

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 28, 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.

COMPLETE WORSHIP FOLDERS — are available from the ushers for those who desire. Be sure and ask!

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 2
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— "Walk Across the Room": 6-7:30p
- Monday**
— FDIC Meeting: 6:30p
— Joyful Tooters: 7p
— Joy Choir: 7:30p
— Executive Team Meeting: 7:30p
- Tuesday**
— Pericope Study: 9:30a
— JW Bible Study: 10a & 7p
— Confirmation: 6p
- 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**
— Boy Scout Garage Sale: 8a
— Helping Hands Gala: 6p
- Next Sunday** — LENT 3
— 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? We continue this Sunday evenings 6-7:30p with your brothers and sisters of Joy as together, we learn to simply "Walk Across the Room"!

MIDWEEK LENTEN TEACHING/VESPERS AND 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. Worship begins at 7:30 p.m.

EASTER LILIES — Purchase your Easter lily in honor/memorial of a loved one to brighten our sanctuary during Easter Services! Cost is \$9.00. Checks are to be deposited in the envelope at the time of sign up. Signup sheet is in the Narthex. Deadline is March 28th.

CASTING CROWNS CONCERT — Kick off Spring Break by joining us on Friday, March 12th for the "Until the Whole World Hears" concert by the Casting Crowns. Sign up in the Narthex. Cost is \$20. For more info call Amy Cabato.

JR/SR HIGH LOCK-IN — After the Casting Crowns Concert on Friday, March 12th. Sign up in the Narthex.

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.

SPECIAL JOYFUL WOMEN EVENT— Date in April to be announced! Brunch and Dramatic presentation. You don't want to miss this one. Kathy Behrman will be our guest to present a dramatization to take us on a journey through the Bible. This is an event for ALL ages so plan to bring your children and invite your friends. Sign up on the Joyful Women bulletin board.

VIA DE CRISTO — "The Way of Christ" Retreat. A co-ed retreat for healthy Christians looking for enrichment June 10-13th. Contact Pastor Kastner or the church office for more details.

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!

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 for more info.

BIRTHDAYS— 2/28 Eddie Kolojaco; 3/2 Tammy Soward and Ashley Stutes

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; Bp. Bazellel Hernandez

Serving Jesus This Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	Celebration of Stephanie Williams' Birthday	
Altar Guild	Bray/Faucetts/Marvin/McDow	
Ushers	D. Boenig & B. Horstman	Dan & Kathy Strode
Acolyte	Emma Gaas	Timmy Hamner
Liturgist	Darin Mielke	Corinne Light
Lector	Emily Sattler	Becky Geary
Cantor	Darin Mielke	
Child Sermon	Laura Parnell	Doris Goates
Communion		Curry/Morris/Kastner
Audio	Horstman	
Video	Horstman	A Cabato/M Mikeska
Counters	Fred Kunzler/Allen Schoppe	

Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	Celebration of Shannon Lieke's Birthday	
Altar Guild	Morris/Rieders/Willis	
Ushers	June & Bo Tesch	Larry Mikeska
Acolyte	Joshua John	Abby Timberlake
Liturgist	Fred Kunzler	Dan Strode
Lector	Cari White	John Garrou
Cantor	Fred Kunzler	
Child Sermon		
Communion		G & I Carleton/P. Curry
Audio	Horstman	Aspen Timberlake
Video	Horstman	Matt Lyons
Counters	Tammy Soward/Bill Peska	

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E-MAIL — Pastor Tim: pastor@joyrichmond.org Terri Clark: office@joyrichmond.org

Our Daily Joy!

ON THE VINE ... ROOTED: Baptism and Beginnings — Week of February 28, 2010

Monday, March 1

Luke 6:20-49

Pray that your heart will be open to God's message for you. The Beatitudes (20-26; also called the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:3-10) contrast eternal values with worldly values and superficial faith with real faith, and explain how Old Testament expectations will be fulfilled in the new kingdom. What are the qualities of kingdom people? What are the blessings? When are the blessings experienced? Now? In the future? Both? Which promise means the most to you? Why? Which warning seems the most personal? How do your values compare with the values Jesus mentions? Spend time in prayer asking God to help you build a strong foundation. What building blocks from 27-45 do you need to add to your foundation?

