

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 October 25, 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 — **REFORMATION SUNDAY**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— Confirmation: 10:30a
— Joy 101-7: 6p

Monday — JW Bible Study: 7p
— Joyful Tooters: 7p
— Joy Choir: 7:30p

Tuesday — JW Bible Study: 10:30a
— Joy 201-9: 7p

Wednesday — Pericope Study: 9:30a
— Confirmation: 6:30p

Thursday — PB@J: 7:30p
— Men's Bible Study: 7:30p

Next Sunday — **ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— Joy 101-8: 6p

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

IN LOVING MEMORY — Jay Thorseth a faithful disciple of Joy was called from Church Militant to Church Triumphant on October 22, 2009. Worship celebrating the promise of life eternal will be held at Joy this week. Contact church office for information. Please keep Marie and the entire family in your prayers.

REFORMATION SUNDAY — The Rite of Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) is celebrated today at late service. Megan Budd; Kristen Curry; Eric Garcia; and Ariel Landinger are affirming their Baptismal covenant. Let us celebrate! Pr. Don Carlson, Ass't. to the Bishop is our special guest.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY — is next Sunday as 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.

FALL BACK! — Daylight Savings time ends on Nov. 1st. Be sure to set you clocks back Saturday night! (Or start worship without us Sunday morning!)

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)

FDIC MEETING — Monday, Nov. 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

SOCIAL MINISTRY TEAM MEETING — will be held on Thurs. Nov. 12th at 6:30 p.m. everyone is welcome to join us. For more info contact Laura Cabato.

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.

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION — "Huddle" planned for Oct. 31st! Mr. Doug Haugen & Mr. Carlos Pena is calling a "men's huddle" for Reformation Day at New Life Lutheran Church in Pearland, 9am-noon to include breakfast. This gathering is an attempt to boost the work of men's ministry in each congregation in our synod. RSVP by Wed, Oct. 28th at 281-485-1818 or email brian@newlifelutheran.com.

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 — 7th Annual Fall Festival benefiting Fort Bend Family Promise on Sunday, Nov. 15th at Marriott Town Square, Save the Date! Tickets are \$25. 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 — 10/30 Mary Budd; 10/31 Ariel Landinger

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 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	Courtney White	Shena Timberlake
Communion	Betty Christ/Becky Geary/John Garrou	
Audio	James Goates	
Counters	Tammy Soward/Allen Schoppe	

Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	In celebration of the Gann's 39 th Anniversary	
Altar Guild	D. Bray/K & W Faucett/B. Marvin/B. McDow	
Ushers	B. Horstman & A. Lowe	Parke & Gracia Wyant
Acolyte	Mitchell Hong	Brianna Wyant
Liturgist	Bill Bray	Chuck Canterbury
Lector	Bev Marvin	Dan Strode
Cantor	Bill Bray	
Child Sermon		
Communion	Joyce Hopkins/Judy Ronning/Larry Mikeska	
Audio	Beth Horstman	
Counters	Tammy Soward/Melissa Mikeska	

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

Our Daily Joy!

QUESTIONS OF FAITH: Decision or Response? – Week of October 25, 2009

Monday, October 26

1 Corinthians 1

Sometimes we lament over problems in the church; certainly we should pray for our churches. In Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, he is writing to a church that has problems. The believers needed to learn about spiritual humility and then live it. They needed to understand that every believer is part of the body and that each is essential to its well-being. They needed lessons about truth and love, and so, lovingly, Paul instructs them. Read Acts 18:1-11; then read 1 Corinthians 1. How does Paul affirm the Corinthians in their faith? Notice the problems he mentions. As you ponder human wisdom and the "foolishness" of God, read Isaiah 55:8-9 and Romans 11:33-36. What does the writer of Proverbs say about wisdom, knowledge, and understanding (2:6; 9:10)? Pray.

Tuesday, October 27

1 Corinthians 2

Read 1 Corinthians 1:30 again; how does Paul describe Jesus? Now read 1 Corinthians 2. What, according to Paul, is at the heart of God's message and, therefore, foremost in Paul's (2:2; 15:3-6)? Paul, though highly learned, does not flaunt his intelligence; rather he seeks only to point people to Jesus. Can that also be said of us? Intentionally notice all that Paul teaches about the Spirit in 2:9-16. Read 2:16 with John 15:15; Romans 12:2; and Philippians 2:1-5. Ponder all this; now read again the glorious promise in 2:9. Spend time worshiping and praising Jesus.

Wednesday, October 28

1 Corinthians 3

As 1 Corinthians 3 begins, Paul is telling the people that they are worldly and spiritually immature. Read the chapter and try to discern why Paul deems them immature. How often do we give more glory to spiritual leaders than to the One to whom they point us (see 3:9)? In our ministry/service, what/who must be the foundation (3:10-15)? Read with reverence Paul's description of the church, the body of believers (3:16-17). Is this how you see the church? Consider your service/ministry: are you serving with the right intentions, with sincerity and humility; is your desire to love others and glorify God? Read 3:16-17, 22-23 again; allow these thoughts to guide your prayer.

Thursday, October 29

1 Corinthians 4

Begin today by reading 1 Corinthians 4:2,5,7. We must be faithful with that with which we have been entrusted, remember that our gifts and talents are trusts from the Lord, and live for an audience of One. The Lord knows the intentions of our hearts! Holding these thoughts, read 1 Corinthians 4. The Corinthians are spiritually proud; instead of honoring the Lord and respecting their mentors, they elevate themselves. How does Paul describe how he is treated (4:11-13)? Doesn't this also describe how people treated Jesus? Read John 15:18-21. The Corinthians seek glory in discipleship; do we do the same? What are our expectations as followers of Jesus? Pray.

Friday, October 30

1 Corinthians 5

Do we, as followers of Jesus, ever wink at sin, or perhaps even flaunt it? Read 1 Corinthians 5. Paul is speaking to the church, to believers. He is not railing against the sins of the world; he's telling the church that it must be the church. Recall 3:16-17 to see just what that means! Notice that Paul's intention in calling sin "sin" (5:5) is ultimately restoration. What concern does Paul express in 5:6-8? Read 5:7b again and also John 1:29 and Hebrews 9:12,14. We must not take Jesus' sacrifice lightly. Meditate on the high cost of your redemption. Pray.

Saturday, October 31

1 Corinthians 6

Read 1 Corinthians 3:16-17. Paul is describing the church of Jesus Christ. Jesus gives instructions for believers (the church) when he mandates sacrificial love (John 13:34-35); the way believers treat each other is a bold witness to the world. Pondering this, read 1 Corinthians 6:1-11. Read 6:11 several times. Through the power of the Spirit, we must live as those who are redeemed; the witness of our lives gives credence to our message. Read 6:12-20. In 3:16-17 the church is described as God's temple, in which the Spirit dwells; in 6:19-20, the picture is reiterated, but now the image includes not just the church as a whole but each member of the body. Pray for the church.

Sunday, November 1

Psalms 19

In 1 Corinthians, Paul teaches that the Gospel seems foolish to the world, but to those enlightened by the Spirit, it is glorious and transforming. In Psalm 19, David first beckons us to observe God's grandeur and glory in creation (19:1-6), then he points us to God's word. Read Psalm 19:1-13. Nature declares God's wisdom and power; Scripture reveals God's intentions, will, and heart. Scripture helps us not to just know about God but to know God. Today bask in the glory of creation; fellowship with God in the Word; use Psalm 19:14 in your prayer.