

the Grape Vine



Worship with Holy Communion

Saturdays.....6:00 pm

Sundays.....8:15 am

Sunday School

Sundays.....9:30 am



Our Core Values:

- Family Worship
- Relying on Prayer
- Unity in Christ
- Instruction in the Word
- Telling Others
- Service to God's Community



“Growing Together for Christ”

“This life therefore is not righteousness, but growth in righteousness; not health, but healing; not being, but becoming; not rest, but exercise. We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it; the process is not yet finished, but it is going on; this is not the end, but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified.” – Martin Luther, In Defense of All the Articles, 1521

“Are we there yet?” As a parent, that is the last thing we want to hear screamed (or even whispered) from the back seat. And yet, as grownups, we sometimes hear ourselves say the exact same thing. We continually find ourselves stumbling and falling into our same old patterns of sin, and we can’t, for the life of us, figure out why.

Luther knew that. He found himself doing the same thing nearly five hundred years ago. But he reminds us that this life isn’t about getting it all perfect. We are works in progress.

As we head into this time of New Year’s resolutions, let’s keep this in mind – that we are on the road toward becoming the person that God desires us to be. As we pull the last page from the 2010 calendar and hang a new one for the new year, maybe we should take stock of what we are and where we are going.

Often people will make resolutions to read the Bible every day and pray more and volunteer more... And when these fail, we think that we are a failure as well. Rather than make huge sweeping changes to your life that you may not follow through with, try just spending a bit more time in God’s presence each day. Or make an effort to meet with a Bible study – the other members of the group can help hold you accountable...

“We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it; the process is not yet finished, but it is going on; this is not the end, but it is the road.” Luther had it right – we are on the road, but we just aren’t there yet. But along the way, we have fellow travelers to accompany us. And an important part of getting there is what we experience as we journey.

Philippians 3:13-14

No, dear brothers and sisters, I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us up to heaven. (NLT)

Blessings,
Pastor Doug

Joyful Harvest Church

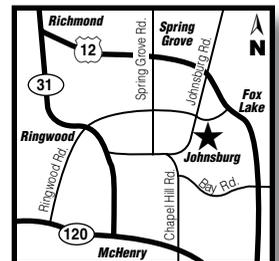
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Bulletins

To submit a bulletin announcement:

Email it to office@joyfulharvest.org
by Wednesday each week.

From the Newsletter Team

Dear Church Members,

Happy New Year Everyone!

Cindy and I would like to wish you all the blessings you can hold for the coming year!

How was your Christmas? Did anyone get coal in their stocking? We hope not! We had a wonderful Christmas, especially getting to worship with all of you! We couldn't ask for anything more. And now it's 2011!

We have had such wonderful blessings this year. I know God has blessed my family over and over again the past year and we are so thankful. Even the church has gotten caught up on some things and is ready for a brand new beginning, right? We would like to thank Pastor Doug personally for all the hard work he has put into keeping us all together as one family for God. It was no easy task I'm sure, but he did it and we are so lucky and blessed to have him. I know he lives by the same saying I do, "Sharp Rocks at the Bottom?...Bring it on!" He kept the congregation focused on what's right and not what's left and I believe it worked. Thanks for not giving up Pastor! You are our hero (at least mine and Cindy's anyway).

We also want to say thanks to all of you that have weathered the storm. What strength it took to step up and work together to stay together. We have certainly had our share of "sharp rocks at the bottom" and we faced them head on and continued in His light without any hesitation. And, even though some of the "family" no longer worship with us, doesn't mean we can't continue to pray for them. Don't forget, there's always hope! Anyone of them could walk in the door at anytime! (I would suggest they be ready for cheers, hugs & tears). Hope is a good thing as well as prayer and as long as we have those two things how can we lose?

Well, let's get ready to have the best year! Let's continue forward as we have been, with a force that is only of God!

We love and pray for you all!
Rose & Cindy
Newsletter Team

Where does the time go? It seems like it was just summer... but that isn't too far away now is it? Think Spring!



Your Voice, Heard

We're looking for articles, letters, pictures, etc, for the Grapevine!

We need your help! Maybe you would like to write an article about the impact God or someone has made in your life? Some miracle you would like to share? Can we supply a PR source for you? Teens need to do a paper for school? This is a great way to learn on the ground floor how a newspaper is put together.

