Joy to the World

Joy Lutheran Church, Richmond, Tx

JUNE 2011

Anyone remember the old two-panel cartoon of the duck? In panel one; we are presented with what appears to be a beautiful duck, sitting placidly on a pond. In panel two, the view is underwater, where the duck is paddling furiously! The cartoon was captioned: "Things aren't always as they appear on the surface!"

That is descriptive of our life together at Joy many times. On the surface, things appear to be fairly placid. Nevertheless, beneath, many, many disciples are paddling furiously as love of God in ministry to others is carried out.

I'd simply like to bullet point several items for everyone to be aware of, watch for, and participate in over the coming summer months.

- Set aside the weekend of August 27-28 on your calendars now. On that weekend, Joy will celebrate 25-years of ministry. Saturday evening will feature the annual fundraiser fish fry for "It's the Pits Cookers" at the American Legion Hall in Rosenberg. Great food, beverage, live and silent auction, music and dancing will be the order of the evening. Sunday morning, we will worship at Joy and then gather at the Old South Plantation for a festive bar-b-que meal, multiple festivities and an afternoon of fun and frivolity, which will incorporate our Christian Ed Rally Day activities as well. Dr. Gemechis Buba, Mission Director of the NALC will be our special guest for the weekend.
- Camp Joy, Confirmation Camp, and other Camp opportunities are present for the whole family.
- A Via de Cristo weekend for adult renewal will be available in July.
- In early August, Larry Mikeska & I will be representing Joy at the Convocation of the North American Lutheran Church. Among key items is the election of a Bishop and approval of a constitution. Four persons have been nominated for Bishop and information on them will be made available to you that you may be in prayer in this very important matter. Additionally, copies of the proposed constitution will also be available for you to provide feedback to Larry and myself prior to the Convocation.
- As a result of our affiliation with the NALC, we are re-working our congregational constitution, by-laws and continuing resolutions. There will be several opportunities for everyone to provide input and feedback as we seek to shape our operating documents to facilitate ministry into God's glorious future!
- A sermon series unpacking the Vision statement of the NALC: Christ-centered; Mission-driven; Traditionally-grounded and Congregationally focused.
- Summer means vacations, of course, and my prayer is that all of us will be able to get away from the daily routine and recharge our physical, emotional and spiritual batteries.

And of course, ministry continues in the multitude of ways that all of us, as disciples of Joy, are engaging God's world in our daily lives.

May God richly bless us as we re-charge, re-vitalize, and re-imagine our ministry together.

"Ol Grey Slim

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!

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Remember to wear RED on Pentecost Sunday, June 19th

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PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Prepare for worship each Sunday by reading through the assigned lesson prior to worship. Take some time to pray and reflect upon what God might be seeking to say to you in worship.

June readings are listed below by date:

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

June 5

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 *(4)*

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

PENTECOST

June 13

Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b *(30)*

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21

John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

HOLY TRINITY

June 20

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

Psalm 8 *(1)*

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

2ND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

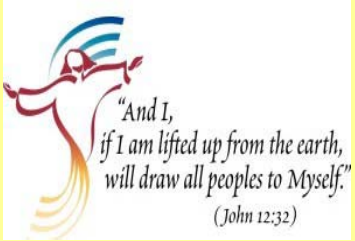
June 27

Isaiah 498-16a

Psalm 131 *(2)*

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Matthew 6:24-34



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When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ***Acts 2:1-4***

JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

6/5	Dan & Kathy Strode	36 yrs
6/8	Hans & Georgie Wagner	58 yrs
6/12	Bill & Alice Lynch	57 yrs
6/17	Patrick & Carol Gaas	22 yrs
6/20	Duane & Carol Boenig	53 yrs
6/26	Ron & Corinne Light	35 yrs

NALC WEBSITE

For information or the NALC Newsletter visit their website at **www.theNALC.org**. Larry has also been sending information on the NALC and LCMC. If you have not been receiving the emails please notify the church office at: **office@joyrichmond.org**

Save The Date!

AUGUST 28TH
For
Joy's 25th Anniversary Celebration & Rally Day!!

Joy's 25th Anniversary Celebration will be held at Old South Plantation with guest speaker, The Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba, the NALC Missions Director. Watch for more information in the July/August Newsletters.

The celebration will be all weekend with the annual "It's the Pits" Fish Fry fundraiser at the American Legion Hall in Rosenberg on Saturday, August 27th. Be sure to join us for dinner, auction and dancing! Dr. Gemechis and his wife will be our special guests for the entire weekend.

Social Ministry Meeting

Thursday, June 16 at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

Movie in the Sanctuary!
Summer Movie Nights
All Welcome!

