

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

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 week two in our “Shift” sermon series as we focus on shifting from apathy to purpose. Purpose connects us to who we are and who God calls us to be.



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

Joy! Jam—April 10

Baptism Class—April 24

Rte. 120 Clean Up—April 16

Pizza Order Forms—table located near main entrance

Council Nomination Forms

VBS Registration & Volunteer Forms

College Cares

Dates to Remember

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

4/3 Pizza sales begin

5/1 Pizza pick up at Joy!

5/29-6/1 Rummage Sale donation drop off

6/2-6/4 Rummage Sale

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.

Confirmation Retreat

All 8th graders and those older, who 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.

Rte. 120 Cleanup

Please join the Godfellas in their semi annual Route 120 Clean Up Project on Saturday April 16th at 9:00 am. We gather in the parking lot of Joy! and divide into 4 teams to pick up litter along Rte 120 helping beautify God's Kingdom. The project usually takes 2 hours. Its great exercise and shows community pride. Sign up sheets are available on the kiosk in the Connections Space or via web page. Any questions, please contact Gary Koehler @ 847-650-9242.

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.

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 DeBreau at debreaufamily@sbcglobal.net.

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, ericساتo@comcast.net

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 for this fundraiser at the Info Center at Joy! to bring with you to the restaurant to present at the time of ordering your meal. Sweet Tomatoes will donate 15% of the sales generated to COOL Ministries. Or you can download a copy of the flyer from coolministries.org. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Valenta at becklito@gmail.com.

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 4:39. 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.

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 also 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.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 13-17

Leaders still needed. Prayerfully consider joining the team. Registration and volunteer forms available on kiosk in the Connections Café. Any questions, please contact cheryl.oneill@joylutheran.org.