

# JOY to the World this Week

JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH / 717 FM 359, RICHMOND, TX 77406 / (281) 762-3310

Joy is a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

## Power Surge TAKE HOME TOOLS for July 19, 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 7  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Summer Sunday School: 9:15a  
— Christian Education: 9:15a  
— Youth Gathering Bible Study: 9:15a
- Monday** — Joy Choir: 7p  
— LaCocina: 6:30p  
— Church Council: 7:30p
- Wednesday** — PB@J: 8:30p
- Thurs-Sun** — National Youth Gathering, New Orleans
- Saturday** — Lutheran Day at the Astros: 6p
- Next Sunday** — PENTECOST 8  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Summer Sunday School: 9:15a  
— Christian Education: 9:15a

***—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!***

### **Ministry Opportunities**

**A MEMORIAL WORSHIP** — for Darwin Marvin's mother, Pat Hutsell, will be held this afternoon here at Joy at 2:00 p.m. Our prayers and sympathies are with the Marvin family. In addition our sympathies and prayers are with the Ronning family as a memorial for Judy's father was held this week in Massachusetts.

**CAMP JOY SERVICE PROJECT** — we are still collecting school supplies for our sister congregation, Iglesia Lutheran de Cristo Rey, in Reynosa, Mexico. Supplies will be collected from thru 8/3 and delivered to Cristo Rey by those traveling for VBS in Mexico. A list of supplies needed is posted in the Narthex.

**JESUS, JAZZ & JUSTICE BIBLE STUDIES** — the final preparation for the Youth Gathering is scheduled **today** 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.

**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.

**LUTHERAN DAY AT THE ASTROS!** — There are still tickets available for 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 29 mezzanine seats 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.

**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).

**THANK YOU** — Many thanks to everyone for their prayers, cards, and phone calls during my surgery and while I recuperate. It was very much appreciated. Blessings to all, Darleen Kastner

**BIRTHDAYS** — 7/19 Kim Hong, Ann Marie Peveto, and Bob Tesch; 7/20 Paula Curry; 7/23 Darleen Kastner, Joseph Wyant and Parke Wyant; 7/24 Ron Light and Trey Timberlake; 7/25 Stanley Garcia and Madison Sattler

## 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>	In Memory of Pat Hutsell (Darwin's Mother) Memory of Katherine Dietrick (Wohlert family)	
<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>	Abby Timberlake	Mitchell Hong
<b>Liturgist</b>	Dan Strode	John Garrou
<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	

### Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	In Celebration of Melissa Meyer's Birthday	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	S.Barr/C.Bolner/R.Divin/M.Mikeska/M.Peveto/P.Shipp	
<b>Ushers</b>	Zack & Courtney White	Mike & Kayla Posey
<b>Acolyte</b>	Megan Budd	Eric Garcia
<b>Liturgist</b>		Chuck Canterbury
<b>Lector</b>	Bev Marvin	Doris Goates
<b>Cantor</b>	Darin Mielke	
<b>Child Sermon</b>	June Tesch	Shena Timberlake
<b>Communion</b>	Gregg & Irene Carleton/Larry Mikeska	
<b>Audio</b>	Beth Horstman	Lisa Ronning
<b>Counters</b>	Fred Kunzler/Melissa Mikeska	

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# Our Daily Joy!

## Taking Root: Deep Breathing...Heavenly Father — Week of July 19, 2009

### Monday, July 20

#### Prayer

We have a God who hears us! Read Psalm 28:6-7; 34:4; 55:16-17; 65:2; 86:5-7 and Hebrews 4:16. What does it mean to you, in your relationship with the Lord, to know that you can pray and share your heart with the eternal God, knowing that your prayers are heard, knowing that God wants you to pray? In Revelation 5:8, we read about “golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God’s people” (*also see Psalm 141:1-2*). Does this speak to how God regards our prayers? Now read Luke 11:9-10. Consider the acronym: ASK: Ask, Seek, Knock. For what do you ask? Is your greatest desire to fellowship with the Lord? Read Psalm 63:1,3 and pray.