How about a love note to your husband/wife on your anniversary? Perhaps a letter to God? I know you people out there have wonderful things to say. I know, I've talked to you myself!

How about this – **VALENTINE'S DAY** - We would love to publish a Valentine message for that special someone in your life. Even if it is one line, that one line can make that special someone know that your love for them is unconditional. You have until January 15th to get those Valentines to us. Just leave them in the office, in the mailbox marked newsletter, and Cindy will be sure to pick them up.

BIRTHDAY WISHES - Now I KNOW you know someone with a birthday coming up! You can leave a note of that person's special day and I know Cindy will make it look great.

EASTER - Yes, it seems a long way off, but you can get your Easter messages in now and forget about them! We will hang onto them and publish them in the April newsletter. Remember we have to think a month ahead, so Easter submissions must be to us by March 15th.

Think about it - It's as easy as sending an email or dropping a note off in the office. Or you can tell one of us what you want to say and we'll write it down.

At this time Hazel and Dick Morely have a Panasonic 36" TV they are looking for a nice home for. All you have to do is come and get it. Please give them a call at 847-497-3926 and let one of them know if you are interested.

GIVE AWAY

36" Panasonic TV

Please give Hazel or Dick Morely
a call at 847-497-3926.

Bible Mystery Person

Bible Quiz – We’ve had mystery members in the past few newsletters. How about a Bible Mystery person? Can you name the following people from the Bible?

This man was a Levite.
He was the mouthpiece for Moses.
He was the first high priest.
His mother was Jochebed.
He made a golden calf.

This woman was an Egyptian.
She was a slave girl.
She became the wife of Abraham.
She was the mother of Ishmael.
She was a source of trouble in the family.

This man lived in Damascus.
He was a true Christian.
He was told by God to go to Saul.
He was afraid to visit Saul.
He restored Paul’s sight and baptized him.

This woman was the daughter of Amram.
She was very clever when she was a girl.
She objected to Moses’ wife.
She was temporarily afflicted with leprosy.
She wrote a song.



Remember 6 simple rules to be happy:

1. Have a relationship with God
2. Free your heart from hatred
3. Free your mind from worries
4. Live simply
5. Give more
6. Expect less

Internship Committee News

YOU can help the Internship Committee Raise Funds!

Maria Faulkner, one of our Internship committee members, came up with a great idea to raise some money for our church! She has been saving aluminum cans and cashing them in and giving the money to the church – **WAY TO GO MARIA!** (She got \$0.55 a lb. one time.) She suggested, and I agree, that if we all start saving our aluminum cans and bring them to the church we can raise much needed funds. Even if you only have 4-5 cans a week it will add up if we all participate! I, myself, have started saving and I must say, I drink a lot of Dr. Pepper! So save your cans and bring them to the church – we will have large garbage cans for them in the garage. Glen and I will see to it that they get turned in every few months. Come on guys, let's see what we can get saved, between now and March! Even the kids can help with this project! Remember they have to be aluminum cans. They can be soda cans, beer cans, etc. If you can crush them ahead of time, great! If not, we will do it for you. Please pray about it and if your heart is moved to help, please do so. Should you have another suggestion, please let one of us know.



We work so well together and I love it!

Thanks in advance for the support!

Rose Stevens
Internship Committee Chairman

Committee Members:

Maria Faulkner
Cindy Kutz
Glen Stevens
Theresa Hoffman
Debbie Kelly
Tom Hankins



HAPPENINGS

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Turtle Island Soup Company:



With the cold weather upon us, we want to remind you that the First Saturday Soup Sales have started again. On the first Saturday of every month, Turtle Island Soup Company opens their factory from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm to sell the delicious soups that they create. They are a powder mix (*all you do is add water to most of them*). Each box serves approximately 4 to 6. They sell for \$4.75 and a \$1.00 donation is made to Joyful Harvest out of this amount. The factory is located at the corner of Bay Road and Chapel Hill in Johnsburg. The soups make excellent Christmas or anytime gifts. Stop by and taste their

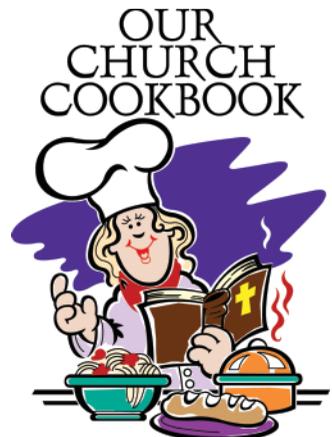
samples and purchase a few to help Joyful Harvest.

