

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy Lutheran Church, Richmond, Tx

Charter Congregation of NALC (North American Lutheran Church)
Participating congregation of Lutheran CORE (Coalition for Renewal)

MAY 2011

May 2011
Easter

IN MEMORY OF THE VETERANS WHO SERVED UNDER THE FLAG.

Something a Little Different

In this season of "New Life" gifted to us through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we also pause, on Memorial Day, to remember those who have laid down their temporal lives for the freedoms we enjoy in this country.



**ETERNAL REST GRANT THEM O LORD.
AND LET LIGHT PERPETUAL SHINE UPON THEM.**

—Ol' Gray Slim!



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BACCALAUREATE CELEBRATION AT LATE WORSHIP SERVICE

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Congratulations Class of 2011!!!! We are so proud of you!!!!



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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.

May readings are listed below by date:

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16 *(11)*

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 *(13)*

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 15

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23 *(1)*

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 22

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 *(5)*

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

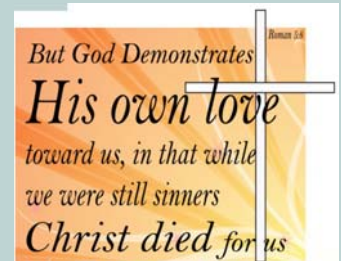
May 29

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:8-20 *(8)*

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21



MAY

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Tracy Posey	5/4	20 yrs
Gene & Debbie Manella	5/15	35 yrs
Everett & Shena Timberlake	5/20	22 yrs
Doni & Tammy Soward	5/22	12 yrs
Wayne & Hazel Leith	5/23	13 yrs
Chris & Laura Parnell	5/25	20 yrs
Larry & Melissa Mikeska	5/30	22 yrs
Al & Candace Reider	5/31	25 yrs

You come to love not by finding the perfect person, but by seeing an imperfect person perfectly.

~Sam Keen



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

JOY — A FUTURE CHURCH!



It is a “new era” for Joy Lutheran Church. We have been called by God into the His glorious future in the new North American Lutheran Church (NALC)!

At the heart of the NALC is our joint mission to be:

Christ - Centered

Mission - Driven

Traditionally - Grounded

Congregationally - Focused

Let’s take a brief look at each of these foci in turn.

Christ - Centered

St. Paul declared, “...we preach Christ, crucified.” (1 Cor. 1:23) The very heart of our faith and life together is Jesus The Christ! As self-evident as that may seem, we all realize how easily we can take such a focus for granted and suddenly find ourselves distracted and busily occupied with things that, upon examination, are no longer “Christ-centered”. This focus constantly calls and reminds us to “keep the first thing, the first thing” in all that we say and do as the Body of Christ called Joy.

Mission - Driven

For years, parishes were encouraged at every level to develop a “mission statement”. As good and helpful an exercise as this is, the simple fact remains: God in Christ has already given us a mission statement: “Therefore, be proceeding, creating disciples of all nations, be baptizing them into¹ the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and be teaching them to obey all I have commanded you. And lo, I am with you all the days, to the close of the age.” (Matt. 28:19-20) We have been given the eternal privilege to share in God’s mission — a mission to all those outside of our community of faith. We exist for “the other”, whomever that may be that is need of Jesus Christ and His redeeming Word.

Traditionally - Grounded

We are a part of the one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. As such, we are the bearers of an inherited tradition handed down to us from the Apostles and Church fathers, through the lens of the Lutheran Confessions. We understand ourselves to be both indebted to those who have gone before us and obligated to be faithful in the passing on God’s Word that has been given to us.

Congregationally - Focused

It is here, at Joy, through each and every one of us, where the ministry rubber meets the road. Here is where God’s Word and mission have hands and feet, eyes and ears, heart and soul. Here is where God has placed us to be His own that He might reach through our lifting up of Christ to draw to Himself all that would be at one with Him.