Tuesday, March 2

Luke 7:1-23

Verses 1-10 tell of a centurion whose servant was healed because of his faith. Why do the elders request Jesus' help? How does their approach differ from the centurion's (6-8)? What quality of faith do you see in the centurion? What quality of faith shows up when you are in crisis? In 11-17, Jesus brings a widow's deceased son back to life. The widow had lost her husband and now her son, her last means of support. What does this story, and the story in 1-10, tell you about Jesus? How do these stories make a difference to you? Praise God for his mercies, love, compassion and power.

Wednesday, March 3

Luke 7:24-50

What do John's messengers ask (20)? Why? How does Jesus answer the question (21-23)? (See Isaiah 29:18-19, 35:5-6, 61:1.) How might John have felt about Jesus' blessing in 23? How does Jesus affirm John? When did you arrive at your knowledge that Jesus is "the one"? Read about the sinful woman anointing Jesus' feet (36-50; also Matthew 26:6-13). What risk does she take by coming to the Pharisee's house? Why do you think Jesus uses the parable in 41-43? What is Jesus' main concern here? How do you think this woman feels when Jesus forgives her? How difficult would it be for you to show Jesus that kind of love? When it comes to relationships, are you a "stingy forgiver" or a "big forgiver"? How can you apply this story to your own life this week? How would it change your life?

Thursday, March 4

Luke 8:1-25

Why does Jesus use parables to illustrate spiritual insights (1-15)? Why are the disciples given an explanation while the others are not (Matthew 4: 13-20)? In Jesus' explanation of this parable, what is the seed? Soils? Fruit? Farmer? What kind of soil best represents you now? How are you hearing God? Loud and clear? A lot of static? No sound whatsoever? Spend time praying, "Lord, let my life be good soil." In 16-18, Jesus and his message appear to be the lamp. What is the promise for those who do and don't listen? How does Jesus expand on this (19-21)? How do you get close to Jesus? We need to pray that God will forgive us and change our lives so that we no longer have to be ashamed, but are transformed by his grace to be his disciples. We should be light to the world! (Matthew 5:14-16.) Jesus calms the storm (22-25). What is Jesus teaching them by ignoring, and then rebuking, the storm? Why is Jesus upset? What emotions hinder faith? Is there a storm in your life that you wish Jesus would calm? Ask Jesus to calm your storm.

Friday, March 5

Luke 8:25-56

How does Jesus treat the man in 26-39 differently than the way others treat him? How do the pig farmers and the townspeople react? Why are they afraid? Jesus doesn't let the man go with him; what does he ask him to do instead? Have you ever preferred not to listen to the claims of Jesus because they would affect your usual routine? Do you think Jesus is saying, "do not value pigs more than people"? How do our everyday decisions affect other people? In 40-56, Jesus brings a dead girl back to life and heals a woman. Why do you suppose that Jesus has her reveal herself (45-48)? For his sake, or hers? How was Jairus' reaction to Jesus' coming different than the mourners? Have you ever felt as desperate as the woman, or Jairus? Have you ever been too frightened to come to God? In these stories, what stands out about Jesus' power? His purpose? Pray that God will be with you today in every moment and situation.

Saturday, March 6

Luke 9:1-27

What is Jesus' ministry about (1-9)? What does he tell the disciples to do? How does King Herod react? Why? What is your mission? How does God's kingdom fit into your mission? In 10-17, Jesus feeds five thousand people. The disciples want him to send the crowd away, but what does Jesus tell them to do (12-13)? What do you think went through their minds as they collected the leftovers? How would you handle another assignment from God if you were as weary as the disciples? Ask God to fill your heart with your mission. Jesus asks Peter, "who do you say that I am?" What does it mean to deny self? Take up your cross daily? Follow Christ? Lose your life?

Sunday, March 7

Psalms 37

This psalm lifts up the prosperity of the wicked and the frustration of the people. The psalmist learned that God would eventually punish the wicked, which is mentioned five times. What other images portray how they will eventually be frustrated (2, 9-10, 12-17, 20, 35-36)? Righteousness affects a person's pocketbook (21, 26), speech (30), and thoughts (31). Since Job, good people have been asking why bad things happen to them. How are you encouraged in the midst of suffering? How do you encourage others?