

# 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 November 1, 2009

CONGREGATIONAL WEBSITE — [www.joyrichmond.org](http://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** — **ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY**  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Christian Education: 9:15a  
— Joy 101-8: 6p
- Monday** — FDIC Meeting: 6:30p  
— JW Bible Study: 7p  
— Joyful Tooters: 7p  
— Joy Choir: 7:30p
- Tuesday** — JW Bible Study: 10:30a  
— Joy 201-10: 7p
- Wednesday** — Pericope Study: 9:30a  
— Confirmation: 6:30p
- Thursday** — PB@J: 7:30p  
— Men's Bible Study: 7:30p
- Fri-Sun** — Fall Family Retreat @ Lutherhill
- Next Sunday** — **PENTECOST 23**  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Christian Education: 9:15a  
— Joy 101-9: 6p

***—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!***

### **Ministry Opportunities**

**ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY** — is today as we remember those who have been called from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant during the past year.

**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. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**FALL FAMILY RETREAT** — at Lutherhill on Nov. 6-8<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.lutherhill.org) or by calling 1-888-266-4613.

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

**CONGREGATIONAL TOWNHALL MEETING** — is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at noon. We will review and discuss the working draft of our 2010 Spending Guide. Included in our discussion will be a possible motion concerning alternative synodical affiliation and benevolence distribution. This tentative resolution will bring action to our discussions regarding the decisions made at the CWA of the ELCA in August. It will be an important time to gather as the people of Joy. Please make every effort to be present.

**WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE** — A two-day non-denominational event for Christian women at Toyota Center on Nov. 13-14<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$79. Talk to June Tesch or Tracy Posey for personal experiences or go [www.womenoffaith.com](http://www.womenoffaith.com) for more info and sign up.

**TASTE OF SUGAR LAND** — 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival benefiting Fort Bend Family Promise on Sunday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at Marriott Town Square, Tickets are \$25.

**COLLEGE-AGED YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY** — All parents of college aged young adults are asked to bring 25 like items to Joy by Sunday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Other disciples of Joy may participate! These items will be put in care/study boxes. On Tuesday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. we'll pack up the boxes to be mailed in December. Please place items in the fellowship hall in the box labeled "college aged adults".

**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.

**SAVE THE DATE!** — For the Annual Congregational Meeting, Part 1 on Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at noon. During this meeting we will elect four disciples to serve open council seats as well as determine Nominating Committee and Audit Teams for 2010. We will also act on the Ministry Spending Guide for 2010. Your prayers and participation are needed.

**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!

**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** — 11/1 June Tesch; 11/4 Chance Geary; 11/5 Dave Denton & Brenda Goates; 11/7 Gail Frankevich & Ewald Lopata

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

### Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	In celebration of the Meyer's Anniversary	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	D. Bray/K & W Faucett/B. Marvin/B. McDow	
<b>Ushers</b>	D. Bpenig & R. Godwin	M. Budd & K. Curry
<b>Acolyte</b>	Kelsey White	Rhianna Schwartz
<b>Liturgist</b>	Cari White	John Garrou
<b>Lector</b>	Tammy Soward	Shena Timberlake
<b>Cantor</b>	Darin Mielke	
<b>Child Sermon</b>	June Tesch	Tracy Posey
<b>Communion</b>	Hazel Peska/Kathy Strode/Marilyn Blaschke	
<b>Audio</b>	B & A Walquist	Aspen Timberlake
<b>Counters</b>	Bob Jahn/Bill Peska	

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# Our Daily Joy!

## QUESTIONS OF FAITH: Wise or Foolish? — Week of November 1, 2009

### Monday, November 2

#### 1 Corinthians 7:1-24

Corinth, a large and prosperous city, was rife with corruption, idolatry, and immorality. The believers there needed counsel as they learned to live as followers of Jesus in a decadent culture; Paul addresses their concerns. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 and 7:1-24. Paul teaches that commitment to Jesus must be each person's greatest passion and highest priority, so he uplifts the virtue of singleness, but he also speaks about the sacredness of marriage, of divorce, and of living out our faith in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. Do we ever miss opportunities to serve Jesus because we focus on 'when?' or 'what if?' instead of on Jesus? Pray you will live for Jesus today.