On Sunday, **June 5th, at 6pm** please join us for ***Fireproof*** on the big screen in the Sanctuary. Fireproof is the touching story of a firefighter and his wife who have fallen into the dull and routine point in marriage. Learn how they overcome this point through a wise dad's dare. Bring 1 cup of your favorite snack and we will make a trail mix to munch on during the movie. You are also welcome to bring bottled beverages. Your friends can come too! No cost to attend. Rating PG and is 122 min long. Please contact Becky Ohm if you have any questions or to request nursery care.

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Mathew 28:18-20

PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING GROUP

Do you need something to do this summer? How about joining The Prayer Shawl group at Mugz on FM 359 every Friday at 10:00 a.m. Come learn to knit or crochet! Anyone interested in knitting prayer shawls and/or lap robes for those in need are welcome to join us. This can be a wonderful ministry to bring comfort and support to those who are experiencing illness, trials, new babies, etc. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. They are symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God.

Do you know anyone that needs to be reminded about God's Love and Warmth? See Kathy Faucett for a Prayer Shawl."

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's group will take a summer break beginning in June and resume studies in September.

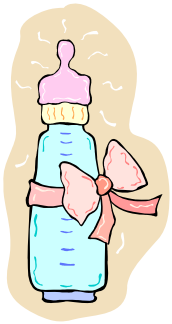
VIA DE CRISTO

"The Way of Christ" Retreat

A co-ed retreat for healthy christians looking for enrichment July .

Contact Pastor Dick Kastner, Becky Ohm, Bill Bray, or Milton & Jeanette Richards for more details.

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG



Once again Joy is supporting the Pregnancy Resource Center by collecting money between Mother's Day and Father's Day. Baby bottles will be available in the Narthex for you to pick up and fill up between those dates. PRC has facilities in Sugar Land and in Rosenberg. Their mission statement is " *"Our purpose is to prevent abortion by offering women the information, emotional support, spiritual encouragement, and practical help that will empower them to choose life for their child and sexual integrity for themselves."*
All of their services are free and they offer counseling, education, help in choosing the best option for their child, parenting classes, and sexual integrity classes. To see their latest newsletter for more info go to http://www.prcfortbend.org/newsletter.htm

22nd Annual Event Benefiting

Krause Children's Center

June 13, 2011

Pine Forest Country Club

7am Registration
8am Shotgun Start
Lunch & Program to follow morning round

Play Golf! Change a Life!

More than 30% of the cost of helping these children must be covered by donations. That's $7,500 per child per year! Through your support as a participant or sponsor of the Tomorrow's Child Golf Benefit you will serve as an integral part of changing a child's life for the better.

Registration is Simple:

If you wish to register as an Individual Golfer, make a bigger impact by asking your friends and family to support the cause, or you have a Team of golfers, registration is easy and online at www.lsss.org/golf/krause.

Thank you Notes were received from:

- **Helping Hands** for your generous gift of $524.00.00, as well as your continued support of our general operations!
- **Lutherhill** for your recent gift to our annual fund of $428.00 and a year to date gift totaling $1,343.00. With your support we are preparing for campers this summer.
- **Annual Crop Walk** was a success and thank you for your participation. Joy raised $1,125.00 and had 11 walkers.
- **Big Heart Orphanage** for your continued support!

BOB VOGLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Men in Mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Rosenberg are seeking applications for the annual Bob Vogler Memorial Scholarship. Graduating seniors or students who already are attending college may apply. This scholarship is presented to a student who is a member of St. Paul Lutheran, Joy Lutheran, Peace Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran or Hope Lutheran churches.

Applicants should include descriptions of academic, extracurricular and personal achievements in school, at home and at church.

Applicants must also write a short essay about faith in their lives.

Deadline to enter is July 1, 2011.

The $500 scholarship is made possible through the annual St. Paul Lutheran Barbecue, the Men in Mission and the St. Paul Lutheran Youth Organization.

Information and application for the scholarship is available in the Narthex.

REMOVAL OF THE OLD PECAN TREE

After being struck by lightening, Joy lost the last of the big pecan trees on the property. On May 14th volunteers gathered to take the dead tree down. Thanks to Tim Scheffer & Fred Kunzler who were willing to go up in the lift to begin removing branches. The wood from the tree will be donated to "Its the Pits" cookers for barbeques and some will be used to make

Disciples of Joy,

For many years the property committee has maintained a 'Burn Pile' on Joy's property to dispose of debris such as fallen tree limbs and trimmings from shrubs that were too large to fit in the trash cans. Due to recent events such as the countywide burn ban and the discovery of certain non-combustible items such as old tires, rotted playground equipment including hardware, Plexiglas panels and vegetation not originating on Joy's property it has become necessary to discontinue burning on Joy's property.

