

JOY to the World this Week

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

PoWeR SuRGe TAKE HOME TOOLS for October 18, 2009

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, Rick Godwin 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

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

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Bill Barr — Property; **Vacant** — JoyLife; **Doris Goates** — Worship & Music; **Tracy Posey** — Youth & Family Ministry; **Laura Cabato** — Social Ministry; **Becky Ohm** — Stewardship; **Larry Mikeska** — Communication; **John Garrou** — Evangelism

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** — PENTECOST 20
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— Blessing of the Pets: 2p
— Joy 101-6: 6p
- Monday** — JW Bible Study: 7p
— Joyful Tooters: 7p
— Joy Choir: 7:30p
- Tuesday** — JW Bible Study: 10:30a
— Joy 201-8: 7p
- Wednesday** — Pericope Study: 9:30a
— Confirmation: 6:30p
- Thursday** — PB@J: 7:30p
— Men's Bible Study: 7:30p
- Saturday** — Stephen Ministry Workshop: 9a
- Next Sunday** — REFORMATION SUNDAY
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— Confirmation: 10:30a
— Joy 101-7: 6p

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

ADULT CLASSES — All adult classes will be held in the Gathering Place unless otherwise noted. Sunday Adult Class begins at 9:30 a.m. (No late arrivals, please)

BLESSING OF THE PETS — **Today, Oct. 18th** at 2:00p.m. Jr. High Youth will be available to take care of your pet. They will provide water, snacks and will even give your pet a bath. Be sure pets are on a leash or in a carrier for their safety! All pets are welcome.

REFORMATION SUNDAY — We invite EVERYONE to wear "RED" next Sunday as we celebrate the Reformation. Four of our young people will affirm their baptismal covenant in the Rite of Confirmation at the late worship. Pr. Don Carlson, Ass't. to the Bishop will be our special guest.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY — On All Saints' Sunday we remember those who have been called from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant during the past year. Signup sheet is in the Narthex. All Saints' Sunday is Nov. 1st.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS — presents "Economic and Investment Update" program on Monday, Oct. 19th 7-8 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church. Reserve your spot today by calling 713-974-2843 or suzanne.kocurek@thrivent.com.

STORIES TO TELL & GIFTS TO SHARE — As a continuation of our theme, we invite you to continue by writing your stories about how God has touched your life. We will collect stories for our congregational story album. Simply send or bring your stories to the church office with the title, A Story to Tell. These new stories will be collected and available in the library for all to read. We invite you experience how the stories of others can continue to touch your life. Please see the upcoming November Newsletter for more information.

JESUS, JAZZ & JUSTICE MUSIC TOUR — at TLU on Oct. 24th. The tour features music from the artists at the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. The cost of the event is free but attendees are encouraged to bring monetary donations for the ELCA World Hunger Fund as well as non-perishable food for the local food bank. RSVP required, send to rhruga@tlu.edu.

FALL FAMILY RETREAT — at Lutherhill on Nov. 6-8th. Enjoy some time away in God's Creation to relax, learn, laugh and play as a family. Cost is \$70pp (13 and above) and \$40pp (12 and under). Register online at www.lutherhill.org or by calling 1-888-266-4613.

TASTE OF SUGAR LAND — Benefiting Fort Bend Family Promise on Sunday, Nov. 15th at Marriott Town Square, Save the Date! More info to follow.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. The focus of the study is the classic work by Dietrich Bonhoeffer "*The Cost of Discipleship*". All men are invited! Contact Mike Meyer for additional information. It's not too late to join us!

SUNDAY SCHOOL SNACKS — are a continual need! Please bring individual juice boxes, individual packages of teddy grahams, cheese nips, etc. (think low sugar!) Please place them in the green tub in the kitchen. Thank you for your continued support of our Sunday school teachers and students.

SHADE TREE MINISTRY — Appreciates your generous donations of Rice and Beans. Donations are always needed and can be placed in the bin in the Narthex for distribution. For info contact David or Martha Willis.

MAGAZINES NEEDED — for local nursing homes. Place in the basket in the Narthex.

BIRTHDAYS — 10/18 Anja Senn; 10/21 Paul Kropf; 10/22 Shelly Halvorsen; Roland Senn & Steven Young; 10/23 Emily Randel; 10/24 Walker Slade & Abigail Timberlake

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	Jeff Faucett & Khrys Damien's Birthdays	
Altar Guild	S.Barr/C. Bolner/R.Divin/M.Mikeska/M.Peveto/P.Shipp	
Ushers	Darwin & Bev Marvin	Larry & Melissa Mikeska
Acolyte	Joshua John	Trey Timberlake
Liturgist	Dan Strode	Susan Krabbe
Lector	Emily Sattler	Bob Jahn
Cantor	Dan Strode	
Child Sermon	Jerry Daniels	Kathy Strode
Communion	Paula Curry/Shirley Morris/Denyse Bray	
Audio	Beth Horstman	
Counters	Bob Jahn/Bill Peska	

Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	In Honor of our Confirmands	
Altar Guild	S.Barr/C. Bolner/R.Divin/M.Mikeska/M.Peveto/P.Shipp	
Ushers	Bob & June Tesch	Dan & Kathy Strode
Acolyte	Cory Leith	Rhianna Schwartz
Liturgist	Darin Mielke	Corinne Light
Lector	Rick Godwin	Corinne Light
Cantor	Darin Mielke	
Child Sermon	June Tesch	Shena Timberlake
Communion	Betty Christ/Becky Geary/John Garrou	
Audio	James Goates	
Counters	Tammy Soward/Allen Schoppe	

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Our Daily Joy!

