

YOU CAN

CONNECT with *Joy*

A family church teaching people to reach their world

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NEW GROUP LISTINGS, CONNECT AND GROW THIS WINTER

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

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Sign ups at Joy:
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SATURDAY

8:00 – 10:00am – Men's Java with Jesus

YOU CAN LEAD A GROUP

YES, YOU!



You CAN lead a Fall Group. Start considering now.
Development Plans due July 12

35 BELOW | BI-MONTHLY

This group exists for young adults to meet like-minded people, going through similar stages in life. 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. JoyCare is available, for those with kids. We'd love for you to join us!

WHEN: Sundays,
5/31, 6/7, 6/28, 7/12, 7/26, 8/9 & 8/23

TIME: 6:00–8:00pm

LEADERS: Ashton Sahlstrom | 320-241-2290
Megan Stiles | 605-809-5489

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: unlimited

COST: none

OPEN TO: adults ages 18–35

BIKES AND BBQ | 4 WEEKS

Bring your motorcycle and join us the 2nd Friday of each month. We'll meet in the church parking lot and ride out to a different BBQ location to share a meal and fellowship.

WHEN: Fridays, 6/12, 7/10, 8/14 & 9/11

TIME: 4:30pm

LEADERS: Aaron DeBoer | 907-414-7142

WHERE: Joy Parking Lot

GROUP SIZE: up to 12

COST: Cost of food

OPEN TO: all ages (*minors must be accompanied by a parent*)

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: Wednesday, May 13

TIME: 6:00–7:30pm

LEADERS: Pastor John Jose | 320-253-7819

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: unlimited

COST: none

OPEN TO: adults and teens (grades 9 & up)

EVEN IF - A STUDY OF HABAKKUK | 3 WEEKS

When life feels unfair, confusing, or overwhelming, joy can feel out of reach. This Bible study through the book of Habakkuk, meets you in that tension—when prayers feel unanswered and circumstances don't make sense. Habakkuk gives voice to the hard questions we're often afraid to ask, showing us how to bring our doubts, fears and frustrations honestly before the Lord instead of turning away from Him.

WHEN: Mondays, June 1–15

TIME: 6:30–8:00pm

LEADERS: Kayleigh Janiksela | 320-828-6338
Maggie Schefers | 320-248-3007

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: up to 12

COST: \$8.50 - book
Even If | A Study of Habakkuk
(leader will have books)

OPEN TO: women



The CANDY Kingdom

PRESENTED BY *Joy*

Vacation Bible Adventure

Ages:
Prek-6th Grade



Mon-Wed
6/29-7/1
(doors open at 6:00pm)



6:30-
8:30pm



REGISTER ONLINE:
greatjoy.org



Joy Christian Center
770 21ST AVE NE, ST. CLOUD, MN

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 11

TIME: 6:30–8:00pm

LEADERS: Karl Larsen | 612-219-4602

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: up to 12

COST: none

OPEN TO: adults

HOME IS CALLING - GET JOY | 2 WEEKS



Get Joy is a short course designed to help you understand the heart, vision, and values of Joy while discovering how you can connect and get involved.

Through teaching and guided steps, it helps you find your place, understand your purpose and move from simply attending to

actively participating in the life of the church.

This in-person version builds on this by creating space for community, conversation and connection as you take those same steps alongside others.

WHEN: Sundays, June 7 & 14

TIME: 10–11:15am (during service)

LEADERS: Joy Pastors

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: unlimited

COST: none

OPEN TO: adults & teens (grades 7 & up)

HOME IS CALLING

Connect
Engage
Belong *with Joy*



2 Sundays:
June 7 & 14
10:00–11:15am
(during service)



I HAVE DECIDED, NOW WHAT? | 5 WEEKS

What does it mean to trust Christ as Savior—believe in His death, burial and resurrection paying for your sins? Join us as we turn to the Scriptures to help believers understand the meaning of their faith—what God accomplished at the moment of belief, their new identity and how to live daily in His power.

WHEN: Wednesdays, June 3–July 15
(no group 7/1 & 7/8)

TIME: 6:00–7:15pm

LEADERS: Kadir Mullings | 612-407-6938

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: up to 12

COST: none

OPEN TO: adults & teens (grades 9 & up)



LEAD LIKE IT MATTERS | 7 WEEKS

Do you sense God calling you to step into greater influence in the days ahead—and you want to be ready? Join Pastor John for this 7-week journey of growing and learning. We encourage everyone to register, but you're welcome to attend as you're able. Coffee is provided. Bring a ready mind and an open heart!

WHEN: first & third Sundays (5/17–8/16)

TIME: 7:55–8:55am

LEADERS: Pastor John Jose | 320-253-7819

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: up to 10

COST: none

OPEN TO: adults

MEN'S JAVA WITH JESUS | ONGOING

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 5/23, 6/27, 7/4 & 9/5

TIME: 8:00–10:00am

LEADERS: Randy Piechowski | 320-267-4793

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: unlimited

COST: none

OPEN TO: men

VOLLEYBALL | BI-MONTHLY

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, 5/31, 6/7, 6/28, 7/12, 7/26, 8/9 & 8/23

TIME: 4:00–5:30pm

LEADERS: Karl Larsen | 612-219-4602

WHERE: Joy Christian Center

GROUP SIZE: unlimited

COST: none

OPEN TO: adults & teens (grades 9 & up)



WHAT'S GOING ON At Joy?

we've got the info!

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We want you to have it too!



Website: greatjoy.org

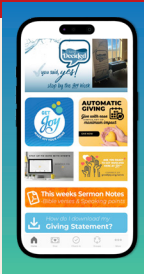
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"OH COME, LET US WORSHIP AND BOW DOWN" PS. 95:6

THRONE NIGHT

SUNDAY
14
JUNE
6:00-7:30pm



you said, yes!

to follow Christ
to be **Water Baptized**
to get **Involved at Joy**



now...stop by the Joy kiosk

SAVE THE DATE **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

GREAT Joy
GET TOGETHER