

# JOY to the World this Week

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Joy is a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

## PoWeR SuRGe Toolkit for March 29, 2009

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 using *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, the *Lutheran Book of Worship* and *With One Voice*, led by the Joy Choir, organ, lay liturgists, and special music.

#### SPIRIT TOUCHING SPIRIT — Sunday, 10:30a

A contemporary worship experience led by the Joy Worship Team and lay liturgists, using a variety of contemporary Christian music and liturgies.

### Information You Can Use

**COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS** — Refreshments are available in the parish hall 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 foyer, 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, Rick Godwin 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 member, call the church office during regular office hours, or contact the Pastor directly at (832) 549-4985.

### 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

**Rick Godwin** — Council Chairperson; **Becky Ohm** — Council Vice-Chairperson; **Rachel Divin** — Secretary; Beth Horstman — Treasurer; Dave Willis — Financial Secretary

#### LEADERSHIP TEAM

**Bill Barr** — Property; **Rachel Divin** — JoyLife; **Doris Goates** — Worship & Music; **Tracy Posey** — Youth & Family Ministry; **Laura Cabato** — Social Ministry; **Becky Ohm** — Stewardship; **Jeanette Richards** — Communication; **John Garrou** — Evangelism

#### MINISTRY LEADERS

**June Tesch** — Joyful Women; **Tracy Posey** — Coordinator FDIC; **Jeni Morrison** — Jr. High; **Shena Timberlake** — Sr. High; **Beth Horstman** — NCD Health Team; **Brett Carleton** — Growing in Joy; **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** — Worship Team

## ***This week of Joy to the World —***

**Today** — LENT 5  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Christian Education: 9:15a  
— "Hop on the Bus" Planning Mtg: 12p

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

**Tuesday** — JW Bible Study: 10a & 7p

**Wednesday** — Soup Supper: 6:30p  
— Lenten Worship: 7:30p

**Thursday** — Men's Bible Study: 7p  
— Worship Team: 7:30p

**Friday** — Discerning Joy's Future Mtg: 6-9p

**Saturday** — Discerning Joy's Future Mtg: 9a-12p

**Next Sunday** — **PASSION SUNDAY**  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Christian Education: 9:15a  
— First Communion Class: noon

**—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!**

## **Ministry Opportunities**

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

**Maundy Thursday: 7:30 p.m.**

*First communion for our young people*

**Good Friday: 7:30 p.m.**

*Stations of the Cross*

**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*

**WELCOME!** — We welcome Pr. Marlin Wogstad who will bring God's Word and preside at Table for us today, as well as lead the adult class. Pr. Wogstad has been present with us in the past and is organizing the study trip to Israel in which Pr. Christ will participate.

**HOP ON THE BUS 2009!** — Join us Aug. 3-7<sup>th</sup> when we will be traveling to Cristo Rey for Vacation Bible School! We would like to start planning our trip on **today** after church. If you are interested, sign up in the Narthex for more info. Contact Paula.

**DISCERNING JOY'S FUTURE** — Join us for dinner at Safari Texas this Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Child care will be available. Sign up in the Narthex or call the Church office. Questions? Contact Brett Carleton.

**FDIC MEETING** — Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**FINAL MID WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP** — this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. with Soup Supper at 6:30.

**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. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex. Deadline is April 5<sup>th</sup>.

**LUTHERHILL ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT** — on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. If you golf or are willing to join us, save the date! We are hoping to put a couple of teams together from Joy. Pastor Tim & Brett Carleton are organizing this adventure to support Camp Lutherhill.

**FORT BEND FAMILY PROMISE** — 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tourney on Wed., April 22<sup>nd</sup> 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Greatwood Golf Club, Sugar Land. Sign up on line at [fortbendfamilypromise.org](http://fortbendfamilypromise.org). Proceeds help FBFP & over 450 community volunteers provide shelter, food & caring support to homeless families with children who are earnestly striving to become self-sufficient.

