

# 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 Toolkit for February 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; **Rachel Divin** — Secretary; Beth Horstman — Treasurer; Dave Willis — Financial Secretary

#### LEADERSHIP TEAM

**Bill Barr** — Property; **Rachel Divin** — JoyLife; **Doris Goates** — Worship & Music; **Tracy Posey** — Youth & Family Ministry; **Laura Cabato** — Social Ministry; **Becky Ohm** — Stewardship; **Jeanette Richards** — Communication; **John Garrou** — Evangelism

#### MINISTRY LEADERS

**June Tesch** — Joyful Women; **Tracy Posey** — Coordinator FDIC; **Jason & Jeni Morrison** — Jr. High; **Shena Timberlake** — Sr. High; **Beth Horstman** — NCD Health Team; **Mike Gann** — Growing in Joy

#### 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** — **EPIPHANY 4**  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Christian Education: 9:15a  
— Sr. High Coffeehouse: 9:15a  
— Jr. High Chill & Spill: 9:15a
- Monday** — FDIC Meeting: 6:30p  
— Joyful Tooters: 7p  
— Joy Choir: 7:30p
- Tuesday** — JW Bible Study: 10a & 7p  
— Council Study: 8p
- Wednesday** — Text Study: 9:30a  
— Confirmation: 6p  
— Size Transition: 7:30p
- Thursday** — Men's Bible Study: 7p  
— Worship Team: 7:30p
- Fri-Sun** — God & Golf @ Lutherhill
- Thursday** — Musicians Network Seminar: 9a
- Next Sunday** — **EPIPHANY 5**  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Christian Education: 9:15a

***—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!***

## **Ministry Opportunities**

**THE FUTURE CONTINUES TODAY** — in Adult Class. Today's session will be recorded and presented Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Pr. Tim is undergoing an outpatient surgical procedure Wednesday afternoon.

**COPIER CODES** — Due to frequent repairs and help in controlling the cost of copies & paper, we will now issue user codes for each ministry to access the copy machine. The code for your ministry will be issued only after you have been trained on proper use of the machine. Please contact Terri for training & code.

**LIBRARY NEWS** — Our Library will soon be open for checking out books. If anyone has any books they would like to contribute to the library please bring them in as soon as possible. Thanks!

**JOYFUL WOMEN BIBLE STUDY** — Began January 13<sup>th</sup> thru April 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. Study guides are \$9 and provide weekly lessons to complete. Contact for more info or questions June Tesch.

**GOD & GOLF RETREAT** — at Lutherhill, Feb. 6-8<sup>th</sup>. Come play two rounds of golf at the area's best courses. Enjoy weekend devotions and worship led by Lutherhill staff and Bible study with Rev. Pete Steinke. Take a weekend to play, learn and laugh. Register online at [www.lutherhill.org](http://www.lutherhill.org) or call Lutherhill at 979-249-3232.

**WATER TO THRIVE** — Jr. High is continuing to collect money for Water to Thrive in the well in the Narthex.

**LUTHERAN MUSICIANS NETWORK SEMINAR** — presents Evangelical Lutheran Worship: It's More than You May Imagine! Come for a day of worship and delving deeper into the shaping of liturgies and music in ELW - for EVERYONE! Hosanna Lutheran Church, 16526 Ella Blvd., Houston. Call for reservations 281-444-6890. Cost is \$10 includes refreshments & lunch. Bring your Bible and ELW if you want to mark your own copies.

**TRI-SYNOD MEN'S GATHERING** — at Triumphant Love LC in Austin, Tx Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. The theme is "Log On. Connect & Serve—God's Work. Our Hands". Newest post on <http://gulfcoastmen.blogspot.com/>. The goal is to have at least 2-3 men from each congregation attend.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** — Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> - Worship services at 6 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. Lenten Worship services every Wednesday beginning March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES** — will begin Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at noon. Is your child ready to commune? That's up to you as parent! Call the Church office to sign up, or Pr. Tim for questions/discussion.

**LADIES RETREAT** — Indulge yourself in a weekend of relaxation and rejuvenation amidst the natural beauty of Lutherhill on March 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>. For more info and registration go to [www.lutherhill.org](http://www.lutherhill.org).

