

# 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 4, 2010

CONGREGATIONAL WEBSITE — [www.joyrichmond.org](http://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 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

**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).

## ***This week of Joy to the World —***

- Today** — **EASTER SUNDAY**  
— Worship: 8:00a, 9:15a & 10:30a  
— Sr/Jr High Breakfast: 7:15a  
— Easter Egg Roll: 9:15a
- Monday**  
— Pericope Study: 1p  
— FDIC/Social Ministry Mtg: 6:30p  
— Joyful Tooters: 7p  
— Joy Choir: 7:30p  
— Executive Team Mtg: 7:30p
- Tuesday**  
— JW Bible Study: 10a & 7p
- Wednesday**  
— Confirmation: 6p
- Thursday**  
— Ministerium: 10a  
— Men's Bible Study: 7:30p  
— Praise Band: 7:30p
- Next Sunday** — **EASTER 2**  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Christian Ed: 9:15a

**—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!**

### **Ministry Opportunities**

**EASTER BREAKFAST** — Jr & Sr High will be hosting Easter breakfast today! We will serve through the 3 services or until we run out of food. Free will donations will be accepted.

**EASTER EGG HUNT** — Ages 2-preK will be during the Sunday school hour. Ages K-5 will have resurrection eggs in at 9:15 in the 3-5<sup>th</sup> classroom and meet on the deck at 9:50! Bring your Easter baskets!

**FDIC & SOCIAL MINISTRY MEETING** — both ministries will combine their monthly meeting on Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Please join us! For more info contact Tracy Posey or Laura Cabato.

**2010 LENTEN FUNDS** — will be used to support the furnishing of 3 Boys bedrooms and 3 Girls bedrooms at the Parks Youth Ranch, a shelter for homeless youth in Fort Bend County. For more info, contact Laura Cabato

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

**ANNUAL CROP WALK** — at George Ranch is on April 17<sup>th</sup>! Be sure to mark your calendars. A signup sheet is in the Narthex. Sponsor sheets will be available soon. For questions contact Laura Cabato or Shirley Morris.

**GRADUATING SENIORS!!** — We would like to feature you in the May newsletter! This would include your senior picture and a write-up about you. There will also be a table available May 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**LUTHERHILL GOLF TOURNAMENT** — 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf sponsored by Thrivent is on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 9-11 a.m. join us for Brunch and Dramatic presentation. You don't want to miss this one. 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.

**STROKE SCAN** — is scheduled to be at Joy on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**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](http://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 10-13<sup>th</sup>. 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!

**BIRTHDAYS** — 4/4 Everett Timberlake; 4/5 Cliff Halvorsen & Hazel Peska; 4/7 Julia Gaas & Melody Mielke; 4/8 Doug Garrison; 4/9 Marie Thorseth

## 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>9:15 a.m.</u>    | <u>10:30 a.m.</u>  |
|----------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Altar Flowers</b> | Easter Lilies/Joe & Wilma Bryan's Anniv. |                     |                    |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>   | Bolner/Mikeska/Peveto/Shipp              |                     |                    |
| <b>Ushers</b>        | Halvorsen's                              |                     | Carletons          |
| <b>Acolyte</b>       | Cory Leith                               | Emma Gaas           | R.Schwartz         |
| <b>Liturgist</b>     | Bill Bray                                | Dan Strode          | John Garrou        |
| <b>Lector</b>        | Bev Marvin                               | Mike Ronning        | Betty Christ       |
| <b>Cantor</b>        | Bill Bray                                | Dan Strode          |                    |
| <b>Child Sermon</b>  |  |                     | Tracy Posey        |
| <b>Communion</b>     |  | White/Ohm           | McDow/ Bray/ Peska |
| <b>Audio</b>         | B. Horstman                              | B.Horstman          | A.Timberlake       |
| <b>Video</b>         | B. Horstman                              |                     | Matt Lyons         |
| <b>Counters</b>      |  | Bill Peska/Bob Jahn |                    |

### Serving Jesus Next Sunday

|                      | <u>8:00 a.m.</u>            | <u>10:30 a.m.</u>        |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Altar Flowers</b> | To The Glory of God         |                          |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>   | Bolner/Mikeska/Peveto/Shipp |                          |
| <b>Ushers</b>        | Jim & Cari White            | Bill & Hazel Peska       |
| <b>Acolyte</b>       | Joshua John                 | Brianna Wyant            |
| <b>Liturgist</b>     | Dan Strode                  | Susan Krabbe             |
| <b>Lector</b>        | Darin Mielke                | Vickie Schoppe           |
| <b>Cantor</b>        | Dan Strode                  |                          |
| <b>Child Sermon</b>  | Jerry Daniels               | Tracy Posey              |
| <b>Communion</b>     |                             | L. Mikeska/M & J Ronning |
| <b>Audio</b>         | Walquist                    | Kevin Loewe              |
| <b>Video</b>         | B. Horstman                 | James Goates             |
| <b>Counters</b>      | Kathy Gann/Allen Schoppe    |                          |

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# Our Daily Joy!

