

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 31, 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 — **THE FEAST OF PENTECOST**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— Jr High Pool Party 4p

Monday — Joy Choir: 7p

Thursday — PB@J: 7:30p

Next Sunday — **FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a

—***Live, Love & Serve with Joy!***

Ministry Opportunities

WE CELEBRATE AS MORGAN UNRUH — becomes a Child of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at our early worship today! Please keep Morgan in your prayers as we nurture her growth in life and faith!

ISRAEL — Pr. Tim will depart this afternoon on a two-week study tour of Israel and Jordan. Please keep him in your prayers for a safe and fulfilling journey in the "holy land".

HUMAN SEXUALITY — In August the Churchwide Assembly will be voting on two documents: "A Social Statement on Human Sexuality" and "Recommendations for Rostering GLBT Persons." The Church Council is providing the congregation an opportunity to read and participate in a discussion of these documents. In the narthex is a sign up sheet to receive a copy of these documents. They are fairly large (30+ pgs each). We are trying to be good stewards and only print copies for those interested. When you sign up the documents will be mailed to you. Read the documents, and then join us on *either* Sunday June 14th *or* June 21st at 7:00 pm for a time to discuss the documents with the Church Council.

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.

JR HIGH END OF YEAR POOL PARTY TODAY! — We will welcome in the 6th graders and say goodbye to 8th graders today at the Budd's house, from 4-8p. We will have pizza and ice cream RSVP to Paula Curry.

SR HIGH DRIVE-THRU FAJITA TACO DINNER! — The Sr. High will be selling tickets for fajita taco dinners, the tickets are \$10 a plate and will be ready to pick up in the Joy parking lot at noon on June 28th.

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 travel to Cristo Rey! If you are interested, contact Paula Curry for more info.

BIRTHDAYS — 6/3 Crystal Kropf, 6/4 Otto Schatz, 6/6 Elsbeth Baskette.

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 Larry & Melissa Mikeska's Anniv.	
Altar Guild	D. Bray/K. & W. Faucett/B.Marvin/B.McDow	
Ushers	Bob & June Tesch	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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	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	In Celebration of William & Gayton Lieke's Birthday	
Altar Guild	Candice & Aryn Rieder, Martha Willis Shirley Morris	
Ushers	Mike & Kathy Gann	P. Curry & M. Budd
Acolyte	Joshua John	Abby Timberlake
Liturgist	Fred Kunzler	Bob Jahn
Lector	Rose Cabato	Shena Timberlake
Cantor	Emily Sattler	
Child Sermon		
Communion	Becky Geary, Gregg & Irene Carleton	
Audio	Courtney White	Lisa Ronning
Counters	Allen Schoppe & Kathy Gann	

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Our Daily Joy!

Taking Root: The Gospel Rules...Keeping Sabbath — Week of May 31, 2009

Monday, June 1

Remember!

Remember last week's discussion about worshiping the Lord and honoring the Lord's name! Allow the first words of the Lord's Prayer to draw your heart, again and again, to our Lord and his precious name: "Our Father...hallowed be thy name..." Remember also an earlier study (2/15/09), when we pondered lying fallow and the glorious gift of Sabbath rest (*Exodus 23:10-13; Matthew 11:28-30*)! Now read Exodus 20:8, noticing again how the commandment begins. Remember! Remember the value of rest and of time with the Lord. Read Psalm 130:5-7 and Mark 6:31-32. Be still, wait on the Lord; allow the Lord to refresh you and give you peace.

Tuesday, June 2

New Covenant, New Hearts

Read Exodus 20:1-11. These commandments speak primarily to our relationship with the Lord (although, in 20:8-11, we see aspects that affect others). Sometimes we dismiss God's commands in the Old Testament, because we live under grace, not under the law; but listen to what Jesus says in Matthew 5:17-19 and Mark 12:29-31. Now read Jeremiah 31:31-33 and 2 Corinthians 3:1-18. Pray you will see the commandments as God's gifts of grace, given to bless you and give you rich, abundant life in Jesus (*John 10:10*). Pray you will approach them with the obedience of faith, trusting God's heart, and allowing the Spirit to mold your heart.

Wednesday, June 3

The Heart of the Sabbath Command

In yesterday's 2 Corinthians 3 text, we heard Paul say, "the letter (of the law) kills, but the Spirit gives life." This helps us understand Jesus' ongoing discussions about the Sabbath with the religious leaders, who fought to uphold the letter of the law (and its man-made nuances) but forgot its heart. Read Luke 6:1-11; 13:10-17 and John 5:8-10; 9:11-16. Now read Exodus 20:8-11 and 23:10-12. Did you hear God's heart that yearns to protect and refresh not only people but also creation? Pray you will trust God's heart as you obey God's commands.

Thursday, June 4

The Sabbath is a Gift

Read and ponder Isaiah 43:7; Mark 2:27-28; Galatians 2:19-21; and 1 Peter 2:9-10. The world tells us our identity is rooted in what we do, in what we accomplish; Scripture tells us our identity is rooted in relationship with the One who created and redeemed us. Our culture teaches us to be independent; Scripture tells us that the Lord is our source, our hope, our very life. Many see God's commands as limits; pray you will see them as gifts, grace, and boundaries rooted in infinite love and wisdom. Read Exodus 20:8-11. Consider what it means to keep the Sabbath holy. What are the benefits of both worship and rest? Spend time with the Lord today.

Friday, June 5

Sabbath Rest

Read Genesis 1:31-2:3. God created the rhythm of rest, not because God needs to rest, but because we do. Do we work as if we ourselves are our source and provider? Are we frenzied and overscheduled? Quiet your spirit and bask in what the Word tells us about rest, on the Sabbath and every day. Read Exodus 20:8-11; Psalm 23:1-3; Isaiah 30:15,18; and Matthew 11:28-30. Ask the Lord to cradle you in his eternal arms (*Deuteronomy 33:27a*); rest in the Lord, and pray John Greenleaf Whittier's lyrics: "Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our fev'rish ways!...Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of Thy peace." Thank the Lord for refreshing you.

Saturday, June 6

Sabbath Worship

The Sabbath isn't only about physical rest; it's also about spiritual refreshment. We need quiet time with the Lord, and we need corporate worship. How are these truths affirmed in Psalm 27:8; 29:1-2; 46:10a; 100:1-5; 122:1; Mark 1:35; Luke 4:16; 10:38-42; Acts 2:42; and Hebrews 10:24-25? God created and commanded the Sabbath to bless us and to bring honor and glory to the Lord. How might Sabbath worship and rest spill over into joyful love and blessings for others? Stand before the Lord and read/pray 1 Chronicles 16:8-15, 23-36.

Sunday, June 7

Sabbath Joy

How might the joy the Lord longs to give us be diminished if we fail to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy? Ezra read the words of the law to God's people; what did Nehemiah say to them after this (*Nehemiah 8:10*)? Now hear Jesus speak to you as you read John 15:9-11. Listen to how Christopher Wordsworth describes the Sabbath: "O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light, O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful and bright..." Embrace the gift of Sabbath rest; cherish the gift of sweet fellowship with the Lord. Come to Jesus.