

## 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 7/31/16



YTD Actual—\$53,466  
YTD Budget—\$58,286  
AHEAD/(BEHIND) - (\$4,820)

### STLAC\*-2

Goal - \$454,395  
Given to date - \$394,374  
AHEAD/(BEHIND) - (\$60,021)

## Total Expense thru 7/31/16

YTD Actual—\$65,415  
YTD Budget—\$74,015  
AHEAD/(BEHIND) - \$3,780

\*So that Lives Are Changed-Phase 2  
(Capital Campaign)

Thrivent Choice Receipts for July \$201  
smileamazon receipts—\$31.98

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

## Communication Plan

Please email [laurie.papini@joylutheran.org](mailto: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](mailto:laurie.papini@joylutheran.org)!

## Joy! Lutheran Church

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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 for worship next Sunday for the first week of our new sermon series called "Blueprint" where we will explore God's design for building community by focusing on the Book of Acts.



## Registrations at the kiosk in the Connections Cafe

Hillsong Movie  
Acts & Proverbs Bible Studies  
Bible Workshops  
Baptism Class  
Bowling League  
Kids Adventure Klub (KAK) (Children's Check-in Desk)

## Congregational Survey

The Transforming Church Insight [TCI] is a tool our church is using to gather input from our members and attendees on a variety of topics including: Communications, Outreach, Member Satisfaction, Financial Matters and others. Please take time between Aug. 28—Oct. 2 to take the survey. You can take it online by following the instructions below or you can fill out a paper survey by picking one up at the Info Center located by the main entrance and returning it to the church office in sealed envelope by Sun., September 18.

Online Instructions:

Enter the password, jlc0816 (all lowercase) on the following link:  
[www.tinyurl.com/JoySurvey2016](http://www.tinyurl.com/JoySurvey2016)

We will be accepting online survey submissions through October 2nd. Answer each question according to the instructions. When you have finished each set of questions, click "Next" at the bottom of the page. You may use the "Previous" and "Next" buttons to navigate pages and change your answers at any point while you are logged on. When you click "Finish" on the last page, your answers will be saved and you cannot change them.

## Sunday School Program a/k/a Kids Adventure Klub (KAK)

Classes being Sunday, 9/11. Register at the Children's desk in the Connections Café or online at [www.joylutheran.org](http://www.joylutheran.org) under the children's tab. We are in need of one 9:00am co-teacher for our 1st-5th grade class. For more information contact [cheryl.oneill@joylutheran.org](mailto:cheryl.oneill@joylutheran.org).

## Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Church-wide 5 week Bible Study looking at Acts starting 9/11. We'll find the pathway to authentic community and experience the Holy Spirit's transforming power in God's new community. You will grow as a worshipper and together we will rediscover the church. Contact Relational Ministry Coord., [jenelle.ancona@joylutheran.org](mailto:jenelle.ancona@joylutheran.org) for more information and help in finding a group.

Starting September 18th during the Sunday 10:30 worship service, is a study of The Acts of the Apostles (Chapter 1-12), which provides a detailed, orderly, eyewitness account of the birth and growth of the early church and the spread of its message immediately after the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Sign up at the kiosk in the Connections Cafe by Sept. 11th. A fee of \$14 for the accompanying book, N.T. Wright's 'Acts for Everyone'. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Nowland at [clindenberg1221@gmail.com](mailto:clindenberg1221@gmail.com)

Sundays, October 16 thru 12/11 at 9am we will explore Proverbs through the many themes that it teaches us about: the nature of God, wisdom vs folly, pride & anger, wealth & poverty, the tongue, home life, husbands & wives, and parents & children. Sign up at the kiosk in the Connections Café if you are interested. Any questions, please contact [mikehitchingham@att.net](mailto:mikehitchingham@att.net).

## Beth Moore At Joy!

Join us for **Living Proof Live** with speaker Beth Moore and worship leader Travis Cottrell. This one day simulcast event will be held at Joy! on Saturday, September 17, 9:30am to 4:15pm. Bring a friend and join women from around the world for this inspiring event that will encourage you to dive deeper into the word of God. \$30 includes lunch and all materials. Register online at [www.joylutheran.org](http://www.joylutheran.org) by 9/11 or contact Alice Kerwin at [alice.m.kerwin@gmail.com](mailto:alice.m.kerwin@gmail.com) for more information.

## DivorceCare

If you are separated or divorced and are in need of hope & healing, please register via [www.joylutheran.org](http://www.joylutheran.org) for our weekly support group, Mondays Sept. 12—Dec. 1 6:30-8:30pm. If you have any questions or concerns please contact [maryjorthorson@yahoo.com](mailto:maryjorthorson@yahoo.com). Know you are not alone!

## Nursery Volunteers Needed

All who are interested in helping in our nursery, please attend a meeting on Sunday, 9/18 between services (10-10:30) All youth (must be currently in 6th grade or older) volunteers must attend. For more information contact [joneen.lannon@joylutheran.org](mailto:joneen.lannon@joylutheran.org) or [cheryl.oneill@joylutheran.org](mailto:cheryl.oneill@joylutheran.org)



Join the Worship Arts Team for an afternoon movie on Sunday, Sept. 18 at 4:20pm.

The movie about the Christian band Hillsong United called "Let Hope Rise" is playing at Regal Cinema in Round Lake Beach. Gather with us to experience the on-stage energy and off-stage hearts of the Hillsong Band.

