

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 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.

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

Monday — Joyful Tooters: 7p
— Joy Choir: 7:30p

Tuesday — Pericope Study: 9:30a
— JW Bible Study: 10a & 7p

Wednesday — ShadeTree Ministry Mtg: 7p

Thursday — **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
— Worship Service: 7:30p

Friday — **GOOD FRIDAY**
— Worship - Choir Cantata: 7:30p

Saturday — **HOLY SATURDAY**
— Easter Vigil: 7:30p

Next Sunday — **EASTER SUNDAY**
— Worship: 8:00a, 9:15a & 10:30a
— Sr/Jr High Breakfast: 7:15a
— Easter Egg Roll: 9:15a

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

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

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 **today**.

EASTER BREAKFAST — Jr & Sr High will be hosting Easter breakfast. We will be at Joy to start cooking at 7 a.m. & breakfast will be served when the food is ready. We will serve through the 3 services or until we run out of food. Free will donations will be accepted.

EASTER EGG HUNT — Ages 2-preK will be during the Sunday school hour. Ages K-5 will have resurrection eggs in at 9:15 in the 3-5th classroom and meet on the deck at 9:50! Bring your Easter baskets!

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.

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.

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 — 3/29 Bill Peska & Hans Wagner; 3/31 Martha Willis; 4/1 Lloyd Randal 4/2 Joshua John & Georgie Wagner; 4/3 Laura Parnell

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	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	
Audio	B. Horstman	Kevin Loewe
Video	B. Horstman	Melissa Mikeska
Counters	Tammy Soward/Alan Schoppe	

Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>9:15 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	Easter Lilies/Joe & Wilma Bryan's Anniv.		
Altar Guild	Bolner/Mikeska/Peveto/Shipp		
Ushers	Halvorsen's		Carletons
Acolyte	Cory Leith	Emma Gaas	R.Schwartz
Liturgist	Fred Kunzler	Dan Strode	John Garrou
Lector	Bev Marvin	Mike Ronning	Betty Christ
Cantor	Fred Kunzler		
Child Sermon			
Communion	McDow/D.Bray/H. Peska		
Audio	B. Horstman	B.Horstman	A.Timberlake
Video	B. Horstman		Matt Lyons
Counters	Bill Peska/Bob Jahn		

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

Our Daily Joy!

ON THE VINE ... PRESSED: Destruction and Death — Week of March 28, 2010

Monday, March 29

Luke 22:1-13

This week we will prayerfully study the death and resurrection of Jesus the Savior. What is the significance of the Passover (Exodus 12:1-13, 21-28)? In light of Luke 19:28-48, why are the priests and teachers so determined to kill Jesus? Besides wanting to spend time with his disciples, why is it so important to Jesus that he share this Passover with them? How does this relate to the way Jesus has the disciples arrange for the Passover feast? How would you have felt if you were one of the disciples preparing for the Passover?

Tuesday, March 30

Luke 22:39-71

As you read the scripture, what strikes you about Jesus' prayer (43)? Does Jesus seem helpless, defeated, filled with resignation, or quietly trusting on God's love as he always has? Why? What do you mean when you pray "your will be done?" Why do you think the crowd was so large, and armed (52)? Why are their fears unfounded? We read once again about Peter's denial of Jesus (54-62). Peter seems very courageous in verses 33 and 49-50, but what accounts for Peter's denial? What questions must he still have about Jesus? Have you felt like Peter: you love Jesus so very much ... but here ... now ... is not a good time to admit it? When have you felt that way? What helps you through your guilt?

Wednesday, March 31

Luke 23:1-12

Why might the guards have treated Jesus as they did in 22:63-65? How did the concern of the elders (67-70) differ when they brought their concerns to Pilate (23:1-2)? How seriously did Pilate take their claims (1-2)? What new claim did they bring (5)? In light of verse 9, why do you think Jesus gave no answer at all? What accounts for the newly-formed friendship in 12? After reading these verses, does it make a difference to you that Jesus is a different kind of leader than Pilate or Herod? If Jesus was on trial now, would you be impressed with his servant heart, or wanting a strong, famous king? Spend some time in prayer.

Thursday, April 1

Luke 22:14-38

Read the entire scripture. How does Jesus' use of bread and wine change the emphasis of Passover (17-19)? Using Jeremiah 31:31-33, how would you describe the "new covenant" Jesus brought? (Also read Hebrews 10:11-18) What does sharing the Lord's Supper mean to you? What are your thoughts during communion? How would you have felt about the unknown betrayer (21-22)? How do you apply verse 27 to your own life? Family? Work? Relationships? Which disciple resembles you the most? Why? The next time you receive communion, think about this Passover and what it means for you.

Friday, April 2

Luke 23:13-29

After reading these verses, we sense that Pilate would have liked to release Jesus. Why does Pilate give into the leaders? Read John 19:12 for more insight into Pilate's fears. Pilate buckled under a difficult decision. Has that ever happened to you? What did it feel like after you buckled? How do you think the story of Barabbas illustrates what Jesus has done for you? This is a good time to pray for courage and steadfastness so that, when you are in a Pilate situation, you can resolve to stand up for what is right and not give in to the pressure around you. Spend some time in prayer.

Saturday, April 3

Luke 23:50-56

Joseph of Arimathea was a wealthy and honored man. In verse 51 we are told that he was "waiting for the kingdom of God." What more do you learn about him in these verses? Why would he risk so much to bury Jesus? Jesus had "apparently failed," but the women and Joseph did not abandon him. What do you learn from this for your own life? When was the last time you took a risk for Jesus and considered it an honor? Spend some time praying about your confidence in Jesus! Thank him for his confidence in you. What an awesome Savior we have!

Sunday, April 4

Luke 24:1-12

Given all these women had experienced in the last few days (19:37, 23:26-49, 55), how do you think they are feeling when they go to the tomb? When they find it empty? When the "two men" speak to them? Why don't the eleven believe it (11)? After reading verse 12, what do you think is going through Peter's mind? When did the resurrection first have real meaning for you? Why? What difference does it make for your life, anyway? Where is your spiritual life right now: at the manger, on Good Friday, on Easter morning, or in between? Why? Many of us study the Bible as a historical document and go to Church as a memorial service. But Jesus is not among the dead. He lives! He reigns in the hearts of his people! Do you look for Jesus among the living? Do you expect him to be active in the world and in the church? This day, this wonderful day, look for signs of his power. They are all around you! Spend some time in prayer lifting up the scripture readings and your thoughts and questions for this week. HE IS RISEN! Praise God indeed!