

# 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 June 13, 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.

**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** — **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after PENTECOST**  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Christian Ed: 9:15a  
— Summer Sunday school: 9:15a  
— Peer Ministry Training: 9:15a  
— New Disciple Orientation: Noon
- Monday** — **Flag Day!**  
— Pericope: 1p  
— LaCocina: 6:30p  
— Church Council: 7:30p  
— Joy Choir: 7:30p
- Tuesday** — **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
— Peer Ministry Training: 6:30p
- Thursday** — Deanery: 10a  
— Praise Band: 7:30p
- Next Sunday** — **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after PENTECOST**  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Christian Ed: 9:15a  
— Summer Sunday school: 9:15a  
— Peer Ministry Training: 9:15a  
— Receiving New Disciples  
— Mark Chavez of Lutheran Core @ Peace

***—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!***

### **Ministry Opportunities**

**NEW DISCIPLE ORIENTATION** — Join us at noon today if you would like to become a disciple of Joy, for lunch and a short New Disciple Orientation program.

**MEETING WITH MARK CHAVEZ** — Mark Chavez of Lutheran CORE - NALC will be at Peace Lutheran Church in Rosenberg, Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. He will speak on developing North American Lutheran Church.

**PEER MINISTRY** — Come have some fun and try out something new! There is still plenty of room in the July training class. The signup sheet and schedule for the July Peer Ministry training are posted on the parking lot windows in the church entryway. Come take a risk and learn new skills to empower and equip you to live a caring ministry every day, everywhere, and in every relationship!

**BACK TO BASICS** — Dr. James Nestigen will be presenting "The 10-Commandments" 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!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** — For Children's Message at both worship services. Materials provided. If you are interested please contact Laura Parnell.

**BABY BOTTLE BOMERANG** — Supporting the Pregnancy Resource Center thru Father's Day. Be sure to return your baby bottles by next week! Thrivent will be matching donations up to \$1000.

**FDIC "SUMMER OF SERVICE"** — is here! Needed for Summer Sunday School: empty Pringles cans, fabric pieces, yarn; socks, underwear, khaki or navy shorts, skirts and pants, and polo shirts - sizes 5-16; small non perishable food items like Vienna sausages, tuna packages with self openings lids, individual sized fruit cups, crackers, boxed juices, etc for our Homeless lunch bag project in July; and small personal items to fill gift bags for nursing homes.

**FORT BEND FAMILY PROMISE** — We will be providing food to the homeless during the week of July 4<sup>th</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup>. A signup sheet is in the Narthex. If you are not able to prepare a meal, monetary donations are accepted and appreciated!

**SAVE THE DATE & JOIN US!!** — at Minute Maid Park for Astros Lutheran Social Services Day, on Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:05 p.m. Will be the Astros vs. the Cardinals! Watch the Narthex for a signup sheet so we can purchase group tickets. If you would like to purchase tickets separately go to [www.astros.com/lss](http://www.astros.com/lss) password: lss.

**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. Denyse Bray is attending the retreat this weekend. Keep her in your prayers.

**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** — 6/13 Madison Carleton; 6/14 Dan Strode; 6/16 Stephen Rieder; 6/17 William Lieke

## 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 William & Gayton Lieke's Birthdays	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Morris/Rieders/Willis	
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob & June Tesch	Paula & Kristen Curry
<b>Acolyte</b>	Emma Gaas	Sarah Hong
<b>Liturgist</b>	Cari White	Dan Strode
<b>Lector</b>	Jill Kunzler	John Garrou
<b>Cantor</b>	Darin Mielke	
<b>Child Sermon</b>	June Tesch	Kathy Strode
<b>Communion</b>	M. & J. Ronning/L. Mikeska	
<b>Audio</b>	B. Horstman	K. Loewe
<b>Video</b>	B. Horstman	A. Cabato
<b>Counters</b>	Melody Mielke/Bob Jahn	

### Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	In celebration of Lindy Jacobsen's Birthday	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Morris/Rieders/Willis	
<b>Ushers</b>	Al & Candace Rieder	Dan & Kathy Strode
<b>Acolyte</b>	Joshua John	Abby Timberlake
<b>Liturgist</b>	Darin Mielke	Corrine Light
<b>Lector</b>	Bev Marvin	Bob Jahn
<b>Cantor</b>	Darin Mielke	
<b>Child Sermon</b>	Laura Parnell	Tracy Posey
<b>Communion</b>	Morris/Curry/Bray	
<b>Audio</b>	Walquist	Goates
<b>Video</b>	B. Horstman	Mikeska
<b>Counters</b>	Melissa Mikeska/Fred Kunzler	

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# Our Daily Joy!

