

## Building Access

The 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](http://joylutheran.org/sign-ups). Any questions, please contact Jori Maguire in the church office or at [jori.maguire@joylutheran.org](mailto:jori.maguire@joylutheran.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](mailto: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](mailto:jori.maguire@joylutheran.org)

### Total Income\* thru 10/31/18 (Fiscal Year July-June)

YTD Actual	\$274,432
YTD Budget	\$261,908
AHEAD/(BEHIND)	\$12,524

### Total Expense thru 10/31/18

YTD Actual	\$249,596
YTD Budget	\$276,136
AHEAD/(BEHIND)	\$26,541

Mortgage Balance \$1,922,495.00

Thrivent Choice Receipts for October \$248.00  
smile.amazon.com receipts \$125.14

\*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.

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Sermon Series - January 6 thru February 17

Join us for worship on January 13<sup>th</sup> for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of our 7 week sermon series called "Explore God" where we're exploring some of the toughest questions that both Christians and non-Christians struggle with. This 2<sup>nd</sup> week we explore the question, "Is there a God?"



**Register Now: [joylutheran.org/sign-ups](http://joylutheran.org/sign-ups)**  
**Faithful Journey Adult Retreat**  
**March 1-3 at University of St. Mary**  
**of the Lake in Mundelein**  
**Registrations due by February 10th**



Having trouble hearing the sermons and music on Sunday? Audio Fetch allows you to connect your smartphone or tablet to the audio in the Worship Center so you can listen to the worship service anywhere in the Joy! building at a volume that's comfortable for you through your earbuds. It's easy to use and especially perfect for those who are hard of hearing. Directions are available at the Info Center or from an usher.

## NEW Small Group for Women

"Salt & Light" will be held the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 pm for 7 weeks starting Wednesday, February 6th for the study **Discerning The Voice of God**. If interested, contact Jenelle at [jenelle.ancona@joylutheran.org](mailto:jenelle.ancona@joylutheran.org)

## Soup/Chili Challenge - Save the Date!

**February 17 following our 9:45am worship**

Don't miss this year's excitement: food for everyone, games for the whole family and a photo booth. So bring your appetite and a can of soup or chili for the COOL Food Pantry. If you are up to the challenge, share your favorite recipe by completing and returning the entry form located on the kiosk or [www.joylutheran.org](http://www.joylutheran.org) by 1/22. Contact Katie Fuko at [nre1265@gmail.com](mailto:nre1265@gmail.com) or [cheryl.oneill@joylutheran.org](mailto:cheryl.oneill@joylutheran.org) if you have any questions.

## Simply Giving Donors

If you participate in the electronic Simply Giving program, you are able to manage your account online. Please log on to your account and update, if necessary, for your 2019 pledge. Changes can be made at any time on your account. For assistance, contact Sue at [sue.gearica@joylutheran.org](mailto:sue.gearica@joylutheran.org).

## PADS 2018-19 Season

**1st and 3rd Mondays—Now through April**

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 [mmorse777777@yahoo.com](mailto:mmorse777777@yahoo.com) if you have any questions or wish to donate food and to volunteer, please sign up online.

## Monthly Opportunities to Donate

Place your donations in the labeled ministry baskets by the restrooms.

**COOL:** The item for January is peanut butter

## High School winter retreat

**January 25th - 27th Lake Geneva Winter Camp for High Schoolers**

Get a well-needed refreshing break and come have a blast with us! If cost is an issue that would prevent your student from attending, please get in touch with us. We want to make sure that everyone who wants to can participate! Questions? Contact Colin at [colin.cranmer@joylutheran.org](mailto:colin.cranmer@joylutheran.org).

## 4for4 Fellowship

**The Spring 2019 session, running from February - May, is now open!**

Sign-ups are due by January 27, 2019 and can be done at [joylutheran.org/sign-ups](http://joylutheran.org/sign-ups). If you're interested in getting to know others in the Joy! community, this is for you! Four individuals or couples share a meal together once a month for 4 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 Sheryl at [syoung9@allstate.com](mailto:syoung9@allstate.com) or (708) 302-9738.

**Sign-ups can be found at [joylutheran.org/sign-ups](http://joylutheran.org/sign-ups).**



The Faithful Journey adult retreat is being held at St. Mary's of the Lake in Mundelein (1000 E Maple Ave) from **Friday, 3/1 - Sunday, 3/3, 2019**.

The cost is \$198.00 per person and is all inclusive. We know that an investment in your spiritual life can be financially challenging, and we don't want that to be the reason you don't attend! Please contact Pastor Mark for scholarship information at [mark.borgetti@joylutheran.org](mailto:mark.borgetti@joylutheran.org).

Registration Deadline is **Sunday, February 10th, 2019**.

## Faithful Journey FAQs:

Q: Should I attend even if I don't know many people who are going?

A: Absolutely! One part of the retreat mission statement is to strengthen relationships with others, so there is plenty of opportunity for structured small group time to meet new people, as well as socializing during meals and free time if desired.

Q: Will there be any "down time" during the Retreat?

A: Yes, if you would like to have some quiet time to reflect, meditate or just go for a walk there is time built into the schedule for this.

Q: How do I get to St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein?

A: You are welcome to drive yourself to the facility, but if you would like to carpool with someone simply indicate this on your registration form and we will help coordinate it. It only takes about 15 minutes to get there from Joy!

Q: What are we going to be doing on the retreat?

A: There will be times of worship, times of listening to individuals who will be sharing stories of their personal faith journey, time for small group discussion, free time for meals, games, or relaxing.

Q: What do I pack for the retreat weekend?

A: Please dress however you are most comfortable, but please note that there is a short walk between the buildings where we will sleep, our meeting rooms, and where the dining hall is, so be prepared with a coat, boots, etc. for the weather.

Q: How are the meals provided?

A: Four meals will be provided throughout the weekend, three meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. All meals (with the exception of Saturday dinner) will be served in a dining hall with a variety of choices and are all you can eat. Please make sure to include any dietary restrictions when completing the registration form.

**Still have questions?** Please contact Linda Poe, Lay Leader at [lp1007@aol.com](mailto:lp1007@aol.com) or Assistant Lay Leader, Jori Maguire, at [jori.maguire@joylutheran.org](mailto:jori.maguire@joylutheran.org).