

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 31, 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 4
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— Annual Meeting, Part 2: 12:30p
- Monday**
— FDIC Meeting: 6:30p
— Joyful Tooters: 7p
— Joy Choir: 7:30p
— Executive Team Meeting: 7:30p
- Tuesday**
— JW Bible Study: 10a & 7p
— Pericope Study: 9:30a
— Joy 201: 7p
- Wednesday**
— Confirmation
- Thursday**
— Men's Bible Study: 7:30p
— Praise Band: 7:30p
- Fri-Sat**
— Church Council Retreat
— Jr. High LYO at the Crossing
- Next Sunday** — EPIPHANY 5
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— Lieke Baptism: 10:30a

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, PART 2 — Today 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. Daycare is provided.

FDIC MEETING — Monday, Feb. 1st at 6:30 p.m.

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 Schoppe.

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.

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.

SOCIAL MINISTRY MEETING — Thursday, Feb. 11th at 6:30 p.m.

"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 Cabato.

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.

2009 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — The 2009 Financial Statements are available in the Narthex. Please be sure to pick yours up this week.

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 — 2/1 Dori Soward & Shena Timberlake; 2/3 Megan Budd, Shirley Morris; 2/4 Nik Kropf & Jeni Morrison; 2/5 Sean Pittard

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	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	

Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	In celebration of Joshua Christ's Birthday	
Altar Guild	Bray/Faucetts/Marvin/McDow	
Ushers	Darwin & Bev Marvin	P. Curry & S. Morris
Acolyte	Cory Leith	Timmy Hamner
Liturgist	Cari White	John Garrou
Lector	Bob Tesch	Shena Timberlake
Cantor	Darin Mielke	
Child Sermon		
Communion	Mike & Judy Ronning/Larry Mikeska	
Audio	B & A Walquist	Beth Horstman
Video	Amy Cabato/Melissa Mikeska	
Counters	Melissa Mikeska/Tammy Soward	

CONGREGATIONAL WEBSITE — www.joyrichmond.org

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Our Daily Joy!

THE JESUS MOSAIC: Our Faith — Week of January 31, 2010

Monday, February 1

Philippians 1

This was a personal letter to the Philippians. Paul wanted to thank them and, in verses 4-5, tell them they were a source of joy to him by helping him and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. Could this be said about you? Are you a source of joy? Are you willing to spread the good news? Verse 6 assures us that God begins the good work in us and will finish it. Do you believe this? In verses 9-11 we are reminded of our part as we grow in spiritual knowledge. What do these verses say to you? Verses 20-24 tell us about Paul's desire to honor God in life and death. What does he mean? 1 John 3:2-3 affirms that, once we know our eternal purpose, we are free to serve. Does your heart know that your purpose is to be with Christ? Pray about your freedom in Christ.

Tuesday, February 2

Philippians 2

Read verses 1-18. What do you think was the problem with the church in Philippi? What are the four motives for living in unity? How is this unity connected to humility? Verse 5 tells us that our attitude should be like Christ's. What would change if you consistently applied verses 3-8 in your church? In your family? In your workplace? Read verses 14-18 again. What is the difference between humility (using your strength for the good of others) and being a doormat? Are you selfishly clinging to your rights, or are you willing to serve? We are asked to "shine like stars in the universe" (verse 15). Reflect on this. Are you a twinkle, a bright light or burned out? Ask the Lord to help you apply these verses to your life.

Wednesday, February 3

Philippians 3

Verses 1-11 tell us that the notion of following Old Testament laws (mainly circumcision) in order to receive salvation is foolish. Paul criticized the Jewish Christians because they believed that what they did made them believers, rather than the free gift of grace given by Christ. What confidences are diverting your trust from God? Good works? Good looks? Reputation? Thank God for the free gift of grace, and ask forgiveness for those things that block you from gaining Christ. In verses 12-21 we are told to "press on toward the goal." What is the goal? Verses 18-20 contrast those who oppose Christ to those whose citizenship is in heaven. Verses 20-21 reveal the glory of citizens of heaven. How do you stand firm against the opposition of verses 18-19?

Thursday, February 4

Philippians 4

Paul seeks, once again, to lead workers for Christ in the church to be reconciled to one another. Read verses 4-6. What would a person who practiced all these qualities be like? How do these qualities relate to Paul's peace objectives (verses 2-3, 7, and 9)? Read verses 8-9. What are you putting into your mind through television, books, movies and magazines? Pray that God will help you apply these verses to your life. Paul closes the fourth chapter of Philippians with thanks for their gifts. In verses 11-13, Paul expresses his contentment, whatever the circumstances. How do you view his contentment: independent, egotistical or hopeful? Perhaps he lived and believed 4:19: "And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Are you content? Do you have great needs? Or are you discontented because you don't have all that you want? What can you do to be content?

Friday, February 5

Romans 1

Paul wrote this letter to introduce himself to the church at Rome. The main issue in Romans is how anyone can be right with God on the final day of judgment. Paul makes it clear that no one has an edge on God. All are condemned who live by the law, since no one can fulfill the law. Then, after laying that news on us, he is quick to tell us of the good news: salvation by grace through Jesus Christ. How did God call you to Christ? Has that calling changed your life? Your goals? Your sense of obligation to others? Read verses 18-30. What is wrong with people's relationships with God? Why is it easy for us to worship creation and not honor the Creator? What do you worship? The one true God, or idols of your own making? Paul reveals the downward spiral into sin. Does life without God look like freedom to you? We do have choices. Read the list of sins in verses 29-32. How do you feel about some of your faults listed right along with the awful sins that others commit? Spend time in prayer, asking God for forgiveness and thanking him for his grace.

Saturday, February 6

Romans 2

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, February 7

Psalms 28

David writes this Psalm as someone surrounded by trouble and wickedness. Verse 3 speaks of pretending goodness while planning evil. In verses 2-5, what does David ask for? In verses 8-9 there seems to be a change in his heart. Why? Have you ever felt as desperate as David in this Psalm? In verses 6-9, what image sums up how you feel about God now? The shepherd? The fortress? Pray verse 28:7. There are spiritual battles around us, and in them God is our strength and shield. Ask God for his protection, and thank him for it.