

JOY to the World this Week

JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH / 717 FM 359, RICHMOND, TX 77406 / (281) 762-3310

Joy (ELCA) is a participating congregation with Lutheran CORE (Coalition for Reform)

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CONGREGATIONAL WEBSITE — www.joyrichmond.org

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.

Office Hours

Monday — Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Joy Worship Schedule

CELEBRATION WORSHIP — Sunday, 8:00a

A traditional worship experience led by the Joy Choir, organ, Joyful Tooters, lay liturgists, and special music.

SPIRIT TOUCHING SPIRIT — Sunday, 10:30a

A contemporary worship experience led by the Praise Band @ Joy and lay liturgists, using a variety of contemporary Christian music and liturgies.

Joy Leadership

MINISTERS

Every Person in the Body of Christ is a Disciple! You are Jesus' front-line disciples who spread Joy in daily life. We firmly believe that God is empowering you every day as you seek to fulfill your divine calling as a disciple who makes disciples!

EXECUTIVE TEAM

Becky Ohm — Council Chairperson; **John Garrou** — Council Vice-Chairperson; **Larry Mikeska** — Secretary; **Beth Horstman** — Treasurer; **Dave Willis** — Financial Secretary

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Laura Cabato — Social Ministry; **Rick Curry** — Property; **Kathy Gann** — JoyLife; **John Garrou** — Evangelism; **Wayne Leith** — Stewardship; **Larry Mikeska** — Communication; **Tracy Posey** — Youth & Family Ministry (FDIC);

MINISTRY LEADERS

June Tesch — Joyful Women; **Paula Curry** — Jr. High; **Shena Timberlake** — Sr. High; **Brett Carleton** — Growing in Joy (GIJ); **Vicki Schoppe** — Staffing Team

STAFF

Tim Christ — Pastor; **Terri Clark** — Administrative Assistant; **Darin Mielke** — Joy Choir Director; **Lou Gross** — Joyful Tooters; **Carol Boenig & Audrey Stoneburner** — Organists; **Tammy Canterbury, Rick Curry, Ron Light, Milton & Jeanette Richards, Sandy Wohlert** — Praise Band

COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS — Refreshments are available in the narthex between worship services.

CRY ROOM — A nursery/cry room is available and staffed during worship. The nursery is available for all children up to and including age 4. It is located just down the hallway on the left side.

GENERAL INFORMATION — A variety of information sources are located in the narthex, particularly on the bulletin boards and the tables.

PRAYER CHAIN — Call Lou Gross or June if you have a prayer request.

QUESTIONS, SUGGESTIONS & CONCERNS — Contact council chairperson— Becky Ohm in the evenings, or Pastor Christ anytime (832-549-4985).

RESTROOMS — Both men's and women's restrooms are located just down the hall on the right hand side.

RECYCLE — Please recycle your bulletins, etc., in the bin provided in the foyer.

VISIT DESIRED — If you would like a visit from the Pastor or a lay disciple for any reason, call the church office during regular office hours, or contact the Pastor directly at (832-549-4985).

This week of Joy to the World —

Today — EPIPHANY 2
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a

Monday — Joyful Tooters: 7p
— Joy Choir: 7:00p

Tuesday — Pericope Study: 9:30a
— Joy 201: 7p

Wednesday — Confirmation: 6p

Thursday — West Houston Deanery: 10a
— Men's Bible Study: 7:30p
— Praise Band: 7:30p

Next Sunday — EPIPHANY 2
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

HAITAIN TRAGEDY — We'll receive a 2nd offering today (and receive gifts through Tuesday, Jan 19th) for earthquake relief in Haiti. Gifts to be distributed via LWR (Lutheran World Relief).

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, PART 2 — On Sunday, January 31st at 12:30 p.m., we will hold our annual congregational meeting celebrating our ministries at Pecan Grove Country Club! Join us for lunch (served at 1 p.m.) and a celebration of all we have accomplished this year and our future at Joy. Cost will be \$20pp. Sign up to bring your favorite desert! Signup sheet is available in the Narthex. Daycare is provided.

JR & SR HIGH - SAVE THE DATE! — for "To Save a Life" movie event on Sat. Jan. 30th. Students will be going to see "To Save a Life" at AMC First Colony 24 during the early afternoon for a matinee. Parents welcomed and encouraged to come! Please be on the lookout for a signup sheet. Time to be announced.

A BIG THANK YOU! — to everyone who helped put up and take down the Christmass decorations! As always the church looked beautiful during the Christmass season!