Request for Musicians and Vocalists:

We are looking for musicians and vocalists to step up and maybe have one service a month with “live” music. If anyone would like to help with this, we would love to hear from you. I’m sure we have some very talented brothers and sisters in this congregation and would love for them to share their talents. Maybe we can all work together to make this happen.

Cook Book Sales:

We have copies of the Joyful Harvest Cook Book “Recipes from the Heart of the Harvest” for sale. If you are interested, the price is \$10.00 and it’s first come, first served. They are on display in the narthex or see Rita Rudzena.



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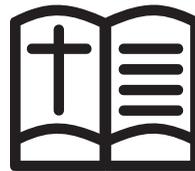
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						7:00 am - Men's Group 6:00 pm - Worship 1 First Saturday Soup Sales For each soup sale a \$1.00 donation is made to Joyful Harvest. Factory located at the corner of Bay and Chapel Hill Roads in Johnsburg. 9am-3pm
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Adult Bible Study Class:

I would like to invite anyone interested to join us on Sunday mornings for Adult Bible Study from 9:30-10:30am after worship. January will start a new study on ACTS. Come learn about this book in the Bible in a very friendly and fun environment. You don't have to know the Bible to participate and best of all there are no tests. Pastor comes in from time to time and hits us with some big words that we make him explain, but other than that, it's quite simple. We discuss verses and in turn we learn about each other as well. Sometimes we get on a different subject and discuss that. You won't fall behind if you can't make every class either.



Please think about it. Stop in sometime, we would love to see you.

Debbie Kelly

Simply Giving Program:

We offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering. Electronic giving is convenient for you and provides much needed donation consistency for our congregation. To set up an electronic giving schedule, you can complete a paper authorization form. You have your choice of different schedules. See someone in the church office for more information or the form you need.

Tuesday Breakfast Club:

Please come join us at Dino's in Fox Lake at 8:00 am every Tuesday. It's open to anyone who wants to have breakfast and share fellowship with Joyful Harvest members. This club has been meeting for over 5 years.

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January Celebrations –

Birthdays:

1	Christina Ritter	14	Rick Hammond
4	Gavin Connor	18	John McClanahan
4	Jerad Smith	19	Jim Larkin
7	Jaiden Andersen	21	Everett Sisk
8	Rich (Woofe) Kutz	23	Tara Hansen
11	Donnalee Miller	24	Kevin Wilson
13	Juliana McCrory	30	Dawson Serafin
14	Shawn Connor		



Anniversaries:

1/15 Cher and Christopher Liska

Poinsettias Adorning Our Worship Space

***Thanks to all of the donors of poinsettias
for adding to the beauty of our worship setting this Christmas.***

In Thankfulness to Joyful Harvest Church from Doug Liston;

In Honor of the Cesaretti Family from Roberta Miller;

In Honor of loved ones who are home with Christ and in Honor of her mother
from Cindy Garstkiewicz;

In Honor of their families from the Rudzena's;

In Memory of Liz & Jerry Brachmansky & Marilyn & Vic Aavang from the Aavang Family;

In Honor of God's Faithfulness from Larry Konieczski;

In Memory of Cher's mother Delores Bruning, Chris' parents Henry & Edna Liska
and Cher's grandparents Carl & Martha Bruning from Cher and Chris Liska;

With love from Roger and Anne Liston;

In Memory of Rose's mother Janice and Glen's mother Dorothy from Rose & Glen Stevens;

In Memory of Tante Tills Marx from Maria Faulkner;

In Memory of Jack Roth from Juanita Roth;

In Memory of Grandpa Karr & Grandma & Grandpa Korol from Melissa Luszcz;

In Memory of Dennis Wolf from Gail Wolf;

A gift from Kevin Wilson.

Thank you to all who decorated the sanctuary and assisted in worship.

