

YOU CAN

CONNECT with *Joy*

A family church teaching people to reach their world

SUMMER 2025

Hello Summer

LET'S GROW &
FLOURISH

with Joy



in this issue

NEW GROUP LISTINGS, CONNECT AND GROW THIS SUMMER

JOY CHRISTIAN CENTER | 770 21ST AVE NE, ST. CLOUD, MN 56304 | GREATJOY.ORG

Join us for GROUPS Better Together

Find & Register for your group

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Sign ups at Joy:
May 11, 18 & 25



GET IN
GET CONNECTED
GET INVOLVED



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6:30 – 8:00pm – Garden Harvest – Preserving & Storing

WEDNESDAY

6:00 – 7:30pm – Discover You!

THURSDAY

6:30 – 7:30pm – AA the Old Fashioned Way

SATURDAY

8:00 – 10:00am – Men's Java with Jesus
9:00am – 12:00pm – Bible Study Comes Alive!

35 BELOW | 10 WEEKS

This group exists for young adults to meet like-minded people, going through similar stages in life. Making friends as an adult isn't always easy. Our focus will be on fellowship, as well as spiritual subjects, with some good old-fashioned hangout time. All young adults are welcome whether single or married. Joy Care is available, for those with kids. We'd love for you to join us!

WHEN: Sundays, 5/4, 5/18, 6/8, 6/22, 7/13, 7/27, 8/10, 8/24, 9/14 & 9/28

TIME: 7:00–8:30pm

LEADERS: Callie Sahlstrom | 320-492-8308
Ashton Sahlstrom | 320-241-2290

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: up to 10

COST: none

OPEN TO: adults ages 18–35

AA THE OLD FASHIONED WAY | ONGOING

We, of Alcoholics Anonymous, are more than 100 men and women who have recovered from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body. Join us to learn how this 12-step study can transform your life.

WHEN: Thursdays

TIME: 6:30–7:30pm

LEADERS: Mike Redmond | 320-292-1867

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: unlimited

COST: none

OPEN TO: adults

BIBLE STUDY COMES ALIVE | 1 DAY

Join Pastor John and guests Noah and Holly Ullman for this three hour adventure. We will use biblical text/stories, some original Biblical Hebrew and explore the real life applications. A free will offering will be taken for our guest speakers. Joy Care for kids is available. Coffee and pastries provided.

WHEN: Saturday, July 26

TIME: 9:00am– 12:00pm

LEADERS: Pastor John Jose | 320-253-7819

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: up to 25

COST: free will offering for guests

OPEN TO: adults

COUNT ME IN! - A STUDY FOR STUDENTS | 3 WEEKS

We're bringing small groups to the summer!! Students wanting to experience more are encouraged to join us. We'll be reading and discussing the book *Count Me In: The Daring Life of a Jesus Follower* and going through the book of Luke. Lunch is provided.

WHEN: Sundays, 6/15, 7/20 & 8/17

TIME: 11:30–1:00pm

LEADERS: Pastor Tommy Getlinger | 320-253-7819

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: unlimited

COST: none - all resources provided

OPEN TO: students, grades 6–12



DISCOVER YOU! | 1 DAY

Join us for this interactive group designed to help you discover more about yourself. We'll be doing a gift inventory and personality assessment with time to explore what this means for your life and relationships.

- WHEN:** **Option 1:**
Wednesday, May 28 - 6:00–7:30pm
Option 2:
Wednesday, July 16 - 6:00–7:30m
- LEADERS:** Pastor John Jose | 320-253-7819
- WHERE:** Joy Christian Center
- GROUP SIZE:** unlimited
- COST:** none
- OPEN TO:** adults and students grades 9 & up

GARDEN HARVEST - PRESERVING & STORING | 1 DAY

Whether you have a garden or buy your produce, you can plan and prepare for access to local food in the fall and winter. Come together to share what you know, as we learn from each other about the various forms of preserving & storing food.

