

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 February 14, 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.

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

COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS — Refreshments are available in the narthex 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 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).

This week of Joy to the World —

- Today** — **TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
- Monday** — **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
— Joyful Tooters: 7p
— Joy Choir: 7:30p
- Tuesday** — JW Bible Study: 10a & 7p
— Pericope Study: 9:30a
— Confirmation: 6p
- Wednesday** — **ASH WEDNESDAY**
— Ash Wednesday Services: 6a & 7:30p
- Thursday** — Church Chat: 7-9p
— Men's Bible Study: 7:30p
— Praise Band: 7:30p
- Next Sunday** — **LENT 1**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

CHURCH CHATS — Sign up for an evening discussion with Pastor Tim in a small group living room atmosphere on the ramifications of current ELCA Decisions. The signup sheet is in the Narthex. More dates will be added if you can't make any of those listed. For questions contact Kathy Gann or Pastor Tim.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES — Today is the deadline to order food for the month. If this is something you are interested in or want more info contact Laura. You can also access this online at www.angelfoodministries.com.

ASH WEDNESDAY — Feb. 17th - Worship services at 6 a.m. (short service for those going to work) & 7:30 p.m. Lenten Worship services beginning Feb. 24th at 7:30 p.m.

2010 LENTEN FUNDS — will be used to support the furnishing of 3 Boys bedrooms and 3 Girls bedrooms at the Parks Youth Ranch, a shelter for homeless youth in Fort Bend County. For more info, contact Laura Cabato.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES — will begin Sunday, Feb. 21st at noon. Is your child ready to commune? That's up to you as a parent! Call the Church office to sign up or Pr. Tim for questions/discussion.

"WALK ACROSS THE ROOM" — What if you knew that by taking ten steps across a room and saying hello could impact another person for his or her eternity? Would you walk? Set aside your Lenten Sunday evenings 6-7:30p beginning Feb. 21st to join your brothers and sisters at Joy as together, we learn to simply "Walk Across the Room"! Watch for signup sheet in the Narthex.

MID WEEK LENTEN VESPERS — Begins on Wed, Feb. 24th at 7:30 p.m. with a Soup Supper served at 6:30 p.m. A

signup sheet is now in the Narthex to bring your special and unique contribution to these fellowship meals. Along with the signup sheet are instructions for bringing soup or dessert.

"THE SHACK" RETREAT — at Lutherhill Fri, Feb. 26th thru Sun, Feb 28th. Set aside this weekend to come and share about the book "The Shack". Weekend will include presentations, plenty of time for discussion, guided imagery, worship and sharing. Cost is \$120 includes 2 nights lodging, 5 wonderful meals, snacks and programming. Register online at www.lutherhill.org.

WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT — at Lutherhill is on March 5-7th. Register now for a weekend of pampering and fellowship. Register online at www.lutherhill.org.

HELPING HANDS ANNUAL GALA — Sat. March 6th at Safari Texas. Will be a dinner and dance with live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$75 per person. Would be great to have a Joy Table! Contact Laura Cabato for more info or to sign up!

SOCIAL MINISTRIES — This will be a year of ministries so get your thinking caps on as to what you want to lead! There are so many things we can do worldwide! Watch for info on Joy's matching funds. Join us on the second Thursday of every month for our planning meetings. For more info contact Laura Cabato.

ANNUAL CROP WALK — at George Ranch is on April 17th! Be sure to mark your calendars. Watch for a signup sheet and sponsor sheets in the Narthex. Sponsor sheets should be available on Feb. 25th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SNACKS — are a continual need! Please bring individual juice boxes, packages of teddy grahams, cheese nips, fruit snacks, etc. (Think low sugar!) Please place them in the green tub in the kitchen.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. All men are invited! Contact Mike Meyer for additional information. Join us!

PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING GROUP — Meets at every Friday, 10 a.m. at Mugz Coffee Bar. If you are interested in knitting prayer shawls and/or lap robes for those in need, join us!

LOST AND FOUND — A table has been placed in the Narthex with items left at the church. Please check to see if any of your belongings are there. If items are not picked up they will be donated.

BIRTHDAYS — 2/7 Tammy Canterbury & Mark Walquist; 2/9 Cynthia Bolner; 2/10 Nicholas Christ, Megyn Schrey & Hannah Schwartz; 2/12 Barbara John; 2/16 Becky Geary; 2/18 Gracie Wyant; 2/19 Mike Ronning; 2/20 Sasha Senn

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	To the Glory of God	
Altar Guild	Bray/Faucetts/Marvin/McDow	
Ushers	Jim & Cari White	K. Curry & M. Budd
Acolyte	Joshua John	Trey Timberlake
Liturgist	Fred Kunzler	Bill Bray
Lector	Martha Willis	Dan Strode
Cantor	Fred Kunzler	
Child Sermon	Jerry Daniels	Kathy Strode
Communion	Kastner/Christ/ Peska	
Audio	Beth Horstman	Aspen Timberlake
Video	Beth Horstman	Amy Cabato/Melissa Mikeska
Counters	Bill Peska/Kathy Gann	

Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	Celebration of Brandi & Randi Goates' Birthday	
Altar Guild	Bray/Faucetts/Marvin/McDow	
Ushers	Jim & Cari White	P. Curry & S. Morris
Acolyte	Kelsey White	Brianna Wyant
Liturgist	Dan Strode	Susan Krabbe
Lector	June Tesch	Bob Jahn
Cantor	Dan Strode	
Child Sermon	June Tesch	Tracy Posey
Communion	Posey/ Garrou/ Bray	
Audio	Kevin Loewe	
Video	Beth Horstman	Amy Cabato/Melissa Mikeska
Counters	Bob Jahn/Melody Mielke	

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Our Daily Joy!

