

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 19, 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 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** — **EASTER 2**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— AGAPE Concert: 6p
- Monday**
— Joyful Tooters: 7p
— Joy Choir: 7:30p
- Tuesday**
— JW Bible Study: 10a & 7p
- Wednesday**
— FB Family Promise Golf: 11:30a-8:30p
— Ruth Bible Study: 7p
- Thursday**
— West Houston Ministerium: 10a
— Men's Bible Study: 7p
— PB@J: 7:30p
- Friday**
— Lutherhill Golf Tournament:
- Saturday**
— B. Walquist Eagle Scout Project: 8a-3p
— Keys Milestone Parent/Driver Mtg: 9a
- Next Sunday** — **EASTER 3**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— Blessing of the Keys Milestone: 10:30a

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

ROUNDTABLE ROUNDUP FOR CLERGY & LAY LEADERS — **TODAY** from 3-5 p.m at Faith Lutheran Church, 4600 Bellaire Blvd in Bellaire. Come hear an introduction to the synodical vision for Evangelism that will be the focus of the 2009 Synod Assembly. Let us know if you are coming! rsvp@gulfcoastsynod.org

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 — next Friday, April 24th. If you golf or are willing to join us, contact Pastor Tim or Brett Carleton ASAP 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!

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 GRANDSLAM WITH LOCK-IN — Join us for a lock-in on May 1st thru May 2nd to prepare for the Grandslam Garage Sale/Carwash/BBQ. Sign up on the Jr. High bulletin board in the hallway.

GRAND SLAM GARAGE SALE/CARWASH/BBQ — now collecting garage sale items for Jr/Sr High fundraiser on May 2nd. If you have items you would like to donate, leave them in the Jr. High classroom thru 4/30.

BACCALAUREATE CELEBRATION — May 3rd at both services. Please contact Tracy or the church office to let them know when service you will be attending. A table will be set up in the Narthex for you to display "brag items" about your graduate. If you have questions contact Tracy Posey.

CINCO DE MAYO FUNDRAISER — benefiting Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels at La Cocina Mexican Restaurant on May 2nd 5-10 p.m. Live Music; Live & Silent Auction and more!

YOUTH MINISTRY NETWORK MEETING — May 7th at 10:30 a.m. Camp Lutherhill in LaGrange. For all Youth Ministers, and Youth Workers and Pastors. RSVP to matt@lutherhill.org.

"COLOR ME PLAID" GOLF OUTING — Join us for YFM Network first annual Golf Outing at Frisch Auf National Golf Course in La Grange after YMN meeting at 4 p.m. on May 7th. Must wear plain & have your own clubs. Cost \$20. RSVP to matt@lutherhill.org.

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 — 4/23 Linda Jacobsen & Emily Sattler; 4/24 Jeanette Richards; 4/25 Irene Carleton

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>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	D. Boenig & R. Godwin	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	

Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	Celebration of Thomas Schoppe's 1 st Birthday	
Altar Guild	S.Barr/C.Bolner/R.Divin/M.Mikeska/M.Peveto/P.Shipp	
Ushers	Darwin & Bev Marvin	Amanda & Lisa Ronning
Acolyte	Eric Garcia	Megan Budd
Liturgist	Darin Mielke	Bob Jahn
Lector	Weldon Faucett	Betty Christ
Cantor	Darin Mielke	
Child Sermon	June Tesch	Shena Timberlake
Communion	Mike & Judy Ronning/Denyse Bray	
Audio	Beth Horstman	Aspen Timberlake
Counters	Fred Kunzler/Tammy Soward	

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Our Daily Joy!

Taking Root: Digging in the Dirt...Standing on Holy Ground — Week of April 19, 2009

Monday, April 20

Jesus' Resurrection Changes Everything

Last week we spoke about those who saw Jesus after the resurrection. They saw and they believed. Because of the Holy Spirit's work in our hearts, when we believe, we "see" with eyes of faith. Ponder this as you read our theme texts, John 20:19-31 and Acts 4:32-35 (*the Acts 4 text pictures believers after Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit*). In what ways were first the 10, then Thomas, then the followers described in Acts 4, changed when they "saw" Jesus? Is seeing with physical eyes the greatest blessing? What is the Spirit's part in faith? Pray the Spirit will enlighten you as you dwell in the Word. Read Ephesians 1:17-20 and 1 Peter 1:3-5, 8-9.

