

JOY to the World this Week

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

Joy is a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

PoWeR SuRGe TAKE HOME TOOLS for January 3, 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 using *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, the *Lutheran Book of Worship* and *With One Voice*, led by the Joy Choir, organ, lay liturgists, and special music.

SPIRIT TOUCHING SPIRIT — Sunday, 10:30a

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

Information You Can Use

COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS — Refreshments are available in the parish hall 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 foyer, 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 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 member, call the church office during regular office hours, or contact the Pastor directly at (832) 549-4985.

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

Vacant — Council Chairperson; **Becky Ohm** — Council Vice-Chairperson; **Vacant** — Secretary; **Beth Horstman** — Treasurer; **Dave Willis** — Financial Secretary

LEADERSHIP TEAM

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

MINISTRY LEADERS

June Tesch — Joyful Women; **Tracy Posey** — Coordinator FDIC; **Paula Curry** — Jr. High; **Shena Timberlake** — Sr. High; **Beth Horstman** — NCD Health Team; **Brett Carleton** — Growing in Joy; **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** — Worship Team

This week of Joy to the World —

- Today** — **CHRISTMASS 2**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— Installation of Church Council
— Sr. High Coffeehouse: 9:15a
— Jr. High Chill & Spill: 9:15a
— College Gathering @ Lights: 7p
- Monday**
— FDIC Meeting: 6:30p
— Joyful Tooters: 7p
— Joy Choir: 7:00p
— Executive Team Mtg.: 7:30p
- Tuesday**
— Joy 201: 7p
- Wednesday** — **EPIPHANY**
— Pericope Study: 9:30a
— Confirmation: 6:30p
- Thursday**
— Men's Bible Study: 7:30p
— Praise Band: 7:30p
- Next Sunday** — **BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

INSTALLATION OF 2010 COUNCIL — today, at both worship services.

SR. HIGH COFFEEHOUSE — 9:15a in Sr. High Room.

JR. HIGH CHILL & SPILL — 9:15a in Jr. High Room

COLLEGE STUDENTS — Update gathering for conversation on the current crisis afflicting the ELCA at the home of Corinne & Ron Light this evening at 7p. Pizza provided!

END OF THE YEAR — *Thank you* for your generous financial support of our ministry at Joy this year! Yearly statements will be printed and sent this month.

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

FDIC MEETING — will be on Monday, Jan. 5th at 6:30p. Join us in planning for 2010!

SOCIAL MINISTRY MEETING — will be held on Thurs., Jan. 14th at 6:30p. For information contact Laura Cabato.

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

SAVE YOUR CHRISTMASS TREES! — The annual trip to Quintana Beach for the Dune Restoration Project/Bonfire is scheduled for Sat. Jan. 16th! Drop your trees off next to the education buildings on the lawn area by Jan. 15th. Watch for more info in the future! If you have any questions or you would like to help, contact Doni or Tammy Soward.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, PART 2 — On Sunday, Jan. 31st at 1:00 p.m. we will hold part two of our annual congregational meeting celebrating our ministries at Joy! The celebration will be held at the Pecan Grove Country Club. Plan now to be a part of our annual celebration of all God has accomplished through Joy in 2009!

2010 SERVING SCHEDULE — We are currently working on the new serving schedule and list of servers for 2010. If you did not fill out a Time and Talent sheet for the new year please notify the office if you are still interested in serving in your currently ministry i.e. usher, reader, assisting minister. If you have not served in the past we welcome anyone who would like to assist at Sunday Worship services! There is a great need for Audio Techs and Altar Guild. Please email the office at office@joyrichmond.org or call 281-762-3310.

2010 FLOWER CHART — has been posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen. Be sure to specify the celebration/memorial you would like acknowledged in the toolkit.

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!

SHADE TREE MINISTRY — Appreciates your generous donations of Rice and Beans. They are also in great need of men's shoes and work gloves. Donations are always needed and can be placed in the bin in the Narthex.

BIRTHDAYS — 1/8 James Petrosky

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 the Willis' 62 nd Anniversary	
Altar Guild	C. Bolner/M. Mikeska/M. Peveto/P. Shipp	
Ushers	Bob & June Tesch	Greg & Irene Carleton
Acolyte	Cory Leith	Hayden Posey
Liturgist	Fred Kunzler	John Garrou
Lector	Jill Kunzler	Doris Goates
Cantor	Fred Kunzler	
Child Sermon		
Communion	Paula Curry/Shirley Morris/Larry Mikeska	
Audio	Beth Horstman	James Goates
Counters	Kathy Gann/Fred Kunzler	

Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	In memory of John Meyer	
Altar Guild	C. Bolner/M. Mikeska/M. Peveto/P. Shipp	
Ushers	D. Boenig & B. Horstman	Dan & Kathy Strode
Acolyte	Mitchell Hong	Rhianna Schwartz
Liturgist	Emily Sattler	Susan Krabbe
Lector	Bev Marvin	Betty Christ
Cantor	Emily Sattler	
Child Sermon		
Communion	Mike & Judy Ronning/Darlene Kastner	
Audio	B & A Walquist	James Goates
Counters	Kathy Gann/Fred Kunzler	

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Our Daily Joy!

