

# 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 May 16, 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.

**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 7**  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Christian Ed: 9:15a
- Monday** — **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
— Pericope Study: 1p  
— Joy Choir: 7:30p
- Thursday** — **Metro Ministerium: 12p**  
— Praise Band: 7:30p
- Next Sunday** — **PENETECOST**  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Christian Ed: 9:15a  
— Baccalaureate Celebration  
— Incredible Journey: Noon

***—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!***

### **Ministry Opportunities**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY** — Wear red to church!

**GRADUATING SENIORS!!** — We will have the Baccalaureate celebration on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at both worship services with a reception between services in the fellowship hall.

**FDIC/SOCIAL MINISTRY MEETING** — Has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Join Us!

**INCREDIBLE JOURNEY** — For those who are interested in becoming a disciple of Joy, Incredible Journey is scheduled for Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon. Come and learn all about our ministries and what we are all about! Bring your friends and relatives looking for a church family. No obligation to join, just come for the info and lunch. For more info contact John Garrou.

**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 is a signup sheet in the Narthex. Watch for lists in the newsletter for items that will be needed. Boxes will be in the fellowship hall starting May 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 those serving overseas as part of the "Summer of Service" projects. Send the info to the church office or to Corinne Light.

**BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG** — Supporting the Pregnancy Resource Center starts today thru Father's Day. Baby Bottles are available in the Narthex for you to pick up and donate. Thrivent will be matching donations up to \$1,000.

**PEER MINISTRY** — Join us this summer during the adult Sunday school hour for training in the basics of Peer Ministry! Relax, have some fun and get equipped with tools for starting conversations, strategies for asking questions, listening techniques, and interpreting non-verbal communication. Signup sheets are posted in the windows in the entryway. Come learn new skills to empower and equip you to live a caring ministry every day, everywhere and in every relationship.

**LUTHERHILL SUMMER CAMP** — Reminder May 17<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for full balances to be paid. If you want to be part of the fun, there is still space available. So pick a program and come on out to Lutherhill for the Best Week Ever! [www.lutherhill.org](http://www.lutherhill.org)

**LUTHERHILL DEDICATION CEREMONY** — Sat., June 5<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please join us as we celebrate your partnership and dedicate our new facilities! Bring a lawn chair if you're able. RSVP not necessary but appreciated to Milisa Gaertner at 979-249-3232 or [milisa@lutherhill.org](mailto:milisa@lutherhill.org) by May 28<sup>th</sup>.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** — Are available in the Narthex. Please pick yours up today.

**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.

**LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** — July 9-11<sup>th</sup> in Dallas, Tx. Being Married Is ... Constantly growing in your relationship! Watch for info in the newsletter.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — Will take a break for the summer until Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>.

**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 need of rice and beans. Other items needed: men's work gloves and shoes.

**BIRTHDAYS** — 5/9 Amy Cabato & Andrew Halvorsen; 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; Bp. Bazellel Hernandez

### Serving Jesus This 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>	Bray/Faucett/Marvin/McDow	
<b>Ushers</b>	Darwin & Bev Marvin	Parke & Gracie Wyant
<b>Acolyte</b>	Emma Gaas	Trey Timberlake
<b>Liturgist</b>	Dan Strode	John Garrou
<b>Lector</b>	Cari White	Becky Ohm
<b>Cantor</b>	Dan Strode	
<b>Child Sermon</b>	Laura Parnell	Doris Goates
<b>Communion</b>	B. Christ/K. Strode/J. Hopkins	
<b>Audio</b>	B. Horstman	Aspen Timberlake
<b>Video</b>	B. Horstman	Amy Cabato
<b>Counters</b>	M. Mielke/F. Kunzler	

### 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>	Bray/Faucett/Marvin/McDow	
<b>Ushers</b>	Cliff & Shelly Halvorsen	Bill & Hazel Peska
<b>Acolyte</b>	Cory Leith	Rhianna Schwartz
<b>Liturgist</b>	Darin Mielke	Corinne Light
<b>Lector</b>	Alan Lowe	Melissa Mikeska
<b>Cantor</b>	Darin Mielke	
<b>Child Sermon</b>	June Tesch	Tracy Posey
<b>Communion</b>	L. Mikeska/S. Morris/J. Garrou	
<b>Audio</b>	Walquist	Kevin Loewe
<b>Video</b>	B. Horstman	Melissa Mikeska
<b>Counters</b>	M. Mikeska/B. John	

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# Our Daily Joy!

