

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 7, 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 —

Sunday June 5— FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

- Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
- Christian Education: 9:15a
- SS Teacher Appreciation Event 9:15

Monday

- Joy Choir: 7p

Thursday

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

Next Sunday — 2nd SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

- Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
- Christian Education: 9:15a

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION — We will honor our Sunday school teachers today. Please plan on attending.

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".

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 sign up 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* Sunday June 14th *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 — We will once again be supporting the Pregnancy Resource Center by collecting money between Mother's Day and Father's Day. Baby bottles will be available in the Narthex for you to pick up and fill between those dates.

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.

SAVE THE DATE! —

for Lutheran Social Services Night with the Astros! This year's event is scheduled for 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!

CAMP JOY —

Camp Joy preparations have begun and sign up forms have been mailed out in the May Newsletter. 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.

PLAN AHEAD —

20th Annual Tomorrow's Child Golf Benefit for the Krause Children's Center — June 15th at Pine Forest Country Club.

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!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY —

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. The Men's group will take a summer break beginning in June and resume studies in September.

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 —

6/7 Denyse Bray, 6/12 Lee Lindeman, 6/13 Madison Carleton

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 William & Gayton Lieke's Birthday	
Altar Guild	Candice & Aryn Rieder, Martha Willis Shirley Morris	
Ushers	Mike & Kathy Gann	P. Curry & M. Budd
Acolyte	Joshua John	Haden Posey
Liturgist	Fred Kunzler	Bob Jahn
Lector	Vickie Schoppe	Pam Hill
Cantor	Fred Kunzler	
Child Sermon	Ashley Stutes	Kayla Posey
Communion	Becky Geary, Gregg & Irene Carleton	
Audio	Courtney White	Lisa Ronning
Counters	Allen Schoppe & Kathy Gann	

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	
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Audio	B & A Walquist	Aspen Timberlake
Counters	Tammy Soward & Bob Jahn	

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Our Daily Joy!

Taking Root: The Gospel Rules...Honoring Authority – Week of June 7, 2009

Monday, June 8

The Family

The first commandments are about our relationship with the Lord; the rest focus on our relationships with others. Notice that the “link” commandment is about family relationships. Read Exodus 20:12. What we learn in our families about honoring and cherishing each other helps prepare us to live the love of Jesus in the world. Families that live and love according to biblical teachings provide members with a foretaste of the joy of living as children of our heavenly Father. Consider the pictures of family as you read Genesis 1:27-28; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 30:6; Proverbs 23:24-25; 24:3-4; John 1:12; Romans 8:15-17; and Ephesians 6:1-4. Pray about the sacred trust of family.

Tuesday, June 9

A Part of the Picture

The whole counsel of Scripture teaches much about healthy family relationships, and the command to honor one's parents is just part of the picture. Our week's theme and Scriptures don't take us into the difficult issues of child abuse or neglect, but they do give us insight into building families and generations that are a joy to the members and a witness to the world. Read Exodus 20:12. The promise of long life is probably best understood as corporate, spoken to a nation whose love for the Lord is reflected in and through the lives of its families. Read the commandment again; ponder and apply it in light of Romans 12:9-19. Pray for your family and for all families.

Wednesday, June 10

Honor

In yesterday's 2 Corinthians 3 text, we heard Paul say, “the letter (of the law) kills, but the Spirit gives life.” This helps us understand Jesus' ongoing discussions about the Sabbath with the religious leaders, who fought to uphold the letter of the law (and its man-made nuances) but forgot its heart. Read Luke 6:1-11; 13:10-17 and John 5:8-10; 9:11-16. Now read Exodus 20:8-11 and 23:10-12. Did you hear God's heart that yearns to protect and refresh not only people but also creation? Pray you will trust God's heart as you obey God's commands.

Thursday, June 11

Above All Else

When might honor not mean obey? Read Exodus 20:12 and Mark 12:29-31. To whom is due our greatest allegiance? In Gideon's day, God's people were worshiping false gods; read part of the story in Judges 6:25-27. Now read Romans 13:1-8 through the lens of the truth reflected in Acts 4:18-20; 5:40-42; and Galatians 1:10. The Romans text tells us that rebelling against authority is rebelling against what God has instituted (13:2). The Lord gave parents authority in the home and commanded children to obey. How did Jesus honor his earthly parents, yet also demonstrate his foremost devotion to the Father (*Luke 2:41-52*)? Talk to the Lord about all of this.

Friday, June 12

A Training Ground for Honor and Respect

What insights do you glean about children and adults honoring their parents as you read Exodus 20:12; Proverbs 17:6b; Matthew 15:1-9; and 1Timothy 5:1-4? How might teaching (or not teaching) children to honor and respect parents affect how they relate to those in authority in the church and school? How does teaching honor and respect in the home help people understand the importance of respecting civil authority? Ultimately, how does respecting and honoring our parents help us learn to honor and respect the Lord? Do we sometimes make excuses for not obeying God? Pray Havergal's lyrics: “Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.”

Saturday, June 13

Always?

Read Romans 13:1-8. Do you embrace this text, or does it make you bristle? We have been talking about honoring parents, but what about honoring governing authorities, especially if we do not see them honoring the Lord and the people they govern? Yes, we understand that we must first obey God (*Acts 4:18-20; 5:40-42*), but how do we respond to our governments? What does Jesus say in Matthew 22:21 and Paul in 1Timothy 2:1-4? Do you pray for those in authority? Paul was in a Roman prison when he wrote Philipians; read 1:12-14, 27-29. Pray for wisdom.

Sunday, June 14

To Bring Honor

Read Exodus 20:12 and Romans 12:9-13:8. What does it mean to bring honor to our parents (and mentors), our nation, and the Lord? Can we bring honor to our family name, nation, and Lord by passionately loving the Lord and others? Ponder Scriptures read earlier this week. Did Paul honor and bring honor to his Roman citizenship and the Lord by offering himself as a living, and dying, sacrifice (*Romans 12:1*)? How about Bonhoeffer? Can a man or woman who lives honorably and sacrificially bring something of honor even to an ungodly nation? How did Jesus bring honor to the Father? Read Isaiah 43:7; John 14:15; 15:8; 17:4; and Revelation 4:9-11; 5:12-13. Pray.