LUTHERHILL MOTHER/DAUGHTER RETREAT — is being held the weekend of Jan. 22nd-24th. This retreat is a time to celebrate the special relationship between a mother and daughter - no matter what age. Cost is \$70 over 13 years old, \$40 - 12 and under. Register online at www.lutherhill.org.

JOYFUL WOMEN BIBLE STUDY — If you are interested in participating in a Bible Study, please sign up on the JW bulletin Board by the kitchen. Indicate whether you want AM or PM. Studies will be on Tuesday beginning in early February. Cast is \$10 to cover materials. For more info, please see Vickie Schoppe.

THANK YOU — from Darin Mielke & Family for the gift of a keyboard left by Santa and elves. It is truly a blessing.

QUINTANA BEACH RESTORATION RESCHEDULED — for next Saturday, January 23rd due to inclement weather. Sign up in the narthex and join us!!!

MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS — Meals are needed for homeless families at Fort Bend Family Promise from Feb. 14th thru Feb. 20th. A signup sheet is in the Narthex. Monetary donations are also accepted and appreciated if you are unable to prepare meals. For more info contact Shirley Morris or Laura Cabato.

"THE SHACK" RETREAT — at Lutherhill Fri, Feb. 26th thru Sun, Feb 28th. Set aside this weekend to come and share about the book "The Shack". Weekend will include presentations, plenty of time for discussion, guided imagery, worship and sharing. Cost is \$120 includes 2 nights lodging, 5 wonderful meals, snacks and programming. Register online at www.lutherhill.org.

HELPING HANDS ANNUAL GALA — Sat. March 6th at Safari Texas. Will be a dinner and dance with live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$75 per person. Would be great to have a Joy Table! Contact Laura Cabato for more info or to sign up!

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES — Budget a little tight these days for groceries for you or someone you know? Be aware there is something out there called "Angel Food Ministries". If this is something you are interested in or want more info contact Laura Cabato. You can also access this online at www.angelfoodministries.com.

2010 OFFERING ENVELOPES — The 2010 Offering envelopes are now available in the Narthex for families to pick up.

2010 FLOWER CHART — is posted on the bulletin board by the kitchen. Be sure to specify the celebration/memorial you would like acknowledged for inclusion in the toolkit.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SNACKS — are a continual need! Please bring individual juice boxes, packages of teddy grahams, cheese nips, fruit snacks, etc. (Think low sugar!) Please place them in the green tub in the kitchen.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. All men are invited! Contact Mike Meyer for additional information. Join us!

PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING GROUP — Meets at every Friday, 10 a.m. at Mugz Coffee Bar. If you are interested in knitting prayer shawls and/or lap robes for those in need, join us!

BIRTHDAYS — 1/19 Tracy Posey; 1/22 Al Rieder

People of Prayer

Prayer is one of the marks of Discipleship. We invite everyone to grow in your prayer life. Include these persons, needs, concerns and thanksgivings in your prayers this week.

Due the extensive nature of our prayer list, we are changing our routine policy. A name will be placed on the Sunday list once and in our Newsletter list as long as requested. If you wish to have someone included several Sundays, please continue to fill out a prayer request card during worship.

Our Synod Staff: Bishop Michael Rinehart, Assistants to the Bishop: Peggy Cantos, AiM; Pr. Don Carlson; Pr. Kerry Nelson

Our Congregational Leaders: especially our Pastor, staff, and Church Council leaders.

Our Sister Congregation: Iglesia Luterana de Cristo Rey in Reynosa, Mexico; Pr. Bazellel Hernandez

Serving Jesus This Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar	To the Glory of God	
Altar Guild	Bolner/Mikeska/ Peveto/Shipp	
Ushers	Al & Candace Rieder	Parke & Gracie Wyant
Acolyte	Kelsey White	Brianna Wyant
Liturgist	Dan Strode	Corinne Light
Lector	Darin Mielke	Mike Ronning
Cantor	Dan Strode	
Child Sermon	Courtney White	Doris Goates
Communion	Posey/ Christ/Peska	
Audio	Aspen Timberlake	
Video	James Goates/Matt Lyons	
Counters	Bill Peska/Kathy Gann	

Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	In celebration of Lily Meyer's Birthday	
Altar Guild	Bolner/Mikeska/ Peveto/Shipp	
Ushers	Mike & Kathy Gann	Bill & Hazel Peska
Acolyte	Emma Gaas	Trey Timberlake
Liturgist	Darin Mielke	Dan Strode
Lector	Becky Ohm	Corinne Light
Cantor	Darin Mielke	
Child Sermon	June Tesch	Kathy Strode
Communion	Greg & Irene Carleton/J. Hopkins	
Audio	Kevin Lowe	
Video	James Goates/Matt Lyons	
Counters	Bob Jahn/Melody Mielke	

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E-MAIL — Pastor Tim: pastor@joyrichmond.org Terri Clark: office@joyrichmond.org

Our Daily Joy!

