

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 May 10, 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 5**
— **Mother's Day**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a

Monday — LaCocina: 6:30p
— Church Council: 7:30p
— Joy Choir: 7p

Wednesday — FDIC Meeting: 6:30p

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

Friday — **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Next Sunday — **EASTER 6**
— **Choir Cantata - Both Services**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

FDIC MEETING — Wed. May 13th at 6:30 p. m.

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 between those dates.

JOY CHOIR CANTATA — Covenant of Grace - A Cantata for Easter will be performed at both worship services on Sunday, May 17th.

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.

LUTHERHILL SPRING FAMILY RETREAT — Does your family need a breath of fresh air? Join us May 8th thru May 10th and spend time together without the distractions of everyday life. Cost is \$70pp 13 & older; \$40pp under 13. Register online at www.lutherhill.org.

RUTH BIBLE STUDY — Wed. May 20th at 7:00 p.m. All women are welcome!

MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS — Meals are needed for 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.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL — We have started plans for Summer Sunday School! This summer the theme will be Faith through the arts. We are looking for nurturing adults that are willing to spend 45 minutes to an hour with the kids during Sunday school. We invite and encourage anyone interested to sign up for Sunday in June or August. Be on the lookout for signup sheets that will be posted soon. Any questions, contact Tracy Posey.

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!

LIBRARY NEWS — A reminder that our library is now open. We have many good books to choose from. You may use the library anytime the building is open. Come in and check it out! Thanks to Sue Jahn and Darleen Kastner.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SNACKS — are a continual need. Please bring individual juice boxes, individual packages of teddy grahams, cheese nips, goldfish, etc. (Think as low sugar as possible!) Please place items in the green tub in the kitchen. Thank you for your support of our SS teachers and students.

PLAN AHEAD — 20th Annual Tomorrow's Child Golf Benefit for the Krause Children's Center — June 15th at Pine Forest Country Club.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL — opportunity for Adults & Jr/Sr High Youth! On June 14, 21, & 28 we will explore the topic of Service/Servant Life/Servanthood. Corinne Light will facilitate this exploration and would appreciate any comments, ideas, resources that you may be willing to share. We will meet promptly at 9:15 in the Gathering Place. If you are interested in this topic through Bible Study, discussion and lively conversation, please sign up on the signup sheet which should make an appearance soon!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. The Men's group will take a summer break beginning in June and resume studies in September.

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.

THANK YOU — to Fran Walquist & a local Girl Scout troop for freshening up our Prayer Garden!

BIRTHDAYS — 5/10 Hayden Posey; 5/11 Fred Kunzler; 5/12 Susan Krabbe & Barbara Voyce; 5/13 Michael Bray;

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	In Celebration of Fred Kunzler's Birthday	
Altar Guild	D. Bray/K. & W. Faucett/B.Marvin/B.McDow	
Ushers	T. Soward & A. Stutes	Larry & Melissa Mikeska
Acolyte	Emma Gaas	Hayden Posey
Liturgist	Cari White	Corinne Light
Lector	Bev Marvin	Bob Jahn
Cantor	Fred Kunzler	
Child Sermon	Jerry Daniels	Kathy Strode
Communion	Jim & Pam Hill/Beth Horstman	
Audio	Beth Horstman	James Goates
Counters	Allen Schoppe/Bill Peska	

Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	In Celebration of Mike Wohler's Birthday	
Altar Guild	D. Bray/K. & W. Faucett/B.Marvin/B.McDow	
Ushers	Jim & Cari White	Mike & Kayla Posey
Acolyte	Ariel Landinger	Trey Timberlake
Liturgist	Dan Strode	Susan Krabbe
Lector	Tammy Soward	Melissa Mikeska
Cantor	Dan Strode	
Child Sermon	Courtney White	Jessica Carleton
Communion	Kathy Strode/John Garrou/Larry Mikeska	
Audio	Courtney White	Aspen Timberlake
Counters	Kathy Gann/Bob Jahn	

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E-MAIL — Pastor Tim: pastor@joyrichmond.org Terri Clark: office@joyrichmond.org

Our Daily Joy!

Taking Root: Digging in the Dirt...Ancient Community – Week of May 10, 2009

Monday, May 11

A Divine Appointment

Have you ever stood in awe of how the Lord orchestrates events in your life? Have you noticed that sometimes deep pain paves the road for God's miracles of grace? In the early church, Stephen's martyrdom was the beginning of a great wave of persecution against believers; all except the apostles scattered from Jerusalem, taking the Gospel with them as they fled. Read about Stephen and Philip in Acts 6:1-9a, 12-15; and 7:54-8:6. Now observe how the Lord continues to use Philip as you read Acts 8:26-40. What does this tell you about God's limitless love for each individual? Pray you will hear God's call on your heart and life; pray you will respond, "Yes, Lord!"

