

Spiritual Growth Key

Our focus is on Spiritual Growth. We will incorporate symbols in communications to guide you in determining which activities fall under the six pillars of spiritual growth. Below is the key for your convenience:



Worship



Serving



Prayer



Bible Study



Generosity



Relationships

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.

General Offering Fund as of 3/13/16

MTD Actual - \$28,982

MTD Budget - \$28,000

AHEAD/(BEHIND) – \$982

YTD Actual - \$459,651

YTD Budget - \$481,423

AHEAD/(BEHIND) – (\$24,772)

STLAC*-2 thru 3/31/16

General Operating Budget

YTD Actual - \$22,500

YTD Budget - \$22,500

AHEAD/(BEHIND) - 0

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

Thrivent Choice Receipts for March \$112

Thrivent Member Reminder

March 31st is the deadline to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars. We know you have a choice in where you direct your dollars. Thank you for your gifts to Joy!

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!

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday, March 24, 7pm service. Maundy Thursday commemorates Jesus' last meal with his disciples, the Last Supper. Childcare available for kids under 3.

Good Friday, March 25, 7pm service. Good Friday is the day of Jesus' death in which we remember the sacrifice of his life on our behalf. Worship will be a Tenebrae Service and will include the Good Friday scripture and reflections based on the events of that day. Tenebrae is the Latin word for shadows and is demonstrated by darkness and the extinguishing of candles as the story unfolds. Childcare available for kids under 3.

Easter Sunday, March 27, 7:30am, 9:00am, & 10:30am services. Easter celebrates Jesus' resurrection and victory over death, creating the path for eternal life for us. Join us as we celebrate the empty tomb and the hope this day brings for us. A community breakfast will be offered from 8:30-10:30am.

Registrations/sign-ups currently on the kiosk in the Connections Café:

Joy! Jam

Science vs Religion Event

Easter Breakfast—serving & food donations

COOL at Easter

Easter dinner's are due **today**. Contact Becky Valenta at beckilito@gmail.com if other arrangements need to be made.

Easter Breakfast

Sunday, March 27th - 8:30-10:30am

Last opportunity to help us make a great first impression at Easter. We still need some **food donations, help serving and cleaning up. Sign up NOW** on the kiosk in the Connections Café. If you have any questions, please contact Relational Ministry Dir., jenelle.ancona@joylutheran.org.

Seminary Sundays

On March 20th we will recognize our two seminary students, Laura Kline and Peter Schwich. Laura is studying at Trinity College in Deerfield and Peter graduated this past Dec. from North Park. Please lift them up in prayer as they continue their journey. We welcome your gift to assist with their education expenses. Gifts received on these Sundays will be given directly to their respective school for their tuition expenses. Please mark "seminary" on the memo line of your check or on your envelope. If you have any questions, please contact Financial Manager, sue.gearica@joylutheran.org.

Exploring the Relationship Between Faith, Religion & Science

Saturday, April 2, 2016 9:30 am - Noon

The Bible says one thing and science seems to say another. What's the deal? Is one right and the other wrong? How do science and the Bible relate to each other? If you need help exploring these questions and others like it, this event is for you! Sign up via website or on the kiosk in the Connections Café. Contact Pastor John, who will facilitate this opportunity to dialogue about this important topic, at holm4459@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Confirmation Retreat

All 8th graders and those older, but have not yet been Confirmed, are invited to join us 4/8-4/9 for the annual Confirmation Retreat. Confirmation Sunday is 4/10 at 10:30a.m. Sign up at joystudentmin.com. If you have any questions, please contact Youth Director, colin.cranmer@joylutheran.org.

Join Our Jam!

If you ever thought of praising God by joining the Worship Band, then join us for Joy! Jam on Sunday, April 10 after the second service. Vocalists & instrumentalists 13 years & older are invited for pizza and a fun jam session! Register on the kiosk in the Connections Cafe. If you can't attend this jam, but are interested in future events, send your e-mail and we'll add you to our mailing list. Contact Laura Kline at laura.kline@joylutheran.org for more information.

Kids Need Your Help!

Kids Hope USA is in need of mentors! Right now we have two children who are in need. The time commitment is an hour a week during school hours (usually during the child's lunch hour). We will give you all the training and tools needed to make the mentoring relationship a success! Prayerfully consider changing the life of a child in need! For more information, please contact Pete Peterson at rep0210@outlook.com or 360-672-0848 or Robin Bergstrom at rkbergstrom45@gmail.com.

Save the Date!!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 13-17 9-Noon
Can't wait for the fun to begin!



Joy Student Ministry

Save the Dates

April 8-9

Confirmation Retreat

April 10

@10:30 Confirmation Service

April 3

Mission Trip Pizza Sales Start

May 1

Pizza Delivery

May 29, 31, June 1

Rummage Sale Donation Drop off

June 2, 3, 4

Mission Trip Rummage Sale



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