

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 20, 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** — **4th Sunday after PENTECOST**
— **Happy Father's Day!**
— 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
- Monday** — Pericope: 1p
— Joy Choir: 7:30p
- Wednesday** — Peer Ministry Training: 6:30p
- Thursday** — Praise Band: 7:30p
- Next Sunday** — **5th Sunday after PENTECOST**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Ed: 9:15a
— Summer Sunday school: 9:15a
— Peer Ministry Training: 9:15a

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

MEETING WITH MARK CHAVEZ — Mark Chavez of Lutheran CORE - NALC will be at Peace Lutheran Church in Rosenberg, **this evening** at 7 p.m. He will speak on developing North American Lutheran Church.

RECEIVING NEW DISCIPLES — New Disciples will be received at early worship service today. Welcome to Mark Allen and Sam, Michelle, Kira, Katelyn & Shelby Mayo.

PEER MINISTRY — Different is not always better, but better is always different! The signup sheet and schedule for the July Peer Ministry training class is 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! 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.

CAMP JOY! — ...and God saw that it was good! Monday, July 19th thru July 23rd 3-8 p.m. Mini-camp for kids 2-4 is 5:15-8 p.m. Registration forms are available in the Narthex.

CAMP JOY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — Youth and Adult volunteers are needed! Volunteer forms are available in the Narthex. Please complete and turn into the church office as soon as possible. Mandatory training is scheduled for Sunday, July 18th 6-9 p.m. Dinner is provided!

FORT BEND FAMILY PROMISE — We will be providing food to the homeless during the week of July 4th thru 10th. 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 11th 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 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. There are also forms in the Narthex.

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 — 6/21 Katrina Lyons; 6/23 Lindy Jacobsen & Courtney White; 6/26 Andrew Cabato

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 Lindy Jacobsen's Birthday	
Altar Guild	Morris/Rieders/Willis	
Ushers	Al & Candace Rieder	Dan & Kathy Strode
Acolyte	Joshua John	Abby Timberlake
Liturgist	Darin Mielke	Corrine Light
Lector	Bev Marvin	Bob Jahn
Cantor	Darin Mielke	
Child Sermon	Laura Parnell	Tracy Posey
Communion	Morris/Curry/Bray	
Audio	Walquist	Goates
Video	B. Horstman	Mikeska
Counters	Melissa Mikeska/Fred Kunzler	

Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	In celebration of the Boenig's Anniversary	
Altar Guild	Morris/Rieders/Willis	
Ushers	Mike & Kathy Gann	Parke & Gracie Wyant
Acolyte	Cory Leith	Timmy Hamner
Liturgist	Dan Strode	Chuck Canterbury
Lector	Darin Mielke	Mike Ronning
Cantor	Dan Strode	
Child Sermon	Jerry Daniels	Doris Goates
Communion	Peska/Strode/Garrou	
Audio	Horstman	Aspen Timberlake
Video	B. Horstman	Matt Lyons
Counters	Bill Peska/Allen Schoppe	

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Our Daily Joy!

FAMILY PORTRAIT ... Family Dynamics – Week of June 20, 2010

Monday, June 21

Matthew 24:1-28

These verses combine events that would happen at the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. with events that would happen at Jesus' final coming. Compare Mark 13:1-37 and Luke 21:5-36. What events lead the disciples into thinking the end has come (4-7)? What keeps us from being deceived by the false prophets (11, 14)? How does this passage affect your lifestyle? Has your love for God and others grown cold (12)? What does Jesus promise for those who remain firm (13)?

Tuesday, June 22

Matthew 24:29-51

Verses 36-51 tell us that the day and hour of Christ's return is unknown. In what way was the flood like the second coming of Christ (37-39)? What does it mean to be ready for Jesus' return if we do not know when he will come? What does the story of the wise and faithful servant teach you about readiness (45-47)? About stewardship? Judgment? Responsibility for serving and witnessing to others? How does the knowledge that Jesus will return one day affect your decisions and behavior now?

Wednesday, June 23

Matthew 25

In this passage, Jesus tells three parables to clarify what it means to be ready for his return, and how we are to live until he returns. In the story of the ten virgins (1-13) we learn that of each of us is responsible for our own spiritual condition. What is the "oil" that keeps your "lamp" lit? In the parable of the three talents (14-30), God reminds us of the necessity of using well all that God has entrusted to us. If Jesus returned today, how much of your talents would he say you are using for him right now? In the parable of the sheep and the goats (31-46), God defines our role in serving others. What do these verses teach us about Christian responsibility?

Thursday, June 24

Matthew 26:1-35

Verses 6-13 relate to us Jesus' anointing at Bethany. The woman is Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus, who lives in Bethany (John 12:1-3). Verse 8 tells that the disciples are indignant, and John 12:4 singles out Judas Iscariot as being especially indignant. What justifies this woman's act (12)? Why are the disciples, especially Judas, so upset? How does this relate to what happens in 14-16? The woman gives lavishly for Jesus, and Judas wants to see what he can get from him (7). In what ways are you like Judas? Like the woman? What beautiful thing could you do this week for Jesus, or the least of these? Spend some time in prayer.

Friday, June 25

Matthew 26:36-75

Verses 36-46 tell us about Jesus in Gethsemane. What emotions must Jesus be feeling in Gethsemane? What does he ask of his disciples? Of God? What is God's will (39,42)? What prayer does Jesus model for us here? How are you at praying "not my will, but thy will, be done?" What has been the Gethsemane in your life, a place where you wrestled with God? Who would you want to watch and pray with you the next time you face a Gethsemane? What do you appreciate the most about Jesus' emotions and prayers in this story?

Saturday, June 26

Matthew 27:1-31

Verses 11-26 describe Jesus' trial before Pilate. (Read also Mark 15:2-5, Luke 23:1-5 and John 18:28-38.) The religious leaders have accused Jesus of blasphemy (claiming to be God), but they need to find a different crime, because that one is meaningless to the Romans. The new charges are: encouraging others to not pay taxes, claiming to be a king, and causing riots. What was Pilate's real concern in this trial? Identifying the Messiah? Hearing Jesus out? Doing justice? Appeasement? Is Pilate more concerned about his wife? His conscience? How does he know envy is a motive (18)? How concerned is Pilate about Jesus' innocence? Who do you identify with in this story: Jesus, Pilate, Pilate's wife, the crowd, the chief priests, or Barabbas? Why? If Jesus came today, who would crucify him? What would be the charge against him? Where would you be? Does reading this passage deepen your appreciation of what Christ did for you? Spend some time in prayer, expressing your feelings to him.

Sunday, June 27

Psalms 22

This psalm, written by David, carries us from great suffering into great joy. Despite apparent rejection from both his friends and God, David believes that God will lead him out of despair, and that one day God will rule the entire earth. The suffering in this psalm is an amazing description of the suffering the Messiah will endure hundreds of years later. How do you express yourself when you are stricken with grief, feeling even abandoned by God? Tears? Anger? "Woe is me?" Bargaining with God? Faith in spite of a bleak outlook? This psalm reminds us that others have suffered and felt despair, even Jesus! How does that help you? Spend some time in prayer turning all of your grief, fear, anxiety and pain over to God. "Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you" (1 Peter 5:7).