

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 18, 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** — **8th Sunday after PENTECOST**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Ed: 9:15a
— Summer Sunday school: 9:15a
— Peer Ministry Training: 9:15a
— Camp Joy Volunteer Training: 6-8p
- Monday** — Pericope: 1p
— Joy Choir: 7:30p
- Mon-Fri** — Camp Joy: 3-8p
— Mini-Camp: 5-8p
- Wednesday** — Peer Ministry: 7:30p
- Thursday** — Praise Band: 8:30p
- Next Sunday** — **9th 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

SURVEYS — All confirmed disciples of Joy should have received a survey concerning your understanding and opinion of "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust" social statement and "Report and Recommendations on Ministry Policy" decisions made at 2009 ELCA Churchwide assembly. If you did not receive a survey please let the church office know. This survey is to help Council understand the general level of knowledge regarding the decisions made and the need for more informational sessions. We would appreciate hearing from you if you were delayed in returning your survey.

Pr MARK CHAVEZ LUTHERAN CORE-NALC — In June, Pr. Mark Chavez spoke at Peace Lutheran Church in Rosenberg, he addressed the history of the ELCA and why so much change is occurring, viewing the DVD available in the church library is highly recommended. There are 9 copies available for loan. The second half of the DVD is questions regarding the ELCA and the NALC. Handouts are also available with the DVDs. If you have questions or concerns regarding ELCA and NALC, Pr. Christ is very willing to meet with you for conversations around these issues.

CAMP JOY VOLUNTEERS! — Youth and Adult volunteers mandatory training is **today**, July 18th 6-9 p.m. Dinner is provided!

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 still available in the Narthex. Invite your family and friends!

PEER MINISTRY — The July Peer Ministry class continues 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.

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; and small personal items to fill gift bags for nursing homes.

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 — 7/19 Kim Hong, Ann Marie Peveto, Bob Tesch; 7/20 Paula Curry; 7/23 Darlene Kastner, Parke Wyant, Joseph Wyant; 7/24 Ron Light, Everett Timberlake

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 This 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	

Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	In celebration of Melissa Meyer's Birthday	
Altar Guild	Bolner/Mikeska/Peveto/Shipp	
Ushers	Al & Candace Rieder	Paula & Kristen Curry
Acolyte	Joshua John	Hayden Posey
Liturgist	Bill Bray	Dan Strode
Lector	Weldon Faucett	Corinne Light
Cantor	Bill Bray	
Child Sermon	Laura Parnell	Tracy Posey
Communion	Irene & Greg Carleton/Shirley Morris	
Audio	Horstman	James Goates
Video	B. Horstman	Melissa Mikeska
Counters	Melody Mielka/Bill Peska	

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Our Daily Joy!

Mysterious Visions — Week of July 18, 2010

Monday, July 19

Revelation 5

In John's day, books were written on scrolls: pieces of papyrus or vellum up to 30 feet long, rolled up and sealed with clay or wax. What do you think makes the scroll so significant? (See Jeremiah 36:2-32.) Why is Christ the only one worthy enough to open it (4, 9; also see John 1:29)? What does it mean that he is both a lion and a lamb? Does that have meaning for you? Review the three songs (9-13). How is the lamb described? Who are the three singing groups? Who are the true kings and priests on earth? Develop your own prayer and praise to offer God in singing and in word.

Tuesday, July 20

Revelation 6

This is the first of three judgments. The trumpets (8-9) and the bowls (16) are the other two. Four horses appear as the first four seals are opened. How are the horses and the horsemen alike? How are they different? How do the second and third lead to the fourth? What is revealed when opening the fifth seal (9)? How is this related to the suffering of the Christians in John's day? In our day? What occurs when the sixth seal is broken (12-13; see also Mark 13)? How does this make you feel about end times? Why? How might these words affect your actions this week?

Wednesday, July 21

Revelation 7

The sixth seal has been opened and the big question is this: Who can stand the wrath of God? How? Do you think the four angels are a new "woe," or an affirmation of chapter 6? What sense does chapter 7 make after chapter 6? What is the message of the angel (3)? Is the number 144,000 a symbol or a statistic (4)? Why? (see 7:9 and 14:1-5). When the multitude cries out, how do the angels, elders and four living creatures respond (10)? What qualifies those robed in white to stand before God (14)? Is the safety and service of these Christians a present-life experience, or a promise to be realized in the distant future? Or both? Why? What sort of seal has God placed on your life? How is this seal evident to other Christians? To non-Christians? Does this chapter bring you comfort and hope in your sufferings and tribulations?

Thursday, July 22

Revelation 8

When the seventh seal is opened, the seven trumpet judgments are revealed. Chapter 8 reveals the judgments of the first four trumpets. What events follow the sounding of each of the first four trumpets (8: 7-12)? What parallels, or repeated patterns, do you see between the opening of the seals and the sounding of the trumpets which suggests that these two scenes are, in reality, two sides of the same coin? The trumpets reveal what will happen to the unbelieving world, while the seals focus on what will happen to the church. Do you think these seals and trumpets refer to datable, sequential events, or to aspects of the world's condition, which may be true at any point in history? Are you finding that all this imagery seems far removed from you? Pray that God would give you eyes and ears to hear what he is saying to you through his Word.

Friday, July 23

Revelation 9:1-12

What happens when the fifth trumpet sounds? What does the abyss represent (1)? What power do the locusts have? Who are they allowed to torture? (Most likely the locusts are demons, evil spirits ruled by Satan. God limits what they can do; they do nothing without his permission.) But these verses tell us that God's judgment on the world will be so severe that people will desire death over life. God's people know that he has sealed us from his final judgment. Knowing that, what is your fear level right now? Your trust level? Pray about that.

Saturday, July 24

Revelation 9:13-21

Are the angels in 14 good or evil? What is God's role in their actions? How does the power of the locusts differ from the power of the horses? What events are implemented by the sounding of the sixth trumpet? Immorality and evil don't happen to us suddenly; we slip into their grip a little bit at a time. Any of us allowing sin to take root in our lives will end up in the same predicament. Temptation becomes sin, sin becomes habit, and the result is separation from God forever (see James 1:15). Take time to acknowledge your sins before God and to thank him for his grace and forgiveness.

Sunday, July 25

Psalms 36

In this psalm, the righteous seem to be those who may do evil, but are generally seeking to please God. The wicked are those who, despite the good that they may do, are generally rejecting God's ways. What aspects of your life do you see in these verses? To what do you compare God's love? God's faithfulness? God's justice? (Refer to verses 8-9.) Have you tasted of God's feast lately? How has God refreshed you? Thank God for how he pours out his love on those who know him!