

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 7, 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** — **EPIPHANY 5**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— Sr. High Coffeehouse: 9:15a
— Jr. High Chill & Spill: 9:15a
— Lieke Baptism: 10:30a
- Monday**
— LaCocina: 6:30p
— Church Council: 7:30p
— Joyful Tooters: 7p
— Joy Choir: 7:30p
- Tuesday**
— JW Bible Study: 10a & 7p
— Pericope Study: 9:30a
- Thursday**
— Social Ministry Meeting: 6:30p
— Men's Bible Study: 7:30p
— Praise Band: 7:30p
- Next Sunday** — **TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM — will be celebrated today at the late service as Emma Rose Catherine Lieke; daughter of Eric & Shannon becomes a child of God! Emma Rose's godparents are Brandon & Molly Oehlke and Carl & Cymantha Plant.

JOYFUL WOMEN BIBLE STUDY — began on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd. The study will be on the Life of David. You can still join us! Cost is \$10 to cover materials. For more info, contact Vickie Schoppe.

SOCIAL MINISTRY MEETING — Thursday, Feb. 11th at 6:30 p.m.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES — Budget a little tight these days for groceries for you or someone you know? Be aware there is something out there called "Angel Food Ministries". If this is something you are interested in or want more info contact Laura Cabato. You can also access this online at www.angelfoodministries.com. Deadline to order is Feb. 14th. A menu will be posted in the Narthex.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

2010 OFFERING ENVELOPES — The 2010 Offering envelopes are now available in the Narthex for families to pick up.

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!

BIRTHDAYS — 2/1 Dori Soward & Shena Timberlake; 2/3 Megan Budd, Shirley Morris; 2/4 Nik Kropf & Jeni Morrison; 2/5 Sean Pittard

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	In celebration of Joshua Christ & Nicholas' Birthdays	
Altar Guild	Bray/Faucetts/Marvin/McDow	
Ushers	Darwin & Bev Marvin	P. Curry & S. Morris
Acolyte	Cory Leith	Timmy Hamner
Liturgist	Cari White	John Garrou
Lector	Bob Tesch	Shena Timberlake
Cantor	Darin Mielke	
Child Sermon	Chris Parnell	Doris Goates
Communion	Ronnings/Larry Mikeska	
Audio	B & A Walquist	Beth Horstman
Video	Beth Horstman	Amy Cabato/Melissa Mikeska
Counters	Melissa Mikeska/Tammy Soward	

Serving Jesus Next 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	Mitchell Hong	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	

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Our Daily Joy!

THE JESUS MOSAIC: Our Heart – Week of February 7, 2010

Monday, February 8

Romans 3

What were the advantages of belonging to your family? Did you feel “better than” or “worse than” when you compared your family to others? Read verses 1-20. Paul gets right to the point, building his case that all men stand guilty before God. In verses 2, 4, 6 and 8, Paul responds to questions posed in the previous verses. How do those questions continue to misapply God’s teachings? Verses 20-21 tell us that the law of God does not provide a way to righteousness, but instead a mirror to reveal our sin. Praise God that Paul’s letter doesn’t end there! After all of this bad news, read verses 21-31. What is Paul’s good news? When did the message of God’s grace become real to you? Does it impact your life right now?

Tuesday, February 9

Romans 4

Read Romans 4. Why do you think Paul went back to Abraham to again explain that the law, including the law of circumcision, was not how Abraham was justified? How do verses 3-8 describe the basis for a right relationship with God? What do you learn about faith from verses 18-21? What are the key points to Abraham’s faith? How do these truths relate to what Paul calls us to believe in verses 23-25? Does your faith right now seem like a prize that you are earning, or a gift that you have received? Where are you being stretched right now in trusting God? Spend some time in prayer.

Wednesday, February 10

Romans 5

Verses 1-11 tell us that the death of Christ has made it possible for each of us to have peace, grace, joy, and hope, even amid suffering and the promise of salvation. In verses 6, 8, and 10, what are the words that describe what we once were in God’s eyes? What do those verses, and 15-21, tell us about salvation? Read 12-21. Note the contrasts made between Adam and Jesus. Pray through these verses and ask God to give you new understanding of his grace. Do you feel excitement and gratitude? Why or why not? This is a great time to express your thanks to Jesus for what he has done for you.

Thursday, February 11

Romans 6

This chapter is all about Christian ethics. Grace saves us, indeed, but it is not a license to sin. Death is mentioned 15 times in this section. How does Christ’s death and resurrection tie into our relationship with sin? What practices do verses 11-13 tell us to follow? What is our motivation? Through Christ, we are transformed to devote ourselves to the righteous way of life (15-22). It is impossible to be neutral. Each of us has a master: God or sin. Each master pays with his own kind of currency. The currency of sin is death. The currency of Christ is eternal life. Take some time to pray about who your master is. How will you practice Christ being your master this week?

Friday, February 12

Romans 7

This chapter continues to parallel the difference between sinful nature and our new nature in Christ. Clearly we are made aware of the struggle with sin. Our sinful nature battles against giving up its freedom. The choice reveals itself again: sin or Christ? In verses 14-20, find out how the law which was supposed to lead to life actually leads to death. Is the law good at outlining the proper limits to life? The outlook is filled with despair until we turn our lives over to Jesus (24-25). How have you felt the sense of Jesus’ resurrection from sin in your life? From situations that were too big for you to handle? How does knowing Christ make a difference?

Saturday, February 13

Romans 8

When you were young, who let you off the hook when you should have been punished? How did you feel toward them? Romans 8 offers us a new life through the Spirit and future glory. Make a list comparing ways you live according to your sinful nature and ways you live according to the Spirit (5-11). How are we told to deal with our sinful nature (14-15)? Can you describe a time when you depended on the Spirit to put to death “an area of sin?” How does it make you feel that you are God’s child and not God’s slave? What hope do verses 22-25 bring you? How has your hope in Christ kept you this week? In verses 38-39, which one of the enemies listed is the most real to you? What brings you great encouragement here? Spend some time praying your way through this chapter.

Sunday, February 14

Psalms 51

Read Psalm 51, and also 2 Samuel 11:1-27. The psalm was written after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba. He had sinned in arrogance, in adultery, in deception and in murder. How does he come to God? What does he feel? In light of all of his sins, what does he ask God to do (7-12)? In verses 13-17, how do you think David was hoping to escape God’s wrath? And what does God require of David, and of us (16-17)? Do you think there are victimless crimes? Do your sins affect others? Yourself? God? Are you more sensitive to sin and its brokenness in your life now than ever before? Why? Spend time asking God for forgiveness in the broken, sinful parts of your life, and thank God for forgiveness and wonderful grace.