THE JESUS MOSAIC: Our Peace — Week of February 14, 2010

Monday, February 15

Romans 9

Ask God to reveal how he is speaking to you through these words. Paul feels great anguish for the unbelief of the Jewish people. How should the benefits in 4-5 have drawn them to Christ? In 10-13 and 25-26, we are reminded our sovereign God has worked out the perfect plan according to his purpose. How do the Old Testament references resolve the tension between the Jewish and Gentile Christians? How does God relate to us (15-16)? Which question from 6, 14, and 19 express your concern about God's plan? Where are you growing in your understanding of God's will for your life?

Tuesday, February 16

Romans 10

We are reminded that God does not intend for any person to be lost. God seeks salvation for all mankind. How would you respond to the theory that what you believe doesn't matter as long as you are sincere (1-2)? What is the difference between the person in verse 5 and the one in 8-9? What is the message in 14-17? Compare this to Hebrews 4:2-3. Verses 16-21 remind us that not everyone accepts the message of God's freedom and salvation. Has the need to have a faith response to Christ been a stumbling block or a steppingstone for you? Re-read 9:30-31. How does this help you explain the difference between Christianity and other religions?

Wednesday, February 17

Romans 11

The fate of the Jews plagued Paul. How could the chosen people not accept Christ and receive his salvation? Paul seeks to explain the "remnant of Israel," and God's mercy on all. On what basis was the "remnant" chosen? An image of grafted branches on an olive tree gives a message to the Gentiles (13-24). What phrases indicate what the Gentile believers were thinking? What attitude were they to have concerning God's acceptance of them? In 28-32, Paul shows how the Jews and the Gentiles benefit from each other (also Genesis 12:3 and Isaiah 60). Do churches today sometimes have an attitude toward "outsiders?" Do you think that we "believers" stumble with the idea that there is "no difference" between us before God?

Thursday, February 18

Romans 12

This chapter moves from the theological to the practical. Paul gives guidelines for living life with a total commitment to God. Verses 1-3 tell us that worship is applying faith to everyday life. This world molds us to conform to the desires of our heart; how do we present ourselves as a living sacrifice in your everyday life? We are all gifted by God (3-8). We should not envy others' gifts, but use our own gifts along with theirs for the church. Do you know what your gifts are? Do you praise God for them, or envy others' gifts? What does 9-21 have in common with 1-2? How does your relationship with God, and your love for him, show in your relationship with others? (Matthew 18:1-10.) Of the commands listed in 9-21, which are the easiest for you to keep? Which are the most difficult? Pray for our church and its leaders, and that our love is sincere.

Friday, February 19

Romans 13

In this summary of obedience to the government, Paul does not describe any particular political system, just Christian guidelines for obeying just authorities. In light of Paul's teaching about freedom in Christ, why do you think this section is important to the church in Rome, and for us today? How does government relate to God in terms of its origin? Power? Purpose? Compare this passage with Acts 5:27-32. What principles do you find to help you deal with authority? What could Paul say to people in modern democracies who face injustice? Verses 8-14 deal with moral imperatives. How is the love described here different from popular notions of love? What do you think is meant by the light and darkness in 12-14? What does the clothing in 14 mean to you? How would your lifestyle be consciously different if you tried to "wear" Jesus Christ?

Saturday, February 20

Romans 14

Fellowship should be a fundamental concern to all Christians. This chapter describes the effects of our behavior on others, and gives a warning about passing judgment. What attitudes and motivations do you see in 3, 7, 8, 10, 13, 19 and 22 that guide your relationships when you disagree? Using verse 1, how would you define what Paul means by "disputable matters?" What are these issues today? Based on 13 and 17-18, what should occupy our energy? In 20-21, what does Paul mean by the words "stumble" and "fall?" What is the motivation and reward for putting others first? As mature in your faith, how does your sensitivity to the consciences of other Christians change? What have you done in the last six months that has led to "peace and edification" among your family? Friends? Church?

Sunday, February 21

Psalms 6

This psalm is about deliverance from trouble. In 1-2, do you believe that God is punishing David for his sin, or is David just afraid that God is against him? This is one of seven penitential psalms, expressing repentance for sins. The others are Psalm 32, 38, 51, 102, 139, and 143. Throughout this psalm, David is honest with God. David knew that if God treated him with justice alone, and not with mercy, God's wrath would wipe him out. David cried out for God's mercy and deliverance. Has anything in your life ever made you "cry out?" Have you ever seen God as an angry judge? In 8-10, David's tone changes. Why? How does he know that God has answered him? Does this psalm add to your despair, or bring you hope? Spend some time with God and a repentant spirit.