

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 March 21, 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.

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).

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

This week of Joy to the World —

Today — LENT 5
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— "Walk Across the Room": 6-7:30p

Monday — 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 — Social Ministry Mtg: 6:30p
— Men's Bible Study: 7:30p
— Praise Band: 7:30p

Saturday — Joy Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday — **SUNDAY OF THE PASSION**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

"WALK ACROSS THE ROOM"— The last session will be held this evening 6-7:30p.

PLAN AHEAD!! — *Holy Week worship schedule:*

Maundy Thursday: 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday: 7:30 p.m.

Choir Cantata - The Living Last Words

Holy Saturday: 7:30 p.m.

The Easter Vigil & Baptismal Renewal

Easter: 8:00a - 9:15a - 10:30a

Three Worship Celebrations

Joy Sunday School Celebration

CHURCH CHATS — Several small group discussions on the ramifications of current ELCA Decisions have been held over the past month, if you were unable to attend any of these meetings and would like to see more scheduled please let Pastor Tim, Kathy Gann or the church office know so we can determine the need for adding more meetings.

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.

EASTER LILIES — Purchase you 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.

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.

ANNUAL CROP WALK — at George Ranch is on April 17th! Be sure to mark your calendars. A signup sheet is in the Narthex. Sponsor sheets will be available soon. For questions contact Laura Cabato or Shirley Morris.

LUTHERHILL GOLF TOURNAMENT — 9TH Annual Golf sponsored by Thrivent is on Friday, April 23rd at 1:30 p.m. Registration at 12:30. Entry fee is \$110. Brochures are available on the table in the Narthex.

SPECIAL JOYFUL WOMEN EVENT — Saturday, April 24th, 9-11 a.m. join us for 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.

STROKE SCAN — is scheduled to be at Joy on Tuesday, April 27th, if you are 40 or older and have a family history of heart disease, are overweight, smoke or drink. These screenings can save your life. Cost is \$145 for four scans & \$45 for one. Look for more info and signup sheet in the Narthex.

GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM — Did you know that a percentage of your Randall's bill can go to Joy? Designate Joy as your charity. For info or PDF form, go to www.randalls.com/IFL/Grocery/Good-Neighbor. There are also forms in the Narthex.

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

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Study is on the *Book of Esther*. 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 — 3/22 Eric Garcia; 3/24 Laura Cabato; 3/25 Lou Gross; 3/26 Allen Schoppe; 3/27 Gregg Carleton

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	Erica Strode & Nathan Nigrelli's Wedding on 3/19	
Altar Guild	Morris/Rieders/Willis	
Ushers	Mike & Kathy Gann	P. Curry & S. Morris
Acolyte	Mitchell Hong	Rhianna Schwartz
Liturgist	Darin Mielke	John Garrou
Lector	Jerry Daniels	Tracy Posey
Cantor	Darin Mielke	
Child Sermon	June Tesch	Tracy Posey
Communion	H. Peska/K. Strode/L. Mikeska	
Audio	B. Horstman	Amy Cabato
Video	B. Horstman	J. Goates
Counters	Melody Mielke/Fred Kunzler	

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	Morris/Rieders/Willis	
Ushers	Al & Candace Rieder	Parke & Gracie Wyant
Acolyte	Kelsey White	Brianna Wyant
Liturgist	Dan Strode	Susan Krabbe
Lector	June Tesch	Doris Goates
Cantor	Dan Strode	
Child Sermon	Laura Parnell	Kathy Strode
Communion	P. Curry/S. Morris/J. Hopkins	
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E-MAIL — Pastor Tim: pastor@joyrichmond.org Terri Clark: office@joyrichmond.org

Our Daily Joy!

ON THE VINE ... STEWARDS: Teaching and Trusting — Week of March 21, 2010

Monday, March 22

Luke 19:1-27

The focus for today is verses 1-10. I find it interesting that Jesus finds Zacchaeus up in a tree. He calls him down, and has dinner with him. Why does Jesus dine with him? Why does it bother others? On what basis does Jesus confirm Zacchaeus' salvation? What does Zacchaeus give up to follow Jesus? Where did Jesus find you? What has been your response to him?

Tuesday, March 23

Luke 19:28-48

The focus for today is verses 28-44: Jesus' triumphant entry. Jesus and the disciples are only a few miles from Jerusalem. What task does he give to two of the disciples? Why? How do you picture the scene in verses 35-38? How are their expectations different from Jesus'? How would Jesus be treated if he rode into our town today? Who or where is your "Jerusalem"? Are you and Jesus on the same journey, or were you hoping for a more "impressive" Lord? Spend some time in prayer.

Wednesday, March 24

Luke 20:1-26

The focus for today is verses 9-19: the parable of the tenants. How does this parable relate to the questions of authority raised in verses 1-8? What do the landowner, the tenants, the servants and the son represent? How does Jesus' quote in verse 17 relate to the parable? In your life right now, is Jesus like a millstone (weight) or a capstone (one that holds everything together)? Why? Pray for a heart that knows Christ and believes in him.

Thursday, March 25

Luke 20:27-47

The focus for today is verses 41-47: whose son is the Christ? Given the issue of authority in this chapter, why is Jesus asking questions now? What things undermine the authority of the religious leaders? How does the poor widow (21:1-4) differ from the leaders? What is Jesus' point in making this contrast? Has there been a time when you "used" religion to get something for yourself (attention, praise, a good feeling) rather than for love of God? Pray that God will create a clean heart in you.

Friday, March 26

Luke 21

The focus for today is verses 5-38: signs of the end of the age. What prompts this lesson from Jesus? In verses 8-19, what is Jesus teaching about? What will happen to the disciples and the church before the end? What comfort will there be in the midst of these trials? What does he say the attitude of the disciples should be at this time? What is significant about how the Son of Man will come (27)? What should the attitude of believers be when they see the Son of Man coming? How would verses 32-33 have been of comfort to the disciples? In the midst of this news, how does Jesus caution his followers in verses 34-35? We are told in scripture (Luke 12:39-40) that we will not know when Jesus is returning. How does this affect the way you live your life? Spend some time in prayer, asking God to help you become better at watching and praying.

Saturday, March 27

Luke 22-23

Read through these two chapters slowly and prayerfully. This is a good time to read through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Read the entire text at one time; you might even want to read through to Luke 24:53. We will be studying these texts in smaller segments, but it's very meaningful and heart-searching to read it in its entirety. How well do you think you can explain the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and how a person can have a relationship with him? Pray that God will empower you to do this.

Sunday, March 28

Psalms 142

Read through this psalm. What is the tone of this lament (1-3)? How free does David feel to express his true feelings? How free do you feel to express your true feelings to God? What do you think David means by "portion" (verse 5; also Numbers 18:20)? David was caught in deep depression in this psalm, and he came to the Lord. What do you do when you feel that no one cares, and you are paralyzed with fear? Where are you seeking an inheritance: earthly, or heavenly? This is a great time to speak with the Lord and get current with him.