

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 June 14, 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 — **PENTECOST 2**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Summer Sunday School: 9:15a
— Christian Education: 9:15a

Monday — Joy Choir: 7p

Thursday — Men's Bible Study: 7p
— PB@J: 7:30p

Next Sunday — **PENTECOST 3**
— **Happy Father's Day!**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Summer Sunday School: 9:15a
— Christian Education: 9:15a

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

ISRAEL — Pr. Tim is on a 2 week study tour of Israel and Jordan. Please keep him in your prayers for a safe and fulfilling journey in the "holy land".

ROBERT VOGLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP — A \$500 scholarship is offered through St. Paul Lutheran Church in Rosenberg. Deadline for applications is July 1st. Information and application forms are available on the Sr. High Bulletin Board.

RUTH BIBLE STUDY — is meeting on Wed. June 17th at 7 p.m. to watch the movie based on Esther. All women are welcome, bring your own drink and a snack to share.

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 signup 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* today *or* June 21st at 7:00 pm for a time to discuss the documents with the Church Council.

TX-LA SYNOD RESOLUTIONS — Four resolutions passed during the Assembly on May 28-30. 1) Rejoining the Anit-Defamation League. 2) Create congregational teams advocating for the powerless. 3) Recommend to the Churchwide Assembly to accept the social statement on Human Sexuality. 4) Recommend to the Churchwide Assembly to accept the new Rostering Practices of GLBT clergy in same gender, life-long, committed relationships.

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG — continues through Father's Day. Baby bottles will be available in the Narthex for you to pick up and fill between those dates. Be sure to return your filled bottle by Sunday, June 21st.

THE ARC GOLF CLASSIC 2009 — on Monday, June 22nd at Weston Lakes Country Club in Fulshear entries forms are available in the Narthex.

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!

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.

CAMP JOY — Camp Joy preparations have begun. 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.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES — Night with the Astros! 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!

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 Emma Gaas; 6/7 Gayton Lieke; 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; Pr. Bazellel Hernandez

Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	In Celebration of Lindy Jacobsen's Birthday	
Altar Guild	Candice & Aryn Rieder, Martha Willis Shirley Morris	
Ushers	Chad & Rachel Divin	Larry & Melissa Mikeska
Acolyte	Joshua John	Abby Timberlake
Liturgist	Darin Mielke	Chuck Canterbury
Lector	Martha Willis	John Garrou
Cantor	Darin Mielke	
Child Sermon	Courtney White	Jessica Carleton
Communion	Mike & Judy Ronning & Denyse Bray	
Audio	B & A Walquist	Aspen Timberlake
Counters	Tammy Soward & Bob Jahm	

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	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	In Celebration of Boenig's 51 st Anniversary	
Altar Guild	Candice & Aryn Rieder, Martha Willis Shirley Morris	
Ushers	B. Horstman & A Lowe	Jim & Pam Hill
Acolyte	Eric Garcia	Emma Gaas
Liturgist	Bill Bray	Susan Krabbe
Lector	Jill Kunzler	Sandy Wohler
Cantor	Bill Bray	
Child Sermon	Jerry Daniels	Kathy Strode
Communion	Hazel Peska/Joyce Hopkins/Betty McDow	
Audio	Beth Horstman	James Goates
Counters	Kathy Gann/Bill Peska	

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

Our Daily Joy!

Taking Root: The Gospel Rules...Loving Neighbor – Week of June 14, 2009

Monday, June 15

Blessed Boundaries

When we began our series on the Commandments, we spoke not of restrictions to freedom but of blessed boundaries that enable us to live in joyful relationship with the Lord and with others. We might want to rush past this week's commandment, thinking it does not apply to us, either as a restriction or as a blessed boundary. Read Exodus 20:13. Many memorized the words, "Thou shalt not kill," but both the NRSV and the NIV use the word murder instead of kill. What is the difference? And then there is the heart of the law that takes us beyond the letter of it. Read Matthew 5:21-26; 7:12; and 22:36-40. Pray about what this means in your life, today.

Tuesday, June 16

Some Honest Questions

Sometimes we agonize over a commandment's meaning. We read, "Do not murder," and wonder: "What about war; what about defending self or others?" It is good to ponder such questions. Read Exodus 20:13. Some scholars suggest that the command's original context was a prohibition against the intentional taking of life and/or taking the law into one's own hands as in blood vengeance. Does this differ from the history described in Joshua 10:5-15 and 24:1-15 or the US entering WWII? What is Jesus saying in Matthew 5:21-26, 33-48? Does it help to remember that Jesus displayed righteous anger (*John 2:13-17*)? Does love sometimes need to demonstrate strength? Pray.

Wednesday, June 17

Life is Sacred

The letter and heart of the commandment "Do not murder" upholds life! Human life is sacred; it is valuable and precious. Lives some might deem expendable, the lives of our enemies, even the lives of the enemies of God are precious in God's sight. How do we know this; how is this affirmed in each of the following passages? Read Genesis 1:26-27; Psalm 8:1-6; 139:1-17; Proverbs 25:21; Isaiah 46:4; Matthew 5:43-44; Romans 5:8,10; and 1 Timothy 2:3-4. You are created in the image of God! Worship the Creator; pray about how you are to love others.

Thursday, June 18

Jesus' Authority to Explain God's Intentions

Meditate on Matthew 28:18 and John 8:58; 12:44-46; 13:3; 14:10 and Jesus' authority to explain God's heart and intentions in the commandments. Now Read Exodus 20:13 and Matthew 5:21-26, 43-48. Did you notice how Jesus takes us from a narrow understanding of the law to an awakening of how the commandment relates to our hearts, minds, and responses to others? Pray, using David's words, "*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer*" (*Psalms 19:14 KJV*).

Friday, June 19

Life Giving

Consider that the opposite of taking life is giving life. Read John 3:16; 10:10; and 11:25-26. Jesus came to give us life in all its fullness, now and forever. How do we reflect this life-giving love in our relationship with others? Does life-giving love only encompass protecting and caring for the physical needs of others, or is there far more? Can we disobey the heart of God's commands by omission as well as by co-mission? Consider Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 15:18-19; Luke 6:27-36; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7; Colossians 3:12-14; and 1 John 3:16-18. Spend time in prayer seeking God's wisdom for your life in regard to the condition of your heart and your treatment of others.

Saturday, June 20

The Issue of Anger

Read Matthew 5:21-26, noting what we learn about the correlation between our relationship with/treatment of others and our relationship with the Lord. Ponder times in your life in which your relationship with others has either enhanced or diminished your intimacy with the Lord. We all get angry; Jesus got angry. What is the difference between righteous and self-centered anger? Pray as you read what Scripture teaches us about anger in Psalm 103:8-13; Proverbs 15:1-2,4; 29:22; 1 Corinthians 13:5; Ephesians 4:26-27; and James 1:19-20. Pray you will, in love, display only righteous anger, shunning anger that violates God's command to love and nurture others.

Sunday, June 21

Living as Children of God

How do we demonstrate our identity as God's beloved children when we live in a world darkened by hatred, sin, and unbelief (*John 13:34-35; 15:9-14*)? According to Jesus, where does ungodly behavior begin (*Mark 7:20-23*)? How is our love for God reflected in our relationships with others (*1 John 4:20-21*)? What does Paul teach us about how we should live as children of God (*Romans 12:1-2,9-21*)? Can we do this in our own power (*Ezekiel 36:26-27: this was spoken to Israel, but the promise is for all who belong to the Lord; John 15:5; Acts 1:8*)? Let Psalm 51:10 and 139:23-24 form your prayer. Spend time praising and worshipping our loving Father God.