

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 21, 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 3
— **Happy Father's Day!**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Summer Sunday School: 9:15a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— Social Statement Discussion: 7p
- Monday** — Joy Choir: 7p
- Wednesday** — PB@J: 7p
- Thursday** — Youth Gathering Bible Study: 7p
- Next Sunday** — PENTECOST 4
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Summer Sunday School: 9:15a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— Youth Gathering Parent Meeting: 11:45a
— Sr. High Drive-Thru Fajitas: 12p

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

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 an opportunity to read and participate in a discussion of these documents. Read the documents, and then join us **tonight** at 7:00 pml.

TX-LA SYNOD RESOLUTIONS — Four resolutions passed during the Assembly on May 28-30. 1) Rejoining the Anti-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.

COME AND SHARE FELLOWSHIP — at the Service of Installation for Rev. Claude Villemaire into the congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church on Sunday, June 28th at 4 p.m.

CONFIRMATION CAMP — at Lutherhill is June 28th. For those registered, please check your email for forms of what to bring and medical release forms to be completed before we depart. We will meet at Joy at 1:30 p.m. and depart no later than 1:45. Tracy Posey & Paula Curry will be transporting kids so please contact them with any questions.

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG — Be sure to return your filled bottle by Sunday, June 28th.

FDIC MEETING — Monday, June 29th at 6:30 p.m. Finalize plans for Camp Joy.

JESUS, JAZZ & JUSTICE BIBLE STUDIES — in preparation for the Youth Gathering are scheduled for Thurs. June 25th at 7 p.m.; Wed. July 1st at 7 p.m.; Sun. July 5th during Sunday School; Wed. July 8th at 7 p.m. and Sun. July 19th during Sunday School. All those attending the gathering plan on attending!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL — opportunity for Adults & Jr/Sr High Youth! June 21, & 28 we are continuing to explore the topic of Service/Servant Life/Servanthood. We meet promptly at 9:15 in the Gathering Place. If you are interested in this topic through Bible Study, discussion and lively conversation, please join us!

SR HIGH DRIVE-THRU FAJITA TACO DINNER! — The Sr. High are 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.

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.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL — This summer's theme is "Faith through the Arts." We encourage anyone interested in leading a session to sign up for a Sunday in July or August. Signup sheets are available in the Narthex on the bulletin board. There are still plenty of dates available! 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. Signup sheet is in the Narthex.

T-SHIRTS FOR CRISTO REY — Be on the lookout for shirts available for the congregation to purchase for our annual trip to Mexico. Theme is "Jesus Unites Us". You can buy one for yourself and for a child in Reynosa for \$20 or \$15 each.

HOP ON THE BUS 2009! — Join us Aug 3-7th when we will travel to Cristo Rey! If you are interested, sign up in the Narthex or contact Paula Curry for more info.

BIRTHDAYS — 6/23 Lindy Jacobsen & Courtney White; 6/26 Andrew Cabato & Wayne Schrey

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 Today

	<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 Wohlert
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	

Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	Celebration of Danny & Crista Faucett's Birthdays	
Altar Guild	Candice & Aryn Rieder, Martha Willis, Shirley Morris	
Ushers	Darwin & Bev Marvin	Chuck & Kyle Canterbury
Acolyte	Kaylyn McStravick	Ariel Lander
Liturgist	Cari White	Corinne Light
Lector	Becky Ohm	Becky Geary
Cantor	Darin Mielke	
Child Sermon	Chris Parnell	Mike Ronning
Communion	Beth Horstman/Shirley Morris/Larry Mikeska	
Audio	Courtney White	Brianne Hodenfield
Counters	Melissa Mikeska/Kim Hodenfield	

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

Our Daily Joy!

Taking Root: The Gospel Rules...Guarding Faithfulness — Week of June 21, 2009

Monday, June 22

"The Heart of the Matter Is the Heart" (Wengert)

The Commandments reflect the nature of God—God's Oneness and supremacy; God's worthiness of our respect, honor, and obedience; God's sovereign authority to set the boundaries for those whom God created; and God's wisdom and love that are reflected in the boundaries. Do we really believe God is who we say God is? Isn't that the heart of the matter—trusting God's heart, and yielding our hearts to God! And "the heart of the matter (*in the Commandments*) is the heart" (*God's heart and our hearts*); how does Jesus remind us of this? Read Exodus 20:14 and Matthew 5:27-30. Let Exodus 3:13-15 and Deuteronomy 6:4-6 guide your praise and prayer of submission.