Tuesday, May 12

The Urgency of the Gospel

Philip is ministering in Samaria, but the Lord has an appointment for him on the road that goes from Jerusalem to Gaza (consider checking a map). Notice Philip's obedient and immediate response to the Lord's call (*Acts 8:26-27a*); he doesn't linger or ask questions; he just obeys. And God's timing is perfect. Read Acts 8:26-40. The Ethiopian official, a God-fearer, probably had traveled to Jerusalem for a Jewish festival. It's evident that his heart yearns to know the Lord, but he has no one to instruct him. The Lord sends Philip (Acts 10 recounts another story of God's provision). Read 2 Peter 3:9. Do you know any who hunger to know Jesus? Pray! Share your faith.

Wednesday, May 13

Searching the Scriptures

The Ethiopian eunuch traveled to Jerusalem to worship; now on the road home, he is reading the Scriptures. His spiritual hunger is evident (perhaps his cry echoes the Psalmists': Psalm 42:1-2; 63:1). Jesus says the Scriptures (referring to the Hebrew Scriptures) testify about him (*John 5:39*), and the Isaiah passage the Ethiopian is reading clearly points to Jesus. But the man needs help understanding the Scripture passage. Read Isaiah 53, noting the passage the Ethiopian is reading (*Acts 8:32-33*). How would you have explained this to the Ethiopian? Now read Acts 17:11; do you search the Scriptures to seek the Lord and to discern what is true? Thank God for the Bible.

Thursday, May 14

Anchored in the Word: Jesus Died!

Philip used the Isaiah 53 passage the Ethiopian was reading to begin teaching him about Jesus. Notice Acts 8:35; Philip did not share doctrine or a list of things to do; Philip, first and foremost, shared Jesus! Philip must have used the Isaiah passage to first tell about Jesus' atoning sacrifice. Compare Isaiah 53:4-12 with some insights and fulfillments of the prophecies as you read John 1:29; 10:11,17-18; 11:49-53; Matthew 27:37-51a; John 19:34-42; and Romans 5:8. What do we learn about Scripture and prophecy as we ponder the realization that Isaiah wrote centuries before Jesus' life, death, and resurrection? Read 1 Peter 1:18-21 and 2 Peter 1:19-21, and pray.

Friday, May 15

Anchored in the Word: Jesus Rose!

What does Paul say is of first importance (*1 Corinthians 15:3-4*)? Do you think it mere coincidence that the Ethiopian was reading prophetic words from Isaiah 53 that pointed to Jesus' death and resurrection (*Acts 8:32-35*)? Yesterday we looked at prophecies pointing to Jesus' atoning death. Notice now how Isaiah 53:10b-11 points to Jesus' resurrection. And ponder that Jesus not only sees the 'light of life,' (*Isaiah 53:11*), he is the Light and the Life (*John 1:1-4, 9; 8:12; 11:25-26*). Read John 10:17 and 2 Timothy 1:9-10. Stand in awe and praise the Lord.

Saturday, May 16

Anchored in the Word: Jesus Ascended

Job looked ahead with eyes of faith and hope and proclaimed a triumphant, living Savior (*Job 19:25-27*). Jesus told his followers that he would return to the Father (*John 14:1-3; 17:13; 20:17*), and he did; read the ascension account in Acts 1:1-14. The Isaiah text through which Philip instructs the Ethiopian holds yet another precious picture which looks ahead to the cross and to Jesus' place at the Father's right hand (*Romans 8:34*). Read Isaiah 53:12; Luke 23:34; and Hebrews 4:14-16; 7:24-26. Jesus intercedes for us! And he will return (*Revelation 22:20*)! Pray!

Sunday, May 17

On Our Way Rejoicing

The Ethiopian believed the good news about Jesus. And just as Philip had responded without hesitation (*Acts 8:26-27*), now the Ethiopian responds without delay. Read Acts 8:36-40. With the Ethiopian eunuch, rejoice in what the Lord has done for you! Read Philippians 4:4 and allow the lyrics of "Mighty to Save," by Fielding and Morgan, to guide your praise: "...Author of Salvation, He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave...Shine your light and let the whole world see: we're singing for the glory of the risen King...Jesus" (2006, Hillsong Pub).