**BOLD CHURCH ... Adventure! — Week of May 16, 2010**

**Monday, May 17**

**1 Peter 3**

This chapter continues to define what being good is all about. God is the source of all that is good (James 1:17). Our task is to live good lives and do good things. Verses 1-7, which have been the source of much debate, deal with wives and husbands. Peter shares three specific attributes of a Christian woman. Verses 1-2 describe the behavior most pleasing to God. What is it? Verses 3-5 deal with beauty. What beauty should we be seeking? Why does our culture seek outward beauty so much? Do you spend more time on your outward beauty or your inward beauty? Verses 5-7 deal with submission, a word that usually feels negative. But Ephesians 5:21 says, "submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." In that light, a man who honors Christ will be protective, respectful, helpful and loving (7). When submission becomes cruelty, it is a whole different matter. In fact, the prayers of that kind of submission will go unanswered (7). Spend time lifting this text up in prayer.

**Tuesday, May 18**

**1 Peter 4**

Here Paul's encouraging message reaches a peak. Suffering can either make us or break us. How can suffering change a person's life for the better? Have you ever experienced this? What Christian priorities should we have (7-10)? What message does Peter give us about what we say and do? How do we rejoice in suffering (13)? How is that different than just enduring it? What effect has the suffering in your life had on your commitment to Christ? What encourages you or discourages you? Spend some time in prayer.

**Wednesday, May 19**

**1 Peter 5**

What does Peter warn the church leaders about (2-3)? What does that say to the leaders of our church today? How should Christians deal with stress, tensions and hassles (6-7)? Does 10 bring you hope and encouragement? Why or why not? How do you think our leaders today score on Peter's leadership test? Is that important to us as a nation? A church? A family? How will you implement Peter's leadership guidelines in your life? We are all leading someone!

**Thursday, May 20**

**2 Peter 1**

Previously, Peter wrote to encourage and empower believers in the midst of persecution and suffering. But now he writes to warn them about internal attacks. In 2-11, he gives us seven ways to avoid becoming stagnant and shortsighted. What are they? How does each one fit with the one mentioned before it? Why is this so desirable to believers (10-11)? Of the seven qualities, which two do you possess in the greatest measure? How can you grow in some of the other qualities? Peter reminds us how important it is that we listen to the message and learn the words of scripture (12-21). What event does Peter refer to in 16-18? Faith must be more than belief in facts; it must have results. There must be a growth in Christian character, and the practice of moral discipline (James 2:14-17). Through these things, we learn to know God better, develop perseverance, do God's will and love others. This doesn't come automatically; it's hard work! How is your work coming along? Where do you need help? Pray.

**Friday, May 21**

**2 Peter 2**

Here Peter condemns false teachers (see also Matthew 24:11 and Mark 13:22-23). Reflect on how Peter refutes false teachings, denounces false teachers, and assures them of their impending doom. If it is so obvious that judgment awaits these false teachers, why does anyone follow them (2-3, 18-19)? Peter recites God's track record on dealing with evil (4-9). Who does God protect from judgment (9)? Why? What are the warnings signs against false prophets (3)? What are our false prophets today? Read this chapter again and pray that God gives you clarity and insight to his Word.

**Saturday, May 22**

**2 Peter 3**

Here Peter returns to gentle, endearing words for the believers. He again brings love and encouragement. What must we first understand (see also 2 Peter 1:20-21)? Peter tells us that God will destroy the earth (10). Why is that so hard for us to believe? What does that tell you about our perception of God? In 10-16, Peter addresses the certainty, timing, and manner of Christ's coming. How does this show us the importance of living godly lives now? What can you be doing right now to grow in the grace and knowledge of God? Is there something in your life right now that is leading you away from the truth? Read Psalm 86:11-13 as your prayer of the day.

**Sunday, May 23**

**Psalms 107**

Thankfulness should always be on our lips. God acts in different ways to meet the individual needs of his people and to prove his love for us. It is only fitting that we respond with praise and thanksgiving, worshipful hearts, and reflection. God wants us to tell everyone all that God has done and continues to do. Read this Psalm with a grateful heart, one that's open to passing the message on to others. God will give you the words and the opportunity.