

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 26, 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 3**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— Blessing of the Keys Milestone

Monday — Joy Choir: 7:30p

Tuesday — JW Potluck and a movie: 10a

Wednesday — Confirmation: 6p

Thursday — Men's Bible Study: 7p
— PB@J: 7:30p

Friday — GrandSlam Lockin: 8p

Saturday — GrandSlam BBQ/Carwash/Garage Sale

Next Sunday — **EASTER 4**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— Baccalaureate Celebration: 8 & 10:30a

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

IN LOVING MEMORY — Kristi Work, a faithful disciple of Joy, was called from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant on Tuesday, April 21. Worship celebrating the promise of life eternal was held on Saturday at Joy. Please keep Tim and the entire family in your prayers.

BLESSING OF THE KEYS — Today at both worship services new drivers will receive a book, keychain and a Parental and Congregational blessing!

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 to Martha's home 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. Lock-in begins at 8 p.m. on Friday evening. Sign up on the Jr. High bulletin board in the hallway. We need all the help we can get!!

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 worship services. Please contact Tracy or the church office to let them know which service you will be attending. A table will be set up in the fellowship hall for you to display pictures and "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 Resturant on May 2nd 5-10 p.m. Live Music; Live & Silent Auction and more!

FDIC MEETING — Monday, May 4th at 6:30 p.m.

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.

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG — We will once again be supporting the Pregnancy Resource Center by collecting money between Mother's Day and Father's Day. Baby bottles will be available in the Narthex for you to pick up and fill up between those dates.

JW TOUR OF THE NEW CO-CATHEDRAL — Join us on Tuesday, May 19th for a guided tour of the new Co-cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Downtown Houston. The tour begins at 10 a.m. we will carpool from Joy at 9 a.m. A signup sheet is posted on the JW Bulletin Board. For more info contact June Tesch or Denyse Bray. Babysitting will be provided at Joy.

MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS — Meals are needed for homeless families at Fort Bend Family Promise from May 24th thru 27th. A signup sheet is in the Narthex. Monetary donations are also accepted and appreciated if you are unable to prepare a meal. For more info contact Shirley Morris or Laura Cabato.

SAVE THE DATE! — for Lutheran Social Services Night with the Astros! This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, July 23rd at 6:05 p.m. The Astros will be playing the New York Mets. This year the Lutheran Chorale will be singing the National Anthem. Watch the Narthex for a signup sheet!

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 — 4/27 Ryan John & Francesca Voyce; 4/28 Lori Hamner; 4/30 Brianne Hodenfield

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 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	

Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	Celebration of Jim & Pam Hill's Anniversary	
Altar Guild	D. Bray/K. & W. Faucett/B.Marvin/B.McDow	
Ushers	Cliff & Shelly Halvorsen	Dan & Kathy Strode
Acolyte	Kelsey White	Kristen Curry
Liturgist	Bill Bray	Chuck Canterbury
Lector	Rick Godwin	Jim Hill
Cantor	Bill Bray	
Child Sermon		
Communion	Hazel Peska/Joyce Hopkins/Betty McDow	
Audio	Courtney White	Lisa Ronning
Counters	Melissa Mikeska/Bill Peska	

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Our Daily Joy!

Taking Root: Digging in the Dirt...Dirty Little Secrets — Week of April 26, 2009

Monday, April 27

Unearthing Treasures by Digging Deeply

As you read Luke 24:36-53, pray you will find treasures that you have not previously noticed in this text. Look especially for evidence of the Holy Spirit, the tiny seeds of the fledgling Church, the fellowship of those who believe in Jesus, the message of forgiveness, and the blessed hope of resurrection and eternal life. Do these thoughts sound suspiciously like what we profess in the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed? The Apostles' Creed, with its ancient roots, embodies apostolic teaching and affirms many of the basic tenets of our faith. Why are such statements of faith important? Tell the Lord you want to stand on truth and be able to share your faith.

Tuesday, April 28

Because He Lives!

