

# 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 4, 2010

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.

**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 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 Wohler** — Praise Band

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

- Today** — **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after PENTECOST**  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Christian Ed: 9:15a  
— Summer Sunday school: 9:15a
- Monday** — Church Office Closed
- Tuesday** — Executive Team: 7:30p
- Thursday** — Praise Band: 7:30p
- Next Sunday** — **7<sup>th</sup> 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**

**PEER MINISTRY** — The July Peer Ministry class begins next Sunday! If you are still interested in attending, please contact Chris Parnell. Peer Ministry equips people with skills to live out the message of the Good Samaritan story in every relationship. Take a risk and come take the first steps on a mission trip that will last a lifetime!

**BACK TO BASICS** — Dr. James Nestigen will be presenting "The 10-Commandments" in the worship center during Adult Class. The series will be repeated in July so that adults can participate in both Peer Leadership AND Back to Basics!

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

**FORT BEND FAMILY PROMISE** — We are providing food to the homeless this week (July 4<sup>th</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup>). A signup sheet is in the Narthex. If you are not able to prepare a meal, monetary donations are accepted and appreciated!

**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** — Be sure to return your baby bottles! Thrivent will be matching donations up to \$1000.

**FDIC "SUMMER OF SERVICE"** — is here! Needed for Summer Sunday School: empty Pringles cans, fabric pieces, yarn; 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 19<sup>th</sup> thru July 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 6-9 p.m. Dinner is provided!

**SIGN UP TODAY & JOIN US!!** — at Minute Maid Park for Astros Lutheran Social Services Day, on Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:05 p.m. Will be the Astros vs. the Cardinals! Watch the Narthex for a signup sheet so we can purchase group tickets. If you would like to purchase tickets separately go to [www.astros.com/lss](http://www.astros.com/lss) password: lss.

**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](http://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** — 7/7 James Goates; 7/9 Steve Budd; 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 This Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Celebration of Timothy David Christ's Birthday	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bolner/Mikeska/Peveto/Shipp	
<b>Ushers</b>	Cliff & Shelly Halvorsen	Bill & Hazel Peska
<b>Acolyte</b>	Mitchell Hong	Trey Timberlake
<b>Liturgist</b>	Fred Kunzler	Corinne Light
<b>Lector</b>	Becky Ohm	Sandy Wohlert
<b>Cantor</b>	Fred Kunzler	
<b>Child Sermon</b>	Jerry Daniels	Tracy Posey
<b>Communion</b>		L.Mikeska/Morris/D.Bray
<b>Audio</b>	Walquist	James Goates
<b>Video</b>	B. Horstman	James Goates
<b>Counters</b>	Kathy Gann/Melissa Mikeska	

### Serving Jesus Next Sunday

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

**HANDLING FREEDOM RESPONSIBLY — Week of July 4, 2010**

**Monday, July 5**

**Galatians 5**

When did you first experience freedom in your life? Freedom to do what? Freedom from what? What does it mean to be free in Christ (1)? Why does Paul make such a big deal about circumcision? Since our own efforts and achievements aren't the way to God, what is the way (5-6, 14)? What is our constant battle (17)? If we choose to live by our own efforts, what is our likely outcome (19-21)? See Romans 8:9, Ephesians 4:23-24, and Colossians 3:3-8. Which spiritual fruits are blossoming in you right now (22-23)? Which are still in the bud stage? Do you sense God calling you to change your lifestyle?

**Tuesday, July 6**

**Galatians 6**

This chapter reminds us that we will need to be there for each other. What are our responsibilities (1-3)? What is the main point of Paul's teaching on the Spirit-filled life (7-10)? Is there a place in your life where you need to "sow" to please the Spirit, instead of your sinful nature? How does Paul sum up the motives of the false teachers (12-13)? His own motives (14)? Reflect on the harvest you can expect from what you have sown this year. Will it be weeds? Spindly plants? Or a bumper crop? What does this chapter tell you about discipleship and planting seeds? For yourself? For others?

**Wednesday, July 7**

**2 Timothy 1**

Who were your Lois and Eunice, inspiring you to faith (5)? What does Paul mean when he says to "fan the flame" of the gift of God (6)? See 1 Timothy 4:14. What does he remind Timothy to do (8-9)? Do you feel the boldness to tell others about our Lord (8), or are you stuck with a spirit of fear and timidity (7)? Pray that God would fill you with power, love, and self-discipline. In spite of his suffering, Paul affirms his confidence in God's protection (12). Where do you go when your life is difficult and the future looks bleak? See Romans 8:38-39.

**Thursday, July 8**

**2 Timothy 2**

How can we be strong through grace (1)? How can Timothy be sure that the message of Christ will live on (2)? Disciples – including you and me – need to be equipped to pass faith along. Our work, like Timothy's and Paul's, is not done until we help make disciples of others (see Ephesians 4:12-13). What do the examples of the soldier, farmer and athlete teach us about the Christian life (3-7)? How did this encourage Timothy to remain steadfast in his faith during his suffering? What encourages you the most about the trustworthy saying in 11-13? Do suffering and endurance play a part in your life right now? What encourages you?

**Friday, July 9**

**2 Timothy 3**

How does the list of sins in 1-5 sound like our world today? Of the sins listed here, which one is the root of all the others? What do verses 6-9 tell us about the character, danger and fate of false teachers? Why does Paul recall the tough times for Timothy (10-11)? In verse 12, Paul tells Timothy that everyone who wants to live a Godly life will suffer persecution. What does that mean to you? Have you ever been misunderstood, criticized, or hurt by someone because of what you believe or how you live? God calls us to continue to live for God, the only One we need to please.

**Saturday, July 10**

**2 Timothy 4**

What are Paul's final instructions for Timothy (1-5)? How does Paul sum up his life and ministry (6-8)? Because of this, he could face death calmly. Is your life with Christ preparing you for death? How do Paul's words challenge you? Are you fighting the good fight no matter what suffering and persecution you might face? How will you build this scripture into your life? How will you share the good news of Jesus Christ honestly and faithfully? Spend some time in prayer bringing all your concerns and hopes to Jesus.

**Sunday, July 11**

**Psalms 4**

David knew that God would hear and answer those who are faithful and devoted to God. God hears and answers, although the answers may not be what we expect. Inward joy comes from knowing and trusting God (7). It brings us peace. When we rejoice in God's protection, we can place our confidence in him. Spend time reflecting on what it means to yield your rights, needs and feelings to God.