Building Access

The new building access system is in effect. If you need access outside of normal office hours, please fill out a request form at joylutheran.org/sign-ups. Any questions, please contact Jori Maguire in the church office or at jori.maguire@jolylutheran.org.

smile.amazon.com

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.

Communication Plan

Please email jori.maguire@joylutheran.org at least 4 weeks prior to ministry events/needs so we can create an effective, impactful communication plan to help you succeed.

Room Reservations

When planning meetings or gatherings at Joy!, please remember to reserve a room at jori.maguire@joylutheran.org

Total Income* thru 7/31/18 (Fiscal Year July-June)	
YTD Actual	$66,262
YTD Budget	$64,022
AHEAD/(BEHIND)	$2,240
Total Expense thru 7/31/18	
YTD Actual	$66,659
YTD Budget	$87,681
AHEAD/(BEHIND)	$22,022
Mortgage Balance	$1,922,495.00
Thrivent Choice Receipts for August	$0.00
smile.amazon.com receipts	$118.41

*Total Income includes all receipts of gifts, facility usage, program fees, etc.

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Reaching our neighbors with Christ's love so all lives are changed.

Join us for worship next Sunday, September 23rd for the third week of "The Art of Neighboring" sermon series. In order to take the Great Commandment seriously, we must have the courage to get messy. Let's explore how Jesus calls us to engage in the messiness of relationships.

DivorceCare

Wednesdays from 7 to 9 pm in the conference room starting 9/19
13 Weeks (with no meetings on 10/31, 11/21, and 12/26)

DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Don't go through separation or divorce alone. DivorceCare seminars and support groups are led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. You will learn how to heal from the deep hurt of divorce and discover hope for your future. Questions? Contact jenelle.ancona@joylutheran.org and you can register online at joylutheran.org/sign-ups.

Sign-ups and Registrations: joylutheran.org/sign-ups

- *DivorceCare*
- *New Member Class*
- *Leadership Gathering*
- *3for3 Fellowship*

Love INC Monthly Donation

Please place your donations in the Love INC Ministry Basket by the restrooms. **The September request is for winter hats and gloves.** This Love INC collection item will compliment the efforts of other churches who are helping with winter coat distributions this fall. Please contact Neal with questions at johnson.neal36@gmail.com.

COOL Monthly Food Drive

Please place your canned food donations in the COOL Food Ministry Basket by the restrooms. **The food item for September is canned fruit.** As always all non-perishable food items are welcome. COOL also accepts toiletries, paper goods & laundry soap to help Veterans in need. Please contact Becky at bvalenta88@gmail.com with questions.

Portillo's Fundraiser to support COOL Ministries

Wednesday, October 3rd from 5—8 pm

Portillo's on Grand Avenue in Gurnee will be holding a fundraiser where 20% of the evening's proceeds will support COOL Ministries. Bring in a flyer or show it on your smartphone—fliers available at the Information Center.

MEN'S GROUP starting soon!

"THING" will be a gathering on the 2nd Tuesdays of the month for men looking to connect or reconnect through a simple concept to discuss 2 questions and meet 2 others. Questions? Contact Tim at thing.group@joylutheran.org

Joy! Bowling League is back!

We will meet at Fairhaven Lanes in Mundelein on Friday, Sept. 21st, Oct. 19th, Nov. 16th, Dec. 15th, Jan. 18th, Feb. 15th, Mar. 15th, and May 10th. The cost is $11 per person per night. We have room for a few additional teams plus we also need individuals or partners to complete teams. Please contact Rich at planetbergstrom@yahoo.com to sign up.

JOY!fully Single Small Group

All singles please join us for our new study called Unshakeable Hope: Building Our Lives on the Promises of God by Max Lucado on October 15th. We meet every other week. If interested contact Becky at beckygum@aol.com.

Men in Motion...Building Bunk Beds

Register now at the ministry hall table or online at joylutheran.org/sign-ups.

Pre-Build: October 2 & 4

Open from 6-9 pm (Food provided)

Build: October 6

Open from 9 am to 4 pm (Food provided)

Deliver: October 27

9 am to 3 pm

Monthly Leadership Gathering

Monday September 24, 2018 at 7 pm in the Connections Café
Childcare available if you pre-register by Friday 9/21

We believe that everyone is a leader. Join us to hear Craig Groeschel's talk on "Becoming A Leader People Love to Follow". Questions? Contact Pastor Mark at mark.borgetti@joylutheran.org or just sign up at the Info Center or at joylutheran.org/sign-ups.

Starting Point aka New Member Class

Sundays 9/23, 9/30, & 10/7 from 12 - 1:30 pm
Light lunch served and Childcare upon request.

Life is full of starting points. We want to invite you to a starting point at Joy! Pastor Mark Borgetti, Jenelle Ancona & Rose Froseth will be leading the Starting Point Classes (new member classes). This class is a requirement for membership at Joy!, BUT the class is available to anyone who is ready for a new start or to simply learn more & get connected. For more information contact Jenelle at jenelle.ancona@joylutheran.org. Sign-up online or at the Info Center

GO Together: October Month of Prayer

During October all the Go Together churches will be praying every single day for our friends and neighbors to be open to participate in the EXPLORE GOD experience. Joy! is scheduled for: 10/4, 10/9, 10/18, and 10/23 and aiming to at least cover from 6 am - 9 pm. Please consider signing up to be a part of A Month of Prayer at the website go-together.org, look under prayer room. Questions or for help with sign-up please contact Andy at andyarnold218@hotmail.com .

Penuel - A NEW small group

Starting Sunday, October 21st at 9 am in the Pastor's Office

Penuel is a weekly small group that provides a safe environment where people can ask tough theological questions and probe challenging topics of faith. Penuel can help people explore Progressive Christianity and what a meaningful faith can look like in today's world. Initially Penuel will be using the well-respected curriculum "Living the Questions" which features video and group discussion. For more information please contact David at david.pilkington@joylutheran.org.

PADS 2018-19 Season

1st and 3rd Mondays—October through March

The PADS season officially starts on Monday, October 1st and we have many needs for food and supply donations, as well as open spots to serve. Please stop by the PADS kiosk with any questions, and to sign up at the conclusion of worship services this morning. Please contact Mike at mmorse7777777@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

3for3 Fellowship for Fall!!

Better late than never... the Fall 2018 session, running from October-December, is now open! If you're interested in getting to know others in the Joy! community, this is for you! Three individuals or couples share a meal together once a month for 3 months. Each household will host once, name the theme for the evening, and prepare the main meal. The others will bring appetizers and dessert. For more information, please contact Amy at abothmann@att.net or 847-542-0462. Sign-up online at joylutheran.org/sign-ups.