

# 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 July 12, 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 (281) 633-9054 or June Tesch (281) 633-0449 if you have a prayer request.

**QUESTIONS, SUGGESTIONS & CONCERNS** — Contact council chairperson, Rick Godwin (864-266-3026) 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** — Praise Band (PB&J)

## ***This week of Joy to the World —***

- Today** — **PENTECOST 6**  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Summer Sunday School: 9:15a  
— Christian Education: 9:15a  
— Camp Joy Youth Leaders Training: 6-9p
- Mon-Fri** — Camp Joy: 3-8p
- Monday** — Joy Choir: 7p
- Wednesday** — NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  
— PB&J: 8:30p
- Next Sunday** — **PENTECOST 7**  
— 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**

**CAMP JOY YOUTH TRAINING** — Tonight, 6-9 p.m.

**CAMP JOY** — 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. We are still accepting registration for campers. Mini-camp is full. Registration forms are available in the Narthex

**CAMP JOY SERVICE PROJECT** — This year we will collect school supplies for our sister congregation, Iglesia Lutherano de Cristo Rey, in Reynosa, Mexico. Supplies will be collected from 7/12 thru 8/3 and delivered to Cristo Rey by those traveling for VBS in Mexico. A list of supplies needed are available in July's newsletter and posted in the Narthex.

**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.

**JESUS, JAZZ & JUSTICE BIBLE STUDIES** — the final preparation for the Youth Gathering is scheduled for Sun. July 19<sup>th</sup> during Sunday school. All those attending the gathering plan on attending!

**PRAYER BRACELETS!!!** — Are available in the Narthex to take and so you can pray for the name written on the bracelet beginning now thru the end of the Youth Gathering on July 26<sup>th</sup>! Be sure to let them know you are praying for them.

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL** — NEEDS YOU! This summer's theme is "Faith through the Arts." There are still plenty of dates available for a Sunday in July or August. Helpers are also needed! Signup sheets are available in the Narthex on the bulletin board. Any questions, contact Tracy Posey.

**LUTHERAN DAY AT 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. We have reserved mezzanine seats still available at \$13 each.

**HOP ON THE BUS 2009!** — There is still time to join us Aug 3-7<sup>th</sup> when we will travel to Cristo Rey! VBS will be bigger than ever with 85-100 kids. If you can't join us on the trip there will be an opportunity to assist in preparing craft kits. Watch the toolkit for dates! Sign up in the Narthex or contact Paula Curry for more info.

**T-SHIRTS FOR CRISTO REY** — Shirts are 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 for a single shirt.

**HELPING HANDS!** — Moving day to their new site is Sat. August 15<sup>th</sup>. They could use all the help they can get! Contact Nancy Brown for more info at 281-232-4904.

**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).

**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.**

**REVEAL ADULT YOUTH WORKER TRAINING** — Register online now for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual training available at Camp Lutherhill in LaGrange on Aug. 21-22. Cost is \$95 if you stay at camp and \$75 if staying elsewhere. Register at [www.soggyshoes.org](http://www.soggyshoes.org).

**BIRTHDAYS** — 7/7 James Goates; 7/8 Janna Chesser; 7/9 Steve Budd; 7/10 Katherine Voyce; 7/11 Kathy Faucett; 7/12 Pat McMillan & Adam Work; 7/16 Dick Kastner

# 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

**Congregational Members— Shut-ins & Hospitalized**

**Congregational Members— Special Needs**

**Congregational Members— Ongoing Concerns**

**Relatives & Friends—**

**Thanksgiving —**

**Sympathy —**

**Special Requests —**

**Our Family and Friends in the Military—**

## Serving Jesus Today

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	In Memory of Roger Priebe	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	S.Barr/C.Bolner/R.Divin/M.Mikeska/M.Peveto/P.Shipp	
<b>Ushers</b>	T.Soward & A.Stutes	Dan & Kathy Strode
<b>Acolyte</b>	Abby Timberlake	Megan Budd
<b>Liturgist</b>	Emily Sattler	John Garrou
<b>Lector</b>	Mike Gann	Bob Jahn
<b>Cantor</b>	Emily Sattler	
<b>Child Sermon</b>	Jerry Daniels	Lutherhill Counselors
<b>Communion</b>	Marilyn Blaschke/Tracy Posey/Lori Hamner	
<b>Audio</b>	Beth Horstman	Aspen Timberlake
<b>Counters</b>	Pam Hill/Bob Jahn	

## Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	To the Glory of God	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	S.Barr/C.Bolner/R.Divin/M.Mikeska/M.Peveto/P.Shipp	
<b>Ushers</b>	Jim & Cari White	Lisa and Amanda Ronning
<b>Acolyte</b>	Chance Morrison	Kristen Curry
<b>Liturgist</b>	Dan Strode	Bob Jahn
<b>Lector</b>	Rick Godwin	Doris Goates
<b>Cantor</b>	Dan Strode	
<b>Child Sermon</b>	Courtney White	Kayla Posey
<b>Communion</b>	John Garrou/Paula Curry/Betty Christ	
<b>Audio</b>	B & A Walquist	James Goates
<b>Counters</b>	Tammy Soward/Jim Hill	

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# Our Daily Joy!