NOTES & EVENTS



Social Ministry Meeting

Thursday, May 19 at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

New Church Directory



We will be having photo sessions in the Parish Hall with Olan Mills to develop a new Church Directory. Olan Mills will be taking pictures Friday May 13th 2:00pm to 9:30pm. Saturday May 14th 9:30am to 5:00pm and Tuesday May 17th 2:00pm to 9:30pm. Signup sheets will be in the Entryway until May 1st and then Olan Mills will call with reminders the week before the photo sessions. Every family that gets photographed will receive a free 8x10 and a new Church Directory.

Also please submit Pictures of your Friends or Family Members in the Military as we will have a Special Page honoring them in our new directory. You can submit pictures to the church office.

MOVIE NIGHT IN THE SANCTUARY



It shall be on the 21st day of the 5th month in the year of our Lord 2011. The hour starting at 6PM there shall be a gathering of the disciples of Christ in the Sanctuary of Joy Lutheran Church in Richmond, TX. There shall be a great light hanging from the ceiling in two directions one at the front and one at the rear. There shall be a great sound emitting from the speakers that hang from the ceiling. Both the light and the sound shall be as one proclaiming the story of our Lords passion as depicted by the critically acclaimed movie.....(wait for it,).....Directed by Mel Gibson.....(wait for it).....staring Jim Caviezel as Jesus Christ.....(here it comes)....."The Passion of the Christ".....It's going to be VERY exciting!!

For questions contact John Garrou

**Saturday, May 21st
6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

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.

Save the Date!!

For Joy's 25th Anniversary Celebration
at Old South Plantation on
August 28, 2011
with guest speaker will be
The Rev. Dr. Gemechis D. Buba, Missions Director for the NALC



SOUP SUPPER SUCCESS!

Thanks for all who helped out and made delicious soups and wonderful deserts! You made the Lenten Soup Suppers such a huge success.



THANK YOU WITH LOVE!

Big thank you's go out to the disciples of Joy for the generous donations from the Easter Breakfast! Big thank you's also goes out to the Jr. and Sr. High youth and the adults that made it all possible. We received so many compliments about how delicious the food was so thank you for showing up early and all the hard work.



VIA DE CRISTO

"The Way of Christ" Retreat

A co-ed retreat for healthy Christians looking for enrichment will be July 21-24 at Cathedral Oaks, Weimar, TX

Contact Pastor Kastner, Bill Bray, Becky Ohm or the Richards for more details.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

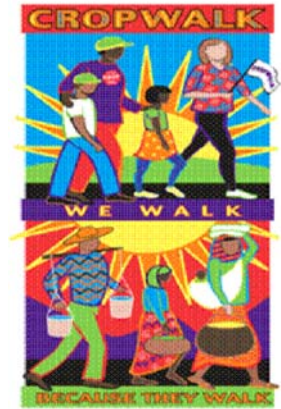
Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

The topic for discussion in 2011 will be, "Answering Islam, the Crescent in the Light of the Cross", a book by Norman Geisler and Abdul Saleeb. Is the god of Mohammed also the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob?





ANNUAL CROP WALK



The Annual Crop Walk at George Ranch was held on Saturday, April 16th. Joy had 10 walkers participating this year! Thank you to all who walked (wheeled) and to those who sponsored our participates.

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.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us!

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

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG!!



Once again Joy will be 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>.

THANK YOU NOTES!

We have received thank you notes from:

Lutherhill for your recent gifts of \$496.00 and year to date gifts of \$1,998.00.

Helping Hands for your generous gifts of \$500.00 and \$496.00 along with your support of their operations.

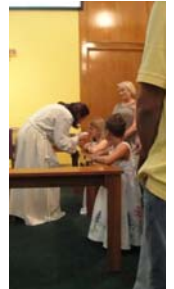
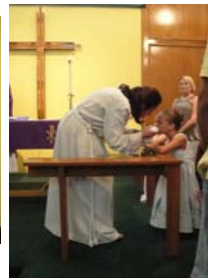
Big Heart Orphanage for your continued support.



SUNDAY OF THE PASSION



MAUNDY THURSDAY



FIRST COMMUNION

Making Bread for 1st Communion

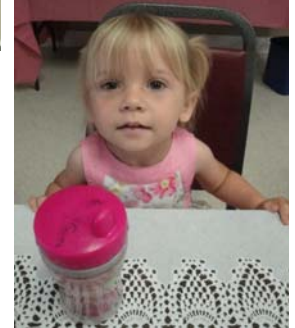


EASTER VIGIL



EASTER SUNDAY EVENTS

EASTER
BREAKFAST!!!



