

JOY!FUL NOISE

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth... Psalm 98:4



Join us on June 19 for our
Groundbreaking Ceremony
at 9:30am
followed by
one worship service
at 10:10am!

All VBS kids and volunteers
are invited to join us for both
events - in your tshirts!!

COOL Food-of-the-Month for
June is PB&J! Thank you for
your continued generosity
towards COOL!

Coming up at Joy!

June 8 - 12 Revolution Camp
June 13 - 17 VBS
June 19 Groundbreaking
June 20 - 24 NTS Camp
June 26 Congregational Mtg
June 26 Bowling Fundraiser
(details coming asap)
July 16 Quilt Workshop
July 25 - 29 Mission Trip



June 2011

It has really been a pleasure to share the "Outlive Your Life" church-wide study with the Joy! community. My conversations with so many of you have been inspiring as you have heeded the call to make this world different through your life. That is what Jesus asked of his first followers. He commissioned them to make a lasting impact and they did. We are the beneficiaries of their work and now we are called to do the same.

Jesus said, "You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria and to the ends of the earth." The mission is enormous...too big for any one of us, but together we can do it just like the generations of Christ-followers before us. So much is at stake that we just have to respond. Our neighbors live without the hope in Christ that we've been given. Poverty is decimating lives from Lake County to the ends of every continent. People are traded as a commodity. Children are dying at staggering rates due to disease and hunger. This is a moment to seize not a moment from which to walk away. I pray that you have been touched by the Holy Spirit during this time and that there is no turning back to life as usual.

The mission of Joy! Lutheran Church 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." That statement has Jesus' call to be his witnesses all over it. Let's live it! What an awesome time to be the church!

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.
(Hebrews 12:1-3 NIV)

Pastor Scott

Simply Giving – Sign Up Today!

The Simply Giving Program is a reliable, safe way to move your stewardship plan into action. Your regular gift to Joy! is made through a pre-authorized withdraw from your bank account. You determine the frequency of your automatic gift – weekly, semi-monthly or monthly. Our congregation benefits from steady, predictable revenues throughout the year and you don't need to worry about missing a Sunday offering.

Joy! currently has 34 families that participate in this planned giving approach. Are you ready to sign up? It's easy! Pick up an enrollment form today. Return the information to the church office and your automatic giving will begin on your chosen start date.

Council met on Tuesday May 24th and opened the meeting in prayer. Among many things prayed for were VBS, Youth summer trips, Youth Director search committee, the building process and those affected recently by tornados.

Council reviewed April financials and noted once again that giving was less than budgeted. Thankfully overall expenses have also been held less than the budget as well, but the church has been turning in a net loss from Jan through Apr this year. Part of this is suspected due to people in the congregation possibly giving to the building fund in place of general offerings.

Council got an update from Neal Johnson on the progress to date of the Youth Director search committee. The team has been working very hard and has made a lot of progress. They posted the job to five websites and have received and screened many resumes. They are currently following up with three specific candidates who are at different stages of interviews.

Council reviewed a budget put together by Sue Gearica and the Finance Committee and approved the budget to be submitted to the congregation at the annual meeting.

Groundbreaking on the new building was scheduled for June 19th, which is Father's Day. Praying for excellent weather!

Council approved the three names submitted by the Nominating Committee for the next council term. Those names will be presented to the congregation for vote at the annual meeting.

Council plans to meet in small groups with the those recently confirmed and is excited about getting to know the future leaders at Joy!

The council appreciates the continued support through prayer of the congregation as Joy! enters into an exciting phase of growth!

Joy Lutheran Church					
Financial Results - April 2011					
	April 2011		YTD April 2011		
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Last Year
What God has provided:					
GENERAL FUND					
Total General Offering	39,742	43,460	387,698	423,465	424,514
Facilities Support Offering	1,870	2,667	32,433	26,666	35,836
Investment and Other Revenues	1,695	1,892	20,831	24,416	35,763
Total Income	43,307	48,019	440,961	474,547	496,112
How we used it to minister:					
Staffing Expense	26,235	28,158	255,506	283,113	258,183
Benevolence sent outside our w	3,969	4,554	40,894	44,431	44,736
Worship, Education and Other E	8,518	5,580	53,015	69,871	68,172
Facilities and Mortgage Expense	7,986	8,639	96,275	86,398	123,117
Total Expenses	46,708	46,931	445,691	483,813	494,208
Net Change in our Reserve	(3,401)	1,088	(4,730)	(9,266)	1,904
BUILDING FUND					
	YTD April 2011				
Beginning Cash Balance	300,484				
Capital Campaign Offering	187,464				
Interest Income	3,409				
Capital Campaign Expense	(33,783)				
Construction Expense	(29,982)				
Ending Cash Balance	427,591				

