

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.

Total Income* thru 4/17/16

YTD Actual—\$585,579
YTD Budget—\$583,591
AHEAD/(BEHIND) - \$1,988

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

Total Expense thru 4/17/16

YTD Actual—\$574,323
YTD Budget—\$586,691
AHEAD/(BEHIND) - \$12,368

*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!

New Sermon Series

Join us for worship next Sunday for a new series called #Blessed. We'll explore what Jesus considered a blessing which may challenge our own understanding of what we consider a blessing as we study The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) which is found in Jesus's Sermon On The Mount.

Registrations/sign-ups currently in the Connections Café hallway:

VBS— Registration & volunteer forms, donations and scholarships

Quilt Ministry

Prayers & Squares is offering two opportunities for you to join our group this month! On Monday, May 16 we will be hosting a Sewing Class in the Joy! Conference Room from 12:30-2:30pm. Come to learn new techniques or use it as a refresher! Our regular monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 21 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.

No Green Thumb Needed

Looking for an opportunity to serve? Whether you're a gardener or not, the Joy! gardens could use your help! The numerous planting areas around Joy! are in need of late spring/early summer maintenance. You can help out on your own time or join us for upcoming scheduled work days. This is a great service project to do as a family. Contact Darcy Mulford at darcy.mulford@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Praying Around the Clock

Go! Together Prayer Room

4609 Old Grand Ave., Gurnee

Gurnee churches join together to pray 24/7 for transformation of our lives, families, churches, neighborhoods and communities. This year, Joy's day of prayer is Thursdays in June. To sign up for an hour reservation, go to <http://go-together.org/prayer-room>. If you have any questions, contact Administrative Assistant, laurie.papini@joylutheran.org.



Vacation Bible School (VBS)

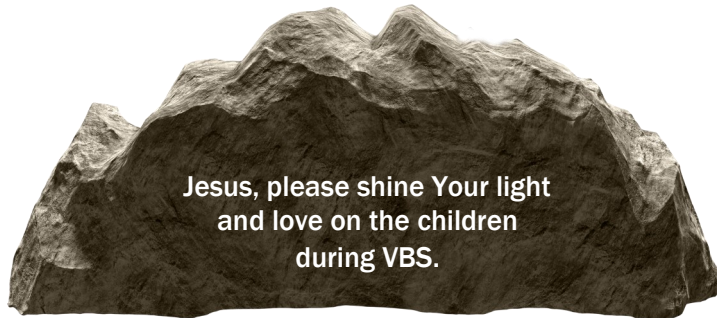
Join the fun! June 13-17, 9am-noon

Register & volunteer at the VBS table in the Connections Café hallway or online at www.joylutheran.org

Have a creative side, but can't help the week of VBS? Then 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

Be All In

Support VBS in a powerful way; be part of our prayer team. Pick up a 30 days of prayer packet at the Children's desk in the Connections Cafe. There will be 30 "prayer rocks" that you will write on and bring back no later than the 1st week of June. We will be decorating our building with (hopefully) over 2000 prayer rocks representing a prayer! If you have any questions contact Director of Children & Family Ministry, Cheryl.oneill@joylutheran.org.



Women of Joy!

Save the date of Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016 for the Beth Moore Simulcast being hosted at Joy! You don't want to miss this exciting day of fellowship and learning. Watch for additional information to be shared soon!

COOL Food Pantry

Help support COOL Ministries by dining at Panera Bread in Vernon Hills on June 9, 2016 from 4 to 8pm. Bring a copy of the flyer (available at the Info Center or on the COOL's web site) with you and Panera Bread will donate a portion of the proceeds of your meal purchase to COOL. Any questions, please contact Becky Valenta at beckilito@gmail.com.

Food for May is canned fruit. Please leave your donations in the COOL shopping cart located at the main entrance.

RUMMAGE

Sale Dates

June 2nd & 3rd 10am-4pm
June 4th 9am-noon

Donation Dates

May 29th Noon-3pm
May 30th Closed
May 31st 10am-6pm
June 1st Noon-8pm



The Rummage Sale is one of our favorite fundraisers, but it truly takes a village to make it run smoothly! Here's a couple of ways that you could help:

Donate stuff! This is a great time to clean out your house. We take furniture, linens, clothing, knick-knacks, working electronics, books, toys and much more! (No old style TVs or pets though, sorry! (You laugh about the pet thing, but it's happened.) We'll begin taking donations on Sunday the 29th from 12-3pm, (not the 30th, which is Memorial day), but we'll be continuing to take donations on May 31st from 10am-6pm, and June 1 from 12 pm - 8 pm.

The Sale itself is June 2-3, 10 am-4 pm and June 4th, 9am - 12pm. You can also help by shopping! We always have fun stuff and it's another great way to support our goofy kids!

Lastly, we always need help **staffing** the sale. Does your small group need to adopt a project? Are you organized, good with making change or a whiz at folding stuff? We need you! Please go to <http://vols.pt/qi6zSs> for dates & times we need people. Please, PLEASE check it out and consider signing up to help! If you have any questions or need more info, contact Youth Director, colin.cranmer@joylutheran.org