

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 April 11, 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 — **EASTER 2**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Ed: 9:15a

Monday
— Pericope Study: 1p
— LaCocina: 6:30p
— Joyful Tooters: 7p
— Joy Choir: 7:30p
— Church Council: 7:30p

Tuesday
— JW Bible Study: 10a & 7p

Wednesday
— Pr. Peterman's Study: 7:30p

Thursday
— **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
— ELST Meeting
— Men's Bible Study: 7:30p
— Praise Band: 7:30p

Fri-Sun
— Synod Assembly in New Orleans

Next Sunday — **EASTER 3**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Ed: 9:15a

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

WELCOME! — Joy is delighted to welcome back Pastor Edwin Peterman this Sunday. Please join us at 9:15 in the Gathering Place as he leads us in study. If you are serving in another area at that time, Pr. Peterman's study will be videotaped and played back Wed. night at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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.

GRADUATING SENIORS!! — We would like to feature you in the May newsletter! This would include your senior picture and a write-up about you. Be sure to get your info in to the office by April 15th! There will also be a table available May 1st for you to display your photos and other items you would like to share. You will be contacted by a member of the milestone team. We will have the Baccalaurette celebration in May. More info to follow.

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.

PEER MINISTRY — is coming. . . .

EASTER LILIES — please remember to take home your Easter Lily.

SPECIAL JOYFUL WOMEN EVENT — Saturday, April 24th, 9-11 a.m. join us for Brunch and Dramatic presentation. 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 if you plan to attend. There is also a menu sheet if you are willing to bring food.

SUGAR LAND CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT — at New Hope Lutheran Church in Missouri City, Monday, April 26th at 8:00 p.m. The program includes several works especially suitable for the Easter season including John Rutter's Gloria. Admission is free.

FORT BEND FAMILY PROMISE — 6th Annual Golf Tournament, Mon. April 26th at Pecan Grove Country Club. Entry Fees: \$125pp. All entry fees go to support Fort Bend Family Promise serving the needs of temporarily homeless families with children. Need info. contact Duane McCullough at 281-639-2100.

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 — 4/13 Bob Jahn; 4/17 Khrystynne Faucett; Kyra & Neela Work

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	Bolner/Mikeska/Peveto/Shipp	
Ushers	Jim & Cari White	Bill & Hazel Peska
Acolyte	Joshua John	Brianna Wyant
Liturgist	Dan Strode	Susan Krabbe
Lector	Darin Mielke	Vickie Schoppe
Cantor	Dan Strode	
Child Sermon	Jerry Daniels	Tracy Posey
Communion	S. Morris/M & J Ronning	
Audio	Walquist	Kevin Loewe
Video	B. Horstman	James Goates
Counters	Kathy Gann/Allen Schoppe	

Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	Linda Jacobsen & Emily Sattler's Birthdays	
Altar Guild	Bolner/Mikeska/Peveto/Shipp	
Ushers	D. Boenig & B. Horstman	Paula & Kristen Curry
Acolyte	Cory Leith	Hayden Posey
Liturgist	Darin Mielke	Corinne Light
Lector	Becky Ohm	Sandy Wohler
Cantor	Darin Mielke	
Child Sermon	Chris Parnell	Kathy Strode
Communion	B.Christ/J.Garrou/J.Hopkins	
Audio	B. Horstman	J. Goates
Video	B. Horstman	A. Cabato
Counters	Fred Kunzler/Tammy Soward	

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Our Daily Joy!

BOLD CHURCH ... Beginning! — Week of April 11, 2010

Monday, April 12

Acts 5

Today's focus is the deception of Ananias and Sapphira (1-11). What was their sin? What would they have gained by lying about the money? How do their actions compare to the actions in 32-37? It is easy to think of God as loving and forgiving, and overlook the equally important truth of God's holiness. God has not changed (Malachi 3:6), and hates sin as much as ever. Are there areas of your life where you have professed to giving all, yet knowingly held some back for yourself? Dishonesty, greed, and envy are destructive to each of us. Have you ever experienced the "fear of the Lord"? How has that influenced your life? Pray with Psalm 51:9-12 as your guide.

Tuesday, April 13

Acts 6

What is the initial problem, and how do the apostles resolve it (2-7)? It seems like the "perfect church" will only occur when Christ and his followers are united at his second coming. How can we make our church better? We don't have to be perfect to advance Christ's mission, but must be united. How do we spread out our church's work among our members? No part is insignificant; ask God about your next assignment. In 8-15, Stephen is arrested. How does the opposition to Stephen compare to the opposition the apostles faced (5:27-28)? What lies behind the accusations against Stephen (see 5:21-24 and John 2:13-21)? Stephen was a man full of "God's grace and power." What two adjectives could describe your spiritual life? How might God's grace and power change your life?

Wednesday, April 14

Acts 7:1-34

What does Stephen's response to the Sanhedrin reveal about his respect for the Mosaic law? Why do you think he delivered a history lesson about Moses? What parallels does he make between Moses and Jesus? The Sanhedrin knew their history every bit as well as Stephen, so how do you account for their radically different response to Jesus? What do you need, besides knowledge, to know Jesus? Stephen's speech certainly tells us of the importance of the Old Testament. Is the Old Testament a close friend to you, or a stranger? Spend time in the Old Testament learning the history of our faith.

Thursday, April 15

Acts 7:35-60

Notice the difference between Stephen's bold response and Jesus' quiet response before the Sanhedrin. Why were they so different? How can we know when to speak boldly and when to be quiet? Why were Stephen's listeners enraged? What does that reveal about the Sanhedrin? Peter's speech led to mass conversion (chapter 2), while Stephen's led to his death. As Stephen died, he spoke words like Jesus' words on the cross (Luke 23:34). How does 59-60 prove the description of Stephen in 6:8? What is the worst thing you've endured for your faith? Can you see now how God used it for good? Thank God for those who were persecuted; heroes of our faith.

Friday, April 16

Acts 8

Persecution forced believers out of their homes in Jerusalem and into other places to share the good news. Watch how God prepares the way for his message, and the human initiative by his followers. Today's focus is 26-40. The Ethiopian eunuch was reading Isaiah 53:32-33. Philip took advantage of this opportunity to explain the good news. In 29-35, Philip did three things: he followed the Spirit's leading; he began the discussion where the man was (Isaiah 53); and he explained how Jesus Christ fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy. He took a personal interest. It seems that all evangelism involves intimacy. Do you know the Bible well enough to answer that man's questions? How can you grow in your faith and knowledge so that you will be prepared for surprise opportunities? Pray that you will hear God's calling; he has already equipped you for your assignment.

Saturday, April 17

Acts 9

The focus today is 1-17. While the church was growing, a Pharisee named Saul tried to destroy it. Saul traveled 150 miles to Damascus in order to expand his persecution of Christians. What does that tell you about Saul? Is Saul someone you'd have believed was beyond God's reach? Or do you wonder why God would have wanted him as a part of his team? If you had been one of Saul's companions, how would you describe what happened in 3-9? How do you think Saul felt when confronted by Jesus (4-6)? How would you have felt in Ananias' place (13-14)? What is significant about how Ananias addresses Saul (17-19)? How did God get your attention? Was it in a dramatic, or quiet, way? Has there been an Ananias in your life? What changes has knowing Jesus brought into your life?

Sunday, April 18

Psalms 121

What a wonderful Psalm of assurance and hope! God is always watching over his people, and listening to their needs. We are safe! We never outgrow our need for knowing of God's untiring watch over our lives. Spend time in prayer thanking God for his faithfulness and love. Read this Psalm as if it were your prayer for the day.