Our financial standing at the end of April is showing Year-to-Date General Offering about 9% less than budget. This current trend will put our end of fiscal year offerings at approximately \$465,000, about \$45,000 below are budgeted amount of \$510,000. The Facilities Support offerings have decreased over the first four months of the year, dropping from approximately \$4,000 per month at \$1,500. Year-to-date staffing expense remains under budget due to part-time Youth Director and other expenses remain less than budget, despite the high costs of snowplowing this past season. The So That Lives Are Changed capital campaign pledges received year-to-date are \$187,464. Many thanks to those who are contributing to this campaign, anticipating the ground-breaking ceremony on June 19th. Capital Campaign expenses to date are \$63,765. We anticipate invoices to begin a more rapid rate for architect and civil engineering fees. Contribution statements will be sent out soon and will include a Fiscal Year (7/1/11-6/30/12) pledge card. Please carefully consider your pledge for the next fiscal year to help us meet the expenses of our mission.

Thank you for your continued financial support of Joy! and it's ministries.
 Give God the Glory,
 The Finance Team

Joy's has had some great things happening! . . .

by Relational Ministries Coordinator, Jenelle Ancona

IN small groups:

During the month of May there were 16 small groups, many with courageous new participants, that participated in the *Outlive Your Life* church wide study that followed along with Pastor Scott's sermons and Max Lucado's book. Groups met together weekly to work through a study guide and listen to a DVD that had Max Lucado teaching portions of scripture and that shared real life stories of inspiration of how others outlived their lives. Participants were encouraged to look at their own gifts, abilities and resources and begin to think about ways, as a group or as individuals, they can use their unique make up to impact their community and the world around them and doing so in a way that gives God the glory. In addition to approx. 150 people that participated in these small groups, Joy! also had several people reading independently Max's book and thinking about many of these same things. As was pointed out in the study, we live in a time of great need with great opportunities to meet these needs in a multitude of ways. Some of our groups, as a result of this study, have been able to identify places they will partner with to help meet community needs and also were challenged to step out of the box and find ways to show the love of Jesus to others. Look for further stories about how Joy's very own people decided to outlive their lives in the coming months. Thanks to all the small group leaders who have given much of their time and used their gifts to lead these groups and other impactful studies all year!

IN Women's Ministry:

In May Joy's Women's Ministry hosted its 4th annual Women's Retreat for the women of Joy and their female friends or family members. It was a wonderful day made up of laughs, love and learning. We had a great speaker, Margo Fieseler, formerly of the FISH, who shared with us how God has pursued her throughout her life and how her mother and other friendships were key in her journey. We ladies shared a meal together, worshiped together, did a craft project together, had meaningful discussions together and shared some of our "mother stories", as well as served together. The women made 10 blankets and donated 41 journals to the **Zacharias Center** which provides 24-hour crisis intervention, counseling services and advocacy support for victims (and their loved ones) of sexual assault, abuse and rape. A **special thanks** to the many women from the Tuesday Morning small group and other ladies who were part of the planning/serving team. And a word of thanks to Joy!'s Meals Ministry team and the women from Joy!'s worship team who all helped create such a special day!

IN our Leadership community:

On May 21st, over 40 of Joy!'s leaders, which included the staff, council, ministry leads and their teams, gathered in the morning for a Spring Leadership Huddle to regroup, recommit, and be equipped to grow with Joy and its mission to change lives. Thank you to all who step up in faith to the calling of leadership at Joy and those who partner in ministry together to make this church a wonderful place to call home and help bring God's love and grace to this community.

The \$10 Challenge

Summertime is upon us! Sunshine and warm temps have arrived. Vacations are booked and family outings are planned. Historically, worship attendance has shown a decline over the summer months. That means offerings also decrease during that time. Joy! needs your continued financial support in order to maintain current services and programs.