EASTER EGG ROLL



The Hunt Begins!





FDIC (Faith Development in Christ)



FDIC MEETING

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

Join us to plan for Summer Sunday School!



Blessing of the Keys

Blessing of the Keys will be Sunday May 15th during late worship. A sign up sheet will be posted in the Narthex beginning May 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Posey.

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. Joy covers a portion of the fee for those attending. For incoming 6th graders, Joy pays \$100.00 and for incoming 7th and 8th graders, Joy covers 1/2. This year's fee is \$381.00. If you plan to attend, please let Tracy Posey know. Please be sure to note Lutherhill in the memo of the check. Scholarships available, inquire with Tracy Posey for more details.

Camp Joy fast approaching!!

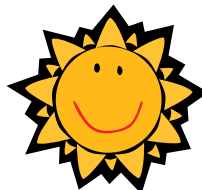
July 24th thru July 29rd

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.



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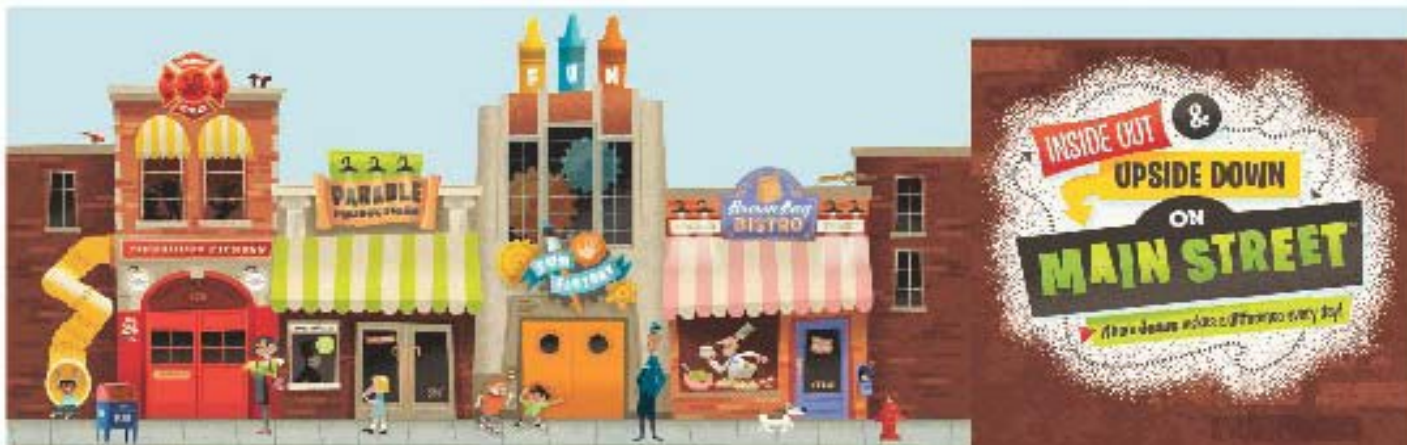


Thanks to Richard Germain

11-10-2008

I BROUGHT THE TV REMOTE, JUST IN CASE THINGS GET A LITTLE SLOW





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

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Joy Graduates are Special

Name: Erin Blashke

Age: 17

High School Graduating From: Foster High School

Summer Plans: Get a job and get ready to move into the dorm.

College you plan to attend:

Texas A&M University

Chosen Major: English

Date and location Baptized:

October 19, 2003 at Joy Lutheran Church

Date and location

Confirmed:

October 28, 2009 at Joy Lutheran Church.

Any experiences in your life that have shaped who you have become that you are willing to share:

I have gone to a Christian summer camp in Marble Falls since I was nine and it has really helped me keep my relationship with God intact. After a year of stress and peer pressure a couple of weeks isolated from the outside world surrounded by God always renews my relationship with him.



