

# 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 3, 2009

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.

### 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 4**  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Christian Education: 9:15a  
— Baccalaureate Celebration: 8 & 10:30a
- Monday** — FDIC Meeting: 6:30p  
— Joy Choir: 7:30p
- Thursday** — National Day of Prayer  
— Men's Bible Study: 7p  
— PB@J: 7:30p
- Next Sunday** — **EASTER 5**  
— **Mother's Day**  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Christian Education: 9:15a

***—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!***

### **Ministry Opportunities**

**BACCALAUREATE CELEBRATION** — Today at both worship services. 2009 Graduates are: Christian Blaschke; Rose Cabato; Jessica Carleton; Allison Hamner; Brianne Hodenfield; Nik Kropf; Julie & Jenna Mannella; Lisa Ronning; Ashley Stutes; Katherine Voyce; and Spencer Work. Congratulations to our graduates!

**FDIC MEETING** — Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**YOUTH MINISTRY NETWORK MEETING** — May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Camp Lutherhill in LaGrange. For all Youth Ministers, and Youth Workers and Pastors. RSVP to matt@lutherhill.org.

**"COLOR ME PLAID" GOLF OUTING** — Join us for YFM Network first annual Golf Outing at Frisch Auf National Golf Course in La Grange after YMN meeting at 4 p.m. on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Must wear plain & have your own clubs. Cost \$20. RSVP to matt@lutherhill.org.

**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 up between those dates.

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

**JW TOUR OF THE NEW CO-CATHEDRAL** — Join us on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> thru May 10<sup>th</sup> and spend time together without the distractions of everyday life. Cost is \$70pp 13 & older; \$40pp under 13. Register online at [www.lutherhill.org](http://www.lutherhill.org).

**RUTH BIBLE STUDY** — Wed. May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We will be studying two sessions about Esther. All women are welcome!

**MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS** — Meals are needed for homeless families at Fort Bend Family Promise from May 24<sup>th</sup> thru 27<sup>th</sup>. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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** — 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Tomorrow's Child Golf Benefit for the Krause Children's Center — June 15<sup>th</sup> at Pine Forest Country Club.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

**HOP ON THE BUS 2009!** — Join us Aug. 3-7<sup>th</sup> when we will be traveling to Cristo Rey! If you are interested, sign up in the Narthex for more info. contact Paula Curry.

**BIRTHDAYS** — 5/3 Cheryl Garrou & Darwin Marvin; 5/9 Amy Cabato & Andrew Halvorsen

## 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>
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Celebration of Jim & Pam Hill's Anniversary	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	D. Bray/K. & W. Faucett/B.Marvin/B.McDow	
<b>Ushers</b>	Cliff & Shelly Halvorsen	Dan & Kathy Strode
<b>Acolyte</b>	Kelsey White	Kristen Curry
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bill Bray	Chuck Canterbury
<b>Lector</b>	John Garrou	Mike Ronning
<b>Cantor</b>	Bill Bray	
<b>Child Sermon</b>	Chris Parnell	Mike Ronning
<b>Communion</b>	Hazel Peska/Joyce Hopkins/Betty McDow	
<b>Audio</b>	Courtney White	Lisa Ronning
<b>Counters</b>	Melissa Mikeska/Bill Peska	

### Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	In Celebration of Fred Kunzler's Birthday	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	D. Bray/K. & W. Faucett/B.Marvin/B.McDow	
<b>Ushers</b>	T. Soward & A. Stutes	Larry & Melissa Mikeska
<b>Acolyte</b>	Emma Gaas	
<b>Liturgist</b>	Cari White	Corinne Light
<b>Lector</b>	Bev Marvin	Bob Jahn
<b>Cantor</b>	Fred Kunzler	
<b>Child Sermon</b>	Jerry Daniels	Kathy Strode
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# Our Daily Joy!

## Taking Root: Digging in the Dirt...The Holy Grail — Week of May 3, 2009

### Monday, May 4

#### What Do We Pursue?

Ponder our archeology theme and consider the legendary quest for the Holy Grail. Archeology is important; it reveals treasures that point to things greater than what is unearthed. In our faith journeys, do we seek after the temporal treasures or the eternal truths and ultimate gift? As you read Acts 4:5-12, look for temporal treasures that are cherished and/or point to the eternal and also for eternal truths and gifts that are far superior to the temporal. The leaders' desire to silence Peter and John is based on selfish motives and leads to denial of the truth. The healing heralds a greater truth. What is it? Read Matthew 16:15-16; tell Jesus how you answer his question.