Council is looking closely at the proposed budget for 2011-2012. Our current expenses exceed the level of giving and we are looking to see where we can cut costs. At the same time, we are using committed resources to fund our future and the new space that is being added on to our current building.

We need your help and we are asking that you prayerfully increase your weekly giving by \$10 a week.

Perhaps it helps to see what \$10 a week looks like:

- Making frozen pizza for dinner instead of eating out
- Buying two cute pairs of sandals instead of the three you really wanted
- Watching a DVD instead of going to the movie theater
- Making coffee in the morning instead of stopping at Starbucks
- Checking books out of the library instead of purchasing new releases at Borders
- Cooking hamburgers on the grill instead of a run to McDonalds
- Playing three rounds of golf this month instead of four
- Brown bag lunches instead of eating out during the work week

How do I participate? You can place your additional offering in the collection plate on Sunday morning and note that it is in response to the \$10 Challenge. If your family uses the Simply Giving Program – you can pick up a form in the office and increase your weekly (or monthly) donation to the General Fund.

Can you do it? Of course you can! And we'd like to hear how you and your family are changing your routine so that Joy! can continue to grow. Share your plan with us at council@joylutheran.org. We will try to share some of the ideas in a future newsletter.

Joy! Facilities Improvement Goal Team

June 2, 2011

"Modify our facilities to better reflect our values and move us toward our mission"

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GROUND BREAKING

Please join us for Joy's and new "Joy Connection" on: *Sunday, June 19 (that's Father's Day) at 9:30 am in the parking lot.* This will be immediately prior to our only service that day which is at 10:10. These new areas will provide additional class rooms, gathering & meeting areas, beverage bar, youth areas, restrooms, new entry, and so much more. God has blessed Joy! with the ability to serve our community and neighbors in so many ways and we hope you will come and celebrate this new amazing time. Invite your family and friends to share with us!

Please be sure to stop by and see the **attractive new exterior and interior elevations** in the lobby. We are in the final weeks of attaining all drawings and bidding out the various construction jobs. There is flagging on the grounds to the southeast marking the foundation and new building columns so wander out and take a look.



Below is the new exterior elevation and new entry. The perspective is looking from the southeast corner toward the northwest.



Hope to see you June 19 at 9:30am -

Joy! Facilities Improvement Team

Worship World

By Laura Kline

With the summer season upon us, there will be many activities competing for our time. In David Letterman style, let's explore the top ten reasons to not miss church this summer.

10. Because it is an act of obedience to God and it honors the Lord's Day. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy (Ex. 20:8).
9. Because we need to belong to a community of faith that includes our brothers and sisters in Christ who are trying to live out the gospel just like we are.
8. Because we will benefit from being taught and led in worship by others, rather than always depending on ourselves to read and study the bible.
7. Because we need regular reminders of our standing in Christ, help in acknowledging and confessing our sins, praying, and teaching about God's truth.
6. Because we need help to face the issues of life and faith as presented through the teachings of the Bible.
5. Because we need to hear how believers in the past struggled, grew and lived out their faith from different perspectives.
4. Because we need to hear reminders of God's love.
3. Because we need an alternative to the constant messages of a culture that ignores God.
2. Because believers need help to reflect on the past week and see it as a small part of the journey of life.
1. Because we need a conscious break from work, family problems, and self interests in order to concentrate on the Lord.

Joy! sends 10 people on a mission trip to El Salvador

And they need your help

Ten Joy! and extended family members will join a Thrivent Builds Habitat for Humanity team in El Salvador this October 15 – 23, 2011. And several more members of the Joy! family have expressed interest in joining the team. The team will be led by Joy! members Dale and Andy Arnold.

The team's mission will be to build homes in partnership with deserving El Salvadoran families providing them with a hand up vs. a hand out. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in partnership with Habitat for Humanity El Salvador works to provide a difference not only in the lives of individual families, but holistic, sustainable solutions for entire communities. Habitat El Salvador strives to reduce the country's housing deficit which currently exceeds 400,000 units. Nearly one out of every two El Salvadorans lives in poverty level housing whether that means homes built from sticks and mud, sheets of plastic pulled over tree branches or overcrowded conditions. The housing crisis is primarily the result of poverty, population growth and natural disasters due to earthquakes and tropical storms.

There are several ways you can be part of Joy!'s team even if you can't travel with them.