**BLESSING OF THE KEYS** — This year's milestone celebration will include a discussion meeting on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 a.m. for parents & new drivers. On April 26<sup>th</sup> at worship services new drivers will receive a book, keychain and a Parental and Congregational blessing! Sign up now in the Narthex.

**FAITHFUL FUN FOR ADULTS** — Via de Cristo. Need a break to get out of the craziness of life and spend some fun and relaxing time growing in relationship with God? Come to Camp Lutherhill for Via de Cristo. Men's weekend - April 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, Women's weekend - April 30<sup>th</sup> - May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Contact Pr. Christ, Pr. Kastner, Becky Ohm or Jeanette & Milton Richards if you have questions.

**JR HIGH GARAGE SALE/CARWASH/BBQ** — Jr. High is now collecting garage sale items for their fundraiser on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have items you would like to donate, leave them in the Jr. High classroom. Watch the toolkit and newsletter for more info about this fun event!

**BIRTHDAYS** — 3/29 Bill Peska & Hans Wagner; 3/31 Martha Willis; 4/1 Lloyd Wagner; 4/2 Georgie Wagner; 4/3 Laura Timberlake; 4/4 Everett Timberlake

## 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. Herb Palmer

**Our Congregational Leaders:** especially our Pastor, staff, and Church Council members.

**Our Sister Congregation:** Iglesia Luterana de Cristo Rey in Reynosa, Mexico; Pr. Bazellel Hernandez

**Our Inter-Lutheran Ministry Partners:** St. Paul's, Rosenberg: Interim; Peace, Rosenberg: Pr. Norm Albertson.

### Serving Jesus Today

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Linda Jacobsen & Emily Sattler's Birthdays on 4/23	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	K. McCarter/D. Pitman/C. & A. Rieder/M. Willis	
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob & June Tesch	Mike & Kayla Posey
<b>Acolyte</b>	Abby Timberlake	Rhianna Schwartz
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bill Barr	Susan Krabbe
<b>Lector</b>	Alan Lowe	John Garrou
<b>Cantor</b>	Bill Barr	
<b>Child Sermon</b>	Chris Parnell	Shena Timberlake
<b>Communion</b>	Beth Horstman/Hazel Peska/Lori Hamner	
<b>Audio</b>	Beth Horstman	James Goates
<b>Counters</b>	Melissa Mikeska/ Bill Peska	

### Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Celebration of Schoppe's 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	S.Barr/C.Bolner/R.Divin/M.Mikeska/M.Peveto/P.Shipp	
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike & Kathy Gann	Jim & Pam Hill
<b>Acolyte</b>	Kelsey White	Mitchell Hong
<b>Liturgist</b>	Ashley Stutes	Corinne Light
<b>Lector</b>	June Tesch	Gregg Carleton
<b>Cantor</b>	Fred Kunzler	
<b>Child Sermon</b>		
<b>Communion</b>	Marilyn Blaschke/Tracy Posey/Joyce Hopkins	
<b>Audio</b>	Beth Horstman	Lisa Ronning
<b>Counters</b>	Allen Schoppe/Bill Peska	

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# Our Daily Joy!

## Taking Root: Walking Wet...Stars of Faith — Week of March 29, 2009

**Monday, March 30**

**“Do Not Fear, for I Am with You.”**

Isaiah 41:10 begins with the words, *“Do not fear, for I am with you.”* Ponder these words. What is your source of strength and confidence—circumstances or the promise of God’s abiding presence? In Genesis 15:1 the LORD tells Abraham, *“Do not be afraid.”* Was Abraham afraid of the enemies he had routed (*Genesis 14*), at his lack of offspring (*15:2-3*), or at the glory of the Lord’s presence? We aren’t told what made Abraham tremble, but we do know the One who can quell all our fears. Read Genesis 15:1; Deuteronomy 31:8; and Isaiah 26:3-4; 41:10. Pray.