**FAITHFUL FUN FOR ADULTS** — Via de Cristo. Need a break to get out of the craziness of life and spend some fun and relaxing time growing in relationship with God? Come to Camp Lutherhill for Via de Cristo. Men's weekend - April 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, Women's weekend - April 30<sup>th</sup> - May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Contact Pr. Christ, Pr. Kastner, Becky Ohm or Jeanette & Milton Richards if you have questions.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SNACKS** — are a continual need. Please bring individual juice boxes, individual packages of teddy grahams, cheese nips, goldfish, fruit snacks, pretzels, Ritz Bitz, etc. (Think as low sugar as possible!) Please place them in the green tub in the kitchen. Thank you for your support of our SS teachers and students!

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — Thursday evenings, 7:30 - 9 p.m. at Joy.

**THE PASSION PLAY @ OBERAMMERGAU** — Joy is planning a Lutherland tour with attendance at this once every decade event in June 2010. There is still time to sign up. If interested, check out the brochures available in the Foyer.

**BIRTHDAYS** — 2/1 Dorothy Soward & Shena Timberlake; 2/3 Megan Budd, Shirley Morris & Jason Morrison; 2/4 Nik Kropf & Jeni Morrison; 2/5 Sean Pittard; 2/7 Tammy Canterbury & Mark Walquist

## 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. Herb Palmer

**Our Congregational Leaders:** especially our Pastor, staff, and Church Council members.

**Our Sister Congregation:** Iglesia Luterana de Cristo Rey in Reynosa, Mexico; Pr. Bazellel Hernandez

**Our Inter-Lutheran Ministry Partners:** St. Paul's, Rosenberg; Interim, Peace, Rosenberg; Pr. Norm Albertson.

### Serving Jesus Today

|                      | <u>8:00 a.m.</u>                            | <u>10:30 a.m.</u>  |
|----------------------|---|--------------------|
| <b>Altar Flowers</b> | Celebration of Stephanie Wohlert's Birthday |                    |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>   | D. Bray/K & W Faucett/B. Marvin/B. McDow    |                    |
| <b>Ushers</b>        | B. Horstman & A. Lowe                       | Mike & Kayla Posey |
| <b>Acolyte</b>       | Emma Gaas                                   | Megan Budd         |
| <b>Liturgist</b>     | Fred Kunzler                                | John Garrou        |
| <b>Lector</b>        | Ashley Stutes                               | Sandy Wohlert      |
| <b>Cantor</b>        | Fred Kunzler                                |                    |
| <b>Child Sermon</b>  | Chris Parnell                               | Kathy Strode       |
| <b>Communion</b>     | Jim & Pam Hill/Paula Curry                  |                    |
| <b>Audio</b>         | B&A Walquist                                | James Goates       |
| <b>Counters</b>      | Kim Hodenfield/Doris Signell                |                    |

### Serving Jesus Next Sunday

|                      | <u>8:00 a.m.</u>                                    | <u>10:30 a.m.</u>  |
|----------------------|---|--------------------|
| <b>Altar Flowers</b> | Celebration of Joshua & Nicholas Christ's Birthdays |                    |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>   | D. Bray/K & W Faucett/B. Marvin/B. McDow            |                    |
| <b>Ushers</b>        | Mike & Kathy Gann                                   | Jim & Pam Hill     |
| <b>Acolyte</b>       | Timmy Hamner  | Kristen Curry      |
| <b>Liturgist</b>     | Cari White  | Chuck Canterbury   |
| <b>Lector</b>        | Emily Sattler                                       | Dan Strode         |
| <b>Cantor</b>        | Darin Mielke  |                    |
| <b>Child Sermon</b>  | Jerry Daniels                                       | Tracy Posey        |
| <b>Communion</b>     | B. Horstman/J. Garrou/L. Mikeska                    |                    |
| <b>Audio</b>         | Beth Horstman                                       | Brianne Hodenfield |
| <b>Counters</b>      | Allen Schoppe/Melissa Mikeska                       |                    |

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# Our Daily Joy!