Education News

Sunday School:

Sunday school continues on Sunday morning at 9:30am for those in pre-Kindergarten through our adult class. If you are willing to help us out, please see Heidi Aavang or Glen Stevens. Registration forms are available. Please plan on completing one for your child/children or yourself so we have accurate records of who is attending. There will be no Sunday School on January 2nd.



Men's Group:



Men's group is continuing to meet on Saturday mornings at 7:00 am at the church. They are currently studying "Gospel in Life". All men are invited to attend. Please join us for this wonderful Bible study and fellowship opportunity. Next meeting will be January 8th.

Confirmation Class:

Confirmation classes are continuing roughly every other Sunday from 5:00 - 7:00 pm - dinner is served. Next classes will be January 2nd, 16th & 30th. ***If interested, it's not too late to join.*** Students in 7th and 8th grades are invited to attend and we welcome adults who are interested also. We are holding the class in conjunction with Nativity Lutheran in Wonder Lake, but meet at Joyful Harvest. Upcoming "LOCK IN" on January 21st - bring a friend!

Brand New

I am the new year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last 12 months.

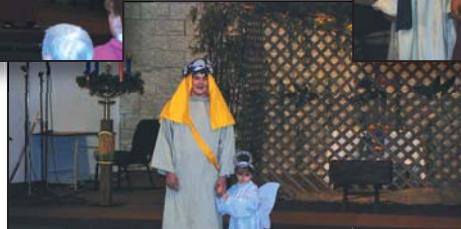
All you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it, but with more determination. All the good you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.

All you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all you hoped but did not have — these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.

I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to him who said, "See, I am making all things new". (Revelation 21:5, NRSV)

A Christmas Pageant

The Christmas Pageant was on December 12th and we enjoyed the special message our young people presented. Thank you to all who participated in this wonderful program.



Live Nativity



Members of Joyful Harvest Church sing Christmas carols in the live nativity outside the church. The carolers waved and sang to passing traffic. Thank you to all who participated.



January Recipes



Slow Cooker Mushroom Beef

what you need

- 1-1/2 lbs boneless beef sirloin tip steak, cut into 1" pieces
- 1 jar (12 oz.) beef gravy
- 1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) sliced fresh mushrooms (3 cups)
- 2 tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 4 med. baking potatoes

make it

In 3 to 3-1/2 quart slow cooker, mix all ingredients except flour, water and potatoes.

Cover; cook on Low heat setting 6 to 8 hours.

In small bowl, mix flour and water; stir into beef mixture. Increase heat setting to High. Cover; cook 15 to 20 minutes or until thickened.

Meanwhile, pierce potatoes all over with fork. In microwave oven, arrange potatoes in spoke pattern with narrow ends in center. Microwave 12-14 minutes, turning once, until tender. cover; let stand 5 minutes.

Split cooked potatoes; mash slightly with fork. Spoon beef and mushroom mixture over potatoes.

SERVE



Slow Cooker Split Pea Soup

what you need

- 7 cups water
- 1 pkg. (16 oz.) dried split peas (2-1/4 cups), sorted and rinsed.
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 3 medium carrots, cut into 1/4-inch slices (1-1/2 cups)
- 2 medium stalks celery, finely chopped (1 cup)
- 1 medium onion
- 1 ham bone, 2 pounds ham shank or 2 pounds smoked pork hocks

make it

Mix all ingredients except ham in 4 to 5-quart slow cooker. Add ham.

Cover and cook on Low heat setting 8 to 10 hours or until peas are tender.

Remove ham from cooker; place on cutting board. Pull meat from bones, using 2 forks; discard bones and skin. Stir ham into soup. Stir well before serving.

SERVE



I Asked But Was Given

I asked for strength that I might achieve.
Instead I was given weakness
that I might learn humility.

I asked for health
that I might do greater things.
Instead I was given infirmity
that I might do better things.

I asked for riches
that I might be gloriously happy.
Instead I was given a life of humble means
that I might be wise.

I asked for power
that I might have the praise of men.
Instead I was given subordinate positions
that I might see the needs of others,
making them more important than myself.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life.
Instead I was given
life that I might enjoy all things.

I got none of the things above that I asked for.
However, everything I was given
was of unspoken value in my life.

For some reason,
things in life which we are given
cause us to pause and say,
“I am among all people,
most richly blessed.”