

# 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 28, 2009

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.

### 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 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

**Monday** — Joy Choir: 7p

**Wednesday** — PB@J: 7p  
— Youth Gathering Bible Study: 7p

**Thursday** — Stroke Scan at FB Country Club

**Saturday** — **Happy 4th of July!**

**Next Sunday** — **PENTECOST 5**  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Summer Sunday School: 9:15a  
— Christian Education: 9:15a  
— Youth Gathering Bible Study: 9:15a

**—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!**

### **Ministry Opportunities**

**PR DICK KASTNER** — will be leading worship services today.

**YOUTH GATHERING PARENT MEETING** — Today, after late service.

**SR HIGH DRIVE-THRU FAJITA TACO DINNER!** — Pick up in the Joy parking lot at noon on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

**FIFTY DAYS OF PRAYER** — Bishop Mark Hanson has called for fifty days of prayer in the seven weeks leading to the start of the ELCA Churchwide assembly on Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>. Prayer bulletins are available in the narthex and online at [www.elca.org/50days](http://www.elca.org/50days). Prayer vigils will be planned as well.

**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION Q&A** — **Regarding the Churchwide Assembly in August-** *How many are going from our synod? 11. How is this number based? It is based on number Baptized per synod. Who is going? A handout is available in the narthex with their information. May we contact them? Yes, you may and please pray for them. Regarding Rostering-* *What is Rostering?* It is the list of certified and approved individuals that are eligible for leadership roles, primarily pastoral, in the ELCA. If you have further questions, please contact Becky Ohm or any Council member, we will be glad to research further.

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

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

**STROKE PREVENTION SCANS** — are available on Thurs. July 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Fort Bend Country Club. For appt. call 1-888-802-3105 or [HealthYes.com](http://HealthYes.com). Flyers available in the narthex.

**BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG** — Be sure to return your filled bottles!

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

**ROBERT VOGLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** — A \$500 scholarship is offered through St. Paul Lutheran Church in Rosenberg. Deadline for applications is **July 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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 13<sup>th</sup> thru July 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**FOOD FOR CAMP JOY** — A signup sheet is available in the Narthex for food items needed for Camp Joy. Please place nonperishable food items in the Library.

**LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES** — Night with the Astros! Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 3-7<sup>th</sup> when we will travel to Cristo Rey! If you are interested, sign up in the Narthex or contact Paula Curry for more info.

**BIRTHDAYS** — 6/28 Julie Manella; 6/29 Eva Biehl & Milton Richards; 6/30 Danny Faucett & Kyle Canterbury; 7/2 Kathy Strode

## 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>
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Celebration of Danny & Crista Faucett's Birthdays	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Candice & Aryn Rieder, Martha Willis, Shirley Morris	
<b>Ushers</b>	Darwin & Bev Marvin	Chuck & Kyle Canterbury
<b>Acolyte</b>	Kaylyn McStravick	Ariel Landinger
<b>Liturgist</b>	Cari White	Corinne Light
<b>Lector</b>	Becky Ohm	Becky Geary
<b>Cantor</b>	Darin Mielke	
<b>Child Sermon</b>	Chris Parnell	Mike Ronning
<b>Communion</b>	Beth Horstman/Shirley Morris/Larry Mikeska	
<b>Audio</b>	Courtney White	Brianne Hodenfield
<b>Counters</b>	Melissa Mikeska/Kathy Gann	

### Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Celebration of Timothy Christ's Birthday	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	S.Barr/C.Bolner/R.Divin/M.Mikeska/M.Peveto/P.Shipp	
<b>Ushers</b>	Cliff & Shelly Halvorsen	Parke & Gracie Wyant
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ariel Landinger	Joshua John
<b>Liturgist</b>	Fred Kunzler	Dan Strode
<b>Lector</b>	Emily Sattler	Rose Cabato
<b>Cantor</b>	Fred Kunzler	
<b>Child Sermon</b>	Chris Parnell	Kayla Posey
<b>Communion</b>	Jim & Pam Hill/Kathy Strode	
<b>Audio</b>	Beth Horstman	Lisa Ronning
<b>Counters</b>	Kathy Gann/Allen Schoppe	

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# Our Daily Joy!

