

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 April 12, 2009

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.

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 foyer between worship services.

CRY ROOM — A nursery/cry room is available and staffed during worship & Christian Ed. 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 and in the hallway.

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; **Paula Curry & Steve Budd** — 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** — **EASTER SUNDAY**
— Worship: 8:00a; 9:15a & 10:30a
— Easter Breakfast: 8a
— Easter Egg Hunt: 9:15a
- Monday**
— LaCocina: 6:30p
— Church Council: 7:30p
— Joyful Tooters: 7p
— Joy Choir: 7:30p
- Tuesday**
— JW Bible Study: 10a & 7p
- Wednesday** — **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
— Confirmation: 6p
— Ruth Bible Study: 7p
- Thursday** — Men's Bible Study: 7p
— PB@J: 7:30p
- Fri-Sat** — Our Gifts/His Glory Retreat
- Next Sunday** — **EASTER 2**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— AGAPE Concert: 6p

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

EASTER BREAKFAST — Sr. High will serve Easter breakfast beginning at 8:00 a.m.

FDIC EASTER CELEBRATION AND EGG HUNT — today from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Bring your baskets and come ready to hunt!

GRADUATING SENIORS! — We would like to honor you in the May newsletter. This would include a picture and a write up! A form has been sent by email. Please have photos and info to the office by April 15th. We will have our Baccalaureate celebration May 24th. If you have questions contact Tracy Posey.

PRAISE BAND AT JOY — Our Contemporary Worship Music Team has changed its name to PB@J to avoid confusion with the Worship and Music ministry team.

RUTH BIBLE STUDY — Wed. April 15th at 7 p.m. All ladies of Joy are welcome. For more information contact Rachel Divin or Sherry Barr.

SR & JR HIGH RETREAT WEEKEND — "Our Gifts for His Glory" retreat at T-Bar-M Sports Camp in New Braunfels. April 17-19. Cost is \$100. To register go to www.regonline/giftsforhglory. Online registration only.

HIP HOP IKE BENEFIT CONCERT — featuring AGAPE on Sunday, April 19th at 6 p.m. at Holy Comforter Lutheran Church. Free will offering to benefit Lutheran Disaster Response Fund.

LUTHERHILL ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT — on Friday, April 24th. 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 — 5th Annual Golf Tourney on Wed., April 22nd 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Greatwood Golf Club, Sugar Land. Sign up on line at 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 25th from 9-11 a.m. for parents & new drivers. On April 26th at worship services new drivers will receive a book, keychain and a Parental and Congregational blessing! Sign up now in the Narthex.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT — Brandon Walquist will be planting 6 trees and putting in an irrigation system for his Eagle Scout award. He will have the help of Bill Barr and other scouts on April 25th. Brandon is looking forward to beautifying his church and watching the trees grow!

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 23rd-26th, Women's weekend - April 30th - May 2nd. Contact Pr. Christ, Pr. Kastner, Becky Ohm or Jeanette & Milton Richards if you have questions.

JOYFUL WOMEN POTLUCK & MOVIE — on Tuesday, April 28th at 10 a.m. at Martha Willis' home. All women of Joy and guests are invited. We will watch the DVD "How Great Is Our God". Directions will be on JW Bulletin Board.

JR/SR HIGH GARAGE SALE/CARWASH/BBQ — now collecting garage sale items for their fundraiser on May 2nd. 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!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

HOP ON THE BUS 2009! — Join us Aug. 3-7th when we will be traveling to Cristo Rey! If you are interested, sign up in the Narthex for more info. contact Paula Curry.

BIRTHDAYS — 4/13 Bob Jahn; 4/17 Khrystynne Faucett and Kyra & Neela Work; 4/18 Dylan Garrou

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; Pr. Bazellel Hernandez

Serving Jesus Today

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>9:15 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers		EASTER LILIES	
Altar Guild	S.Barr/C.Bolner/R.Divin/M.Mikeska/M.Peveto/P.Shipp		
Ushers	Horstman/Lowe	D. Boenig	C & K Canterbury
Acolyte	C.Morrison	E. Garcia	M. Budd
Liturgist	Bill Bray	Dan Strode	Dan Strode
Lector	Emily Sattler	Mike Ronning	Mike Ronning
Cantor	Bill Bray	Dan Strode	
Child Sermon	No Children's Sermon		
Communion		M&J Ronning	Curry/Morris/ Hamner
Audio	C. White	B. Horstman	J. Goates
Counters	Kim Hodenfield/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	S.Barr/C.Bolner/R.Divin/M.Mikeska/M.Peveto/P.Shipp	
Ushers	Darwin & Bev Marvin	Parke & Gracie Wyant
Acolyte	Chance Morrison	Joshua John
Liturgist	Emily Sattler	John Garrou
Lector	Mike Gann	Doris Goates
Cantor	Emily Sattler	
Child Sermon	Ashley Stutes	Kayla Posey
Communion	Becky Geary/Greg & Irene Carleton	
Audio	B & A Walquist	Brianne Hodenfield
Counters	Pam Hill/Kathy Gann	

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Our Daily Joy!