### Tuesday, November 3

#### 1 Corinthians 7:25-40

In today's reading, Paul continues his discussion about how we are to honor the Lord in our present circumstances. He believes that the Lord's return is imminent; as you read 1 Corinthians 7:25-40, notice how this affects Paul's perspective on marriage. The fact that Jesus has tarried does not affect the truth that we must live in anticipation of Jesus' return (2 Peter 3:8-14). Do you sense Paul's passion for the gospel and his urgency in sharing the good news of Jesus? We witness with our words and our lives. Do our passions reflect our heart for the Lord? Pray.

### Wednesday, November 4

#### 1 Corinthians 8

What is your greatest passion: to reflect Jesus to others or to fulfill your own desires? This question is at the heart of Paul's message in today's text. Read 1 Corinthians 8 and 1 Peter 2:12-16. Both Paul and Peter uphold the importance of believers living in ways that point others to Jesus (also see Matthew 5:16). We do so, not to earn salvation, but because our hearts are filled with gratitude and love for the Lord. Reflect on some behaviors in our generation that are not forbidden in Scripture, but which could diminish the witness of our lives and cause others to stumble. Ponder Christian freedom and responsibility. Pray you will live to point others to Jesus and glorify God.

### Thursday, November 5

#### 1 Corinthians 9

Paul addresses questions about his authority in 1 Corinthians 9. Read 9:1-18, noting how Paul uses the example of his life as a testimony to his God-given authority. Paul is obviously not using the gospel for personal gain, and the faith of the Corinthians attests to the power of the gospel in his life and in theirs. Paul's self-sacrificial passion should prompt us to ask ourselves what we are willing to set aside so that others will know Jesus. Now read 9:19-27. Do you sense Paul's fervent desire that others will come to faith? What does his life teach us about Christian liberty and responsibility? Paul, though free in Christ, has made himself a slave of all (9:19), and he runs the race (9:24-27), not to earn salvation, but to live out his calling. Read Ephesians 2:8-10 and Hebrews 12:1-2a. Pray.

### Friday, November 6

#### 1 Corinthians 10

Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; and 2 Peter 1:19-21. Israel's history, and all of Scripture, can instruct, warn, and edify us in our faith journeys. What were some of Israel's failures (sins) according to Paul (10:1-13)? Are these sins against which we, too, need to guard ourselves? As you read 1 Corinthians 10:14-22, notice Paul's words about the Lord's Supper, but also notice what Paul is saying about dancing on the fence — trying to live both for self (of the world) and for the Lord. Reflect back to our Day 3 discussion as you read 10:23-33. Ponder all this in light of Paul's words in 10:24,31,33. Pray you will live to bless others and glorify God.

### Saturday, November 7

#### 1 Corinthians 11

In 1 Corinthians 11, Paul speaks of customs and traditions (11:16), some of which we no longer embrace, but we do cling to the heart of his teaching (11:11-12). Read the chapter, remembering that Paul speaks to believers living in a decadent culture; within the church, there must be respect and the exercise of Christian responsibility, not just Christian liberty. Paul also addresses abuses of the Lord's Supper. Do we also sometimes abuse the Lord's Supper, perhaps coming to the table casually or with a hard heart, forgetting the high cost of our salvation? Pray.

### Sunday, November 8

#### Psalms 90

Psalms 90 is attributed to Moses. The treasured message of this Psalm is more than 3,500 years old, yet it still speaks to us today. Read it slowly, prayerfully, savoring and meditating upon it. Did you hear the truth about sin (God hates sin; we all are sinners)? The fragility of our temporal lives; the reality that life is not only short, but also difficult; the call to live wisely; and the overriding message of God's eternal, sovereign nature and unfailing love? How can we sing for joy and be glad all our days (90:14) when life is difficult? Read Jesus' and Paul's words in John 15:9-11, 16:33 and Philippians 4:4-7. Use Moses' words from Psalm 90:1-2 to begin your time of prayer.