

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 15, 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 24**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— Townhall Meeting: Noon
— Joy 101-10: 6p
- Monday** — JW Bible Study: 7p
— Joyful Tooters: 7p
— Joy Choir: 7:30p
- Tuesday** — JW Bible Study: 10:30a
— Joy 201-12: 7p
- Wednesday** — Pericope Study: 9:30a
— Confirmation: 6p
- Thursday** — PB@J: 7:30p
— Men's Bible Study: 7:30p
- Next Sunday** — **CHRIST THE KING**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— Joy 101-11: 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)

CONGREGATIONAL TOWNHALL MEETING — **Today** 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.

BEARS, BLANKETS & BOOKS — Social Ministry will be collecting new or gently used Bears, Blankets and Books for the annual "A Cozy Little Christmas" gift drive sponsored by Fort Bend Family Health Center. Please place items in the bin in the Narthex during the month of November.

COLLEGE-AGED YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY — All parents of college aged young adults are asked to bring 25 like items to Joy by Sunday, Nov. 15th. Other disciples of Joy may participate! These items will be put in care/study boxes. On Tuesday, Nov. 17th 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".

FAMILY ADVENT EVENT — Families will meet in the Sanctuary on Nov. 29th for a special Advent opening. Families and disciples are then invited to go to SS classrooms for a special Chrismon Craft: An ornament designed by Martha Willis for our Christmass Tree. Sign up in the classroom during the next 3 weeks to help us have the correct number of kits. Families will also receive the Advent Home Devotional to take home along with their Chrismon. All disciples of Joy are invited to join us for this event! Kits can be purchased if you are not able to be there.

FAMILY ADVENT DEVOTIONAL — Families will receive their Advent Home Devotional to take home and use during Advent on Sunday, Nov. 29th. Copies will also be available in the Narthex.

SAVE THE DATE! — For the Annual Congregational Meeting, Part 1 on Sunday, Dec. 6th 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.

NEEDED: MEMBERS OF JOY SEEKING TO SERVE CHILDREN OF GOD — Share a children's message with the children of Joy to help them better understand the biblical lessons. Materials & message provided. Time commitment is 5-10 minutes per month during Sunday worship service and about 15 minutes prep time at home. Those interested should contact Laura Parnell or the church office at 281-762-3310.

LIBRARY NEWS — The library is open for all disciples of Joy to enjoy! There are many books available on marriage, parenting, etc. Please feel free to check it out anytime.

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 — 11/15 Hazel Leith; 11/17 Carol Gaas

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 celebration of Eric Lieke's Birthday	
Altar Guild	D. Bray/K & W Faucett/B. Marvin/B. McDow	
Ushers	Cliff & Shelly Halvorsen	Chuck & Kyle Canterbury
Acolyte	Emma Gaas	Hayden Posey
Liturgist	Emily Sattler	Dan Strode
Lector	Martha Willis	Parke Wyant
Cantor	Emily Sattler	
Child Sermon	Laura Parnell	Kathy Strode
Communion	Shirley Morris/Paula Curry/Lori Hamner	
Audio	Beth Horstman	
Counters	Kathy Gann/Allen Schoppe	

Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	In celebration of James Goates Family Birthdays	
Altar Guild	D. Bray/K & W Faucett/B. Marvin/B. McDow	
Ushers	Jim & Cari White	Greg & Irene Carleton
Acolyte	Joshua John	Abby Timberlake
Liturgist	Dan Strode	Corinne Light
Lector	Bob Tesch	Sandy Wohlert
Cantor	Dan Strode	
Child Sermon	Jerry Daniels	Tracy Posey
Communion	Betty Christ/Becky Geary/Larry Mikeska	
Audio	Beth Horstman	James Goates
Counters	Tammy Soward/Melissa Mikeska	

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Our Daily Joy!