ON THE VINE ... LIFE: Resurrection and Rejoicing — Week of April 4, 2010

**Monday, April 5**

**Luke 24:13-53**

What do you think the two followers were talking about on the road to Emmaus (19-24)? How do they react to Jesus? Why does Jesus recall the Old Testament prophecy (25-27) rather than just telling them who he is? What makes them recognize him? Have you had an Emmaus moment, when you understood that Jesus was the risen Savior? Why do the disciples have a difficult time believing (36-49)? Not enough evidence? Not enough faith? How does Jesus help them believe? In 45-49, "he opened their minds so that they could understand scripture." How does Jesus do that for us? In 47, the task of preaching repentance and forgiving sins, in his name, to all nations, is given to his disciples. Into which mission field has Jesus sent you? How can you be a witness to your world? Pray that God will open your mind and prepare you for your assignment!

**Tuesday, April 6**

**Acts 1**

What do the disciples believe will happen when they receive the Spirit (6)? How do their ideas differ from Jesus' (7-8)? Jesus calls the disciples to provide the bridge between him and the people of the earth. After Christ is taken up to heaven (9-11), the disciples pray about an important decision (14). When has the Holy Spirit clearly guided you? What role did scripture, prayer, and trust in God play? Peter had been an unstable leader. Why do the disciples let him lead now? God forgave Peter and allowed him to be an effective servant. What keeps you from letting God forgive you, and becoming an effective servant? God forgives us and restores us. Thank him, and be open to his leading.

**Wednesday, April 7**

**Acts 2:1-36**

Jews from many nations gathered in Jerusalem for Pentecost (see Deuteronomy 16:9-10). How far have these people come (9-11)? God made himself known in a mighty way (2-3). If you were there, would you have responded like those in 12 or 13? Have you experienced a mighty empowering from God? Why does Peter quote the Old Testament (14-36)? How familiar is the crowd with the news of the empty tomb? What are the implications of the resurrection and ascension for Jesus? For the people? The power of the church on Pentecost came because the ascended Lord received the Holy Spirit and gave it to the church as he had promised (see John 7:39, 14:16). What does it mean that Jesus is a spiritual king far greater than any earthly king? How does that affect your daily life?

**Thursday, April 8**

**Acts 2:37-47**

How would you explain what it means to be a Christian (38-40)? What is required? Promised? To follow Christ, we must turn from sin and change the focus of our lives. What convinced you of your need for God? What do the 3,000 added to the church that day end up doing (42-47)? How is God with them? How does this church compare to our church? A healthy, loving church will grow its numbers for Christ. How can we make our church's fellowship like the fellowship shared in these verses? Pray for our church.

**Friday, April 9**

**Acts 3**

Peter heals a crippled beggar and preaches about it in the temple. As someone who has struggled with a chronic disease all my adult life, I wonder what I would have felt as Peter took my hand that day and told me to walk. The man wanted money, and Peter gave him the use of his legs. That's how it is with Jesus. So often I ask God to solve one small problem and he responds, "I have something even better for you." Is there a crippled area of your life that you are waiting for Jesus to heal? What might increase your trust in God to work through you to something even better? How is the man healed in 16? In spite of what Peter says about the people (13-15), how does he give them hope (24-26)?

**Saturday, April 10**

**Acts 4**

Peter and John are confronted by the priests (often relatives of the high priest), the captain of the temple guard, and the Sadducees (a small, powerful Jewish religious sect). What role did they play in Jesus' ministry (see Luke 20:27-40, 22:6, 55)? Why do the Sadducees oppose the disciples' preaching? Is the high priest's family trying to get information or intimidate the disciples (7)? Why (2, 3:16)? How does Peter's filling with the Holy Spirit in 8-12 compare with 2:4? (See also Luke 21:12-13.) How sure are you of Peter's statement in 12? What has built your assurance? Do you have doubts? Do people notice that you have been with Jesus?

**Sunday, April 11**

**Psalms 47**

This is a Psalm of praise! There just aren't words to describe our awesome God. But we must try; we must recall all God has done for us! Lift up your prayers in this acronym for Acts: A – adoration, C – confession, T – thanksgiving, and S – supplication. Clap your hands and sing songs of great joy, for the Lord our God is a wonderful and loving God. Sing and dance to your favorite hymn!