THE JESUS MOSAIC: Our Life – Week of January 3, 2010

Monday, January 4

Hebrews 4

Read Colossians 1:3-6, 1:9-14, 2:2-3, and 2:6-7. Pause and pray that God's word will take root in your heart and that the Spirit will build you up in faith, hope, and love, so that you will live a life pleasing to God in every way. Now read Colossians 2:1-10. Reflect on the wonder of Jesus (2:9). Paul's words are rich and merit reflection. Consider Colossians 2:11-14 and 2 Corinthians 5:17 with Ezekiel 36:25-27, which embraces promises for Israel and for believers. Now read Colossians 2:16-23. Compare 2:2-3 and 9-10 with 2:17. How do these teachings about Jesus help us stand against the spiritual forces that might lead us astray? Pray with a grateful heart (2:7), rejoicing in Jesus.

Tuesday, January 5

Hebrews 5

Read 1-10. These verses stress Christ's divine appointment, and his humanity. Psalm 2:7 and 110:4 also show Christ's divine appointment. What is the significance of Jesus' full humanity? His sinlessness? How does that relate to you and me? Read verse 12. What does that verse say about our faith? What must we practice in order to go from being an infant to a teacher? Verse 14 tells us that solid food is for whom? In verse 13, what does "anyone not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness" mean? What is your spiritual appetite, milk or solid food?

Wednesday, January 6

Hebrews 6

Read 1-8. Once again these verses tell us about the peril of falling away. What bothers the author about their prolonged immaturity? In verse 6, is their fate reversible? What does Matthew 10:33 have to say about this? Read Hebrews 13-20. God's promises were true for Abraham. How does that affect Christians now? Melchizedek, the high priest, entered the inner sanctuary once a year to offer a sacrifice on the Day of Atonement (Hebrews 9:3, 24-26). But Christ is in God's presence at all times to plead for us. Read verse 12 again, and Philippians 3:14. Why do we press onward?

Thursday, January 7

Hebrews 7

Read verses 1-10. The writer of Hebrews explains that there is someone greater than Abraham, the father of the Jewish nation. Melchizedek was a priest of the most high God (see Genesis 14:18-24 and Psalm 110:4). Jesus' priesthood is like that of Melchizedek in that it is a direct appointment of God, and it is eternal. (Hebrews 1:10, 12). Read 18-28. Jesus has become a liaison between God the Father and us. He is divine, so that he can interpret God to us, and he is human, so that he can represent us to God. What difference does Jesus' sacrifice make to you in terms of your security with God? Your own self esteem? Your desire to follow Christ? Spend some time in prayer praising God and thanking him for his love and forgiveness.

Friday, January 8

Hebrews 8

This scripture reading starts by telling us that this is the heavenly sanctuary and Jesus is the eternal high priest. In verse 27 we find that, instead of gifts and sacrifices, Jesus offers himself (Luke 22:20). In verse 6, Jesus' ministry is referred to as "a more excellent ministry." Verses 7-9 and 13 tell us of the need for a new covenant. Why? (Jeremiah 31:31-34.) Read verses 1-12 and reflect on the four promises involved in the new covenant. Which part of the new covenant brings you great joy and hope? Why?

Saturday, January 9

Hebrews 9

Verses 1-5 illustrate the layout of the earthly sanctuary. (Exodus 25-31 and 36-40). What is the significance of each item in the Holy Place? Verses 6-10 describe the ministry of the earthly priests. Why did these repeated ritual sacrifices cleanse a person's guilt only for a while? Verses 11-28 reveal to us what happened when Christ came. In 14-15, the spirit empowered and guided Jesus to offer his life as a sacrifice to God to take away our sins. (Luke 4:14.) Verses 27-28 remind us that physical death will be a part of this life's experience, but to fear not because Christ gives us eternal salvation. It also mentions judgment. Do these verses bring you hope or fear? Spend some time in prayer sharing your thoughts with God.

Sunday, January 10

Psalms 93

In the midst of change and crisis we need a fixed point: our living God! Verse 1 establishes the world in God, verse 2 shows us that God's kingdom is eternal. In verse 4, God reigns above the floods, and verse 5 tells us that God's testimonies are true and the holiness of his house lasts forever. Spend some time in prayer, giving God everything in your life that is changing or in crisis, and meditating on this Psalm. Read John 2:21-22 and Hebrews 9:24, and reflect on the ultimate stability in our storms: the risen, reigning Lord.