## Taking Root: The Gospel Rules...Living Open-Handed – Week of June 28, 2009

**Monday, June 29**

**“The Heart of the Matter Is the Heart” (Wengert)**

Last week we pondered words by Timothy Wengert: “The heart of the matter is the heart.” These words are just as relevant this week as we consider the commandment “You shall not steal” (*Exodus 20:15*). Consider that stealing is seeing what the Lord has put into someone else’s hands and believing it should be ours instead. Now read Romans 13:8-10; what insights does Paul share that help us understand that our responses to God’s commands are reflections of what is in our hearts? Does the heart of the commandment take us beyond the act of stealing? Pray you will respond to all of God’s commands in ways that reflect your love for God (*Mark 12:30*).

**Tuesday, June 30**

**But I Don’t Steal!**

Many of us will quickly decide the commandment about stealing is one we needn’t ponder, for we do not steal, right! But are our hearts pure as we consider such common practices as cheating on a test (stealing another’s answers), pirating music off the internet, taking supplies from the workplace, reneging on a debt, failing to correct a shopkeeper who undercharges us, padding an expense account, failing to labor diligently at work... Can you add to the list? Read Exodus 20:15; Psalm 139:23-24; Romans 13:8-10; and 1 John 1:8-9. Pray about this.

**Wednesday, July 1**

**Entitlement?**

Do we ever act as if, or feel in our hearts, that God (or society) owes us something, or that life (and the distribution of wealth) is stacked unfavorably against us? How does such thinking interfere with our loving the Lord above all? Do Paul’s words in Romans 12:1 enhance our understanding of his words in 13:10? Do the words, “love does no wrong” embrace not only the exhortation to shun wrong behavior toward others but also to protect, help, and bless others? Consider these thoughts in light of Luke 10:25-37. Pray you will “do likewise.”

**Thursday, July 2**

**Contentment**

Can the rich be poor and the poor rich? How do the following Scriptures help us understand this thought: Proverbs 19:23; Philippians 4:11-13; 1 Timothy 6:6-10; and Hebrews 13:5-6? Are you content? The commandments dealing with our relationships with others ultimately point back to the command to love the Lord above all else. Read Mark 12:29-31 and Hebrews 12:1-3. As we fix our eyes on Jesus and embrace the love reflected in his sacrificial death on the cross, is there any real reason for a believer to be discontented? We, like Jesus, might sometimes weep, but we must not let discontent steal our love, faith, joy, and hope. Pray.

**Friday, July 3**

**What Do We Do with What We Have?**

John Wesley’s commentary on Exodus 20:15 enlightens our understanding of the commandment. Consider his words: “This command forbids us to rob ourselves of what we have by sinful spending, of the use and comfort of it by sinful sparing; and to rob others by invading our neighbor’s rights...” Is the thought that “sinful spending” is a form of stealing new to you? How about the idea of “sinful sparing” (or not sharing)? Ponder William How’s lyrics, “All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.” Read Romans 13:8-10 and 1 Timothy 6:17-19. Pray your understanding that all you have is a trust from the Lord will guide how you live, spend, and share.

**Saturday, July 4**

**Stealing from the Lord**

If all that we have (including our gifts/talents, possessions, time, opportunities...) is a trust from the Lord, does that mean it is possible to steal from God? If we see others in need and are unwilling to share from our abundance, are we stealing from the Lord? If God has blessed us with ability and we waste it, are we stealing from the Lord? If we return to the Lord only the leftovers of all God has entrusted to us, are we stealing from the Lord? If we seek glory for ourselves, are we stealing from the Lord? Read Psalm 115:1; Proverbs 19:17; Malachi 3:8; Matthew 25:14-30, 31-40; and Romans 12:3-13. Pray you will honor the Lord and love others always.

**Sunday, July 5**

**The Debt of Love**

Read Exodus 20:15, Romans 13:8-10, and 2 Corinthians 5:15; 8:9. Sometimes we live with a sense of entitlement; instead we should live with an awareness of God’s amazing grace and with profound gratitude that spills over into every aspect of how we think and live. We don’t obey God’s commands to earn God’s favor; we obey because God first loved us (*John 15:9-13; Romans 3:23-24; 5:8; 6:23; and 1 John 4:9-11*). Read Leviticus 19:11-18, noticing the words, “I am the LORD,” stated after each exhortation to selfless living. Our lives should point others to the LORD. Read Isaiah 43:7 and Romans 13:8. Pray you will live a life of love for God’s glory.