Graduates not pictured:

Name: Brandi & Randi Shea Goates

Age: 18

High School Graduating From: Terry High School

Name: Amanda Ronning

Age: 17

High School Graduating From: Austin High School

Name: Lyndsey Myers

Age: 17

High School Graduating From: Needville High School



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

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Reach high, for stars lie hidden in your soul
Dream deep, for every dream precedes the goal.

Name: Kyle Canterbury

Age: 17

High School Graduating From: Travis High School

Summer Plans:

I plan to work over the summer to earn money for college.

College you plan to attend:

I have applied and been accepted at the University of Houston in the Civil Engineering program.

Chosen Major: Civil Engineering

Extracurricular Activities:

I like to play all kinds of sports. At Travis, I played football and baseball. At home, I like to longboard.

Date and location Baptized:

I was baptized on Reformation Day 10-31-1993 by Pastor Robert Stelter at Peace Lutheran Church, Rosenberg. I received my first communion on 4-17-2003 by Pastor Tim Christ at Joy Lutheran Church, Richmond.

Date and location

Confirmed:

I was confirmed on Reformation Day 10-28-2007 by Pastor Tim Christ at Joy Lutheran Church, Richmond.



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.

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.

*"Be not afraid,
for I am with you."*

DID YOU KNOW?

The Mamie George Community Center in Fort Bend County, located at 1111 Collins Rd, recently opened their doors and offers services to Fort Bend County's low income residents, particularly seniors.

The following services are available:

Senior Wellness Center - promotes health and well-being through a fitness area, activity rooms and health checks.

- Including a fitness center that is open to the public. Seniors 60 year and older - Free; Ages 18-59 - \$65/year.
- Zumba Classes
- Line Dancing 101

Senior Social Work Services - promotes independence by providing comprehensive assessments and access to resources.

Learning Library with educational and computer classes for seniors.

- Driver's Safety Class for seniors.

Patty's Café - open to the community, with a special meal for low-income seniors.

Trini's Corner Market - food pantry that provides the opportunity for low-income individuals and families to select food specific to their dietary needs.

The Mamie George Community Center is sponsored by Catholic Charities but is open to everyone. They are currently looking for volunteers. For more information visit www.MamieGeorgeCommunityCenter.org.

Brochure and volunteer information are available in the Narthex.



We Remember in Prayer



Prayer is one of the Marks of Discipleship. We invite everyone to grow in your prayer life. These persons and concerns have been lifted up in the prayers of the people of Joy over the past few weeks.

Our NALC Staff: Bishop Paull E. Spring, General Secretary Pastor John Bradosky

Our Congregational Leaders: especially our Pastor, staff, Church Council members, GIJ & Staffing Team members, NCD Team members

Our Mission & Ministry Partners: Iglesia Luterana de Cristo Rey, Reynosa, Mexico: Pr. Bezaleel Hernandez

- **Officers:** John Garrou - Council Chairperson; Larry Mikeska - Vice-Chairperson; Tammy Soward - Secretary
- **Leadership Team:** Tammy Soward - JoyLife; Tracy Posey - FDIC (Youth & Family Ministry); Tim Work - Stewardship; Laura Cabato - Social Ministry; Larry Mikeska - Communications; Weldon Faucett - Evangelism; Mike Meyer - Property
- **Ministry Team Leaders:** June Tesch - Joyful Women; Tracy Posey - Coordinator FDIC; Paula Curry - Jr. High; Shena Timberlake - Sr. High; Brett Carleton - Growing In Joy; Vickie Schoppe - Staffing
- **Staff:** Tim Christ - Pastor; Terri Clark - Admin Asst; Beth Horstman - Treasurer; Dave Willis - Financial Secretary; Darin Mielke - Choir Director; Carol Boenig & Audrey Stoneburner - Organists



Our Values: Faithful-Family-Friendly-Fun

Our Vision: Joy to the World!

Our Mission: Called by God, we reach out joyfully to share Jesus Christ with all people by building healthy relationships with God and one another.



