

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 9, 2010

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.

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 — **EASTER 6**
— **Happy Mother's Day!**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Ed: 9:15a
— Rev. Dr. Eric Gritsch

Monday — Pericope Study: 1p
— Joy Choir: 7:30p

Mon-Tues — STS Retreat

Tuesday — LaCocina: 6:30p
— Church Council: 7:30p

Wednesday — Confirmation: 6p

Thursday — Metro Ministerium: 12p
— Praise Band: 7:30p

Next Sunday — **EASTER 7**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Ed: 9:15a

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

WELCOME TO REV. DR. ERIC GRITSCH — In cooperation with the Society of the Holy Trinity, Joy has the honor of hosting Dr. Gritsch, Emeritus Professor of Church History, Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary. Dr. Gritsch will preach at both worship services and conduct adult forum, which will center on his latest book, *Toxic Spirituality: Four Enduring Temptations of Christian Faith*.

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.

PASSING ON FAITH TO OUR GRADUATES — The FDIC team would you to share a favorite bible verse, any words of wisdom or advice, words of encouragement, or a story you would like to pass on to our young adults. You can write or type your own, or you can pick up a blank decorated page from the Narthex. Turn them into the church office by Monday, May 10th and we will distribute a copy to all the graduates during our celebration on May 23rd.

GRADUATING SENIORS!! — A table is available for you to display your photos and other items you would like to share. We will have the Baccalaureate celebration on May 23rd at both worship services with a reception between services in the fellowship hall.

FDIC/SOCIAL MINISTRY MEETING — Has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 18th at 6:30 pm. Join Us!

INCREDIBLE JOURNEY — For those who are interested in becoming a disciple of Joy is scheduled for Sunday, May 23rd at noon. For more info contact John Garrou.

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 23rd 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.

PEER MINISTRY — Join us this summer during the adult Sunday school hour for training in the basics of Peer Ministry! The classes are 4-6 weeks long, and will be offered twice. Signup sheets for Class #1 (June) and Class #2 (July) will be posted next Sunday. Come have some fun and learn new skills to empower and equip you to live a caring ministry every day, everywhere, and in every relationship!

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — Are available in the Narthex. Please pick yours up today.

VIA DE CRISTO — "The Way of Christ" Retreat. A co-ed retreat for healthy Christians looking for enrichment June 10-13th. Contact Pastor Kastner, Becky Ohm, Bill Bray or the Richards for more details.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Will take a break for the summer until Sept. 9th.

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 — 5/9 Amy Cabato & Andrew Halvorsen; 5/10 Hayden Posey; 5/11 Fred Kunzler; 5/12 Susan Krabbe & Barbara Voyce; 5/13 Michael Bray

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>
Altar Flowers	In celebration of Fred Kunzler's Birthday	
Altar Guild	Bray/Faucett/Marvin/McDow	
Ushers	Mike & Kathy Gann	Larry & Melissa Mikeska
Acolyte	Emma Gaas	Timmy Hamner
Liturgist	Cari White	Bill Bray
Lector	Becky Ohm	Dan Strode
Cantor	Fred Kunzler	
Child Sermon	Chris Parnell	Kathy Strode
Communion	M & J Ronning/B. McDow	
Audio	Walquist	James Goates
Video	B. Horstman	James Goates
Counters	Allen Schoppe/T. Soward	

Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	To the Glory of God	
Altar Guild	Bray/Faucett/Marvin/McDow	
Ushers	Darwin & Bev Marvin	Parke & Gracie Wyant
Acolyte	Joshua John	Trey Timberlake
Liturgist	Dan Strode	John Garrou
Lector	Cari White	Becky Ohm
Cantor	Dan Strode	
Child Sermon	Laura Parnell	Doris Goates
Communion	B. Christ/K. Strode/J. Hopkins	
Audio	B. Horstman	Aspen Timberlake
Video	B. Horstman	Amy Cabato
Counters	M. Mielke/F. Kunzler	

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E-MAIL — Pastor Tim: pastor@joyrichmond.org Terri Clark: office@joyrichmond.org

Our Daily Joy!

