

# 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 23, 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** — **PENETECOST**  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Christian Ed: 9:15a  
— Baccalaureate Celebration  
— Incredible Journey: Noon
- Monday**  
— Pericope Study: 1p  
— Joy Choir: 7:30p
- Wednesday**  
— Shade Tree Ministry Mtg.: 7:30p
- Thursday**  
— Deanery@Living Word: 10a  
— Praise Band: 7:30p
- Next Sunday** — **HOLY TRINITY**  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Christian Ed: 9:15a  
— Summer Sunday school Begins!  
— SS Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

***—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!***

### **Ministry Opportunities**

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!! —**

**High School Graduates:** Andrew Cabato, Kayla Posey, Camden Reider, Anja Senn, Aspen Timberlake, Morgan Unruh & Courtney White. **College Graduates:** Kirsten Walquist, Kim Pittard & Helen Pittard. Master Degrees: Darin Mielke & Emily Sattler. Please join us for a reception for all our graduates between worship services in the fellowship hall.

**INCREDIBLE JOURNEY** — For those who are interested in becoming a disciple of Joy, Incredible Journey is being held at noon in the fellowship hall. 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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!** — Join us after late service on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> for an appreciation luncheon in your honor in the fellowship hall.

**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 for training in the basics of Peer Ministry! Two training classes will be offered. Each class will meet seven times in either June (Session #1) or July (Session #2). The signup sheets and schedules are posted on the parking lot windows in the church 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** — 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>.

**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** — 5/17 Chance Morrison; 5/18 Stefanie Myers; 5/21 Erin Blaschke, Rose Cabato & Alan Lowe; 5/22 Kaia Senn; 5/24 Lyndsey Myers

## 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>	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	

### Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	In celebration of the Mikeska's Anniversary	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bray/Faucett/Marvin/McDow	
<b>Ushers</b>	Jim & Cari White	Gregg & Irene Carleton
<b>Acolyte</b>	Mitchell Hong	Brianna Wyant
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bill Bray	Susan Krabbe
<b>Lector</b>	Jerry Daniels	Doris Goates
<b>Cantor</b>	Bill Bray	
<b>Child Sermon</b>	Jerry Daniels	Doris Goates
<b>Communion</b>	P. Curry/H. Peska/D. Bray	
<b>Audio</b>	B. Horstman	James Goates
<b>Video</b>	B. Horstman	Matt Lyons
<b>Counters</b>	B. Peska/A. Schoppe	

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# Our Daily Joy!

**BOLD CHURCH ... Rock! — Week of May 23, 2010**

**Monday, May 24**

**Matthew 1**

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 25**

**Matthew 2**

The wise men travel thousands of miles to see the King of the Jews. What did they do when they see Jesus (11)? How is this similar to the way Christians respond to Jesus now? How is it different? What do the star, the gifts, the Magi, the hostility, and the prophecy tell us about the significance of Jesus? What is the gold, incense, and myrrh in your life? Have you offered your treasures to Jesus? Jesus' family escapes to Egypt (12-18). Why does Matthew emphasize God's watchfulness over Jesus? Reflect on how God uses prophecy, faith and circumstances to guide Joseph, and reflect on Joseph's response. What does it tell you about faithfulness and obedience?

**Wednesday, May 26**

**Matthew 3**

How would John the Baptist's dress be received in our church today (1-12)? Do we judge anyone because of image? Why do people go out of their way to hear this radical preacher? What is his message in 2? How do John's and Jesus' ministries compare? Why does Jesus ask to be baptized by John (13-17)? Repentance? Or to carry out God's mission? Jesus accepts baptism in obedient service to the Father, and God shows approval (16-17). John puts aside his ego to point to Jesus. Can we do the same? Will we give up some of our status so that others will benefit? (See also John 3:30.) Pray.

**Thursday, May 27**

**Matthew 4**

The devil who tempted Adam and Eve in the garden now tempts Jesus in the wilderness as he fasts for 40 days and nights (1-11). Jesus isn't in the temple or out preaching; he is tired, alone and very hungry. Are we usually tempted when we are tired, lonely, confused, overwhelmed, prideful, or filled with uncertainty? What is the nature of Jesus' temptation? What might appeal to Jesus? What price would there be? How does Jesus overcome temptation? What is your greatest temptation? Take time to turn your temptation(s) over to Jesus. Jesus is able to resist all the devil's temptations because he not only knows scripture, he obeys it. Can that be said of you? Commit to knowing God's word and being faithful to it.

**Friday, May 28**

**Matthew 5**

Today's focus is the Sermon on the Mount (1-12). How does each Beatitude relate to the promise that follows it? What is the opposite of each quality? The Beatitudes can be understood as: a code of ethics for the disciples and a standard of conduct for all believers; a contrast between Kingdom values and worldly values; a contrast between superficial faith and the real faith that Christ demands; and an illustration of how Old Testament expectations will be fulfilled in the new Kingdom. These Beatitudes, like the fruits of the spirit (Galatians 5:22), must be taken as a whole. We cannot pick and choose. Which Beatitudes do you desire in your life right now? Which are you avoiding? How are they related to being salt and light (13-16)? Focus your prayers on God's blessings in your life.

**Saturday, May 29**

**Matthew 6**

This chapter includes ministry to the needy (1-4), prayer (5-14), private forms of spirituality (19-24) and leaving things with God (25-34). What does Jesus tell us about giving? If someone observed you for 48 hours, what would they learn about your prayer life? In the Lord's Prayer, what three things are related to God (9-10)? What three things are related to our needs (11-13)? What does this prayer tell us about forgiveness (12, 14-15)? What does Jesus propose with respect to our treasures (19-21)? We are "to seek the kingdom of God above all else," put God first in all areas of our lives (33). We are to pattern ourselves after God, and serve and obey God in everything. Spend time in prayer asking God to help you live out this chapter of Christian spirituality in your everyday life.

**Sunday, May 30**

**Psalms 150**

This is a hymn of praise! God's creation praises him everywhere, in every way. We need to join this joyful song. When we praise God, we do not exclude anyone. We sing and play music and rejoice in our loving God. Listen to your favorite Christian music and join in with singing, dancing and joy! Praise to our loving, generous God!