

# JOY to the World this Week

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Joy (ELCA) is a participating congregation with Lutheran CORE (Coalition for Reform)

## PoWeR SuRGe TAKE HOME TOOLS for February 21, 2010

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 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** — LENT 1  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Christian Education: 9:15a  
— "Walk Across the Room": 6-7:30p
- Sun-Tues**  
**Monday** — Society of the Holy Trinity Retreat  
— Joyful Tooters: 7p  
— Joy Choir: 7:30p
- Tuesday** — Pericope Study: 9:30a  
— JW Bible Study: 10a & 7p
- Wednesday** — Soup Supper: 6:30p  
— Teaching/Vespers: 7:30p
- Thursday** — Church Chat: 7-9p  
— Men's Bible Study: 7:30p  
— Praise Band: 7:30p
- Saturday** — Church Chat: 7-9p
- Next Sunday** — LENT 2  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Christian Education: 9:15a  
— "Walk Across the Room": 6-7:30p

***—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.

**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.

**"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. 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS**— Soup Supper is every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. before Lenten Worship. 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.

**MID WEEK LENTEN VESPERS**— Begins on Wed, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

**WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT**— at Lutherhill is on March 5-7<sup>th</sup>. Register now for a weekend of pampering and fellowship. Register online at [www.lutherhill.org](http://www.lutherhill.org).

**HELPING HANDS ANNUAL GALA**— Sat. March 6<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>! Be sure to mark your calendars. Watch for a signup sheet and sponsor sheets in the Narthex. Sponsor sheets should be available on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>.

**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 to charity.

**THRIVENT FINANCIAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) NEEDED**— Join the Thrivent Financial team & do more than work, Work with Purpose. Contact Jerrod Summers at 281-773-5403 or visit [www.thrivent.com/careers](http://www.thrivent.com/careers) for more info.

**BIRTHDAYS**— 2/22 Keli Faucett; 2/25 Brandi Goates & Randi Goates; 2/27 Kelsey White

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

### Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Celebration of Stephanie Williams' Birthday	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bray/Faucetts/Marvin/McDow	
<b>Ushers</b>	D. Boenig & B. Horstman	Dan & Kathy Strode
<b>Acolyte</b>	Emma Gaas	Timmy Hamner
<b>Liturgist</b>	Darin Mielke	Corinne Light
<b>Lector</b>	Emily Sattler	Becky Geary
<b>Cantor</b>	Darin Mielke	
<b>Child Sermon</b>	Laura Parnell	Doris Goates
<b>Communion</b>	Curry/Morris/Kastner	
<b>Audio</b>	Beth Horstman	
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# Our Daily Joy!

ON THE VINE ... GRAFTED: Faith and Faithfulness – Week of February 21, 2010

**Monday, February 22**

**Romans 15**

Paul reminds us to care about others and to live in unity, with the attitude of Christ (1-6). Read Philippians 2 for insight on Christ's attitude. These things were written in the scriptures long ago (4). Do the scriptures breathe direction into your life, or is the Bible an ancient, unused book in your house? Pray for insight and a desire to know God. What motivates Paul (14-15)? Paul's call was based on God's grace, not Paul's merit (16-22). Paul said, "It has been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known" (20). Have you shared the gospel with an unbeliever? Do your ambitions match Paul's? Christians are to serve God and fellow Christians with their material possessions (27-28). Is this something you love to do? Are you waiting until you have all that you want and need? Paul asks the Romans to pray for him; he knows God's promises are true.

**Tuesday, February 23**

**Romans 16**

What does Paul commend the people for in 1-16? What does this show us about measuring success in life? Although Paul had never been to Rome, what does his greeting tell you about his knowledge of this church? What things should we keep away from (17-19)? Verse 20 shows us a God of peace, though Paul began by describing a God of wrath. How do we know what God is like? What is dividing the church today? How do we as individuals, and as a church, work for a balance between the desire for unity and the desire to maintain the truth? How can you lead others to follow Christ? Is this a grim duty or a tremendous privilege? (See Galatians 1:5, Ephesians 3:21, 2 Timothy 4:18, Hebrews 13:21, 1 Peter 4:11, 2 Peter 3:18). Pray about the "success" in your life.

