

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 2, 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 5**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Ed: 9:15a
- Monday** — Pericope Study: 1p
— FDIC/Social Ministry Mtg: 6:30p
— Joyful Tooters: 7p
— Joy Choir: 7:30p
- Wednesday** — Confirmation: 6p
- Thursday** — Men's Bible Study: 7:30p
— Praise Band: 7:30p
- Saturday** — Work Day@Joy: 8a
— Lutherhill Work Day: 8a
- Next Sunday** — **EASTER 6**
— **Happy Mother's Day!**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Ed: 9:15a
— Rev. Dr. Eric Gritsch

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

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*.

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 is available 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 — Join us on Monday, May 3rd at 6 pm to continue planning for the "Summer of Service" project. Everyone is welcome!

WORK DAY AT JOY — Sat. May 9th at 8 a.m. Signup sheet is in the Narthex. Join us in some spring cleaning! For questions contact Rick Curry.

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 those serving overseas as part of the "Summer of Service" projects. Send the info to the church office or to Corinne Light.

PEER MINISTRY — Join us this summer during the adult Sunday school hour for training in the basics of Peer Ministry! The classes are 4-6 weeks long, and will be offered twice. Signup sheets for Class #1 (June) and Class #2 (July) will be posted next Sunday. Come have some fun and learn new skills to empower and equip you to live a caring ministry every day, everywhere, and in every relationship!

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

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 — Will take a break for the summer until Sept. 9th. The last meeting before summer will be Thurs. May 6th.

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 — 5/2 Jack Lyons; 5/3 Cheryl Garrou & Darwin Marvin

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	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	June Tesch	Tracy Posey
Communion	P. Curry/H. Peska/D. Bray	
Audio	B. Horstman	Kevin Loewe
Video	B. Horstman	Matt Lyons
Counters	Bill Peska/Kathy Gann	

Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	In celebration of Fred Kunzler's Birthday	
Altar Guild	Bray/Faucett/Marvin/McDow	
Ushers	Mike & Kathy Gann	Larry & Melissa Mikeska
Acolyte	Emma Gaas	Timmy Hamner
Liturgist	Cari White	Bill Bray
Lector	Weldon Faucett	Becky Geary
Cantor	Fred Kunzler	
Child Sermon	Chris Parnell	Kathy Strode
Communion	M & J Ronning/B. McDow	
Audio	Walquist	James Goates
Video	B. Horstman	Amy Cabato
Counters	Allen Schoppe/T. Soward	

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Our Daily Joy!

BOLD CHURCH ... Transformation! – Week of May 2, 2010

Monday, May 3

Acts 20

Verses 1-20 remind us clearly of Paul's love for the newly-won converts to Christ. He goes out of his way to encourage them and to affirm Christ's power in their lives and leadership. Do you think that is an important thing for him to do? Is it important for us in our church today? Why? In 17-37, Paul talks to the elders of the church and says goodbye. What hardships has Paul experienced so far? What continues to motivate him and keep him on watch (24)? How is your walk of faith as the hardships and challenges come? What is 24 saying to you this day? Spend time in prayer.

Tuesday, May 4

Acts 21

In 1-26 we read about Paul's trip to Syria to find the disciples and his time with them. Verses 18-25 find Paul in Jerusalem with James and the elders. How would Paul's teachings upset the strict Jews (21-26)? How might James' suggestions have solved some of the problems? In light of 23-24, how do you know when you, like Paul, should bend for the sake of the gospel? What parts of your faith are bendable and what parts are not? Churches often split over disagreements about minor issues or traditions. Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, and spend time in prayer asking God to reveal the negotiable and non-negotiable areas in your faith.

Wednesday, May 5

Acts 22

At the end of chapter 21, Paul is arrested and asks to speak to the commander. At the beginning of chapter 22, Paul addresses the crowd in Aramaic. Why does Paul think it is important to address this hostile crowd? Why does his mention of Jesus not upset the crowd, while his mention of the Gentiles does (21)? The Jewish audience chooses to remain separate and exclusive. Despite that, God's plan does not change and Gentiles are given the good news. Is it still true today, that God's plan marches on? Paul's citizenship (22-29) becomes an asset for sharing the gospel with the Gentiles. What traits, experiences or skills do you have that can help you share the gospel with others?

Thursday, May 6

Acts 23

Paul appears before the Sanhedrin and shows his respect for the Jewish law (1-5). Why does he change the focus to the resurrection (6)? How does the split between the people affect Paul's case (7-10)? God spoke to Paul in Acts 18:9-10, and God speaks to Paul again in 11. How does this help him? How has God encouraged you in hard times? How does Paul feel after learning of the Jews' plot to kill him (12-16)? What risk does Paul's sister's son take? Have you ever been called upon to stand up for someone that others disliked? What gave you your strength? What difference does Jesus Christ make in your everyday life? Is there a "Rome" in your spiritual journey?

Friday, May 7

Acts 24

At the end of chapter 23, Paul is taken to Caesarea to be presented to Governor Felix. He is kept in prison at Herod's palace, and the charges against him are described in chapter 24. How would the charges in 5-6 seem true to Ananias and Tertullus? How does Paul defend himself (11-19)? What do you learn about Felix from 22-26? Why does he just put Paul under house arrest? Reflecting on 23:11, what is in Paul's mind as time wears on and no progress is made? Has your faith ever been misunderstood by others? How did you feel? Have you ever had a time when there seems to be nothing you can do but trust God? Sometimes we are put in places where we have no choice. Why do you think God allows these times in our lives? Are you in one of those places right now? Spend time in prayer, and end by thanking God for God's abiding presence and grace.

Saturday, May 8

Acts 25

Verses 1-12 describe Paul's trial before Festus. Two years have passed. Why hasn't the opposition by the Jewish leaders dissipated? They ask that Paul be taken to Jerusalem, so that they might kill him along the way. Why does Paul want to be tried by Caesar's court? Read Romans 1:10. Paul wants to preach the good news to Rome. Would this allow him the opportunity? Why? Paul is called before King Agrippa (13-27). How fair is Festus' description of the case? Is he trying to find the truth? If someone tried to convict you of being a Christian, would they have enough evidence? Paul uses every opportunity to serve God and to share the good news with others. Do you? What's keeping you from sharing your faith and serving God? Pray that God will prepare you and send you.

Sunday, May 9

Psalms 126

This amazing psalm describes God's ability to restore life beyond our understanding. Nothing is a permanent condition. God can bring good out of tragedy, hope out of despair, and courage in the midst of helplessness. As we wait with patience, God's joy is coming! Write your own psalm describing a time when God did something so great that you had to pinch yourself to see if it was real.