

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 3/31/16

MTD Actual - \$61,593

MTD Budget - \$60,000

AHEAD/(BEHIND) – \$1,593

YTD Actual - \$491,862

YTD Budget - \$513,423

AHEAD/(BEHIND) – (\$21,561)

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 April \$499

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!

“Shift” Sermon Series

Join us for worship next Sunday for the final week in our “Shift” sermon series as we focus on shifting from anger to action. God invites us to use our anger for good instead of letting it consume us so we’ll explore how to keep our anger healthy.



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

Council Nomination Forms

Baptism Class—April 24

First Communion Class—May 1

Pizza Orders—table located near main entrance

College Cares—**last day to register**

VBS Registration & Volunteer Forms

Contribution Statements

1st Quarter Contribution Statements are available in the hallway as you enter worship. Please pick yours up today to save on postage. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Gearica at Sue.Gearica@joylutheran.org.

Dates to Remember

Please support the Youth Mission Trip by participating in these fundraisers:

4/3	Pizza sales began
5/1	Pizza pick up at Joy!
5/29-6/1	Rummage Sale donation drop off
6/2-6/4	Rummage Sale

College Cares

We will be packing care packages April 26. If you would like your actively enrolled Joy! college student to receive love from home, please complete and return the **registration form along with \$15 shipping fee by 4/17**. Remember to bring 50 items with you to share on packing night. If you have any questions, please email Pat DeBrau at debreaufamily@sbcglobal.net.

Prayers & Squares

Our regular monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 23 from 9am-1pm in the Connections Cafe. Please RSVP to Alice Kerwin (alice.m.kerwin@gmail.com) or Gail Schrader (gschrader50@jlschrad.net). All are welcome - no experience necessary.

Infant/Adult Baptism Class

Join us for a conversation about the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, April 24 at 11:45a.m. A light lunch will be served and childcare is provided. Sign up online or on the kiosk in the Connections Café. If you have any questions, please contact Children & Family Ministry Director, cheryl.oneill@joylutheran.org.

Council Nominations

We are now accepting nominations for two council positions that will be starting in July. To nominate yourself or someone else, please use the link on the Joy! website or submit a written form (available at the Info Center) to Laurie Papini, Administrative Assistant, in the office. The deadline for nominations is April 30. If you have any questions, please contact Council President, ericato@comcast.net

Faith Journey Insight Tool

Last year, the Adult Spiritual Growth Team launched a “Faith Journey Insight Tool” to help decide 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.

This year, we are asking people to retake the tool (or take it for the first time) during the month of April so we can continue to assess your areas of focus, the impact of 2015/2016 programming and we can develop/modify future adult programming for Joy!

To access the Tool, simply go onto Joy!’s web site, select the “Adult” tab and then select “Spiritual Growth”. This page provides links to resources to help you grow and at the bottom of the page is the link to the Tool. If you have any questions, please contact markfroseth@outlook.com.

COOL Ministries

Food for April is powdered milk. Please leave your donations in the cart located in the hallway outside the Worship Center.

COOL Ministries is sponsoring a fund-raiser at Sweet Tomatoes in Waukegan at 850 S. Waukegan Road on Saturday April 30, 5 to 8pm. Please pick up a flyer at the Info Center at Joy! to bring with you to the restaurant to present at the time of ordering your meal or you can download the flyer from coolministries.org. Sweet Tomatoes will donate 15% of the sales generated to COOL Ministries. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Valenta at beckilito@gmail.com.

First Communion: Parents/children—1st grade and older

One of the greatest gifts Jesus left us while here on earth was the gift of sharing His meal together. Here at Joy! we love having this be a part of who we are every Sunday during worship. We would like to extend the invitation to you and your children to take some time and prayerfully consider if your child is ready to fully join in this family meal!

If they are, then join us for the First Communion class on Sunday, May 1 at 11:45am—1:15pm. This is a time for parents and children to enjoy pizza and explore the wonders of Communion together. After attending the class, First Communion will be May 29th at the 10:30 service. Sign up at the Children’s Ministry Check-In Desk or online via the website. If you have any questions, please contact Children & Family Ministry Director at Cheryl.oneill@joylutheran.org. We look forward to having you with us!

Joy! Golf League

Now that spring has arrived, that means that the golf season has arrived also. The Joy! Golf League is open to golfers of any ability level. We will play on Thursdays at Heather Ridge Golf Course, beginning on May 19. Tee times begin at 4:39pm. Players are either part of a two person team (each person plays every week) or a three person team (two people play each week on a rotating basis). Cost is yet to be finalized, but will be approximately \$185 each for two person teams and \$130 each for three person teams. This is a great way to enjoy some exercise and wonderful fellowship. Contact Roland Bellman (rbbellman@gmail.com or 847-651-7499) if you are interested.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

June 13-17

Looking for a place to share your heart & hands? We are in need of the following VBS leadership:

Kitchen Lead Apprentice
Pictures/Daily Re-cap Lead
Mission Store Co-Lead
Gym Co-Lead

K-5 Craft Apprentice

for more information contact Robin Flory - robinannept@sbcglobal.net or Katie Fuko - vbs@joylutheran.org

Have a creative side...and can't help the week of VBS...

Join us for decorating prep and painting on Sunday, May 22nd 12-5 pm, Saturday, May 28th - 10-noon, Saturday, June 4th 1 pm, and Sunday, June 12th at noon.

for more information contact Jill Koch at thefourjks@yahoo.com or Nancy Thulin at nthulin@sbcglobal.net