- You can make a contribution to Joy!'s Global Mission fund during June, July and August. Each team member will cover their own costs for travel, food and lodging which can total over \$1,856 per person! Team members must personally pay these fees by August 31st. They will appreciate any help you can provide!
- You can follow the pre-trip planning and day to day experiences when the team is in El Salvador by going to their blog page, <http://teamsalvador.wordpress.com>.
- And most importantly the team, the Thrivent Builds Habitat for Humanity staff, the local Salvadoran Habitat for Humanity Staff, volunteers and families the team will work with need your prayers. Pray that this will be a life giving, life changing and grace filled week for everyone involved.

Dale and Andy Arnold

VBS Mission Project

Our mission this year is with **Little By Little** (www.littlebylittlehaiti.org) who faithfully partners with those in need of improved health and well being. They set up week long clinics several times a year to alleviate the sufferings of families and orphans in the village of Gramothe, Haiti. We will provide the people of Haiti with much needed items to improve their health.

The VBS goal for this year is \$3000!! We will be selling health packs, diaper packs, sunglasses, hats and shoes.



Donations are appreciated!! You may leave them at the the VBS table in the lobby. Please make sure to write VBS Mission in the memo line.



ALL HANDS ON DECK!

Prayers & Squares
Quilting Workshop
9:00 am – 4:00 pm Powerhouse
Saturday – July 16



We are so fortunate to be able to share our love and prayers with those in need through quilts. The need for prayer continues to increase. Prayers & Squares has provided nine quilts to our extended Joy! family over the last few weeks. We could use your help to replenish our supply of quilts.

Please join us at an all-day workshop on Saturday, July 16 to learn how we make the prayer quilts. We'll have stations set up so that you can go through each step – selecting fabric, cutting squares, sewing, ironing, sandwiching the quilt front and back, and also adding the ties that are knotted with prayer during worship.

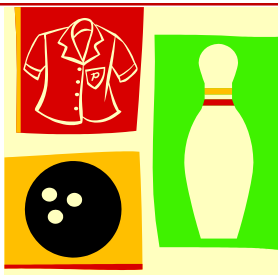
No experience necessary! We'd love to have you join us for the day. If your schedule is busy – please consider attending for an hour or two. Many hands make light work! Coffee and donuts will be waiting for you in the morning and lunch will be provided midday.

Contact Alice at 847-845-0452 (alice.cantwell@comcast.net) or Gail at 847-548-5735 (gschrader50@sbcglobal.net) with questions. And please RSVP so that we know you are coming!

JOY! LUTHERAN'S BOWLING LEAGUE 2010-2011

Shared FIRST PLACE

16 POUNDS + 15 INCHES TEAM #6
 JOHN BUCHINGER CHRIS VOLK
 MIKE MORSE TONY WIECHERT
 JOY! TEAM #11
 KAY WILT DONNA CYMBAL
 BRIAN YEE JOLENE CLARKE



Second Place Winners:

DAVID KNUDTSON LAMAR KNUDTSON
 SCOTT SALOMON JANET SALOMON

HIGH SCRATCH – MEN	JACK McLELLAN	255
HIGH SCRATCH – WOMEN	DONNA CYMBAL	199
HIGH HANDICAP – WOMEN	DONNA CYMBAL	254
HIGH HANDICAP – MEN	JOHN BUCHINGER	292
2 ND HIGH SCRATCH – MEN	TONY WIECHERT	245
2 ND HIGH SCRATCH – WOMEN	SHIRLEY FOWLER	196
2 ND HIGH HANDICAP – WOMEN	LAURA DeGROSSO	248
2 ND HIGH HANDICAP – MEN	JACK McLELLAN	275

COOL FOOD PANTRY

Spirit of Sojourners small group would like to thank all who contributed to the May C.O.O.L. Food-of-the-Month (Christian Outreach of Lutherans)! We appreciate and are thankful for all the donations. The Food Pantry is so appreciative of the generosity of Joy! Members. The June Food-of-the-Month will be Peanut Butter and Jelly. We felt that with school being out for the summer, families may need help with their children's lunchesThanks so much for all your help!!



Amnesty granted!! Please check your bookshelves, car, behind the couch and under the bed for any Joy! library materials. Many have been checked out for several years and would like to come home. Help them find their way back to Joy! book shelves, so others may enjoy them too. Overdue notices will be sent out soon, so return them before the dreaded notes appear at your door. Thanks in advance!!