

# 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 8, 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** — PENTECOST 23  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Christian Education: 9:15a  
— Joy 101-9: 6p

**Monday** — LaCocina: 6:30p  
— Church Council: 7:30p  
— JW Bible Study: 7p  
— Joyful Tooters: 7p  
— Joy Choir: 7:30p

**Tuesday** — JW Bible Study: 10:30a  
— Joy 201-11: 7p

**Wednesday** — Pericope Study: 9:30a

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

**Saturday** — Church Work Day: 9a-12p

**Next Sunday** — PENTECOST 24  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Christian Education: 9:15a  
— Joy 101-10: 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)

**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.

**CHURCH WORK DAY** — we need your help to complete projects around the church. Join us on Sat. Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to noon. For more info contact Bill Barr.

**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.

**"A COZY LITTLE CHRISTMAS"** — Social Ministry will be collecting new or gently used Bears, Blankets and Books for the annual 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. 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".

**FAMILY ADVENT EVENT** — Families will meet in the Sanctuary on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**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** — 11/9 Mike Gann; 11/11 Judy Ronning; 11/14 Eric Lieke

## 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 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	

### Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	In celebration of the Eric Lieke's Birthday	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	D. Bray/K & W Faucett/B. Marvin/B. McDow	
<b>Ushers</b>	Cliff & Shelly Halvorsen	Chuck & Kyle Canterbury
<b>Acolyte</b>	Emma Gaas	Sarah Hong
<b>Liturgist</b>	Emily Sattler	Dan Strode
<b>Lector</b>	Martha Willis	Parke Wyant
<b>Cantor</b>	Emily Sattler	
<b>Child Sermon</b>	Laura Parnell	Kathy Strode
<b>Communion</b>	Shirley Morris/Paula Curry/Lori Hamner	
<b>Audio</b>	Beth Horstman	
<b>Counters</b>	Kathy Gann/Allen Schoppe	

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# Our Daily Joy!

## QUESTIONS OF FAITH: Free or Bound? — Week of November 8, 2009

### Monday, November 9

#### 1 Corinthians 12

Moses realized his inadequacy, so did Gideon, and so do we. But we have the same promise that the Lord gave to these men millennia ago: the Lord is with us; we go forth in God's power and for God's glory. Read Exodus 3:9-12a; Judges 6:15-16a; Matthew 28:19-20; and 1 Peter 4:10-11. Hold these words in your heart as you prayerfully read 1 Corinthians 12. What is the Lord saying to you, today, in these words? Read 1 Corinthians 12:7 again; do you believe this applies to you? Ponder both the unity and the diversity of the body (12:12-27). Meditate on 12:7,25-27. Pray you will embrace your spiritual gift(s) and use them to bless others and glorify God.

### Tuesday, November 10

#### 1 Corinthians 13

Some of the Corinthians were forgetting the source and purpose of their spiritual gifts. Read 1 Corinthians 12:7 and 1 Peter 4:10-11. Is there even the slightest hint that spiritual gifts are about us, our worth, our honor, or our pride? Spiritual gifts are intended to build up the body and bring glory to God. Paul speaks to this with powerful and poignant word pictures in 1 Corinthians 13. Read the chapter, preferably slowly and aloud. Often we think of love as an emotion or sentiment, and it is, but above all, it is a reflection of Jesus' ineffable kindness, commitment, compassion, and self-sacrifice on our behalf, and we are to reflect that love to others. Pray.

### Wednesday, November 11

#### 1 Corinthians 14:1-19

Do we, in the church, ever become proud of our gifts and ministries, forgetting that they are meant for the common good of the body? So it was with the Corinthians. They sought and then gave high honor to the more sensational spiritual gifts, gifts that have the potential of directing attention to those manifesting the gifts rather than to the Lord. While affirming the value of all gifts of the Spirit, Paul reminds the Corinthians, and us, of the importance of gifts that build up the body by proclamation of the Word. Read 1 Corinthians 14:1-19. Pray.

### Thursday, November 12

#### 1 Corinthians 14:20-40

Read 1 Corinthians 12:7, 25-27; 14:1, 12, 20-40; Ephesians 4:11-16; and 1 Peter 4:10-11. Reread Ephesians 4:11-16. Do you hear, repeatedly, the message that the Lord's desire for the church is spiritual maturity, unity, and love? Ponder the effect of maturity, unity, and love within the body as you read John 17:20-23. This helps us understand Paul's message in 1 Corinthians 14:20-40, where he continues to speak of the proper use of tongues and of the great value of proclaiming God's truth for the instruction and encouragement of the people. And all must be orderly [women apparently could pray and prophesy – 11:5a, but order and respect were vital]. Pray.

### Friday, November 13

#### 1 Corinthians 15:1-28

Do we ever major in the minors? Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-28 and notice what Paul says is of utmost importance; what is at the center of the gospel? Did you notice the repetition of the phrase, "in accordance with the Scriptures" (15:3-4)? Jesus' death and resurrection were part of God's eternal plan (Acts 2:23-24). This is foundational truth! Believers around the world proclaim, "Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again." According to Jesus (John 11:25-26; 14:19) and Paul (1 Corinthians 15), Jesus' resurrection makes all the difference. Why? How are we to live in light of this glorious, good news and blessed assurance (15:58)? Pray.

### Saturday, November 14

#### 1 Corinthians 15:29-58

Greeks believed in an immortal soul, but they did not believe in the resurrection of the body, so Paul must instruct the Corinthians. Today's text is 1 Corinthians 15:29-58, but please read 15:12-58. Did you notice, in 15:16-17, 54-58, that Jesus' resurrection authenticates his finished work on the cross? Our sins are forgiven! Read 15:12-58 once again, savoring the wonder of God's love and grace. Allow Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 2:9; 13:12 and C. Gellert's lyrics, "Jesus lives, and death is now but my entrance into glory," to move your heart to worship.

### Sunday, November 15

#### Psalm 16

If possible, read Psalm 16 in several translations. David begins with a prayer for protection; he affirms his trust in God, recognizing that everything good comes from the Lord (also see James 1:17). Next David reflects on the delight of people who honor the Lord as opposed to those who seek after other gods. He speaks of his God-given destiny and of the Lord who is his guide. Because of God's loving-kindness, David rejoices. Finally, he reflects not just on the temporal but on the eternal. Verse 10 is Messianic (see Acts 2:31; 13:35-37). And David knows that God, who has been faithful in the past, is faithful today, and can be trusted to be faithful forever. Pray.