Tuesday, June 23

The Heart of the Matter Is the Heart of God

Read Exodus 20:14. Some may approach this week's theme with the thought: "This does not apply to me; I am not married." But consider that the heart of the commandment is the heart of God. God is love; God is faithful; God is holy. The commandment calls us to reflect the heart of God in our relationships—God's love, God's purity, and God's faithfulness. Yes, the commandment speaks to marital fidelity, but there is truth for all in Exodus 20:14, as we consider that the Church is (we are) Jesus' bride. Are we faithful to him, to our first love? Read Jeremiah 2:1-2 and Revelation 2:4-6; 19:6-8. Is the Lord your truest and forever love? How does your life reflect this? Pray.

Wednesday, June 24

God Wants Our Hearts

God wants our hearts, whether or not we are married. Do you love the Lord with all your heart? Read Exodus 20:1-3; Deuteronomy 6:1-5; 30:6; Jeremiah 24:7; and Mark 12:30. And how do we demonstrate our love for God (*John 13:34-35; 14:15; 15:9-14; and 1 John 4:9-11*)? Love and obedience are intertwined; if we love God, we long to obey God and to love others sacrificially. But only as God fills our hearts can we truly love others. How is this reflected in Jesus' words in Matthew 5:27-30; what do his words speak to the condition of our hearts? Are the eyes of your heart fixed on Jesus (*Ephesians 1:18-19a and Hebrews 12:1-2a*)? Pray your relationships will reflect this.

Thursday, June 25

From the Beginning

Read Genesis 1:27-28a; 5:1-2; Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5:27-30; 19:4-6; and Hebrews 13:4. God ordained marriage and commanded that marriage be held sacred. Consider Genesis 39:6-10 and 1 Corinthians 6:13b-20; notice that sin against our bodies is deemed sin against God. God offers abundant grace and forgiveness, but that does not mean we can treat God's commands lightly. David understood this; read David's prayers after his adultery with Bathsheba (*Psalms 32:1-5; 51:1-12,16-17*). Do you live with the understanding that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit? Let Romans 12:1-2 form your prayer; recall David's words, and praise God for God's mercy.

Friday, June 26

Righteousness Inside and Out

The Lord said, "People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" (*1 Samuel 16:7c*). How is this reflected in Matthew 5:27-30? God's covenant laws call us to deep outward and inward commitment to the obedience of faith. What is in our hearts matters to the Lord! Jesus, using hyperbole to portray how abhorrent an impure heart really is, speaks to how imperative it is that our hearts are totally yielded to the Spirit of God (*Matthew 5:27-30*). Jesus asks us to measure not only our actions but also our hearts against God's standards of righteousness; when we do so, we can but run to him for mercy and grace. Pray.

Saturday, June 27

Embraced in God's Love

Remember that the Church is Jesus' bride. Now bask in the wondrous pictures of God's redeeming love and mercy as God both grieves over the spiritual adultery of his people and yet promises to faithfully love and restore them. Read Isaiah 54:5; Jeremiah 2:1-2; 3:6-14; 31:31-34; and Hosea 2:14-16,19-20. Ponder how marital fidelity (of heart and body) and our love for others are a reflection of God's love and faithfulness for us. Read 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13 and 5:23-24. Pray your life will reflect your love for the Lord and encourage others in their faith walks.

Sunday, June 28

All Commandments in Light of the First

The First Commandment "is to illuminate and impart its splendor to all the others" (*Luther*). Recall what we have pondered this week; consider that our response to the commandment about adultery reflects back to the truth that God is God and nothing must usurp God's place on the throne of our lives. Does our culture affirm this truth? Our response to God's commands "arises only out of a faith that refuses to worship pleasure...but only worships the God who gives all good things and protects from all evil" (*Wengert*). Read Isaiah 26:7-9 and Romans 12:1-2. Pray.