QUESTIONS OF FAITH: Ordinary or Extraordinary – Week of November 15, 2009

Monday, November 16

1 Corinthians 16

Read 1 Corinthians 15:58 – 16:4. The church in Jerusalem was suffering; the people were poor, and there was a famine. Paul encouraged the Corinthian believers to help provide for the Jerusalem believers. How do you provide for the needs of believers beyond your congregation? Talk to the Lord about what this might mean for you. Now read 1 Corinthians 16:5-24. Paul wants to visit the Corinthians. Ponder the final words of 16:7 with James 4:15. What do they teach us about our plans and God's purposes? Did you notice all the references to the mutual encouragement/edification among believers in 16:5-24? Use 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 to guide your prayer.

Tuesday, November 17

2 Corinthians 1

Does being a Christian mean our lives will be easy? Did Paul live a life of ease? Read 2 Corinthians 2:1-11. How does the Lord use the difficult things in our lives to bless others? On whom does hardship teach us to rely (1:9)? Notice what Paul says about the power of prayer. Who is blessed and who is glorified when people pray? Is one who prays blessed along with the ones for whom he/she prays? Read 1 Corinthians 16:5-7 with 2 Corinthians 1:12-24. How does Paul respond when his plans do not go as intended? Read 2 Corinthians 1:20-22 again. Meditate on these glorious promises and assurances. Spend time worshiping our amazing and holy God.

Wednesday, November 18

2 Corinthians 2

Paul cares more about the Corinthians' walk with the Lord than about telling them what they want to hear. In 2 Corinthians 2:4, he expresses the motivation for his honest and painful words to them. As you read 2 Corinthians 2:1-11, notice that the goal of correction is always restoration. In 2:12-16, what word picture does Paul use to help us understand how the message of the Gospel (the spoken message and the witness of believers' lives) is perceived by others? Pray that the Spirit will make your words and life a sweet aroma that will draw others to Jesus.

Thursday, November 19

2 Corinthians 3

Reflect again on 2 Corinthians 2:14-17, and Paul's description of believers as a sweet aroma that attracts others to Jesus. What is the image in 2 Corinthians 3:1-3? What do people read when they are exposed to the "letter that is your life?" But, lest we boast or despair, Paul (in 3:4-6) quickly reminds us that it is the Spirit who works in us to give us our competence, or sweet aroma. Now read 3:7-18, noting the repeated use of the word "glory." The Law (Old Covenant) creates an awareness of our sin; Jesus (New Covenant) redeems us from bondage to sin and death. Read 3:17-18 again. Pray Edwin Hatch's lyrics, "Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew..."

Friday, November 20

2 Corinthians 4

Read 2 Corinthians 3:18. Ponder this with Edwin Hatch's lyrics, "Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine, till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine." Now read chapter 4, meditating on each precious thought. What is the Spirit saying to you? How do Paul's words about triumph amidst struggles echo Jesus' words in John 16:33? Also compare 4:17-18 with Romans 8:24-25. Hold all this in your heart as you tell the Lord that you want the Spirit to transform you and shine in and through you (3:18; 4:6-7). Yield your life to Jesus.

Saturday, November 21

2 Corinthians 5

Read 2 Corinthians 4:16 – 5:10. How often do we live as though this earth is home, hoping, praying and striving toward the goal that our lives here will fulfill our deepest dreams and desires? What does Paul tell us? Notice Paul's picture of real life (5:4). How do verses 1-8 encourage us when we face our own mortality, or the death of someone we love? Is your life goal to please Jesus (5:9)? Now read 5:11-21. Are you reconciled to God, an ambassador for Christ, and exalting Jesus (not self) because Jesus is your righteousness (5:21)? Consider reading 2 Corinthians 4:16 – 5:21 again, and spend time talking to Jesus about what he has taught you in this passage.

Sunday, November 22

Psalms 44

God is the strength of his people. Jesus and Paul testify to this (2 Corinthians 12:9-10); the Psalmist affirms it (Psalm 44:1-3, 6-7); and the Lord declares it (Zechariah 4:6). God, who is our strength, is King. The church has designated today as Christ the King Sunday. Read Psalm 44; 1 Timothy 1:17 and 6:15; and Revelation 11:15, 15:3, 17:14, and 19:16. Pray about how you will respond to our Lord as King. In Psalm 44:9-26, we hear the Psalmist's cry. God seems silent in the midst of his people's suffering, and yet the last words of the Psalm attest to God's steadfast love. What has our Lord and King promised and proclaimed in John 16:33?