### Tuesday, July 21

#### Backing into the Lord’s Prayer

The disciples came to Jesus saying, “Lord, teach us to pray” (*Luke 11:1*). Notice what Jesus was doing just before the disciples made this request. Conversation with the Father was an integral part of the fabric of Jesus’ life; it was as natural to him as breathing. In the following texts, ponder the circumstances in which we see Jesus praying: Matthew 14:22-25; Mark 8:6-7; 14:36; Luke 6:12; 23:34; John 17:1; and Hebrews 7:24-25. In Matthew 6:5-13 and Luke 11:5-13; 18:9-14, Jesus teaches about sincerity, perseverance, and humility in prayer. Spend time with Jesus today, asking him to teach you to pray; tell him you want your heart to be knit to his.

### Wednesday, July 22

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

Recently, we’ve considered Wengert’s quote, “The heart of the matter is the heart.” In anticipation of studying the Lord’s Prayer, ponder what it means if we say, “The heart of the matter is the Father’s heart.” Our relationship with God is rooted in the Father’s deep and abiding love for us. Read and reflect on 1 John 3:1. Now read Luke 15:11-24; reread verse 20. The father must have been watching and waiting for the son’s return. And notice that the father ran! Ancient patriarchs did not run; it was not considered dignified, yet the father ran to his son. Talk to your heavenly Father about what it means to you to be his beloved child.

### Thursday, July 23

#### The Lord’s Prayer

Read Matthew 6:5-13 and Luke 11:1-4. Do you think Jesus’ intention is that we simply, by rote, recite the words which we call “The Lord’s Prayer”? Certainly, when prayed with humility and sincerity, this prayer ushers us into the Father’s presence and helps us articulate our physical and spiritual needs. But can we also see the prayer as Jesus’ teaching model of how and for what to pray? Analyze the Lord’s Prayer using two common prayer acronyms: PRAY: Praise, Repent, Ask, Yield and ACTS: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication. Now pray the Spirit will lead you as you use the words of the Lord’s Prayer to talk to your Father.

### Friday, July 24

#### Father

Many know God as Almighty Creator, the transcendent One, who seems distant from humankind and everyday life. Yet Jesus invites us into intimate fellowship with God when he teaches us to pray, “Our Father.” In Isaiah 64:1-8, we are reminded of our frailty and sinfulness, yet the prophet tells us that the Lord is our Father (*63:16; 64:8*). Human fathers often fail to love, cherish, protect, teach, and encourage their children, but our heavenly Father never fails us. Bask in the relationship promised in John 1:12-13 and 1 John 3:1; talk to your Father.

### Saturday, July 25

#### Our Father

When we pray, “Our Father,” we realize we are part of a family. Read Matthew 6:9-13, noting the pronouns our and us. What difference does it make that we are part of a family of faith and are not simply individuals in our relationship with God? How does this thought relate to Jesus’ words in Mark 12:29-31 and John 17:11,21-23? Read Matthew 6:9-13 again. When we pray, “Thy will be done” and “give us this day our daily bread,” are we thinking only of ourselves and our needs? Ponder these thoughts; now pray (not say) the Lord’s Prayer.

### Sunday, July 26

#### Precious Intimacy

In your reading of the Gospels, have you noticed that Jesus always addresses God as “Father;” always, that is except for once. Do you recall the one time he calls to God without using the title Father (*Mark 15:34*)? Now consider the precious intimacy into which we are invited by being able to call God “Our Father.” Consider a child’s first words; often they are “da da” (Daddy), or “pa pa,” or for Jewish children speaking Aramaic, “ab ab” (Abba). Now read Mark 14:35-36; Romans 8:14-17 and Galatians 4:6-7. The one Jesus calls “Father,” and “Abba” is also our Father, our Abba. Pause and cradle this truth in your heart. Now run to your Father, our Father, and pray. If possible, read or sing Carolina Sandell Berg’s lyrics, “Children of the Heavenly Father.”