## Seasons of Discipleship...Worship – Week of February 1, 2009

### Monday, February 2

#### Worship

In our relationship with God, is there anything more basic and yet more profound than worship? Worship is recognizing God's worthiness. It is not contingent on blessings, circumstances, or our feelings; it is how we should respond to God because of who God is. It embraces thanksgiving and praise, but it is more. It includes our songs and liturgies, but it is broader and vaster, for it should be expressed in every action and breath of our lives. Read Psalm 34:1-8; Romans 12:1; Hebrews 13:15-16; and Revelation 4:8-11; 5:8-14. Ponder your response to God's ineffable worth. Quiet your heart; offer the Lord your life; worship the Lord!

### Tuesday, February 3

#### Reflect on the Sacrifice

In the chapters preceding our theme text, the writer of Hebrews speaks of Jesus' sacrifice. Read John 1:29; 3:16; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 8:9; and, if possible, Hebrews 9-10. Consider Tim Hughes' lyrics: "King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above, humbly You came to the earth You created; all for love's sake became poor...So here I am to worship; here I am to bow down..." (*2000 Thankyou Music*). The writer of Hebrews asks us to reflect on Jesus' sacrifice and then respond. What is to be our response (*Hebrews 13:15-16*)? Ask the Spirit for understanding about what this response might look like in your life. Worship Jesus.

### Wednesday, February 4

#### Dwelling in the Presence of the Lord!

Deuteronomy 33:27a (RSV) reads, "The eternal God is your dwelling place..." Is this a reality in your life? Hear the Psalmists' words: "Thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel" (*Psalm 22:3 KJV*); "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise" (*Psalm 100: 4 NKJV*) [note the movement into the Lord's presence]. Extol God's infinite worth as you read 1 Chronicles 16:4,23-36 [the Ark of the Covenant, the visible manifestation of God's presence, was brought to Jerusalem]; Psalm 34:1-8; and Hebrews 13:15. Meditate on these passages; allow the Lord's nearness to bless you as you honor him with your praise.

### Thursday, February 5

#### Worship the Lord in the Storms of Life

For most, it's easy to extol God's greatness when our hearts are filled with joy and we are feeling blessed. But do we also praise him amidst the storms of life? Consider our conversations and readings in Days 1-3; is either our need to praise God or God's worth dependent on circumstances? Read and ponder Psalm 89:14-17a; Habakkuk 3:17-18; Acts 16:22-25; and Hebrews 13:15. How might praise keep hope alive; how does it turn our eyes from circumstances to the Almighty God who loves us? Bernie Herms and Mark Hall sing, "And though my heart is torn, I will praise You in this storm" (*2005 Word Music*). The LORD is worthy; praise the Lord.

### Friday, February 6

#### With Your Lips and with Your Life

David says, "His praise will always be on my lips" (*Psalm 34:1 NIV*); the writer of Hebrews says, "Let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that confess his name (13:15). Then, in Hebrews 13:16, we read of another expression of our response to God's great love; what is it? The Hebrews writer speaks much of Jesus' sacrifice and then speaks of our response as sacrifice. We don't pay or repay Jesus; it's impossible to do so, but we do offer ourselves in response to his love. Read Romans 12:1. Reflect on Jesus' glorious, nail-pierced hands. Read Hebrews 13:15-16 again. Worship Jesus with your lips and with your life.

### Saturday, February 7

#### Jesus' Sacrifice and Our Response

Read Hebrews 13:15-16 and notice again what the writer says about our sacrifices of praise and ministry to others. Now carefully study Hebrews 9:26b-28 and 10:5-10, 14-24, noting Jesus' once-for-all sacrifice, the richness of our redemption, and the "therefore" which introduces the exhortation for us to respond. Do 1 Samuel 15:22; Psalm 51:17; Hosea 6:6; Matthew 9:13; and Romans 12:1 help us understand what it means to offer Jesus the sacrifices of praise and blessing others (*Hebrews 13:15-16*)? Pray that your lips and life will glorify Jesus.

### Sunday, February 8

#### Fix Your Eyes on the LORD

Read Psalm 34:1-8, noticing each reference to the Lord or to pronouns referring to the Lord. David extols the Lord for who he is and for what he does; read the text again, savoring each declaration of God's greatness and love. The heart of worship is fixing our eyes on and living our lives in response to God, for the Lord is worthy of our worship and praise. Read Hebrews 12:1-3 and 13:15-16. Ponder Matt Redman's lyrics: "I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about You, all about You, Jesus" (*1999 Thankyou Music*). Pray.