### Tuesday, May 5

#### "What's in a Name?"

Juliet, in Shakespeare's play, asks, "What's in a name...?" (*Romeo and Juliet*, II, ii, 1). Names have much to do with one's identity, and in Bible times, names often revealed one's nature, character, mission, values, and more. The names of Jesus help us understand who he is and what he does, and we learn that there is power and authority in Jesus' name. As you read Acts 3:1-4:12, notice (and consider underlining or recording) the names by which Jesus is called and the use of the term "the name," referring to Jesus' name. What names/titles did you find in addition to "the Holy and Righteous One," "Author of life," and "Messiah"? Ponder Jesus' names and worship him.

### Wednesday, May 6

#### The Name of Jesus

Read and meditate on Philippians 2:5-11. What do these verses reveal about the name of Jesus? How precious, strong, and authoritative is Jesus' name? What do you learn about Jesus as you consider how his nature is made manifest in the names used for him in Matthew 1:20-23; John 1:14, 29; 10:14-18; 11:25-26; 14:6; Acts 4:10-12; 1 John 5:13-15; and Revelation 1:17-18; 19:11-16. These are a few of many references to Jesus' names/titles and to the name of Jesus. Jesus is the Greek translation of the Hebrew name Yeshua. Do you say Jesus' name in a way that ushers you into his presence? Read Hebrews 7:25 and 13:15. Kneel, if possible, and worship the Lord.

### Thursday, May 7

#### A Closer Look

How many names or titles for Jesus have you pondered these past days? Does doing so enlarge your view of who Jesus is? Last week we talked about trusting the Word as truth. Do you believe Jesus is who he says he is (*John 8:58; 11:25-26; 13:19-20; 14:6; 17:1-5*) and who Peter proclaims he is (*Acts 2:22-36; 3:11-26*)? Prayerfully consider who Jesus (Greek)/Yeshua (Hebrew) is. Jesus' name means "the Lord saves" (*Matthew 1:21*); the title Christ (Greek)/Messiah (Hebrew) means "Anointed One" (*Acts 4:25-27*) [prophets, priests, and kings were anointed; Jesus is all these: Acts 3:22; Hebrews 9:11-14; Revelation 19:16]. Spend time with Jesus, let him teach you.

### Friday, May 8

#### Jesus, the Messiah, True God, True Man, Is Lord!

Read John 20:19; contrast this picture with the one in Acts 3:11-4:20. What happened that turned the disciples' fear of reprisal into fearless witness, regardless of the consequences? They are absolutely sure that Jesus rose from the dead, ascended, and would come again (*do you see this in Acts 3:15b-21?*); they are confident that they too will live (*4:2*); and they are empowered by the indwelling Spirit (*4:8*). Listen again to Peter and John's words (*4:19-20*); hear the believers' prayers (*4:24, 27-30*); notice what happens (*4:31*). Pray you will live out 1 Peter 3:15.

### Saturday, May 9

#### Jesus' Life, Death, Resurrection, Ascension

How does God view sin? How important are repentance and forgiveness? Are we at times casual about the need to repent; do we sometimes undermine the value of forgiveness; can we atone for our own sin? Ponder what the following texts teach us about how God views sin, atonement, our need to repent, and the blessing of forgiveness: Genesis 2:17; Psalm 32:1-5; 51:1-12, 17; 103:10-12; Isaiah 53:5-6; Luke 24:45-47; John 1:29; Romans 6:23a; 2 Corinthians 5:21; and 1 John 1:5-9. Pray using Charles Wesley's lyrics: "Now incline me to repent; let me now my sins lament...There for me the Savior stands, holding forth His wounded hands....Jesus weeps and loves me still."

### Sunday, May 10

#### "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Ponder again what it means to speak Jesus' name, to pray in his name, and to understand that his name and his titles reveal his nature, character, identity, and much more. Remember Jesus teaching the Beatitudes, fulfilling prophecy, weeping over Jerusalem, agonizing in Gethsemane, dying on the cross..., remember that Jesus is Lord (*Acts 2:21,36; Romans 10:9,13; 13:14; 14:8-9,11; Philippians 2:11; Colossians 2:6-7; Revelation 22:20*). Pray and praise using Naida Hearn's lyrics (*1978 Maranatha! Music*): "Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord, Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word...Way of salvation, Mighty Creator, Savior and friend."