

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 October 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.

COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS — Refreshments are available in the narthex between worship services.

COMPLETE WORSHIP FOLDERS — are available from the ushers for those who desire. Be sure and ask!

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).

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

This week of Joy to the World —

- Today** — 19th Sunday after PENTECOST
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Ed: 9:15a
— Acolyte Training: noon
— Blessing of the Pets: 2p
— Lutheran Confessions Class: 6p
— Sexual Integrity: 6p
- Monday** — FDIC Meeting: 6p
- Tuesday** — JW Bible Study: 10a & 7p
— Confessions Class: 7p
- Wednesday** — Confirmation: 6p
— Joy Choir: 7:30p
- Thursday** — Joyful Tooters: 7p
— Men's Bible Study: 7p
— Praise Band: 7:30p
- Saturday** — Faith of Our Founders Breakfast: 9a
- Next Sunday** — 20th Sunday after PENTECOST
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Ed: 9:15a
— Lutheran Confessions Class: 6p
— Sexual Integrity: 6p

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

ACOLYTE TRAINING — Today at noon. All Jr. High students need to attend.

BLESSING OF THE PETS!!! — In Celebration of St. Francis of Assisi the Jr/Sr High are hosting "Blessing of the Pets" today at 2:00 p.m. The students will care for your pet by providing water or a bath if needed! All pets welcome! For their safety please be sure to have them on a leash or in a carrier.

FDIC MEETING — Monday, October 4th at 6:30p.m.

SOCIAL MINISTRY MEETING — Thursday, October 14th at 6:30p.m. Everyone is welcome!

HELPING HANDS — will be closed on Thursday, October 7th due to the paving of their driveway. Volunteers who work on Thursdays do not need to come in on that date.

BREAKFAST & PRESENTATION! — Join Joyful Women for breakfast and guest speaker presenting "Faith of Our Founders" on Oct. 9th at 9 a.m. For food purposes please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please also indicate if you are willing to prepare food.

TOWN HALL MEETING — A meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 17th at noon. This meeting is for the congregation to review and give feedback on the 2011 Spending Guide.

JOIN US FOR JOYFEST!!! — Sunday, October 17th 1-5 p.m. It's the Pitts Cookers will provide BBQ for this event. Cake Walk with Desserts and Cakes provided by the congregation. Lots of fun, games & fellowship! Contact Kathy Gann if you would like to join in on the planning for this event.

"THE BEST GOLF TOURNAMENT EVER" — Benefiting Krause Children's Center on Monday, October 18th at The Club at Falcon Point. For more info contact Diane Covert at 713-557-3802 or diane.covert@lss.org.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Men's Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 7 p.m. The discussion is on the Book of Judges. Warning! Adult Situations and Content All men are welcome.

EMAIL ADDRESSES — Information/announcements are frequently sent through email to disciples, if you have not been receiving emails & would like information sent to you, please send email information to the church office to keep up on the latest news! If you would like to be taken off the email notifications, let us know by emailing office@joyrichmond.org.

GREETING CARDS ARE NEEDED — for the nursing homes. Any type of cards, new or used are needed for Birthdays, Christmas, Get Well, etc. There will be a box in the Narthex.

DO YOU HAVE AN OLD HAT? — Joyce Hopkins is looking for old hats to be donated for a project at the nursing homes. Please place the hats in the magazine basket for her to pick up.

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 Program.

PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING GROUP — Meets on Friday at 10 a.m. at Mugz Coffee Shop.

SHADE TREE MINISTRY — is in great need of rice and beans. Other items needed include men's work gloves and shoes.

GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM — Did you know that a percentage of your Randall's bill can go to Joy? Designate Joy as your charity. For info or PDF form, www.randalls.com/IFL/Grocery/Good-Neighbor. There are also forms in the Narthex.

BIRTHDAYS — 10/3 Darin Mielke; 10/5 Chuck Canterbury & Michelle Mayo; 10/6 Melissa Mikeska & Alice Lynch; 10/8 Jessica Christ & Ashley Hong

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 Hahn, 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; Bp. Bazellel Hernandez

Serving Jesus Today

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	Celebration of Jessica Christ's Birthday	
Altar Guild	C. Bolner/M. Mikeska/M. Peveto/P. Shipp	
Ushers	D. Boenig & A. Lowe	Larry & Melissa Mikeska
Acolyte	Courtney Kelley	Sarah Hong
Liturgist	Fred Kunzler	Dan Strode
Lector	Bob Tesch	Sandy Wohler
Cantor	Fred Kunzler	
Child Sermon	Laura Parnell	Tracy Posey
Communion	Becky Geary/Betty McDow/Joyce Hopkins	
Audio	B. Horstman	James Goates
Video	B. Horstman	Amy Cabato
Counters	Tammy Soward/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	C. Bolner/M. Mikeska/M. Peveto/P. Shipp	
Ushers	Bob & June Tesch	Dan & Kathy Strode
Acolyte	Courtney Kelley	Sarah Hong
Liturgist	Bill Bray	Chuck Canterbury
Lector	Tammy Soward	Shena Timberlake
Cantor	Bill Bray	
Child Sermon	Jerry Daniels	Kathy Strode
Communion	Paula Curry/Shirley Morris/Kathy Strode	
Audio	B. Horstman	K. Loewe
Video	B. Horstman	M. Mikeska
Counters	Fred Kunzler/Bob Jahn	

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Our Daily Joy!