THE JESUS MOSAIC: Our Example — Week of January 17, 2010

Monday, January 18

1 Timothy 1

The letter to Timothy was written as instruction and encouragement for a young church leader, but clearly it speaks to each of us today as we continue Paul's mission of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. Verse 8 says the law is holy and good when used as God intended (Romans 7:12, 16). Paul also taught that we are "free from the law," (Romans 7: 4, 6) and free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2). What does this mean to you? Verses 16-17 certainly show us how God's grace changes people. How has God's grace changed you? In verses 18-19, what instructions does Paul give to us today?

Tuesday, January 19

1 Timothy 2

Today's reading encourages us to approach with boldness into the holy presence of God. Verses 22-25 make us aware of the privileges of new life in Christ. What are the four privileges that are mentioned? How do verses 19-25 parallel Hebrews 4:14 and 16? In verses 26-31, the writer shows his concern about our falling away. Read verse 26, then read 3:14 and 6:4-6. What do we forfeit if we choose to reject Christ in favor of sin? What encouragement is given in 32-39? What encourages you? Why?

Wednesday, January 20

1 Timothy 3

The qualifications of those who watch over the spiritual welfare of the church are defined in verses 1-13. What are these qualifications? In light of these qualifications, what should we, as the church, be able to expect from them? We realize that Godly lives are as important as knowledge. Do you think these qualifications apply to our lives also? In verses 14-16 we are told that the mystery of Christianity is Jesus. It is not easy to understand how Jesus can be both human and divine. What parts of your Christian faith seem like a mystery? What parts are easy for you to share with others?

Thursday, January 21

1 Timothy 4

Verses 1-3 warn us of false teaching regarding salvation, and yet in verse 4 we are told, "everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected (Colossians 2:20-23). We know that strict disciplines of the body cannot remove sin; Christ removes sin. Holiness does not depend on legalities but on a relationship with God. Only through a prayerful relationship with God can we thankfully acknowledge him as the source of all wisdom and guidance, and begin to see our lives as holy. What difference has your relationship with God made in your life? Are you bound or free?

Friday, January 22

1 Timothy 5

Chapter 5 defines for us the way to live out respect and honor for all through Christ. A title for this chapter might be "A Church that Cares." Read the entire chapter slowly and prayerfully. As a church, how do we honor God's people? I believe the church that learns to care in special ways for the old, the young, the male, the female, and those with special needs, is most certainly the church Paul had in mind. Take time to pray for our church, our leaders, and what God is calling you to do. Verses 17-25 once again instruct those who lead. Without trying, we model our values. What does that say about you? About our church?

Saturday, January 16

1 Timothy 6

In Paul's time there was a great social and legal difference between slaves and masters. But as Christians, we have become spiritual equals (Galatians 3:28). These guidelines could just as well apply to employer/employee relationships today. (Ephesians 6:5-9; Colossians 3:22-25). Our work should always reflect our love and faithfulness to Jesus Christ. Although Christians are at different levels in our earthly society, we are all equal before God. What are these verses saying to you today? In verses 11-20, Paul gives final instructions for living and faith. After reading these verses, pray about what verses 18-19 are saying to you. Verse 21 tells us that knowledge without God is empty and futile. How is it that we can know so much, and yet miss the most important thing in life? Spend some time praising God for his forgiveness, grace and love. Ask him what his assignment is for you, in this day, in this place. Pray for the strength to do it.

Sunday, January 24

Psalms 62

Read Psalm 62 and reflect on two things: Where does our rest and hope come from? What do we do to get this rest and hope? God calls us to faithful obedience to his way of life, to trust in him for deliverance from our enemies. Is this easy for you to believe? To follow? Verse 7 speaks to us about salvation and honor. Are they more valuable than what you can achieve in this life, like wealth, power and success? And if they are, does your life reflect that? Stand silently before the Lord and ask him to give you eternal eyes and a life that overflows with his fullness.