**Wednesday, February 24**

**Luke 3**

Read 1-20 (also Matthew 3:1-12, Mark 1:1-18, John 1:6-8, 19-28). What do you think the root and the fruit signify (9)? Why do you think John was confused with Christ? (15, also John 1:19-28). Who was the "John the Baptist" that led you to Christ? How might you produce fruit this week? Jesus was baptized as the people were being baptized (21-22). Why is that significant? What three things happened at Jesus' baptism that made it unlike any other? What was special about your baptism? Is it still special? In 23-38 we see Jesus' genealogy. Why do you think Luke takes us all the way back to Adam? What did Adam and Jesus have in common? Compare Romans 5:12-21 and 1 Corinthians 15:20-23. Jesus came to restore creation, removing the sin introduced by Adam. Has Jesus given you a fresh start at life? What difference does that make to you? Reflect on your baptism, and praise God for new life in Jesus Christ.

**Thursday, February 25**

**Luke 4**

Under what circumstances was Jesus tempted (1-13)? How does Satan's use of scripture differ from Jesus'? For Jesus, to be the Son of God meant to be obedient, not greedy for power or recognition. What does "child of God" mean to you? Jesus knew God's word and obeyed it. Do you know God's word well enough for it to direct you (Hebrews 4:15, Matthew 4:4-10)? What temptations are you susceptible to right now? How are you preparing yourself to withstand them? In 14-30 we read of Jesus' rejection at Nazareth. (See Isaiah 61:1-2). What is the significance of Nazareth (16)? What is Jesus' five-fold mission (18-19)? Did he fulfill it literally? Spiritually? Then? Now? Why does amazement change to anger (24-30)? How are we as a church, and you as a child of God, doing? Pray that others would know Jesus by your words and actions. In 40-41 we realize that Jesus' life has changed; he is in great demand. In verse 42 we learn that Jesus went alone to pray. Why does Jesus retreat at this time? How do you find God's direction in the noise of life? Pray that you would "seek first the kingdom of God."

**Friday, February 26**

**Luke 5**

Simon Peter is called as a disciple (1-11). If you were Simon Peter, would you go along with Jesus' odd request(4-6)? What was his response to the miracle in 8? What do you think he is beginning to understand about Jesus? How have you responded to God's miracles in your life? Have you left your past to follow him? Why does Jesus respond to the man with leprosy (12-13)? What did Jesus recognize in the paralytic (20)? What were the Pharisees thinking (17-26)? Why does Jesus risk upsetting them (25-26)? Jesus reveals that he came to save sinners (27-31). How did the Pharisees respond when Jesus ate with Levi and the tax collectors? Are you more like Levi or the Pharisees? Why was Jesus questioned about fasting (33-39)? What point is Jesus making? Is it difficult to keep your heart and mind open? Pray about this.

**Saturday, February 27**

**Luke 6:1-19**

What is the main issue for the Pharisees (1-11)? For Jesus? How does Jesus respond to the Sabbath issue? Why was it more important for the religious leaders to protect their laws than to heal? Have you ever felt tension between obeying your religious principles and helping someone? In your journey with Jesus, are you free to love others, or more constrained to follow the rules? Jesus was ready to choose his disciples, and he went off by himself to pray and meditate (12). Have you ever remained in prayer for a long time? What did it do for you? Try it next time you have decisions to make.

**Sunday, February 28**

**Psalms 31**

David calls on God to rescue him, and stop those who were causing him suffering and trouble. Have you ever felt helpless and hopeless? Are you able to express those feelings to God? What action do you most need to take (19-24)? "Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord" (24). What situation in your life requires this? How can this Psalm help you? Express your feelings to God.