**Tuesday, March 31**

**The Faithfulness of the One Who Speaks the Promises**

Sometimes our faith might waver as we watch and wait for the fulfillment of God’s promises. What do we learn about the Lord’s faithfulness as we read Joshua 21:45; Romans 4:20-21; 8:24-25; and 2 Corinthians 1:20? Read Genesis 12:1-7 (Abraham is 75); 15:1-7; 17:1-8 (Abram is 99); and 21:1-7. How old was Abraham when Isaac was born? How was Abraham’s trust in the LORD manifested in Genesis 12:1-4a; in 15:1-7? What does it mean to say that ‘the LORD reckoned (or credited Abraham’s faith) to him as righteousness’? How does this relate to us (*see John 6:28-29*)? Fix your eyes on Jesus; look to him in whom all of God’s promises are ‘yes.’ Tell him you trust him.

**Wednesday, April 1**

**Righteous!**

Sometimes we speak of the ‘obedience of faith,’ and we are called to obedience (*John 14:15, 21, 23, 31*). Abraham’s faith is reflected in his obedience (*Genesis 12:4*). But can our obedience make us right with God; can our obedience make us righteous? Prayerfully, read Genesis 15:6; John 6:28-29; Romans 3:20-25a, 28-31; 4:1-25; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 2:21; and Ephesians 2:8-9. Holy Week is just days away; are you preparing your heart by meditating on the gift of God in Jesus? Are you trusting in Jesus, the perfectly holy and righteous Son of God who died in your place? Read Galatians 2:21 again; spend time talking to Jesus about what this means in your life.

**Thursday, April 2**

**Exceedingly Abundantly More than We Can Imagine**

In Genesis 15:1-3, Abraham, already an old man, has trouble imagining having even one child. No doubt, he has often wondered about God’s promises given years earlier (*Genesis 12:1-3*); yet now (*15:5*), God promises that Abraham will have more descendants than he can possibly count. Is Abraham’s response of faith (*15:6*) rooted in his understanding of the promise and its fulfillment or in the character of the One who makes the promise? And notice the abundance of the promised blessing (*15:4-5*). Can you relate this to the promises we have in Jesus (*see Romans 8:31-39, Ephesians 3:14-21*)? Bask in the wonder of God’s ineffable love for you. Worship the Lord!

**Friday, April 3**

**Stars of Faith?**

Did the week’s title cause you to wonder? Stars of faith: to what might this refer? Read Genesis 15:1-7. We know that through Abraham’s descendants, the Lord gave us the Scriptures and our Savior. Certainly, as the stars light the night sky, the Scriptures shine with the light of truth and the glory of Jesus. Ponder the term stars of faith as you read Genesis 12:1-3; 15:5-6; Romans 4:13-25; Galatians 3:6-9, 26-29; Philippians 2:13-16a; and Hebrews 11:8-13; 12:1-3. Are you running the race set before you with your eyes fixed on Jesus, the ‘pioneer and perfecter of our faith’? Pray you will hold fast to the ‘word of life’ (*Philippians 2:16*) and shine with the light of Jesus.

**Saturday, April 4**

**“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less than Jesus’ Blood and Righteousness”**

The LORD assured Abraham that he, the LORD, was trustworthy (*Genesis 15:1*). Note Abraham’s response and the LORD’s gift (*15:6*). Righteousness, right standing with God, is not something we earn; it is a gift! Read Romans 4:13-25; 2 Corinthians 5:21; and Galatians 2:21. Are your faith and hope rooted in God’s grace? Read or sing Edward Mote’s lyrics and then pray. “My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness; no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name... When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found, clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne!”

**Sunday, April 5**

**Palm Sunday: A Heritage of Faith**

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9. Is the LORD part of your life or is the LORD your life (*Galatians 2:20; Philippians 3:8-12*)? Does the picture in Deuteronomy 6 describe your heart and your home? Is anything more important than leaving a legacy of faith and love for those who come after us (*Philippians 2:16-17*)? Today we enter Holy Week and remember Jesus entering Jerusalem and weeping over the people’s unbelief. Read Luke 19:28-42a. Pray you will embrace Jesus as never before as you dwell in the Word this week and walk with Jesus to the cross and then rejoice in the empty tomb. Tell him you want to live triumphantly, trusting in him alone. Share Jesus with others.