Thy Kingdom Come . . . Kingdom Agenda – Week of October 3, 2010

Monday, October 4

A New Thing - Isaiah 65:17-19; Revelation 21:1-5

God is doing a new thing; a new heaven and a new earth. The prophet says we won't even be able to remember what life was like before when this new thing is complete. Notice the key words: new, glad, rejoice, joy and delight. This is what God is up to, bringing the Kingdom among us. The Creator is still creating. What new thing is God creating in your life today? Ask God to open your eyes and ears more fully so you can see and hear what God is up to today.

Tuesday, October 5

A Lot to Do - Isaiah 65:20-23; Romans 12:1-8

Notice the action words in this prophecy: build, inhabit plant, eat, enjoy, labor, bear, and bless. God is doing a new thing, and there's a lot to be done. Isaiah dreams of a time when good news would come to the poor, the prisoners, the blind, the oppressed, and the indebted; not five hundred years in the future, but today, now! As residents of the Kingdom we start today. If the gospel is going to be good news, it needs to be good news for everyone. Where can you be at work in the Kingdom right now? What are you building or planting that really makes a difference? Ask God to direct you to the specific people and places where you can make a difference today.

Wednesday, October 6

Enemies Together - Isaiah 65:24-25; Romans 12:14-21

Here is a beautiful picture of enemies coming together: a wolf and a lamb eating from the same food. We know that, in real life, this just doesn't happen. But this is the picture the prophet paints of the new thing God is creating. Reconciliation is the act of bringing together enemies, things which are opposed to one another. Reconciliation is what happens when hostility ends and love replaces it. Humankind and Christ have been reconciled, brought together. This is something only God can do, and it is accomplished through the cross. Are there people in your life who are enemies? Can you play a part in helping to reconcile those relationships? In your prayers today, ask God to direct you to people who need reconciliation.

Thursday, October 7

The Cross is the Starting Point - Corinthians 5:16-19; Ephesians 2:14-22

Paul begins this passage with the phrase "from now on..." This is a line in the sand for Paul, and is ultimately rooted in the cross of Christ. It could refer to his own experience of renovation through Christ, and/or Christ's death and resurrection. We just can't forget that whatever kind of reconciliation, redemption and restoration takes place, it is accomplished only because of what Jesus accomplished on the cross. The cross is the core and starting point of all of this. It follows that those who are joined to Christ, through his death on the cross and his resurrection, are new creations. Today, carry a cross with you. Make the sign of the cross on your forehead and have it lead you through the day. In your prayers, ask God to make you more fully aware of what Christ did for you on the cross.

Friday, October 8

The Ministry of Reconciliation - 2 Corinthians 5:20-21; Matthew 5:22-26

But it doesn't end there; we have been given the ministry of reconciliation, in which we partner with God to bring about the redemption and restoration of all things. This is indicated in verse 20, where Paul calls us to be ambassadors for Christ. The term ambassador had nearly the same meaning in Paul's day as it does in ours. We represent the one in whose name we proclaim the good news. How will you represent Christ today? How will this ministry be yours as you live your life today? In your prayers, ask God to make you a minister and an ambassador today.

Saturday, October 9

Not on Our Own - 2 Corinthians 5:20-21 again; Jeremiah 31:1-4

The phrase in verse 20 is somewhat problematic. Paul implores or entreats people to be reconciled to God. Paul is not begging people to "get right with God," as if this is something that we can accomplish on our own. As soon as we make this reconciliation, redeeming and restoration something that we accomplish, we've broken the image. The phrase that Paul uses here: "we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God ..." is an exhortation to live into what God is up to in the Kingdom: reconciliation, redemption and restoration. This happens by God's grace, by the Spirit's power, by the reality of what God has already accomplished through Christ. Today, how can you more fully live into the reality of what God has already accomplished for you? In your prayers, thank God for accomplishing all that we could not accomplish on our own.

Sunday, October 10

The Kingdom - Mark 1:15; Psalm 145:1-13

Jesus is proclaiming what he calls the gospel, or good news. By Jesus' own definition, this is it: "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." The good news is that the Kingdom of God is here, now, close, within reach, available, nearby, at hand. The Kingdom is not what God might be bringing decades from now, but it is at hand. How do we help the poor and downtrodden today? How do we stop oppression and injustice today? How might we heal the planet today? In your prayers, ask God to show you specific ways to respond to each of those three questions today.