Jesus and the Fulfillment of God's Plan — Week of October 18, 2009

Monday, October 19 **Chosen and Redeemed**

While imprisoned in Rome, Paul wrote a letter/epistle to the church in Ephesus and to all believers everywhere. In Ephesians 1-3, Paul speaks of our identity in Christ. In chapters 4-6, he writes about the Body of Christ, the church, and how believers are to live into their identity. Begin by personalizing and praying Paul's prayer in Ephesians 1:17-19a. Now read all of Ephesians 1. Ponder what it means to be chosen (also see John 6:37, 44; John 15:16). How is redemption explained (1:7)? Redemption is the price paid to free us from our sin debt. What does Paul say about Jesus (1:20-23)? Pray again, for yourself and for another, Paul's prayer in 1:17-19a.

Tuesday, October 20 **Grace**

Mercy is the loving kindness of God, who does not treat sinners as they deserve. Grace is the unmerited favor of God bestowed on the undeserving. An acronym reminds us of the high cost of grace: God's Riches At Christ's Expense. Read Ephesians 2, noting mention of God's mercy and grace. Consider memorizing Ephesians 2:8-9 and/or Titus 3:4-7. Notice in Ephesians 2:10 that we are created and saved for God's purposes. Paul, in his letter to Titus, taught the same truth. Did you notice Paul's teaching about Christian unity (Ephesians 2:14-19) and reference to our triune God (2:18,22)? Bask in the glorious description of Jesus, the Cornerstone, and we, his Church, as a temple or dwelling in which God lives (2:20-22). Pour out your gratitude in joyful prayer and praise

Wednesday, October 21 **Immeasurable Love of Jesus**

In Ephesians 2, Paul taught that Jew and Greek/Gentile alike are reconciled to God through Jesus. For preaching this, Paul is in chains/imprisoned. In Chapter 3, Paul refers to the inclusion of the Gentiles in God's plan as a mystery, now revealed. Though this was always God's intention, most, it seems, had not understood the oneness in God's plan. God's inclusive plan is evident in Genesis 12:3; Isaiah 42:1-8; 49:6; Luke 2:30-32; 13:29; and John 10:14-16. Pondering this, read Ephesians 3:1-13 (with verse 12, also see Hebrews 4:16). Rejoicing in this good news, pray Ephesians 3:14-21, for it is God's desire that you know the immeasurable love of Jesus.

Thursday, October 22 **Lives Worthy of our Calling**

As you read Ephesians 4, jot down all that Paul teaches about how we are to live in response to God's great love which is manifest in Jesus. But remember, we do this not through our own strength, but through the Spirit's power in us (John 15:5; Galatians 5:16, 22-25). We live out our calling, not in order to be saved, but because we are already God's children. Spiritual gifts (4:11-12) are also discussed in Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12; and 1 Peter 4. Pray that the Spirit will work in and through you that others might see and long to know Jesus.

Friday, October 23 **Live in Love**

Read Ephesians 4:32 – 5:2 and 5:8-9, 21. What does it mean to "live in love" ("walk in the way of love" – TNIV); "live as children of light;" and "be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ" ("submit to" – TNIV)? Consider writing out these three commands and reading these words each morning as you arise. Read John 13:34-35; 15:12-13. Hold these words from Ephesians and John in your heart as you read all of Ephesians 5. In 5:18, Paul says, "be filled with the Spirit." In prayer, tell the Lord you want to be his vessel, filled with the Spirit.

Saturday, October 24 **Spiritual Warfare**

In Ephesians 6, Paul continues his teaching about honoring the Lord in our most intimate relationships; read 6:1-9. Quickly then, Paul moves on to speak of the reality and danger of our adversary, the devil. Read Ephesians 6:10-24; for more insight read John 17:15; 2 Corinthians 11:14; and 1 Peter 5:8-9. Ponder each item of our spiritual armor (Ephesians 6:13-18). What does it mean to "stand firm?" Notice that our only offensive weapon is the Word (6:17). Notice how Jesus used the Word against Satan (Luke 4:1-13). How is prayer part of our protection (Ephesians 6:18; Luke 22:39-46)? Pray you will stand firm and be dressed in the armor God provides.

Sunday, October 25 **Be Still and Know**

Many regard Psalm 46 as one of their favorite Scripture passages. Read the Psalm and soak in its personal messages and also the Psalmist's words for nations and the world. Some of the images anticipate the fullness of time (46:4-5; Revelation 21:3; 22:1-2). Ponder the Psalm's words of comfort and hope: we need not fear, because God is our refuge, and God is with us (46:1-2, 7, 10); and someday wars will cease (46:9). Reflect on 46:10. Often we live in the tyranny of the urgent. Ask the Lord to quiet your heart, then rest in the Lord's presence and pray.