

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 24, 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; **Vacant** — Secretary; **Beth Horstman** — Treasurer; **Dave Willis** — Financial Secretary

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Bill Barr — Property; **Vacant** — 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 7**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a

Monday — Joy Choir: 7p

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

Next Sunday — **PENTECOST**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— Jr High Pool Party 4p

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

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.

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.

JR HIGH END OF YEAR POOL PARTY! — Welcome in the new 6th graders and say goodbye to 8th graders! On Sunday, May 31st 4-8 p.m. at Mary & Steve Budd's house. Bring your swim suits. Will have pizza & ice cream with all the toppings. Please RSVP to Paula Curry as soon as possible.

YOUTH HUT KEY — has not been returned to its hook in the key box! Please return - thanks!

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION — We will honor our Sunday school teachers on Sun., June 7th. Please plan on attending.

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!

CAMP JOY — Camp Joy preparations have begun and sign up forms have been mailed out in the May Newsletter. Camp will take place July 13th thru July 17th from 3 to 8 p.m. Mini-camp for 2-4 year olds begins at 5:15-8 p.m. Be sure to get your registration in soon, space is limited to 40 campers and 12 mini-campers.

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.

BIRTHDAYS — 5/24 Lyndsey Myers, 5/25 Brooke Hodenfield & 5/30 Chuck 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; Pr. Bazellel Hernandez

Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	In Celebration of Lindsey & Jeff Perry's 1 st Anniv.	
Altar Guild	D. Bray/K. & W. Faucett/B.Marvin/B.McDow	
Ushers	Courtney & Zack White	Greg & Irene Carleton
Acolyte	Kelsey White	Kaylyn McStravick
Liturgist	Cari White	Dan Strode
Lector	Cari White	Parke Wyant
Cantor	Darin Mielke	
Child Sermon	June Tesch	Kathy Strode
Communion	Larry Mikeska/Tracy Posey/Lori Hamner	
Audio	B or A Walquist	Brianne Hodenfield
Counters	Pam Hill/Kim Hodenfield	

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Altar Guild	D. Bray/K. & W. Faucett/B.Marvin/B.McDow	
Ushers	Al & Candice Rieder	Bill & Hazel Peska
Acolyte	Kristen Curry	Rhianna Schwartz
Liturgist	Emily Sattler	John Garrou
Lector	Ashley Stutes	Dan Strode
Cantor	Emily Sattler	
Child Sermon		
Communion	Paula Curry/ Shirley Morris/ Betty Christ	
Audio	Beth Horstman	James Goates
Counters	Fred Kunzler & Jim Hill	

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Our Daily Joy!

Taking Root: The Gospel Rules...Worshiping One God – Week of May 24, 2009

Monday, May 25

Trusting God

Today, Memorial Day, is a time for remembering those who have died serving our nation. Pause and thank the Lord for the blessings of freedom and for the sacrifices of those who helped secure our freedom. Now remember, with a grateful heart, the One who set us free from sin and death (*1 Corinthians 15:55-57*). Read John 1:14 and 8:31-32, 34-36. In John 8, Jesus speaks about truth that sets us free. What does Jesus say about truth in John 14:6? Now read Genesis 2:15-17 and 3:1-7. Notice God's truth (*Genesis 2*) and the serpent's lie (*Genesis 3*). Consider that the first temptation is the temptation to doubt God's truth and goodness. Talk to Jesus, who is the Truth.

Tuesday, May 26

Blessing and Protection

Recall the Day 1 texts. When God put limits on Adam and Eve, were they boundaries grounded in love, with a heart to bless and protect, or were they limits intended to deny truly abundant life? Before the fall, Adam and Eve lived in perfect intimacy and harmony with each other and with God, but sin destroyed this perfection. We are beginning a series on the Commandments. Do you view the Commandments as restrictions on your freedom or as loving limits given for your blessing and protection? Do you trust God's heart of love for you and believe Jesus' words in John 10:10? Read Exodus 20:1-17 and Proverbs 3:5-8. Ask the Lord to open your heart to God's love.

Wednesday, May 27

Understanding the Ten Commandments

Our series overview reminds us that the Commandments, viewed through the lens of the Gospel, have three core functions: to guide our behavior into paths of blessing; to show us our sin and need of grace/salvation; and to reveal God's character and heart. Ponder this. Read Exodus 20:1-17; Mark 12:28-31; John 13:34-35; and 1 John 4:9-10, 19. Reflecting on these texts, picture the cross, allowing the vertical beam to remind you of God's great love for you and of your response to that love; allow the horizontal beam to remind you of the call to love others. Which commandments are reflected in the vertical; the horizontal? Ask the Spirit to enlighten your understanding.

Thursday, May 28

Above All Else

Read Exodus 20:1-3; Deuteronomy 6:4-5; and Mark 12:29-30. What does it mean to love the Lord our God above all else? Just because we don't worship graven images, doesn't mean we don't worship other gods or have idols. Consider that an idol is anything that stands in the way of giving God every bit of our hearts and offering God every aspect of our lives (*Romans 12:1*). Is there anything you are holding back? Ponder what other gods we worship today (money, honor, entertainment or sports, intelligence, beauty, possessions, self...). Prayerfully read Philippians 2:1-8; 3:7-10; 4:4-9. How do these help us understand "above all else"? Talk to Jesus about all this.

Friday, May 29

Grace Comes First

Read Exodus 19:3-6; Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 3:4-8; and 1 Peter 2:9-10. Do you see that God's grace comes first—in the Exodus experience, in the 1st Century, and today? We receive the Commandments, not to become God's people, but because we are God's people, saved by grace; and we embrace and obey the commandments, not to earn God's favor, but because we long to respond to God's love and grace with the obedience of faith. Read and ponder Jesus' words in John 14:15, 23a; 15:9-14. Read Exodus 20:1-7 and Proverbs 3:5-8; respond with prayer.

Saturday, May 30

The Name of the LORD Your God

In recent weeks, we pondered the "name of the LORD" as a reflection of God's character, heart, authority, and so much more. The LORD's name is far more than a title; the LORD's name embraces all that the LORD is, does, and says. And we are told to honor the LORD's name. As you read your Bible in the days, weeks, and months ahead, consider marking all references to "the name" in both the Old and New Testaments. To begin, read Exodus 20:7; Psalm 66:1-2,4; 86:9-10; 97:11-12; 100:4; Isaiah 26:8; Jeremiah 7:9-11; 14:7-9; 15:16; Ezekiel 39:7,25; John 15:16,21; 17:11-12; and Acts 4:12. Talk to the LORD about what honoring the name of the LORD means.

Sunday, May 31

Holy, Precious, Name above All Names

Read Exodus 3:11-15; 6:2-9 (notice "I am the LORD"); 20:2-3,7; Deuteronomy 6:4-6; and Proverbs 3:5-8. LORD (all capitals) is YHWH in Hebrew (Yahweh), but the name is seen as so sacred that some consider it the 'unutterable' name of God, and say, "Adonai" (Lord) or "Ha Shem" (the Name) instead. Ponder such deep respect for God's holy name. Now reflect on Jesus' "I am" statements in John, including 8:58. Because of the cross, we can approach God without fear and speak Jesus' glorious name. Read Matthew 1:21 and Philippians 2:8-11. Ponder and pray.