## Taking Root: The Gospel Rules...Living Contentment — Week of July 12, 2009

### Monday, July 13

#### Joy and Self Worth

What brings you real joy, joy that lingers, joy that fills your heart and makes you want to dance? And on what do you base your self-worth? We are bombarded by media that suggests joy is in having, getting, and fulfilling every temporal desire. Likewise, daily we see and/or hear messages that imply we are what we have or how we look. As God's beloved children, we must listen to what the Lord tells us about joy, contentment, and our worth. Read Exodus 20:17; Psalm 36:7-9; 1 Corinthians 2:9; Ephesians 1:18-19a; Philippians 4:10-13; and Colossians 3:1-4. Pause and prayerfully ponder your view of joy and self-worth. Do you need a heart adjustment?

### Tuesday, July 14

#### "The Heart of the Matter is the Heart" (Wengert)

Read Deuteronomy 5:6-7, 21-22; 6:4-5; 30:6; Psalm 63:1-5; 86:11-12; and Matthew 6:19-21; 22:37-40. The commandments begin with the exhortation to worship only the LORD; the commandments end with a warning about coveting or lusting after more than God has entrusted to us. Throughout Scripture, we hear the admonition to love the LORD above all else; the LORD is to be the greatest desire and delight of our hearts. How do you invest your money, your time, your life; what, above all else, captures the thoughts of your heart? Pray nothing will quicken your heart more than thoughts of the LORD; pray you will love the LORD and reflect that love to others.

### Wednesday, July 15

#### The Source of Happiness

C.S. Lewis wrote, "Do not let your happiness depend on something you may lose...[but only upon] the Beloved" and "God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there." Martyred missionary Jim Elliot said, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." How do the words of these men of God help us understand Exodus 20:17; Matthew 6:19-21; 13:44-46; John 15:9-13; and Philippians 3:8-9; 4:10-13. Use Helen Lemmel's lyrics to guide your prayers: "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace."

### Thursday, July 16

#### Restless Hearts

In past weeks, we have spoken much about the condition of our hearts. The LORD longs to fill our hearts with what we most need. The Tenth Commandment reminds us of things we might seek, but these do not fill the emptiness of our restless hearts. Augustine of Hippo explained this, saying, "Because God has made us for Himself, our hearts are restless until they rest in Him." Read Exodus 20:17 and Philippians 1:21; 3:7-8; 4:4-7. David tells us that his soul finds rest in God (*Psalm 62:1a*) and that God's love is better than life (*63:3*); Paul reminds us of the limitless nature of God's love (*Romans 8:31-39*). Tell the Lord you want him to fill your heart.

### Friday, July 17

#### Content or Discontent?

Our sin nature wires us for greed and covetousness, and our culture encourages these. Often we feel we deserve what we do not have, and a sense of entitlement is almost the norm. So, is contentment unattainable? Paul says he's learned to be content (*Philippians 4:10-13*)! What or who changed his heart (*1:21; 4:13*)? Focusing on circumstances leads to discontent; Paul, however, is content, for his focus is on Jesus. Ponder contentment and focus as you read Luke 12:15; 2 Corinthians 3:17-18; 1 Timothy 6:6-12a; and Hebrews 12:1-3; 13:5. Pray.

### Saturday, July 18

#### Gratitude and Generosity: Antidotes for Greed

Have you longed for something, finally obtained it, and then found its fascination quickly fades? Have you given, perhaps even generously and anonymously, and discovered that the joy lingers? Do you thrill at all the Lord has put in your hands and respond to God (and others) with an attitude of gratitude? Consider that gratitude and generosity are antidotes for greed as you read 2 Corinthians 8:9, 13-15; 9:6-15; 1 Timothy 6:17-19; and Hebrews 12:28; 13:15-16, 20-21. Pray using Henry Smith's lyrics, "Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son" (1978, *Integrity's Hosanna! Music*).

### Sunday, July 19

#### Trust in the Lord

When we began studying the Commandments, we noted that they are God's gifts of grace for our protection and blessing; they are boundaries set in love. The LORD wants us to live full, abundant lives (*John 10:10*) and knows our greatest joy is found only as we are in loving relationships with God and others (*John 15:5-12*). Do we really believe that the Lord, our Creator and Redeemer, knows best what makes our lives full and rich? Meditate on Philippians 4:4-7, 19. Pray Louisa Stead's lyrics, "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at his Word..."