- WHEN:** Tuesday, August 19
- WHEN:** 6:30–8:00pm
- LEADERS:** Karl Larsen | 612-219-4602
- WHERE:** Joy Christian Center
- GROUP SIZE:** up to 12
- COST:** none
- OPEN TO:** adults

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**GROW
TOGETHER**
with community

MEN'S JAVA WITH JESUS | 8 WEEKS

Come grow in your relationship with God and other men of faith. We start with a short message based on a Bible topic or building on Sunday's current sermon series. After brief introductions, the guys will have an opportunity to share testimonies of God's work in their lives. We end with a time of encouragement and prayer for any concerns we may have.

- WHEN:** Saturdays, June 7–July 26
- TIME:** 8:00–10:00am
- LEADERS:** Randy Piechowski | 320-267-4793
Jesse Spaeth | 320-290-8650
- WHERE:** Joy Christian Center
- GROUP SIZE:** unlimited
- COST:** none
- OPEN TO:** men

MUSHROOMING | 4 WEEKS


Learn about hunting wild mushrooms. We will meet at Joy for three weeks to get the basics. Our final week will be at Dave's home for hands on learning.

- WHEN:** Tuesdays, June 3–24
- TIME:** 6:00–7:00pm
- LEADERS:** Dave Harren | 320-333-1694
- WHERE:** Joy Christian Center
- GROUP SIZE:** up to 10
- COST:** purchase book - *Mushrooms of the Upper Midwest* by Teresa Marrone
- OPEN TO:** adults and students grades 9 & up

VOLLEYBALL | 5 WEEKS

Enjoy some friendly competition and great fellowship on Joy's volleyball sand court. In case of bad weather, we have some fun indoor activity alternatives.

- WHEN:** Sundays, 6/22, 7/6, 7/20, 8/3 & 8/17
- TIME:** 4:00–5:30pm
- LEADERS:** Karl Larsen | 612-219-4602
- WHERE:** Joy Christian Center
- GROUP SIZE:** unlimited
- COST:** none
- OPEN TO:** adults and students grades 9 & up



I have
Decided

YOU SAID YES!

- ☒ To make Jesus my Lord
- ☒ To be water baptized
- ☒ To get involved at

you said, yes!

stop by the Joy kiosk this Sunday



GLORY BELONGS TO THE KING
VACATION BIBLE ADVENTURE
2025

VBA KICKOFF SUNDAY, June 22 *at 10:00am*

Monday—Wednesday
June 23—25, 6:30—8:00pm
(registration starts at 6:00pm)

ages: pre-k—6th grade
(completed 6th grade)

separate experiences for pre-k—3rd & 4th—6th

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!
greatjoy.org

Joy WELCOMES GUEST SPEAKER



Joe McGee

Sunday, June 1, 10:00am

You Don't Have to Go Through Life Alone

Walking through life has its hurdles, but doing so alone can really make things difficult. Our purpose is to help people find guidance in life, while restoring relationships and families through the hope of the Gospel.

Living with Purpose

Complicated seasons are a part of life. Some of us come out as conquerors and some of us come out conquered. We don't have to be trampled by life. We can live life on purpose with clear direction and vision that comes straight from the Word of God.

Your Story Doesn't End Here.

God has brought many from that hopeless place to a place of purpose and renewed vision. We want to help people grow and become equipped for life's challenges.

I Believe...

These three things are crucial in every person's life. I want to help you see victory from the hurdles you are overcoming, and this is how my materials and messages will help you do so.

Rebuild.

Our passion is to see you rebuild your vision and discover freedom from hopelessness and inner turmoil.

Repair.

Doing the same thing and expecting different results is a cycle of disappointment. Repairing what's broken in your life will prepare you to take on the future in a healthy way.

Restore.

Putting hope in life's circumstances will lead to disappointment. Restoring your hope in God's Word will cause you to live a life of success and wholeness.