BOLD CHURCH ... Testimony! — Week of May 9, 2010

Monday, May 10

Acts 26

How does Paul defend himself before Agrippa? Why does he feel fortunate to stand before the king (2)? What is the real source of conflict between Paul and the Jewish leaders (6-8)? In 20:21 and 26:20, we are told what it means to be a Christian. Have you ever explained that to someone? Was Paul was trying to convince Agrippa of his innocence or explain the truths of Christianity? Why? Does it make a difference to you that Jesus truly rose from the dead? What things are different when you come to faith (18)? Are there other images that come to mind regarding your faith journey? The unifying theme in Acts is the resurrection, and what our belief in Jesus can do to make us strong and bold. Our purpose in life is to help others find that grace which has set us free. In response to Acts, Romans 8:31 is a reality. Spend time thinking about how Paul's call by God, and yours, are alike, and how they are different.

Tuesday, May 11

Acts 27:1-26

Paul's voyage to Rome was filled with adventure, danger, disasters and interventions by the Lord. Paul warns about the 50-mile trip they want to make. Would you have responded any differently than Julius (10)? If you were Paul, would you have expected the Lord to act, and soon? Why does Paul call the crew together (21-26)? He isn't telling them "I told you so." He is reminding them of God's guidance. There is great fear on the ship, but Paul remains strong and calm. He's been through every imaginable danger and difficulty, and knows that the Lord has come to him at just the right moments. How about you? Is God in the middle of your storm? Does your track record with God show that God will come at the right time? What is God's part, and your part, in your storm? Pray.

Wednesday, May 12

Acts 27:27-44

These verses describe the shipwreck. Those on board drop four anchors in an attempt to stop the runaway ship. And they pray. What are your anchors? What keeps your ship of life off the rocks of doubt and despair? Perhaps our anchors in storms are faith; surrendering our needs or concerns to God; hope in the faithfulness of God and God's perfect timing; and thanking the Lord in advance for a solution. These anchors might be different for you. Spend time identifying your anchors so that, in a storm, they might keep you off the rocks and prepare you for the future.

Thursday, May 13

Acts 28

Dawn brought sight of land: Malta. Can you just feel God's promise for Paul's safe passage to Rome (27:23-25)? Why does God allow all of this to happen? Does life sometimes present us with an overwhelming succession of opportunities in order to put our faith into practical application? I refer to these as "life's stackables." In response to stackables, Paul reacts with hope, calm, common sense and thanks. How do you react to stackables? How can Acts, and Paul's journey, help you? Allow some time for reflection and prayer.

Friday, May 14

1 Peter 1

What perspective do 6-7 bring to suffering? When you are suffering, do you feel chosen by God, or abandoned by God? Why? Verse 7 tells us that, out of these trials, we will have a faith worth more than gold. Does your faith journey understand that value? What kind of holiness is Peter calling us to (13-23)? How does this challenge you in your home, work, church and neighborhood? What is the meaning of "reverent fear" (17)? How can you tell if someone has really had a change of heart (22)? What makes it possible to love others deeply and actively (23-25)? Does Christ's love and forgiveness for you make it easier for you to love and forgive others? Verses 24-25 remind us that "only the word of the Lord remains." Do you focus on earthly treasures? It's time to begin focusing our time, money, and energy on the Word of God and eternal life. Pray.

Saturday, May 15

1 Peter 2

What process is God calling us to? In what way is Christ a stone that causes men to stumble (8)? Peter describes the church as a living spiritual temple (4-8), with Christ as the foundation and cornerstone, and each believer as a stone. We are community. How should our new status with God influence the way we live (11-12)? Has being a child of God made a profound difference in you? Why or why not?

Sunday, May 16

Psalms 133

This psalm is about pleasant and precious harmony, which is not always found in our families or church. Harmony does not mean that we will agree on everything. But we must agree on our purpose in life: love the Lord your God with all your soul, and with all your heart, and with all your strength. Love your neighbor as yourself. (Deuteronomy 6:5.) Loving God and neighbor provides an outward expression of harmony. Where do you need harmony? Ask God to help you live in harmony.