

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 TAKE HOME TOOLS for July 26, 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; **Rick Curry, Ron Light, Milton & Jeanette Richards, Sandy Wohlert** — Worship Team

This week of Joy to the World —

Today — **PENTECOST 8**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Summer Sunday School: 9:15a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— National Youth Gathering, New Orleans

Wednesday — PB@J: 8:30p

Next Sunday — **PENTECOST 9**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Summer Sunday School: 9:15a
— Christian Education: 9:15a

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

PRAYER BRACELETS!!! — The Sr. High Youth are in New Orleans at the Jesus, Jazz, and Justice Youth Gathering. Prayer bracelets have been available in the Narthex to take and pray for the name written on the bracelet thru today! Be sure to let them know you are praying for them.

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 NEXT SUNDAY and delivered to Cristo Rey by those traveling for VBS in Mexico. A list of supplies needed is posted in the Narthex.

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 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 TBD. They could use all the help they can get! Contact Nancy Brown for more info at 281-232-4904.

HOP ON THE BUS 2009! — There is still time to join us Aug 3-7th 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 — We are in the midst of Bishop Mark Hanson's call to fifty days of prayer leading to the start of the ELCA Churchwide assembly in Minneapolis on Aug. 17th. Prayer bulletins are available in the narthex and online at www.elca.org/50days.

REVEAL ADULT YOUTH WORKER TRAINING — Register online now for the 2nd 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.

FALL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT TO EQUIP CONGREGATIONAL — Two day event bringing the synod's new vision for evangelism to every area of congregational leadership August 28-29 at Covenant Lutheran Church in west Houston. The Friday events are for professional leaders (clergy, church staff). The Saturday events are for all congregational leaders, especially church council members and those in other key leadership roles. One fee covers the cost for our whole group. Contact Pastor Tim if you can make it.

OBERAMMERGAU 2010- THE PASSION PLAY — Want to tour Luther land in Germany and see the Passion Play? June 19th-June 30th 2010. Contact Pastor Tim.

BIRTHDAYS — 7/26 Rebecca Landinger; 7/31 Erin Light; 7/26 Melissa Meyer; 7/28 Samantha Petrosky; 8/1 Amanda Ronning

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 This Sunday

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

Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	In Honor of Renee Wohler's Birthday and Memory of Katherine Dietrick	
Altar Guild	D. Bray/K&W Faucett/Bev Marvin/B. McDow/S.Morris	
Ushers	Al & Candace Rieder	Gregg & Irene Carleton
Acolyte	Emma Gaas	Kristen Curry
Liturgist	Darin Mielke	Susan Krabbe
Lector	Tammy Soward	Pam Hill
Cantor	Darin Mielke	
Child Sermon		
Communion	Judy Ronning/ Becky Geary	
Audio	Beth Horstman	Brianne Hodenfield
Counters	Kim Hodenfield/ Kathy Gann	

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E-MAIL — Pastor Tim: pastor@joyrichmond.org Terri Clark: office@joyrichmond.org

Our Daily Joy!

Taking Root: Deep Breathing...Holy Name — Week of July 26, 2009

Monday, July 27

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Read Isaiah 6:1-8 and Revelation 4:8, pondering the three-fold declaration of God's ineffable holiness. Now meditate on Matthew 6:9-10. Might "on earth as it is in heaven" refer to hallowing the Lord's name and uplifting the Lord's will? Now sing or simply reflect on Reginald Heber's lyrics, "Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning, our song shall rise to thee...Only thou art holy—there is none beside thee, perfect in pow'r, in love and purity." We worship the One who is utterly holy. Draw near to your holy Father in prayer.

Tuesday, July 28

"Hallowed be Thy Name"

Last week we contemplated God as our Abba Father; now we are pondering what it means to pray, "hallowed be thy name." Webster's Dictionary defines hallow as "to make holy or set aside for holy use; to respect greatly;" hallowed is defined as "consecrated, sacred." Holy means "set apart...sacred; characterized by perfection and transcendence; commanding absolute adoration and reverence..." We pray the words, "hallowed be thy name," but do our lives reflect our prayer; do they honor our Father's name as holy and sacred? Do we, God's children, live lives devoted to bringing glory to God's name? Read Psalm 29:2 and Isaiah 26:8; 29:22-24; 43:7. Pray.

Wednesday, July 29

"The Name"

Do you notice (and perhaps mark) references to God's name in Scripture? Pray the first petition of the Lord's Prayer (*Matthew 6:9*); now read Psalm 86:9-12; 89:14-17a; 113:1-3; 111:9; and 115:1. We are to honor the Lord's name with our lips (our praise, adoration, honor, and worship) and with our lives (our obedience to the Lord and love for others). Do Matthew 5:16; John 14:15,23; 1 Peter 2:9-10; and 1 John 4:9-11 help us understand what it looks like to revere the Lord's name with our lives? In Day 2, we noted that to hallow is to set aside for holy use; as God's children, we are set apart for God's purposes. Pray about how you hallow God's name.

Thursday, July 30

God's Names

Our names/titles help others know us; we might respond to Mom, Dad, Son, Doctor, Teacher, or our given name. God's names help illuminate the person of God for us. God's names reveal God's character, attributes, reputation, purposes, activity, glory, and more. Be intentional about pausing to adore and worship the Lord, as you encounter God's names in Scripture. Read Exodus 3:11-15; 34:5-6, noting references to God's name. LORD (all capitals) is Yahweh (YHWH)—I AM; it is God's covenant name. God (Elohim) is the mighty Creator (*Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 10:14-17*). Pray that knowing God's names will make God's presence more real in your heart.

Friday, July 31

The Father Who Knows Us

The Father, who knows us, makes himself known to us, in part, through his names. Begin today's time with the Lord by praying Paul's prayer in Ephesians 1:15-23. In Judaism, God's name is treated with utmost respect. Some, for fear of showing disrespect, will not write or utter the name YHWH (LORD) but will instead use Adonai (Lord) or Ha-Shem (the Name). M.E. Anderson, in *The Lord's Prayer in My Life*, says, "In a real sense, what we do with God's (holy) name is what we do with God" (2000, Kirk House Pub., p. 22). Pray "hallowed be thy name" as you consider El Shaddai (the All Sufficient One: Psalm 90:2) and YHWH-Rohi (the Lord is my Shepherd: Psalm 23:1).

Saturday, August 1

Prayer and Life

We have been talking about The Lord's Prayer and the petition "Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name" (*Matthew 6:9*); yesterday we opened with one of Paul's prayers for the Ephesians. Pray again Paul's words in Ephesians 1:17-18. Do you really long to know the Lord and the hope to which you are called? How does intimacy with God, our Father, grow in the knowing and reverencing of God's names? Tell the Father you want to glorify his name with your words and with your life. Meditate on Psalm 86:9-12. Go and live for God's glory!

Sunday, August 2

Jesus and the Father

As the cross loomed ever nearer, Jesus shared great and poignant spiritual truths with his followers; his words are for us too and give us insight into the heart of God. Ponder Jesus' words in John 12:27-28,49-50; 13:19-20; 14:5-14 in light of our prayer, "hallowed be thy name." What is Jesus saying? There is much our finite minds cannot grasp, but we see more clearly as we gaze into the face of Jesus (*Hebrews 12:1-3*). Read Exodus 3:14-15 and Deuteronomy 6:4-6. Consider Jesus' "I AM" statements in John 4:25-26; 6:35; 8:12,24,28,58; 9:5; 10:7-9; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1,5. What does it mean to pray in Jesus' name (*John 14:13-14; 15:16-17; 1 John 5:13-14*)? Pray.