Taking Root: Digging in the Dirt... Rising from Holy Ground — Week of April 12, 2009

Monday, April 13 "Good News of Great Joy"

Yesterday, on Easter/Resurrection Day, did you find yourself dancing around your home and/or singing Charles Wesley's lyrics, "Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!"? Are you bursting with joy at the realization of what the resurrection means for you? An anonymous writer expresses what the resurrection means to him/her: "He rose! And with Him hope arose, and life and light. Men said, 'Not Christ, but death, died yesternight.' And joy and truth and all things virtuous rose when He rose." At Jesus' birth, an angel announced 'good news of great joy' (*Luke 2:10*). Read John 14:19b; 20:1-18; and 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. Celebrate this great joy; worship Jesus our Lord.

Tuesday, April 14 "Of First Importance"

Often we celebrate Christmas with great and joyful abandon, but what about Easter/Resurrection Day? What does Paul say is of 'first importance' (*1 Corinthians 15:3-4*)? We realize that love held Jesus' glorious, nail-pierced hands to the Cross, and that he is 'the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world' (*John 1:29*). He died in our place; Jesus' death was the payment for our sin debt (*2 Corinthians 5:21; Colossians 2:13-15*). And Jesus' resurrection is the victory song! 'Death has been swallowed up in victory!' Read John 11:25-26 and 1 Corinthians 15:17-20; 54-57. With great joy, worship the One who has conquered sin and death by rising from the dead.

Wednesday, April 15 "I Have Seen the Lord!"

Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-7, noting how Paul documents that Jesus appeared to many after his resurrection. Now notice people's reaction to Jesus as you read Matthew 28:8-9; Luke 24:31-35; John 20:16-19, 26-28; Acts 26:12-23; and Revelation 1:16b-18. Jesus lives, and we too can see him. Listen to Paul's words in Ephesians 1:17-23, then to A. H. Ackley's lyrics: "Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing, eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King! The Hope of all who seek him, the Help of all who find; none other is so loving, so good, and kind. He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today..." (*1933 Homer A. Rodeheaver; 1961 Word Music*). Talk with Jesus.

Thursday, April 16 God's Eternal Plan

Read Isaiah 53:10-11; Matthew 17:22-23; 20:17-19; Mark 10:33-34; John 10:11, 14-15, 17-18; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; and 1 Peter 1:18-21. Jesus' death and resurrection was God's eternal plan. Jesus offered up his life for us; his crucifixion and resurrection were not surprises for Jesus. Savor this truth. Last week we meditated on Philippians 2:6-8. Ponder this text again, then consider the lyrics of an American folk hymn: "What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul; what wondrous love is this, O my soul...that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse, for my soul...that caused the Lord of life to lay aside His crown, for my soul..." Exalt and adore Jesus!

Friday, April 17 "I Am the Resurrection and the Life"

Ponder 1 Corinthians 15:19. Yet, do we often live as if this life is all there is? Allow Scripture's messages of life and hope to mold your priorities and to penetrate the dark places in your life. Read John 11:25-26; 14:1-3, 19b; 20:30-31; 1 Corinthians 2:9; 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:8; and Philippians 1:21; 3:8-11, 20-21. Do these passages help us understand Jesus' words in John 16:33? Because of Jesus, we can have hope and courage for today and the sure knowledge that our future is glorious; his promises are true. Open your heart to Jesus in prayer and praise.

Saturday, April 18 He Knows Your Name

The crucified Lamb of God (*John 1:29*) is our risen Lord (*John 20:18, 28*). Consider Job's longing and his bold proclamation of faith (*Job 19:23-27*). Now read our theme texts, John 20:1-18 and 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. We all long for an intimate relationship with our living Lord. Notice how Mary reacts when Jesus speaks her name? No doubt, Jesus, after the resurrection, also called others by name and melted their hearts. Read John 21:16; imagine Jesus saying these words to you, calling you by name. Read Revelation 5:12-13; 7:17; worship Jesus!

Sunday, April 19 He Lives: He Reigns!

Believers throughout the world and through all ages have triumphantly exclaimed, "He has risen!" Easter is the pivotal point in human history and is God's great 'Amen' to Jesus' sacrificial death. Read Luke 1:31-33; Philippians 2:9-11; and Revelation 22:1-6a. Peter Furler and Steve Taylor have scripted lyrics that celebrate the joyful voices of the redeemed, the church universal, exalting our living, reigning Lord and King. Join the joy-filled throngs, and worship Jesus: "...It's every tribe, every tongue, every nation, a love song born of a grateful choir. It's all God's children singing, "Glory, glory, hallelujah, He reigns. He reigns..." (*2003 Ariose Music*).