

# 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 30, 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.

### 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

**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).

## ***This week of Joy to the World —***

- Today** — **HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY**  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Christian Ed: 9:15a  
— SS Teacher Appreciation luncheon 12p
- Monday** — **MEMORIAL DAY**- office closed  
— Joyful Tooters: 7p  
— Joy Choir: 7:30p
- Thursday** — Praise Band: 7:30p
- Saturday** — Lutherhill Dedication 12p
- Next Sunday** — **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after PENTECOST**  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Christian Ed: 9:15a  
— Peer Ministry Training: 9:15a

**—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!**

### **Ministry Opportunities**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** — for Memorial Day.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!** — Join us after late service today for an appreciation luncheon in your honor in the fellowship hall.

**LUTHERHILL DEDICATION CEREMONY** — Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please join us as we celebrate your partnership and dedicate out new facilities! Bring a lawn chair if you are able.

**PEER MINISTRY** — Today is the last day to sign up for the June Peer Ministry training class (Session #1). Take a risk this summer and come educate your heart! Learn new skills to empower and equip you to live a caring ministry everyday, everywhere and every relationship. The sign up sheets for Session #1 (June) are on the parking lot windows in the entryway.

**BACK TO BASICS** — Dr. James Nestigen will be presenting "The 10-Commandments" beginning June 13<sup>th</sup> in the worship center during Adult Class. The series will be repeated in July so that adults can participate in both Peer Leadership AND Back to Basics!

**NEXT SUNDAY!** — We will once again welcome Pr. Ed Peterman as our guest to bring God's Word, preside at Holy Communion, and conduct the adult forum.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 BOMERANG** — Supporting the Pregnancy Resource Center 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 \$1000.

**LUTHERHILL SUMMER CAMP** — If you want to be a part of the fun, there is still space available. So pick up a program and come on out to Lutherhill for the Best Week Ever! [www.lutherhill.org](http://www.lutherhill.org)

**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](http://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 10-13<sup>th</sup>. Contact Pastor Kastner, Becky Ohm, Bill Bray or the Richards for more details.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — Will take a break for 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 great need of rice and beans. Other items needed include men's work gloves and shoes.

**BIRTHDAYS** — 6/3 Crystal Kropf, & Emma Gaas,  
6/4 Otto Schatz

## 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>	In Celebration of Mikeska's Anniversary	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bolner/Mikeska/Peveto/Shipp	
<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>		
<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>	Bill Peska & Allen Schoppe	

### Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	In celebration of Dan & Keli Faucett's Annv.	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bray/Faucett/Marvin/McDow	
<b>Ushers</b>	D. Boenig & B. Horstman	Larry & Melissa Mikeska
<b>Acolyte</b>	Kelsey White	Haden Posey
<b>Liturgist</b>	Fred Kunzler	Chuck Canterbury
<b>Lector</b>	Vickie Schoppe	Dan Strode
<b>Cantor</b>	Fred Kunzler	
<b>Child Sermon</b>		
<b>Communion</b>		G. & I. Carleton / B. McDow
<b>Audio</b>	Walquist	James Goates
<b>Video</b>	B. Horstman	Kevin Lowe
<b>Counters</b>	Tammy Soward & Kathy Gann	

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# Our Daily Joy!

## FAMILY PORTRAIT ... Family Tree — Week of May 30, 2010

### Monday, May 31

### Matthew 7

Jesus reminds us not to judge others, as we have faults, too (1-6). He invites us to ask God for what we need (7-11). The “golden rule” is found in 12. The road to God is narrow; the wide path leads to destruction (13-14). We can distinguish good and bad prophets, and good and bad disciples, by their fruits (15-23). Like a strong building, disciples must have a solid foundation (21-29). Practicing obedience to Jesus Christ becomes the solid foundation for battling the storms of life. To be a wise builder at this point in your life, do you need to learn more or practice what you already know? Are you walking on the wide road or the narrow? What will you have to do to build on the solid rock? What materials will you use in the coming weeks to build or maintain a firm foundation? Pray that God will fill you with the desire to build your life on him!

### Tuesday, June 1

### Matthew 8

Peter’s mother-in-law is sick with a high fever (14-15). When Jesus touches her hand, her fever leaves her, and she immediately gets up and prepares a meal for him and his disciples. She immediately acts on her gratitude to Jesus in service. God continues to bless and heal, and we, like Peter’s mother in law, must look for ways to serve him now. Jesus tells the crowd that many religious Jews would be excluded from the kingdom due to lack of faith (10-12). Entrenched in their religious traditions, they cannot accept Christ and the new message. The Jews should know that Jesus’ blessings would be for the Gentiles, too (Isaiah 66:12, 19), but they are so wrapped up in their personal affairs and destiny that they refuse to see that God wants to reach all people. Jesus’ message is for everyone. What are we doing as a church to further his kingdom? What are you doing? What keeps you from wanting everyone to know the good news? Are there people that we keep out because of our religious traditions?

### Wednesday, June 2

### Matthew 9

The Pharisees use Jesus’ association with “lowlife” as an opportunity to trap him. Do we think some people aren’t right for God’s message? God’s message is for all people: the poor, lonely, and outcast, not just the rich, popular and powerful. When Jesus calls Matthew to be his disciple, Matthew follows. He gives up a lucrative career and follows Christ. How about you and me? Are we willing to give up the trappings of this life to be a disciple? Do we find the calling of Christ too difficult or painful? Pray for a heart like Matthew’s, that truly knows what riches are in Christ, and for the courage and passion to give our lives totally to God.

### Thursday, June 3

### Matthew 10

Jesus calls common people to be his disciples: rich and poor, educated and uneducated. From the twelve disciples until now, God proves he can use anyone, no matter how ordinary he or she appears, to do extraordinary work. What is verse 16 saying? Who would persecute them, and why? What problems will they face? How should they respond? What would you need to hear from Jesus in order to represent him? When, or why, is it difficult for you to talk about your faith? What does the paradox in 39 mean to you? How can you lose yourself in Christ this week, and show others that the kingdom of heaven is near?

### Friday, June 4

### Matthew 11

How does prison give John doubts (3)? If John’s job is to prepare the way for the Messiah, why is he in prison instead of preaching to the crowds? Does Jesus answer John with promises or evidence? What does Jesus say about John? How do the people respond to John? How are they like the children? What kinds of “prisons” make us doubt Jesus? What renews our courage and faith? How can we encourage others? Pray that God will break down the bars of your prisons and give you passion for your journey.

### Saturday, June 5

### Matthew 12:1-21

The Pharisees establish 39 categories of actions forbidden on the Sabbath based on interpretations of God’s law and Jewish custom. Jesus illustrates that human need has precedence over ritual law. Mercy, not legalism, is the heart of God’s moral imperatives (see Luke 11:37-52; 13:14-17). Reacting to the Pharisees’ hostility (14), how does Jesus fulfill prophecy? How does Jesus’ example encourage you when people are hostile to you? Isaiah 42:1-4 says that Jesus is the Messiah and King, but it illustrates a gentle ruler who brings hope and justice to all nations. We must remember this when we expect a king who brings visible victories. Christ’s work is often quiet. Pray that this gentle King will overflow in your heart.

### Sunday, June 6

### Psalms 103

This is a psalm of praise for God’s great love for us. What God does for us tells us what God is really like. David focuses on the good things that God is doing for him. We should also praise God for his mercies and blessings. No matter how difficult your journey, you always have blessings to count. When you feel as though you have nothing to praise God for, read this psalm and share David’s list with him. He redeems our souls and crowns us with love and compassion! Thanks be to our wonderful God!