Cost is \$10. Please sign up at the kiosk in the Connections Café and pay at the Info Center by noon on Sept. 11. For more info, contact Worship Arts Director, [laura.kline@joylutheran.org](mailto:laura.kline@joylutheran.org).



## Interested in Infant or Adult Baptism?

Join us for a light supper and conversation about the sacrament of Baptism on Monday, October 3rd from 6:15-7:30 pm. Sign up at the Kiosk in the Connections Cafe or online. Child care is available - must register by September 29th for childcare. For more information, contact Director of Children & Family Ministry, cheryl.oneill@joylutheran.org or 847-362-4569.

## Bible Workshops

Join us for two Bible workshops this fall. On Sat., October 8 from 9:00-11:30am we will present a Bible Facts workshop, and on Sat., November 19 from 9:00am-noon we will present a Bible Habits workshop. Both workshops will help you overcome barriers to reading, studying, and applying scripture to your daily life. You can attend either or both. Newcomers to scripture, as well as Bible veterans, are encouraged to attend. The Bible Facts workshop costs \$16 for materials and you must register by 10/2. Register for both workshops via our web site or at the kiosk in the Connections Cafe. If you have any questions or want more information, please contact david.pilkington@comcast.net

## Youth Groups

Don't forget to sign up for Crossroads and ATF at joystudentmin.com. If you have any questions, contact Youth Director, colin.cranmer@joylutheran.org.

## COOL Ministries

Food for the month of Sept. is canned fruit. Please leave donated items in the hallway outside the Worship Center. There is an ongoing fundraiser with Yankee Candle. COOL will receive 40% of sales made through www.yankeecandlefundraising.com using group # 990099961. If you have any questions, please contact bvalenta88@gmail.com.

## Helping the Homeless

HOUSING FIRST ends homelessness by providing people with permanent housing right away, then offering other services as needed. On average 85% of tenants do not return to homelessness. Permanent housing expenses are about one third of the costs for emergency, charity and public aid programs for long-term homeless people. A case-worker is assigned to the individuals or families for transition and further service support. The cost, on average, for an apartment, utilities, and a case manager is \$900/month. Joy! has raised enough to cover the cost of one apartment! Maybe this year we can do two! Although monthly donations are encouraged, any donation is greatly appreciated. To give - go to:

[https://www.razoo.com/story/Zero-2016-Housing-First?referral\\_code=share](https://www.razoo.com/story/Zero-2016-Housing-First?referral_code=share)  
If you need more info, please contact John Holm at holm4459@gmail.com.

## Reflect, Equip, Elevate. Leadership Redefined.

At Joy!, we believe leadership matters so we invite all leaders to meet monthly where we will provide leadership development tools and concepts for individual, organizational and community transformation. The first meeting is Monday, Sept. 26 at 7pm when we will learn about the Drama Triangle. Please sign up at the kiosk in the Connections Café. If you have any questions, please contact alice.m.kerwin@gmail.com.

## Men in Motion (MIM)

The Annual Event is quickly approaching. A one time \$25 fee is required to keep this ministry funded for next year. Sign up for any or all service dates for this fee: **Sept 26 & 28, 6pm to 9pm** (8 to 10 men over 17) Pre build work in the Joy! barn will include cutting, sanding, router and drilling of 2x4's and plywood in preparation for the assembly and staining on the day of the main event.

**Oct 1, 11am to 5pm** (Men & supervised boys) An afternoon in the Joy! barn of food, fellowship and final assembly, stain and completion of the 16 bunk beds built each year.

**Oct 29, 9am to 3pm** (All) Morning and early afternoon truck delivery and assembly in homes of families in-need identified by Love Inc. including mattresses, bedding and stuffed animals.

If you have any questions or need more information, please email Johnson.neal36@gmail.com

## Barn Redo

With the Powerhouse emptied, the barn needs to be reorganized to accommodate all storage items. If you have any questions or plan on helping out any Tuesday at 6:30pm, please email mrtimmauire@gmail.com.

## Join us Sunday Morning Kids Hope USA

We need mentors! The time commitment is an hour a week during school hours (usually during child's lunch hour). We will give you all the training and tools needed to make the mentoring relationship a success! I ask that you prayerfully consider changing the life of a child in need! For more information or to volunteer, please contact Robin Bergstrom at rkbergstrom45@gmail.com

## Joy! Bowling League

Join the fun the 3rd Fridays of each month from 9/16—5/19 6:45pm at Lakeside Lanes in Mundelein. Cost is \$16/person, which includes year end banquet. We also have "special parties" for Thanksgiving, Christmas & Valentine's Day. If you are interested in joining the league, please attend an organizational meeting on 9/9 at 6:30pm to learn more (free bowling after meeting). Sign up at the Info Center. Any questions, please contact BJ Sutton at 847-856-3111 or bjsutton7007@aol.com.

## PADS 2016-2017 Volunteer Recruitment

The shelter season is October 3 thru April 24—Monday evenings into Tuesday mornings— at Shepherd of the Lakes (SOTL). If you would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities, please join the planning meeting in room 5 at SOTL on 9/25 25 at 11:45 a.m. Any questions or feedback contact Karen Senase at kdsenase@gmail.com or Cathy Kramer at cathykramer@ameritech.net.