For several weeks, we have spoken much about the resurrection. Today we will ponder the thought of "the resurrection of the body and life everlasting." First consider Luke 24:13-17, 25-32, 36-43. What evidences do you find of Jesus' bodily resurrection? Now ponder Job's bold acclamation (*Job 19:23-27*). What is Jesus' promise in John 14:19b? Spend prayerful time in 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 12-21, 42, 49-57 and Philippians 3:20-21. How will you respond to Jesus, who died that we might live and who gives us such glorious promises? Worship him!

Wednesday, April 29

The Word Is True!

Statements of belief or creeds are important, for they help us unearth the gold nuggets of our faith, the Scriptural basics which root our faith in God's truth. But do we believe that God's Word is true? Do we dismiss it because there are aspects we don't understand, or do we embrace it and act on what we do understand? Read and ponder Deuteronomy 29:29; Psalm 119:57-58, 160; Isaiah 40:8; 55:8-11; Matthew 5:17-19; Luke 24:44-48; John 17:17; Romans 11:33-36; and 2 Timothy 3:16-17. You hold a treasure of infinite worth in your hands. Thank God.

Thursday, April 30

Clothed with Power and Much More

We profess belief in the Holy Spirit, but sometimes we ignore the reality of the Spirit. What does Jesus tell us about the Spirit in Luke 24:49; John 14:15-20, 25-27; and 16:7-15? What more do we learn about the Spirit in Romans 8:14-17; 1 Corinthians 12:1-7; Galatians 5:22-25; Ephesians 1:13-14; and 2 Peter 1:19-21? Did you notice that the Spirit is comforter and teacher; did you rest in the assurance that you are sealed, gifted, and empowered by the Spirit; are you manifesting the fruit of the Spirit? Do you cherish the amazing gift and promise we have in the Spirit? Read Romans 8:11; circle the word "in" each time it's used; bask in this truth and worship our Lord Jesus.

Friday, May 1

The Church Is Born

Read Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 24:44-53; John 17:20-23; and Acts 1:4-8; 2:21, 36-47; 8:1b-4. In these passages we read of the church's call or mission, Jesus' desire and prayer for the church, the birth of the church in Jerusalem, and the beginning of the spread of the gospel beyond Jerusalem. Based on these passages, how would you define "church"—is it a building, a denomination, or is it the universal body of those who believe? Is there something awe-inspiring about realizing that we are united with believers of all nationalities and all centuries/generations? Stand and read aloud Revelation 5:9-14. Join the throngs who worship the Lamb who is King eternal!

Saturday, May 2

Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins

How does God view sin? How important are repentance and forgiveness? Are we at times casual about the need to repent; do we sometimes undermine the value of forgiveness; can we atone for our own sin? Ponder what the following texts teach us about how God views sin, atonement, our need to repent, and the blessing of forgiveness: Genesis 2:17; Psalm 32:1-5; 51:1-12, 17; 103:10-12; Isaiah 53:5-6; Luke 24:45-47; John 1:29; Romans 6:23a; 2 Corinthians 5:21; and 1 John 1:5-9. Pray using Charles Wesley's lyrics: "Now incline me to repent; let me now my sins lament...There for me the Savior stands, holding forth His wounded hands....Jesus weeps and loves me still."

Sunday, May 3

Simultaneously Saint and Sinner

Because of Jesus' shed blood, we are forgiven sinners, saved by grace. Read and meditate on 1 John 1:5-2:2. We are to walk in the light, and yet we know we falter and fall. We must not choose to dwell in darkness, but rather confess our sins and live with our eyes fixed on Jesus (*Hebrews 12:1-3*). Ponder our high calling as you read 1 Peter 2:9-10. Consider that we are justified (declared righteous because of Jesus' atoning sacrifice) in a moment and that sanctification is an ongoing process. Hebrews 10:14 (NCV) reads, "With one sacrifice he made perfect forever those who are being made holy." Reflect on this and on Hebrews 13:20-21 and pray.