

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 18, 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 —

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

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

Wednesday
— Confirmation: 6p

Thursday
— Men's Bible Study: 7:30p
— Praise Band: 7:30p

Friday
— Lutherhill Golf Tournament: 1:30p

Saturday
— JW Brunch: 9-11a

Next Sunday — EASTER 4
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Ed: 9:15a

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

PASTOR DICK KASTNER — brings God's word to us this morning.

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 or would like to continue the conversation and would like to see more scheduled please let Pastor Tim, Kathy Gann or the church office know so we can determine the need.

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. 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.

PEER MINISTRY — is coming. . . .

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.

GRADUATING SENIORS!! — We would like to feature you in the May newsletter! This would include your senior picture and a write-up about you. If you haven't sent yours in be sure to send it by Tuesday, April 20th to be included. 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.

FDIC & SOCIAL MINISTRY MEETING — Monday, May 3rd at 6:30 p.m. Planning for Summer of Service.

CONFIRMATION CAMP — for those interested in attending camp at Lutherhill this summer, be sure to complete your registration form and \$85 deposit (made payable to Joy) to Paula Curry as soon as possible. Scholarships are available. For more info contact Tracy Posey or Paula Curry.

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!

SHADE TREE MINISTRY — has a need for rice and beans. Other items needed include men's work gloves and shoes.

BIRTHDAYS — 4/18 Dylan Garrou; 4/19 Aiden Lyons; 4/23 Linda Jacobsen & Emily Sattler; 4/24 Jeanette Richards

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	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	Martha Willis	Sandy Wohlert
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	

Serving Jesus Next 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	Bob & June Tesch	M. Budd & K. Curry
Acolyte	Kelsey White	Kristen Curry
Liturgist	Bill Bray	Chuck Canterbury
Lector	Tammy Soward	Shena Timberlake
Cantor	Bill Bray	
Child Sermon	Laura Parnell	Doris Goates
Communion	G & I Carleton/L. Mikeska	
Audio	Walquist	Aspen Timberlake
Video	B. Horstman	Melissa Mikeska
Counters	Melody Mielke/Bob Jahm	

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Our Daily Joy!

BOLD CHURCH ... Proclamation! – Week of April 18, 2010

Monday, April 19

Acts 10:1-33

In this passage, God leads people to share the gospel with everyone. God's plan is to bless people everywhere. What is unusual about Cornelius and his encounter with God? (See Leviticus 11: 4-7, 13-19 and 29-30.) How do you think Peter feels when he is told to eat these animals? Why is it repeated three times? What does the principle in verse 15 mean to him? How do Cornelius' story (1-10, 23-34) and Peter's story fit together? How do you think Peter felt as he entered Cornelius' house? Imagine what verse 28 meant to Cornelius. Why is this story important to each of us, and to our church, today? Is our church a place where all people are welcome to share the gospel? How about us? Do we have beliefs or opinions that limit our ability to reach out? Pray for a willingness to reach those who desire to know God.

Tuesday, April 20

Acts 10:34-48

Conflict between the Jews and Gentiles was a barrier to spreading the gospel. Many early Jewish believers thought it was unacceptable to associate with Gentiles. But God told Peter to take the good news to a Roman, and Peter obeyed. Read these verses with the understanding that God tells each of us what he told Peter: the good news of Christ is for everyone. Peter and Cornelius need each other to discover how God works. Peter needs to know that Gentiles are included in God's plan, and Cornelius needs to hear the good news. Ask God to reveal where you should share the gospel, so that you might understand how God works.

Wednesday, April 21

Acts 11

Peter explains his actions in 1-18. Of what importance is the gift of the Holy Spirit? Peter brings six witnesses to back him up (12). Why is this important? The lesson in 10:34-35 and 11:18 is not easily learned, even by Peter. Consider our community and our church (ethnically, socially, politically, and so on). Have we decided that our church is just not for some of the people in our midst? How do we remove barriers, soften hearts, and reach out? Pray for our church and how we share the gospel.

Thursday, April 22

Acts 12

King Herod continues persecuting the first Christians, and Peter is in jail because of his faith and preaching. Why would Herod's choice to arrest Peter please the Jewish leaders (2-4)? God reveals himself through miracles; an angel appears and rescues Peter (7-8). Would you have believed Rhoda if you had been there (13-15)? Who do you think truly had the power: Herod or the Lord? How can this chapter help Christians deal with persecution and suffering? What worldly forces seem overpowering to you? How does this chapter put them into perspective? Why is verse 5 such an important part of this chapter? Do you believe that prayer changes things? What do you need to lift up in prayer so that God's miracles might occur?

Friday, April 23

Acts 13:1-25

The focus turns to spreading the gospel around the world. What was setting when the Spirit speaks to the leaders at Antioch (2-3)? The inspiration of the Spirit enables followers to understand God's will in events of their lives and in the plans for their lives. How does the Spirit speak to you? Put yourself in Elymas' place (8). Why would you oppose Barnabas and Saul? Have people ever tried to turn you from faith? How did you respond? It was about 350 miles from Cyprus to Pisidian. What does that say about their willingness to travel for the sake of the gospel? What does 15 tell us about their audience? Compare 22-23 and 36-37 with Romans 1:3 and Acts 2:29-31. What is the connection between David and Jesus? Why is this so important to Peter and Paul? To you and I? If you were to emphasize one thing about the gospel, what would it be? Why?

Saturday, April 24

Acts 13:26-52

Jesus fulfilled the intention of God's history with Israel and the scriptures (27-41). According to Paul, what is the central meaning of the resurrection (38-39)? Compare 39 with Romans 3:20-24 and 8:3-4. What does Paul mean by being "justified?" Describe the feelings and emotions created by this sermon (42-51). Why are there so many different reactions? How would Paul respond to today's critics who describe Jesus as something other than the Son of God or the risen Savior? Should the Old Testament still play a role in his answer? Read Romans 1:16. Paul was bold about his faith. Are you bold or embarrassed? Ask God to rekindle your passion to obey him and to tell others about the good news.

Sunday, April 25

Psalms 131

Reflect on the importance of humility. Here humility is described as an act of our will, allowing us to be content with God's leading in our lives. How do you still your soul? Ask God to let humility and trust give you the strength and

freedom to serve God and others. Out of that contentment, live in the discovery that you no longer need to prove yourself to others. Thanks be to God!