The continual existence of an onsite pile of debris invites the growth of the pile which attracts donations of such items. Some contributions come from disciples of Joy, but not from Joy's property. Other items come from unknown contributors. Since these items cannot be burned they will have to be removed at the expense of the congregation from the general fund which is an unnecessary and unplanned expense.

As good stewards of God's property we should try at all times to maintain an inviting, healthy and safe campus not only for our congregation but more importantly for visitors and guests. This debris pile is unsightly and a breeding ground for all manner of creatures so after it is permanently removed we ask that there be no further deposits of any type of debris on Joy's property.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation in improving the physical appearance and safety of our campus.

Mike Meyer
Property Committee

NO DUMPING!!

NEW DISCIPLES OF JOY - RECEIVED APRIL 24th

Mark, Lisa & Garrett Lloyd

WELCOME

Gretchen Sheridan

David, Nancy, Christopher, Davey & Courtney Kelley

James, Jennifer and Anna Scheffer

Welcome to our new disciples who were received on Easter Sunday! Please be sure to introduce yourself. If you or you know someone who is interested in becoming a disciple of Joy, be sure to let Weldon Faucett know.

FAREWELL TO BILL & HAZEL PESKA

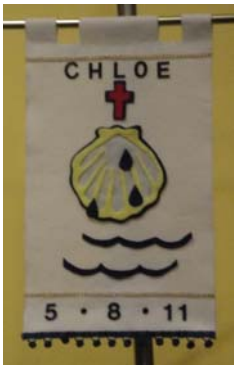
Bill & Hazel recently bought a new home in Willis, Tx.

Farewell & Godspeed

Bill & Hazel with daughter Stephanie Pier

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Chloe Alyse Garrou, daughter of John and Cheryl Garrou became a child of God through Holy Baptism and a disciple of Joy Lutheran Church on May 8, 2011. Chloe's godparents are Pr. David & Rhonda Klak and Michael Parker.



It's all very exciting for Chloe!

MIKE & TRACY POSEY
RENEWAL OF WEDDING VOWS
MAY 1,2011
Married May 5,1991

Joy Graduates are Special

PRAY FOR OUR GRADUATES!!!

BACCALAUREATE CELEBRATION!!

Our High School Seniors and our college graduates were honored at a Milestone celebration on Sunday, May 22nd.

CONGRATULATIONS!

JOY'S COLLEGE GRADUATES

CHELSEA GOATES - Wharton Jr. College

BRADY HODENFIELD - Texas A&M

NATHAN WORK - University of Houston

Kyle Canterbury, Erin Blaschke, Brandi & Randi Goates

Nathan Work

Brady Hodenfield and family

FDIC MEETING

Monday, May 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

Join us to plan for Summer Sunday School and Camp Joy!

Confirmation Camp

June 19th - June 24th

This year we are attending confirmation camp the week of June 19th to June 24th. Tracy Posey will be attending as the adult sponsor. Confirmation camp is for incoming 6th graders through the 8th grade.

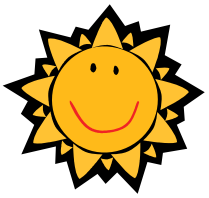
Camp Joy fast approaching!!

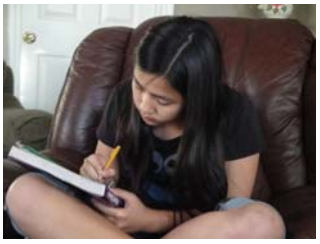
July 24th thru July 29rd

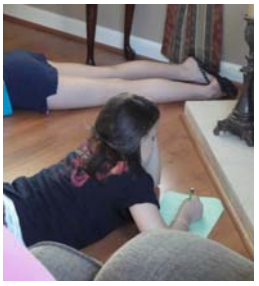
3:00 pm to 8:00 pm

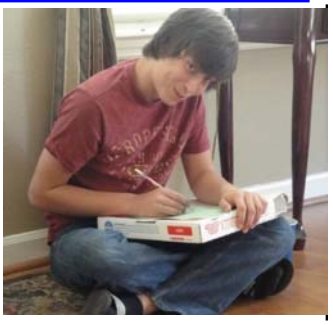
Camp Joy preparations have begun. This year, Camp Joy will take place July 24th- July 29rd beginning at 3:00 pm and ending at 8:00 pm. It is big fun for kids who will be entering Kindergarten through beginning 5th grade. High school and College-age team leaders from Camp Lutherhill in La Grange, adult and youth volunteers will lead campers through a week of fun, fellowship and faith development from 3:00 to 8:00. Each day will begin with Jump Start, songs and an introduction to the daily camp activities. Campers will then go through the afternoon and evening of Bible study, activities, crafts, and games that tie in with the overall theme. Dinner will be provided each evening and campers are asked to bring a small snack each day.

