

INVITATION AND RESPONSE

Please pray about our congregation's mission and ministry together. Pray about your offering for the next year. Pray about your response to the letter from the Stewardship Team which will ask you to consider increasing your offering for the coming year.

Be ready to complete your Statement of Intent card and place it in the offering on Joy to the World Saturday and Sunday, November 5-6, or you can mail your response directly to the church office.

Together as we reach out with the Gospel to one another and to our greater community, the Lord will bring blessings to you, to Joy Lutheran Church, and to the world. Thank you for being a part of this amazing congregation as we proudly proclaim, "Joy to the World!"

Make a joyful noise to the Lord and all the earth break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Psalm 98:4



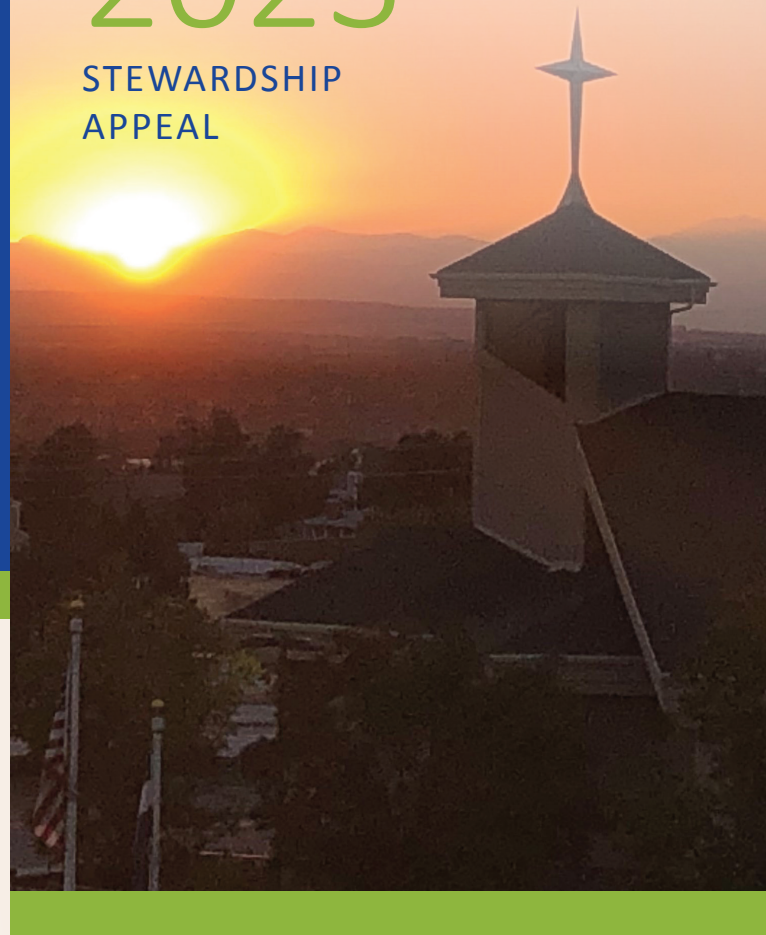
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JOY TO THE WORLD

2023

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL



INTRODUCTION

During our 2022 appeal last fall, we focused on our "Joyful Return". What an appropriate and meaningful theme after 2 years of complicated social isolation and all the difficulties we navigated as a church. But this year, we have returned and entered a new time, a time of great celebration. We are celebrating 50 years of ministry of our church, Joy Lutheran Church. What an amazing year to focus on the ministry that we have done and what we continue to do together. We have been through many things: times of great growth and love, and times of great difficulty and pain. But through it all, we have been held together, strengthened, encouraged, and sustained by the ongoing presence, power, and love of God.

So let me say it again. We are God's people in this place at this time. We have been called to do God's work. It's good for us to take a minute and look back to remember the wonders of God's love. But we do not live in the past alone. We are called to move forward and to continue proclaiming JOY to this WORLD. Brothers and sisters in Christ, we hold within our hearts and within our community, the promise of great joy for all people. We have been entrusted with life, salvation, and love. But not just for ourselves. Psalm 98 calls us to make a joyful noise, to break forth in joyous song, and to sing praise to the Lord. That is why our 2023 theme is **Joy to the World**. Not only is it a great song we sing at Christmas, it is who we have been called to become. **We are people who know the Joy of Christ and who are willing, able, and empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim that Joy to the World.** We have work to do and God's love to proclaim. Let's get to it.



MINISTRY INITIATIVES

As we look forward to bringing **Joy to the World** in 2023, we believe the Holy Spirit is guiding Joy Lutheran Church to reach out and continue providing programs and ministries that meet the needs of our members, our communities, and the world God created. God calls us to be His stewards for the betterment of the world. Our goal is to increase our giving by \$30,000 or more in new offerings through the year. Here are how these new offerings will be invested in our church community and beyond:

LET HEAVEN AND NATURE SING OUTDOOR WORSHIP SPACE

\$10,000

- ❖ Build an outdoor worship space to enhance worship experiences in the presence of the God of All Creation and to celebrate the beauty in which we live.

REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY MEDIA OUTREACH

\$10,000

- ❖ Maintain all of our media outlets, including the Joy Lutheran webpage, our Facebook page, and other future outreach medias.
- ❖ Repeat the Good News by providing information to members of Joy and the greater community in which we work and live.
- ❖ Proclaim the love of Christ through our ongoing media outreach.



THE WONDERS OF HIS LOVE VOLUNTEER COORDINATION

\$10,000

- ❖ Connect with members of our congregation and encourage them to share their talents and skills through meaningful and purposeful volunteer opportunities.
- ❖ Create a system to keep track of volunteer interests and skills.
- ❖ Recognize and show appreciation for our volunteers who serve and use their skills to the Glory of God.



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