Tuesday, April 21

Standing on Holy Ground

We all long to stand on holy ground, to dwell in the Lord's presence. The apostles saw Jesus' pierced hands and side, and they rejoiced. Thomas saw Jesus and said, "My Lord and my God!" (*John 20:20, 27-28*). We too can stand on holy ground in Jesus' presence. Though Jesus doesn't use the term "holy ground," he does speak of his abiding presence with those who believe. Read Matthew 28:20b; John 14:16-18, 23, 25-27; 15:4; 16:7; Acts 2:32-33, 38-39; Romans 8:9-17; and Ephesians 1:13-14. Spend time with the Lord in prayer. Ask Jesus to enable you to be ever-more aware of his abiding presence. Consider how you will live today as you stand on holy ground.

Wednesday, April 22

Behind Locked Doors

Read John 20:19-23. Notice that Jesus comes to the disciples as they hide behind locked doors; he comes to them in their fear and uncertainty, and he comes with a benediction of peace and a call to mission (*20:19, 21*). What is the nature of the peace Jesus offers them (*Isaiah 26:3-4; John 14:27; Philippians 4:4-7*)? To what does Jesus refer when he says, "I am sending you" (*20:21*); also see Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:4-5, 8. But they are still powerless to fulfill their mission; what is yet needed (*John 20:22; Acts 1:8*)? Jesus also offers us his perfect peace and the presence and power of the Spirit in our lives. Thank Jesus for seeking and finding you (*Luke 19:10*).

Thursday, April 23

What Happened?

What happened that transformed the disciples from frightened men, who hid behind locked doors, into bold witnesses who were willing to suffer (and later die) for their faith? Read John 20:21-22; Acts 1:4-8; 2:1-5, 14-24, 36-39; 4:1-31. Filled with the Spirit (*Acts 2:4a*), the disciples are living what Jesus promised (*John 7:37-39*) and Paul explains (*Galatians 2:20*). What the disciples couldn't do on their own, the Spirit does in and through them. Do you try to live your life of faith in your own strength? Read Zechariah 4:6; pray and yield to the Spirit.

Friday, April 24

The Holy Spirit

Did you grow up singing the song, "Holy, Holy, Holy"? Its lyrics help us recall truths about our Triune God. Reginald Heber writes, "Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, holy holy! Merciful and mighty!...perfect in pow'r, in love and purity...God in three Persons, blessed Trinity..." Though the word Trinity is not used in Scripture, Scripture reveals the three manifestations or persons of our One God. Read Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; John 14:16-20, 25-26; 16:7-15; 2 Corinthians 13:14; and 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14. This is mystery, for God is ineffably, immeasurably beyond our ken. Praise God.

Saturday, April 25

Witness with Our Words and Our Lives

We have a holy calling, but we cannot fulfill it in our own strength. Read our theme texts, John 20:19-31 and Acts 4:32-35, looking for evidences of our mission and also of the power, which the Lord provides, to live it. Mark 12:29-31; Luke 24:45-49; John 13:34-35; 14:25-27; 15:4-5; 17:20-23; and Acts 1:4-8 will add more insight. Love and obey the Lord; make disciples, share the good news of Jesus; love others with great abandon; witness with our words and with our lives—it is our holy calling, but, apart from the Spirit, it is impossible! Pray.

Sunday, April 26

Power and Love; Power to Love

When we read the accounts of the early church, birthed by the Spirit on Pentecost (*Acts 2*), we see evidence of great power, bold proclamation, and miraculous signs (*Acts 2:43; 3:6-10; 4:18-20, 29-31; 5:12-21, 40b-42...*); we also see evidence of great and sacrificial love (*Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-35; 7:59-60...*). Think back to the frightened men of whom we read in John 20:19. Consider how lives can be transformed by the Holy Spirit. Ponder the love, faith, courage, boldness, and perseverance of those filled with the Spirit. Pray Daniel Iverson's lyrics, "Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me—melt me, mold me, fill me, use me..." (*1935, 1963, Moody Press*).