MAY 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 EASTER 2 10:30a Posey Renewal of Wedding Vows 	2 630p Make Sandwiches 630p FDIC Meeting 730p Executive Team Mtg.	3	4 6p Confirmation 7p Joy Choir	5 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 	6 10:30a Prayer Shawl Ministry @ Mugz	7
8 EASTER 3 10:30a Chloe Garrou's Baptism   HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	9 630p Make Sandwiches 630p La Cocina 730p Church Council	10	11 7p Joy Choir	12 10a ELST Ministerium 630p Make Sandwiches 730p Men's Bible Study 730p Praise Band	13 10:30a Prayer Shawl Ministry @ Mugz 2-9p Olan Mills	14 9:30 - 5:10p Olan Mills
15 EASTER 4 10:30a Blessing of the Keys 	16 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 630p Make Sandwiches	17 2-9p Olan Mills	18 7p Joy Choir	19 6p Social Ministry Meeting 630p Make Sandwiches 730p Men's Bible Study 730p Praise Band	20 10:30a Prayer Shawl Ministry @ Mugz	21
22 EASTER 5 Baccalaureate Celebration 	23 630p Make Sandwiches	24	25 7p Joy Choir	26 630p Make Sandwiches 730p Men's Bible Study 730p Praise Band	27 10:30a Prayer Shawl Ministry @ Mugz	28
29 EASTER 6	30 MEMORIAL DAY  630p Make Sandwiches	31		EVERY SUNDAY 800a-Worship 915a-Christian Ed 1030a-Worship		HELPING HANDS MAY ITEMS Cereal Canned Goods 

SERVING AT JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Date	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Altar Flowers	To the Glory of God	To the Glory of God	In celebration of Fred Kunzler's Birthday	Strode	In celebration of the Rieder's 25 th Anniversary
Usher — 8:00 10:30	Bill & Hazel Peska Everett & Shena Timberlake	Bob & June Tesch Mike & Tracy Posey	Al & Candace Rieder Dan & Kathy Strode	Mike & Kathy Gann Parke & Gracie Wyant	Darwin & Bev Marvin Larry & Melissa Mikeska
Acolyte — 8:00 10:30	Timmy Hamner Taylor Garrou	Timmy Hamner Taylor Garrou	Timmy Hamner Taylor Garrou	Timmy Hamner Taylor Garrou	Timmy Hamner Taylor Garrou
Assisting — 8:00 Ministers 10:30	Fred Kunzler Chuck Canterbury	Darin Mielke John Garrou	Emily Sattler Corinne Light	Bill Bray Susan Krabbe	Dan Strode John Garrou
Lector — 8:00 10:30	Bev Marvin Betty Christ	Becky Ohm Dan Strode	June Tesch Parke Wyant	Vickie Schoppe John Garrou	Mike Gann Sandy Wohler
Cantor — 8:00	Fred Kunzler	Darin Mielke	Emily Sattler	Bill Bray	Dan Strode
Communion Assistants —10:30	John Garrou	Kathy Strode	Joyce Hopkins	Betty McDow	Larry Mikeska
Altar Guild	S. Morris/C & A Rieder/ M. Willis	S. Morris/C & A Rieder/ M. Willis	S. Morris/C & A Rieder/ M. Willis	S. Morris/C & A Rieder/ M. Willis	S. Morris/C & A Rieder/ M. Willis
Children's — 8:00 Sermon — 10:30					
Communion Visitors	Bill & Denyse Bray	Bill & Denyse Bray	Bill & Denyse Bray	Bill & Denyse Bray	Bill & Denyse Bray
Audio— 8:00 10:30	Beth Horstman James Goates	Beth Horstman Kevin Loewe	Beth Horstman James Goates	Beth Horstman Kevin Loewe	Beth Horstman James Goates
Video— 8:00 10:30	Beth Horstman James Goates	Beth Horstman Matt Lyons	Beth Horstman Melissa Mikeska	Beth Horstman Amy Cabato	Beth Horstman James Goates
Counters	Bob Jahn/Fred Kunzler	A. Schoppe/M. Mikeska	Tammy Soward/Kathy Gann	Bob Jahn/Fred Kunzler	A. Schoppe/M. Mikeska