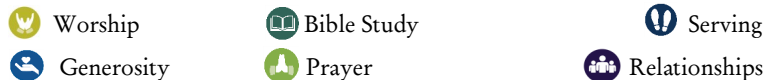


Spiritual Growth Key

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.

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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.

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 last week of “The Grace Card” sermon series. In the Great Commission Jesus said, “Go and make disciples.” This command emphasizes the importance of relationships and putting God’s grace into action. We’ll explore together how we must go out into the world, investing our lives into the lives of others, developing meaningful relationships, and showing others the light of Christ.



Sign Up/Registration Opportunities:

(see inside for details)

College Cares	Pizza Fundraiser
Easter Breakfast Serving & Food Donations	Council Nominations
Rte 120 Clean-up	Leadership Gathering
Baptism Class	

Pizza Fundraiser

Sundays March 26, April 2 after both services

Help support the youth mission trip by purchasing homemade pizzas: cheese, sausage or 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.

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 or the Info Center kiosk and must be in by 4/10. Please direct any questions to council@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.

Route 120 Beautification Project

Saturday, April 22 9am

Join the Godfellas in their semi annual Route 120 Clean Up. We will gather in the parking lot of Joy! and divide into teams to pick up litter, helping beautify God's Kingdom. The project usually takes 2 hours. It's great exercise, shows community pride and is a great way for families to serve together. Sign up at the Info Center kiosk or at www.joylutheran.org. Any questions, please contact Gary Koehler @ 847-650-9242

Baptism Class

Sunday, April 23 11:45am

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

Monthly Leadership Gathering

Topic: Leadership Triangle—Part 1

Monday, April 24 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 or at the Info Center kiosk, but feel free to drop in as your schedule permits. Childcare is available. Please contact alice.m.kerwin@gmail.com with questions.

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 DeBreau at debreaufamily@sbcglobal.net.

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

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.

Faithful Journey Insight Tool

In 2015, the Adult Spiritual Growth Team launched a "Faith Journey Insight Tool" to discover where you might want to go deeper within the six core areas of spiritual growth - Prayer, Serving, Worship, Giving, Relationships, and Bible Study. The information helped us develop adult programming for Joy! (including the adult retreat and Sunday morning Bible studies).

We are asking people to retake the tool (or take it for the first time) so we can continue to discover your areas of focus, assess the impact of 2016/2017 programming and develop/modify future events. We've added an additional question this year: "What tools/classes/events would be helpful to enrich your spiritual walk with Christ?" so think about your answer as you prepare to access the tool.

Although you may take this at any time, we ask you to take it during the month of April. Go to joylutheran.org, select the "Adult" tab, then "Spiritual Growth". The link is at the bottom of the page.

VBS

Save the Date!! June 12-16 9am-Noon

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 ****LAST CHANCE!****

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.

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 if you have questions or concerns.