

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)

PoWeR SuRGe TAKE HOME TOOLS for January 24, 2010

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 Tesch 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 3**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
- Sun-Thurs** — Tri-Synodical Theological Conf.
- Monday** — Joyful Tooters: 7p
— Joy Choir: 7:30p
- Tuesday** — Pericope Study: 9:30a
— Joy 201: 7p
- Thursday** — Evangelism Meeting: 7p
— Men's Bible Study: 7:30p
— Praise Band: 7:30p
- Next Sunday** — **EPIPHANY 4**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— Annual Meeting, Part 2: 12:30p

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, PART 2 — Next 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. Donation invited is \$20pp. Sign up to bring your favorite desert! Signup sheet is available in the Narthex. Daycare is provided.

EVANGELISM MEETING — Thurs. Jan. 28th at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in getting involved are encouraged to attend. Volunteers are needed to go pay visits to people who have come to worship with us. For more info contact John Garrou.

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.

JOYFUL WOMEN BIBLE STUDY — will begin on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd. The study will be on the Life of David. Please sign up on the JW bulletin Board by the kitchen. Indicate whether you want AM or PM. Cost is \$10 to cover materials. For more info, contact Vickie.

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. Deadline to order is Feb. 14th. A menu will be posted in the Narthex.

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!

ANNUAL CROP WALK — at George Ranch is on April 17th! Be sure to mark your calendars. Watch for a signup sheet and sponsor sheets in the Narthex. Sponsor sheets should be available on Feb. 25th.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES — This will be a year of ministries so get your thinking caps on as to what you want to lead! There are so many things we can do worldwide! Watch for info on Joy's matching funds. Join us on the second Thursday of every month for our planning meetings. For more info contact Laura.

WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT — at Lutherhill is on March 5-7th. Register now for a weekend of pampering and fellowship. Register online at www.lutherhill.org.

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

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 — 1/25 Lily Meyer; 1/26 Brianna Wyant; 1/28 Brett Carleton; 1/30 Don Sattler

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 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	

Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	To the Glory of God	
Altar Guild	Bolner/Mikeska/ Peveto/Shipp	
Ushers	C & S Halvorsen	Larry & Melissa Mikeska
Acolyte	Joshua John	Abby Timberlake
Liturgist	Bill Bray	Chuck Canterbury
Lector	Tammy Canterbury	Mike Ronning
Cantor	Bill Bray	
Child Sermon		
Communion	Paula Curry/Shirley Morris/Darlene Kastner	
Audio	Beth Horstman	James Goates
Video	James Goates/Matt Lyons	
Counters	Fred Kunzler/Allen Schoppe	

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Our Daily Joy!

THE JESUS MOSAIC: Our Leader — Week of January 24, 2010

Monday, January 25

James 1:1-18

James is among the earliest of the New Testament writings; many attribute it to James, Jesus' half brother. His letter is a "how-to manual" for the Christian life. His writing shows us how to follow Jesus day by day. Many of us have the desire, but simply don't know where to begin. Verses 1-18 tell us that James is addressing Jewish believers scattered among the nations, instructing them to pray for wisdom, and teaching them about godly lives in the midst of trials and temptation. What do these instructions say to you today? Verses 16-18 tell us to guard against being deceived (Genesis 3:13 and 1 Peter 5:8). How do we do this? What is our hope, according to verse 18?

Tuesday, January 26

James 1:19-27

So often we are quick to speak, and slow to listen, in our conversations with others and in our prayer relationship with the Lord. Read Psalm 46:10a, John 10:27 and James 1:19-27. Pray that God will give you insight as you read. What is the connection between holding God's word in our hearts and living in relationships with others? When we listen with both our ears and our hearts opened, how do we respond? Read verses 22-27 once again and pray about what they are saying to you about your life.

Wednesday, January 27

James 2

Does your life reflect the Lord, or is there a disconnect between what you profess and the life you live? James 2 challenges us to look closely at our lives and be serious about letting the light of Jesus shine brightly in a dark world (Matthew 5:16). In James 2, as in Romans 3:23, we are reminded of our need for a Savior, and that we are all unworthy. What is the difference between intellectual knowledge of the reality of God and a true relationship with the Lord? James declares that true faith bears fruit for God's glory. Have you known this to be true? Why or why not? This is a good time to talk to the Lord about your faith journey.

Thursday, January 28

James 3

Have you often wished you could eat your words? (Ephesians 4:15.) Paul tells us to speak the truth in love. James reminds us that it is easy to speak unwisely. In James 3:1-6, what picture does James use to convince us that we can do much damage with an untamed tongue? Now read Proverbs 15:1-4; 18:4; and James 3:7-12. Pause and ask the Lord to speak to you about your tongue. Next, in verses 13-18, James reminds us that our thoughts and attitudes are reflected in our words and lives. Pray Psalm 19:14 daily until it becomes the cry of your heart, your heart's desire.

Friday, January 29

James 4

Our earthly lives are fleeting (Psalm 39:4-5). We can live them with ourselves on the throne, or we can live them in ways that are pleasing to God and bring him the glory (Isaiah 26:8, 43:7). In the Lord's Prayer we pray, "thy kingdom come, thy will be done," and yet we daily seek our own will and not the Lord's. James 4 reminds us of these truths and challenges us to run, not after the things of this world, but into God's presence, submitting ourselves to God. Read James 4 several times, praying that you will hear God's cry for you today.

Saturday, January 30

James 5

Yesterday we considered the difference between living for self and living to please the Lord. Next, James admonishes the self-indulgent rich (5:1-6). In Timothy 6:17-19, we learn how the rich should live. Then James reminds us (5:7-12) that the Lord will return, and exhorts us to live with patient perseverance as we await his coming. In the final verses of James (5:13-20), we read about the importance of gratitude and praise in times of blessing, and of the need for fervent prayer in times of sickness and need. Notice the connection between repentance, forgiveness and healing. Have you ever considered that the greatest healing of all is the forgiveness of sin? (See Matthew 9:1-8, 12-13.) Spend some time in prayer.

Sunday, January 31

Psalm 9

James speaks of true religion (1:26-27) and of faith that is lived out in our actions. He reminds us of the fleeting nature of our earthly lives, and tells us to persevere as we live with the sure knowledge that Jesus will return. In fact, James says, "the Judge is standing at the doors" (5:9). As you and I await the return of Jesus, we are to live lives of justice, love, and compassion, seeking to please not ourselves, but the Lord. Read Psalm 9, written by David, and look for similar themes. Use Psalm 9:1-2 to guide your prayers today.