## FAMILY PORTRAIT ... Family Identity – Week of June 13, 2010

### Monday, June 14

### Matthew 18

One of the greatest barriers to spiritual growth is knowing what to do about forgiveness. The rabbis taught that people should forgive those who had offended them three times. Peter raised that number to seven times. What does Jesus' answer say about forgiveness in the Kingdom (22)? How does the parable of the unmerciful servant extend Jesus' teaching on forgiveness (23-35)? What do we deny ourselves when we refuse to forgive (31-35)? What is helpful to you when forgiving those who have wronged you? What keeps you from forgiving? Is there a connection between forgiveness and health and wholeness?

### Tuesday, June 15

### Matthew 19

The focus is on verses 16-30. What appears to be the young man's view on how to obtain eternal life? What is Jesus' reply (17-19; also read Exodus 20)? What is the general subject of the six commandments that Jesus mentions? When the young man says that he has kept the commandments, what does Jesus ask him to do (21)? Why is it so difficult for the rich to enter the Kingdom? On what basis, rich or poor, is it possible for anyone to enter the Kingdom of heaven (26-30)? Jesus hit the young man where it hurts: his wallet. If Jesus were to address you where it hurts, where would that be? What have you given up to follow Jesus? How is your life different because of it?

### Wednesday, June 16

### Matthew 20

Do you ever get frustrated when life just isn't fair? The focus today is on verses 1-16. We learn that God's grace and mercy transcend all human ideas of fairness. If you had been one of the first workers hired, how would you have felt at pay time? Why is this parable told here (see 19:30 and 20:16)? In this parable, Jesus is the landowner and the believers are the workers. Have you ever been jealous of what God has given to another person? How do you feel about last-minute converts getting the same benefits as you in the Kingdom? Would you recommend that people wait until they are dying to accept Christ, so that they won't have to work so hard and give up so much? Why or why not? Lift up your heart in praise and thanksgiving for the generosity of our God. Thank him for his gracious benefits to you; be thankful for what you have.

### Thursday, June 17

### Matthew 21

Today's focus is on verses 33-46 (read also Mark 12:1-12 and Luke 20:9-19). In this parable, the main elements are: 1. the landowner – God; 2. the vineyard – Israel; 3. the tenant farmers – the Jewish religious leaders; 4. the landowner's servants – the prophets and priests who remained faithful to God and preached to Israel; 5. the Son – Jesus; and 6. the other tenants – the Gentiles. To whom does Jesus direct the parable? Jesus uses this parable to show that one truth can affect people in different ways, depending on how they relate to it (see Isaiah 8:14-15 and 28:16; also Daniel 2:34, 44-45). At different times in your life, how have you received Jesus? Is Jesus the cornerstone of your life?

### Friday, June 18

### Matthew 22

Verses 34-40 are the focus for today. Here an expert in religious law asks Jesus to identify the most important law. Jesus quotes from Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18. What is his answer? Why does Jesus emphasize loving God with all of our heart, mind and soul? How is loving God related to loving people? If we truly love God and our neighbor, will we naturally keep the commandments? In what way do you want to grow right now? Toward God? Toward those in your family? Toward the needy? Toward yourself? Pray about how you might do so.

### Saturday, June 19

### Matthew 23

What, according to Jesus, is the Pharisees' main evil? How can the disciples keep from falling into the same evil? What distinction does Jesus make between his followers and the Pharisees? Compare the path to greatness followed by the Pharisees with that taught by Jesus (5-12). In what way are the religious leaders condemned to repeat the past, because of their failure to learn from their forefathers (29-36)? What is Jesus saying to you in this passage? How can you avoid "talking the talk" but not "walking the walk"? What does this passage say to today's leaders and pastors?

### Sunday, June 20

### Psalms 84

This psalm reminds us that God's living presence is our greatest joy! Going into his dwelling place helps us step aside from the busyness of life and quiet our souls through meditation and prayer. We find joy, strength, and fellowship with other believers. What a special place it is. Praise God for our freedom of religion and our temple!