

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 July 11, 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** — **7th Sunday after PENTECOST**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Ed: 9:15a
— Summer Sunday school: 9:15a
— Peer Ministry Training: 9:15a
— Confirmation Camp @ Lutherhill
- Monday**
— La Cocina 6:30p
— Church Council 7:30p
— Joy Choir: 7:30p
— Confirmation Camp @ Lutherhill
- Tuesday**
— Confirmation Camp @ Lutherhill
- Wednesday**
— Peer Ministry Training: 6:30p
— Confirmation Camp @ Lutherhill
- Thursday**
— Praise Band: 7:30p
— Confirmation Camp @ Lutherhill
- Friday**
— Confirmation Camp @ Lutherhill
- Next Sunday** — **8th 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

WELCOME! — We once again welcome Pr. Dick Kastner as our guest to bring God's Word and preside at Holy Communion.

PEER MINISTRY - The July Peer Ministry class begins today! Peer Ministry equips people with skills to live out the message of the Good Samaritan story in every relationship, everywhere.

BACK TO BASICS — Dr. James Nestigen will be presenting "The 10-Commandments" in the worship center during Adult Class!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — For Children's Message at both worship services. Materials provided. If you are interested please contact Laura Parnell.

Pr MARK CHAVEZ LUTHERAN CORE-NALC — Packets containing the DVD with handouts from June 20, 2010 presentation at Peace Lutheran are available in the Library for check-out.

BABY BOTTLE BOMERANG — Please return your baby bottles! Thrivent is matching donations up to \$1000.

SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — For those members desiring a detailed financial statement for the 2nd quarter 2010, please inform the office and we will be happy to provide you this information for your family.

FDIC "SUMMER OF SERVICE" — is here! Needed for Summer Sunday School: 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!

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 — 7/11 Kathy Faucett; 7/12 Pat MacMillan, Adam Work; 7/16 Dick Kastner; 7/10 Katherine Voyce

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 Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	In celebration of Kathy Faucett's Birthday	
Altar Guild	Bolner/Mikeska/Peveto/Shipp	
Ushers	Boenig/A. Lowe	Gregg & Irene Carleton
Acolyte	Kelsey White	Rhianna Schwartz
Liturgist	Dan Strode	Susan Krabbe
Lector	Tammy Soward	Shena Timberlake
Cantor	Dan Strode	
Child Sermon	June Tesch	Kathy Strode
Communion	Christ/McDow/Hopkins	
Audio	Horstman	Kevin Loewe
Video	B. Horstman	Kevin Loewe
Counters	Fred Kunzler/Tammy Soward	

Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	To the Glory of God	
Altar Guild	Bolner/Mikeska/Peveto/Shipp	
Ushers	Bob & June Tesch	Kathy & Dan Strode
Acolyte	Emma Gaas	Brianna Wyant
Liturgist	Darin Mielke	Corinne Light
Lector	Martha Willis	Becky Geary
Cantor	Darin Mielke	
Child Sermon	Chris Parnell	Doris Goates
Communion	Mike & Judy Ronning/Curry	
Audio	Walquist	Aspen Timberlake
Video	B. Horstman	Amy Cabato
Counters	Bob Jahn/Allen Schoppe	

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Our Daily Joy!

Tenderness for Tough Times — Week of July 11, 2010

Monday, July 12

Revelation 1

Apocalyptic writing (the unveiling of future events) is common for Jewish authors at this time in history. Through images and bizarre descriptions of death, they express their hope for the day that judgment will be rendered against evil and peace will come. But Revelation's main purpose is not to arouse speculation about the future, but to encourage Christians in every age to maintain their faith despite trials and opposition with confidence that they will share in Jesus' ultimate victory. Revelation is a series of scenes, culminating in the triumph of God. Who is the book of Revelation given to? Why (2)? To whom was the book of Revelation addressed (4)? What three things does Jesus do for us (5-6)? Are there times when you feel like giving up on Jesus? What truths bring you back?

Tuesday, July 13

Revelation 2:1-17

What do you know about the church at Ephesus? (See Acts 19.) How might its strengths have been the cause of its failure? Why is repentance necessary for them? What problems is the church of Smyrna facing? How can they be both rich and poor? What does Jesus teach them about suffering? Has it been harder for you to live out your faith when you've been poor or when you've had enough money? Why? How are the Christians in Pergamum tested? Compromise is a problem in Pergamum. Some in the church tolerate those who teach and practice what Christ opposed. Then, as now, standing firm against the strong pressures and temptations of society is never easy, but not standing firm is deadly. Are there cultural influences or temptations that distract you from your faith in Christ? Put on the full armor of God to remain faithful (Ephesians 6:11).

Wednesday, July 14

Revelation 2:18-29

What are the strengths and weaknesses of the church of Thyatira? What does the symbolic name "Jezebel" reveal about the woman in this church (see 2 Kings 9:7-37)? How does Jesus describe himself? What is he saying about himself? They could not hide from him, and we cannot hide from him (23). What do you think Jesus' promise in 26-27 means? What do you appreciate about that promise?

Thursday, July 15

Revelation 3:1-13

What is the contrast between reputation and reality in the church in Sardis? The peoples' wealth and comforts cause them to die spiritually. They are no longer growing in their faith and have lost the passion to serve others. Could the same be said of our church? Of you? Why, or why not? What does the key of David open (7-8)? (Also see Isaiah 22:22-24 and Matthew 16:19.) How is the church in Philadelphia able to persevere? Describe its enemies. How does the reward fit the faithfulness (12)? What open doors has Christ placed before you? Which doors are closed? How have you responded to closed doors? What is the Holy Spirit saying to you right now?

Friday, July 16

Revelation 3:14-22

What does the lukewarm description of the church in Laodicea say about the believers there (16)? How does the church view itself? Why the contrast? What does Jesus tell them to do (18)? What does this say about true wealth? In each of these letters, written to different churches, the believers are urged to listen and understand what has been written to them. Which one comes closest to your spiritual condition at this time? How are you going to respond? Spend time in prayer.

Saturday, July 17

Revelation 4

Where does this scene actually take place? Who is the figure on the throne? (Note: 24 seems to represent all of God's people, coming from the 12 tribes before Christ and the 12 apostles after Christ.) What are the 24 elders like? What about the four living creatures suggests the eternal power of God? What response does the central figure elicit? Why? What does this say about who God is, and how God relates to God's creation? Imagine this scene with you in it. How are you feeling? What do you see? What impresses you about God? How might this vision enhance your worship life? Your everyday life? What lifts your perspective from the earthly to the heavenly?

Sunday, July 18

Psalms 100

This psalm invites us to enter joyfully into the presence of God. God's faithfulness extends to each generation. What six reasons does the psalmist give us to praise God? Do these apply to all people? Is your expression of "joy of the Lord" too limited? Today, joyfully and gratefully come into the presence of the Lord, and let your heart overflow with love. Let your spirit dance with joy!