 144 pledges (2017) vs 137 (2016)
- This means 85% of Joy!'s budget has been pledged which is a 14% increase over last year!

THANK YOU to those who rolled their Capital Campaign pledge into the General Fund!

THANK YOU to the people who pledged for the first time!

THANK YOU for those who increased their pledge!

Humbled and honored to be your pastor!

Mark Borgetti, Lead Pastor

## Community Partners

### COOL Ministries

Tuna is the March food of the month. Please leave donations in the cart outside the Worship Center.

### Plant & Flower Sale

Orders are being taken now. Large variety to choose from: patio pots, hanging baskets, flats, specialty plants... Great Mother's Day gifts! Order forms are at the Info Center and are due back with payment by 3/26. Any questions, please contact Becky Valenta at [bvalenta88@gmail.com](mailto:bvalenta88@gmail.com).

### PADS

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