Mini-camp is for kids ages 2-4 and is lead by people from our congregation and it ties into the theme with the older kids. Mini-camp begins at 5:15 p.m. with dinner and finished up at 8:00 p.m. Space for mini-camp is limited to 12 campers. Be on the lookout as more details emerge about this fun and exciting event for all ages.

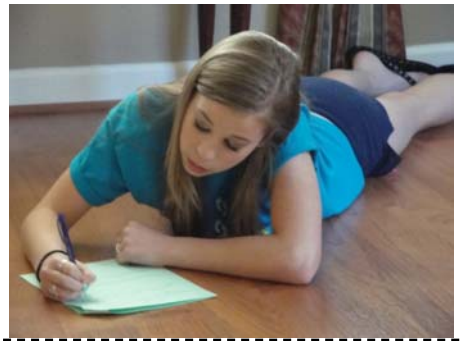








Confirmation test time!
They all studied very hard .
Look at the concentration!!



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS JUNE 5th!!

Welcome to Inside Out & Upside Down on Main Street - where Jesus makes a difference every day!!

Join us on Main street every Sunday this summer where kids will experience God's Word at Parable Productions, have fun creating crafts with a purpose at Fun Factory, enjoy snacks at the Brown Bag Bistro, and play action-packed games at Firehouse Fitness! And through it all, they'll come to realize that Jesus turned His world inside out and upside down with His stories, and with His help they can make a difference in other people's lives too!

Through the summer, we will focus on 5 parables Jesus told that taught people unexpected truths! They will learn that gratitude is more important than whining, compassion is always in fashion, forgiveness has no limits, grace is always welcome and faithfulness always adds up!

Your kids won't want to miss this fun and exciting summer adventure!

This summer we will be meeting in the Jr and Sr high portables beginning at 9:15 and summer Sunday school will run through Rally Day August 28th.

Please come have some fun on main street starting June 1st!! There will be various ways for adults to serve at Main street this summer. A sign up sheet will be in the narthex soon so please be willing to sign up to help! If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Posey.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are still dates available to sign up for Summer Sunday School! The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. All Adults are welcome!

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Camp Joy Registration Form

Please print one per child.

Name _____

Preferred Name _____ Birth Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone (_____)_____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____ Work Phone (_____)_____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone (_____)_____

Email address_____

Physician _____ Phone (_____)_____

Insurance Carrier _____ Group/Policy Number _____

Grade entering 2011 _____ Current Age _____

Mini Camper (ages 2-4) _____

Special interests or hobbies _____

Any restrictions to physical activities _____

Any allergies (food, drugs, insects, etc.) _____

List any people and their phone numbers who may pick up your child from Day Camp

_____

Emergency Release

I will not hold Lutherhill Ministries or Joy Lutheran Church and their staffs responsible for accidents, claims and damages arising from my child's participation in camp activities. I also give Lutherhill Ministries and Joy Lutheran Church permission to use any photograph/video of me or my child, taken at Day Camp for future promotional materials. Initial here_____

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Camp Joy

Monday, July 25th – Friday, July 29th

3:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Camp Joy is for children entering K – beginning 5h grade.
Mini-Camp is for ages 2 through pre-school.
$40.00 per child with add'l children $30.00.

Camp Joy — Fun for kids who will be entering Kindergarten through beginning 6th grade. College-age team leaders from Camp Lutherhill, adult and youth volunteers will lead campers through a week of fun, fellowship and faith development from 3:00 to 8:00. Each day will begin with an opening including songs and an introduction to the daily camp activities. Campers will then go through the afternoon and evening of Bible study, activities, crafts, and games that tie in with the overall theme. Dinner will be provided each evening and campers are asked to bring a small snack each day. Space limited to 40 campers total.

Mini Camp – Mini-Camp is for 2 year old through Pre-School aged children. Meets from 5:15-8:00, dinner included. Joy parent volunteers will lead the campers in Bible stories, crafts, games, sing-a-longs and more! Space limited to 12 children total.

Everyone is invited to the "Community Closing Celebration" and Camp Joy Closing Worship Celebration

You may write one check for multiple campers. Please staple the check & registration form together. Medical Release form on at the bottom of this page and must be signed! You may drop your forms off in the Church office or in the Narthex in the box designated for Camp Joy. Thank you!

Please note: Your child should wear play clothes and bring a sack snack each day.

TOTAL: $ _____

Registration at Camp Joy is limited to the first 40 completed (paid) registrations (# due to Lutherhill guidelines). If finances are difficult please indicate what/if any amount your family is able to contribute. However, no one will be turned away due to inability to pay if spots are still available.