

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 25, 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 4**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Ed: 9:15a

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

Tuesday — Stroke Scan: 4p

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

Next Sunday — **EASTER 5**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Ed: 9:15a

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

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.

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.

PASSING ON FAITH TO OUR GRADUATES — The FDIC team would you to share a favorite bible verse, any words of wisdom or advice, words of encouragement, or a story you would like to pass on to our young adults. You can write or type your own, or you can pick up a blank decorated page from the Narthex. Turn them into the church office by Monday, May 10th and we will distribute a copy to all the graduates during our celebration on May 23rd.

GRADUATING SENIORS!! — A table will be 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 Baccalaureate celebration on May 23rd at both worship services.

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

FDIC "SUMMER OF SERVICE" — is almost here! This will be intergenerational and parents are invited to participate with their children or anyone of any age can join. We will be showcasing the various ministries Joy is involved in as well as begin some one time one of a kind projects. We have a wide array of service projects planned and we need your help! There will be a sign up sheet beginning May 2nd in the Narthex. Watch for lists in the newsletter for items that will be needed. Boxes will be in the fellowship hall starting May 23rd for you to begin bringing these items. Look for the toolkit to highlight needs throughout the summer!

WANTED — Names and addresses of service men and women who are serving overseas. This will be "Christmas in July" for our those serving overseas as part of the "Summer of Service" projects. Send the info to the church office or to Corinne Light.

DR. ERIC GRITSCH — In cooperation with the Society of the Holy Trinity, Joy has the honor of hosting Dr. Gritsch, Emeritus Professor of Church History, Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary, on Sunday, May 9th. Dr. Gritsch will preach at both worship services and conduct adult forum, which will center on his latest book, *Toxic Spirituality: Four Enduring Temptations of Christian Faith*.

PEER MINISTRY — is coming. . . .

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 — is in great need of rice and beans. Other items needed include men's work gloves and shoes.

BIRTHDAYS — 4/25 Irene Carleton; 4/27 Ryan John & Francesca Voyce; 4/28 Lori Hamner

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	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 Jahn	

Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	In celebration of Wohlert Grandson's Birthday	
Altar Guild	Bray/Faucett/Marvin/McDow	
Ushers	Al & Candace Rieder	Dan & Kathy Strode
Acolyte	Mitchell Hong	Abby Timberlake
Liturgist	Fred Kunzler	Dan Strode
Lector	Becky Ohm	Corinne Light
Cantor	Fred Kunzler	
Child Sermon		
Communion	P. Curry/H. Peska/D. Bray	
Audio	B. Horstman	Kevin Loewe
Video	B. Horstman	Matt Lyons
Counters	Bill Peska/Kathy Gann	

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Our Daily Joy!

BOLD CHURCH ... Mission! — Week of April 25, 2010

Monday, April 26

Acts 14

This chapter finds Paul and Barnabas in Iconium, Lystra and Derbe, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. What is the importance of the miracles described in verse 3? What results from the healing (8-15)? What does Paul emphasize about God? In verses 19-20 we are told of the stoning of Paul. Imagine being part of the body of new believers in 21-25. How would you feel after hearing about how they were treated? The people that Paul and Barnabas encounter along the way interpret the gospel in different ways. How do we interpret the gospel today, with our own prejudices and beliefs?

Tuesday, April 27

Acts 15

What made you a Christian? And how did it happen? Think for a moment about how you might have felt as a Jew. How might you have felt as a Gentile? What is the main issue in 1-2? How would you describe Peter's struggle with this issue (7-11)? There is a struggle between theology, experience and practical application in the decisions of this council. Do you think our churches today struggle with this, also? Why? Verses 36-41 tell us of Barnabas and Paul's disagreement over Mark. This caused them to form two teams. What does this say about how God can work through conflict? Later, Mark became an important part of Paul's ministry (Colossians 4:10). How is that possible?

Wednesday, April 28

Acts 16

Today's focus is verses 16-40. Here we are told about Paul and Silas' imprisonment. Why did Paul cast the spirit out of the girl (16-18)? What was the charge against them (20-21)? How were they treated (22-24)? What does their response show about them (25)? What caused the jailer to want salvation (25-30)? If you were falsely accused and thrown into a dark jail with your feet fastened in stocks, would you be able to still trust in God's plan? Spend time in prayer reflecting on the joy, strength and hope that faith brings to you.

Thursday, April 29

Acts 17

Today's focus is verses 16-32. Paul is greatly distressed to find that Athens is full of idols (16). What does Paul emphasize about God in 23-30? How does Paul use the people's own culture to relate to God? What is their response (32-34)? Paul never hesitates to tell others about Christ, even though some refuse to believe. Paul does not leave the gospel message unfinished. He confronts his listeners with Jesus' resurrection and its meaning – either a blessing or a punishment (30-31). How about you? Are you willing to share the gospel, even if only a few believe, because it's worth the effort? Why or why not?

Friday, April 30

Acts 18

Today's focus is verses 18-28. Here we learn of a couple, Priscilla and Aquila, tentmakers who travel with Paul and help start the church in Ephesus. Since earning a living was important to support both life and ministry, why was making tents advantageous to Priscilla and Aquila, and also to Paul? What influence did Apollos have (27-28)? How did Priscilla and Aquila assist him? Spend time remembering the people who helped you become rooted and enthusiastic about your faith. How did they help you? Who is God calling you to be that person for now? How has God equipped you to serve him? Spend some time in prayer about your next assignment.

Saturday, May 1

Acts 19

The focus for today is verses 8-21. What has been happening throughout Acts that signals to Paul to quit teaching in the synagogues? Compare verses 8-9 to verses 13-15. How do these two groups of Jews view Jesus differently? Read 17-20. What do you think the general response to Jesus was *before* verses 13-16? Why do those events change the minds of the people so much? Are there ways in which we try to use Jesus for our own purposes today? How do we know the difference between using Jesus for our own purposes and "real" faith? After reading this passage, is there something you need to "burn" in order to live for God?

Sunday, May 2

Psalms 136

This psalm is called a "call and response" prayer. What types of wonders are listed here? How are the acts in verse 10 and 17-20 signs of God's enduring love? Do you find the refrain tiresome, or are you even more aware of God's love after reading it? Does it remind you that God's enduring love is the basis of everything for which we give thanks? We have grateful hearts for our faithful God. Praise God!