

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 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.

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 3
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— "Walk Across the Room": 6-7:30p
- Monday**
— La Cocina: 6:30p
— Joyful Tooters: 7p
— Joy Choir: 7:30p
— Church Council: 7:30p
- Tuesday**
— Pericope Study: 9:30a
— JW Bible Study: 10a & 7p
— Confirmation: 6p
- 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
- Friday**
— Casting Crowns Concert
— Jr/Sr High Lockin
- Next Sunday** — LENT 4
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— "Walk Across the Room": 6-7:30p

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS — Begins Sunday, March 14th
be sure to move your clocks forward at midnight!

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"!

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY— Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Beginning a new study 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!

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— 3/7 James White; 3/8 Wayne Leith; 3/10 Shannon Lieke; 3/13 Bev Marvin & David Willis

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 Shannon Lieke's Birthday	
Altar Guild	Morris/Rieders/Willis	
Ushers	June & Bob Tesch	Larry Mikeska
Acolyte	Joshua John	Abby Timberlake
Liturgist	Fred Kunzler	Dan Strode
Lector	Cari White	John Garrou
Cantor	Fred Kunzler	
Child Sermon	Chris Parnell	Tracy Posey
Communion		G & I Carleton/P. Curry
Audio	B. Horstman	Aspen Timberlake
Video	B. Horstman	Matt Lyons
Counters	Tammy Soward/Bill Peska	

Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	Celebration of Khrystynne Faucett's Birthday	
Altar Guild	Morris/Rieders/Willis	
Ushers	D. & B. Marvin	M. Budd & K. Curry
Acolyte	Cory Leith	Timmy Hamner
Liturgist	Bill Bray	Chuck Canterbury
Lector	Alan Lowe	Becky Ohm
Cantor	Bill Bray	
Child Sermon	Jerry Daniels	Doris Goates
Communion		B. Christ/J. Hopkins/D. Bray
Audio	B. Horstman	K. Loewe
Video	B. Horstman	J. Goates
Counters	Kathy Gann/Bob Jahn	

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

Our Daily Joy!

ON THE VINE ... Nourished: Miracles and Ministry — Week of March 7, 2010

Monday, March 8

Luke 9:28-62

Why do you think Jesus took Peter, James and John with him (29-36)? How are Peter's confession (18-20), the prophecy of Jesus (22), and the saying in 27 connected? Why did Peter react as he did (33)? Why were Moses and Elijah present? Have you experienced God in an unusual or intimate way, and wanted to stay in that moment? What do the disciples mean by greatness (46-50)? What does Jesus mean? How do you picture greatness? In 51-62, Jesus teaches about the cost of following him. If Jesus asked you to follow him today, would you have excuses? How does Jesus respond to excuses? What is keeping you from total dedication, instead of halfhearted commitment? Spend time in prayer asking God to help you.

Tuesday, March 9

Luke 10

Jesus sends out 72 to evangelize (1-24). Why do you think he sent them in groups of two? Why did he send them ahead? How do 1-12 show Jesus' urgency for evangelism? What are the dangers and comforts of aligning yourself with Jesus (16)? Why is Jesus joyful (21)? What would it take for you to be more involved in the harvest? How does being blessed by knowing Jesus influence your response to God (23)? Why does Jesus answer the expert of the law with a story (25-37)? Given the divisions between Jews and Samaritans (John 4), what's unusual about the outcome of this parable? Who do you most identify with? Why? Who needs you to be a good Samaritan this week? Read 38-41 and rediscover the Mary and Martha in you. Who are you most like?

Wednesday, March 10

Luke 11:1-28

We learn three things about prayer: content (2-3), persistence (5-10), and God's faithfulness (11-13). (Also see Matthew 6:9-13.) In Jesus' prayer (2-4), which concerns come first? What personal concerns follow? What does 5-8 teach about prayer? How does 9-10 relate to the parable? Do you think 9-10 are sometimes misunderstood? Why? Do 11-13 clarify the intent of 9-10? The Old Testament promised that God would someday give his Spirit to his people (Joel 2:28-33). Do you pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit? (See Romans 2:29, 1 Corinthians 12:1-30, Romans 8:25-27.) Do you feel like God is listening, or far away? God invites us to a personal relationship with him; we are his children! Share with God that part of your life for which you are seeking him.

Thursday, March 11

Luke 11:29-54

Notice Jesus' warning about unbelief (29-32). Why is Jesus so upset about this generation? What is Jesus' point? Are you waiting for a sign before you turn to God? What surprises the Pharisee about Jesus (37-54)? How does Jesus turn the table on his host (39-41)? What is the meaning of the three woes directed at the Pharisees (42-44)? What is the point of these criticisms? What is the meaning of the three woes in 46-52? What is the point of the accusations directed at lawyers? Since we think of Jesus as meek and mild, what is significant about this? Of the six woes (three to the Pharisees and three to the lawyers) which one(s) have your name on them? Why? How would you like your life to change in light of these verses? Pray.

Friday, March 12

Luke 12:1-34

Why does Jesus encourage his disciples to fear, yet be fearless (4-7)? What does Jesus say about the believer's security facing human opposition? God's judgment? Have you stood up for Jesus in a public way? How did that feel? Pray for an opportunity to speak for God; God will give you the words. Our attitudes, values, goals, activities and possessions express our Christian faith (13-34). Jesus tells a parable to answer a man's plea (13-21). What is the man's problem? His solution? What does this parable explain? If you looked at your investment portfolio, would you find that you're rich towards God? If not, what will you do this week, and this year, to change that? In 22-34, Jesus commands us not to worry. How do these verses relate to the preceding ones? Why does Jesus tell the disciples not to worry? What does he urge them to do instead? What does he ask them to do in 31? What will happen? You can't separate what you do from what you believe; what you treasure shows your priorities. Does God's love touch your wallet? Your time? Your energy? On a scale of 1-10, where is your worry level right now? How will you transfer your treasures from Wall Street to heaven's gate? Take time to "be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

Saturday, March 13

Luke 12:35-59

What is the relationship between watchfulness and worry? What are the major concerns here? Why does Jesus say they should be ready (39-40)? What are the actions and mind of the faithful, wise manager (42-43)? What could tempt the manager to do wrong (45)? How does Jesus summarize this in 48? Are there dangers that Jesus is warning you about? What has God entrusted to you? Would you do anything differently if you knew Jesus was returning in 30 days? We must bear fruit (Galatians 5:22-23) and serve; we must be ready! Are you ready to greet him joyfully? Why, or why not? Divisions occur as some choose to follow Christ and others do not (49-53). Our faith in Christ includes service to our families, but Christ must be supreme. What has Christ brought to your family and friends: division or peace? Why? Ask Jesus to give you the right words to share your faith, or the strength to accept another's decision when you've done all you can. Is there someone you need to lift up to the Lord? God is listening; God cares.

Sunday, March 14

Psalms 50

This psalm contrasts true and false faith. Notice the movement from the picture of what God has drawn in 1-6, to the religious people in 7-15, and then on to the wicked in 16-23. If God addressed you today through this psalm, what would he most likely attack: mindless ritualism or lip service? Why? God is warning people, and issuing the call to follow him. How has he done that for you? Pray that God will forgive you, and give you a heart of love and humility.