

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 5, 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; **Tammy Canterbury, Rick Curry, Ron Light, Milton & Jeanette Richards, Sandy Wohlert** — Worship Team

This week of Joy to the World —

- Today** — PENTECOST 5
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Summer Sunday School: 9:15a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— Youth Gathering Bible Study: 9:15a
- Monday** — Joy Choir: 7p
- Wednesday** — PB@J: 7p
— Youth Gathering Bible Study: 7p
- Next Sunday** — PENTECOST 5
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Summer Sunday School: 9:15a
— Christian Education: 9:15a

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

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! If you are interested in taking the trip with us, 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. 17th. Prayer bulletins are available in the narthex and online at www.elca.org/50days. Prayer vigils will be planned as well.

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.**

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG — Be sure to return your filled bottles!

JESUS, JAZZ & JUSTICE BIBLE STUDIES — in preparation for the Youth Gathering are scheduled for Sun. July 5th during Sunday School; Wed. July 8th at 7 p.m. and Sun. July 19th during Sunday School. All those attending the gathering plan on attending!

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.

CAMP JOY — Camp Joy preparations have begun. Camp will take place July 13th thru July 17th from 3 to 8 p.m. Mini-camp for 2-4 year olds begins at 5:15-8 p.m. Be sure to get your registration in soon, space is limited to 40 campers and 12 mini-campers. Registration forms are available in the Narthex

CAMP JOY YOUTH TRAINING — Sunday, July 12th, 6-9 p.m. at the church. Come for pizza as we prepare for the week and set up the church with Lutherhill Leaders.

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.

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.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES — Night with the Astros! Saturday, July 23rd 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SNACKS — are a continual need. Please bring individual juice boxes and individual packages of snacks (think low sugar) and place them in the green tub in the kitchen. Thank you!

BIRTHDAYS — 6/28 Julie Manella; 6/29 Eva Biehl & Milton Richards; 6/30 Danny Faucett & Kyle Canterbury; 7/2 Kathy Strode

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>
Altar Flowers	Celebration of Timothy Christ's Birthday	
Altar Guild	S.Barr/C.Bolner/R.Divin/M.Mikeska/M.Peveto/P.Shipp	
Ushers	Darwin & Bev Marvin	Parke & Gracie Wyant
Acolyte	Ariel Landerer	Joshua John
Liturgist	Fred Kunzler	Dan Strode
Lector	Emily Sattler	Rose Cabato
Cantor	Fred Kunzler	
Child Sermon	Chris Parnell	Kayla Posey
Communion	Jim & Pam Hill/Kathy Strode	
Audio	Beth Horstman	Lisa Ronning
Counters	Kathy Gann/Allen Schoppe	

Serving Jesus Next Sunday

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

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Our Daily Joy!

Taking Root: The Gospel Rules...Speaking Truth – Week of July 5, 2009

Monday, July 6

The Power of Our Words

Have you spoken words you wish had not left your lips or been devastated by another's words? Have you been blessed and encouraged by affirming, edifying words or heartened to see your words bring a smile to someone's face? Words have power, power to abase and harm or build up and heal. How do you use words? Read Exodus 20:16; Psalm 15:1-3; Proverbs 12:18; and Ephesians 4:25-5:2. Meditate on Proverbs 25:11 (*NIV*): "A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver." Spend time talking to the Lord about how you use words.

Tuesday, July 7

The Commandment

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor" (*Exodus 20:16*). In ancient Israel, court proceedings took place at the city gate. Study carefully Numbers 35:30; Deuteronomy 17:6-13; 19:15-19; and Zechariah 8:16-17; how might these words have helped insure truth telling? In Leviticus 19:11-18, we see dimensions beyond the judicial that help us understand the commandment. At first glance, we see only admonitions of what not to do. Leviticus 19:18 points us to the underlying command: love others. Ponder and pray about all of this in light of Deuteronomy 10:20-21. Write out these two verses, and pray this week about how they will guide your life.

Wednesday, July 8

The Greatest Commandment

Read Mark 12:29-31. Each week, we have spoken about how our response to the commandments begins with our relationship with the Lord. Is God enthroned on our hearts and in our lives? Is God Lord of our lips too? Read Deuteronomy 10:20-21 again; then read 1 John 4:7-11. Notice that "God is love" (4:8). Hold this thought as you read John 1:14 and 14:6. Our eternal God is love and is truth; these are aspects of God's eternal nature. How our hurtful and/or dishonest words must grieve the Lord! We, who are created in God's image and are to reflect God's glory (*Genesis 1:27; Isaiah 43:7*), must take seriously how we speak to and about others. Pray!

Thursday, July 9

Truth, Lies, and the Word

On Day 1, we spoke about the power of our words to harm or heal, bless or curse, tear down or build up. Let's look for a moment at the power of God's words: read Genesis 1:3; Isaiah 40:8; 55:10-11; John 1:1-5; Hebrews 4:12-13; and Revelation 19:11-13. Though our words do not carry the authority, purpose, and power of God's word, they do affect others, often in great measure. Ponder this as you consider Jesus' words about truth and lies in John 8:12-19, 31-47. With whom is truth associated; how about lies? If we are to honor God, we must speak truth in love (*Ephesians 4:15*). Begin memorizing Psalm 19:14; make the psalmist's words your daily prayer.

Friday, July 10

The Tongue

The books of Proverbs and James speak much about our tongues and how we use them. As you read the listed verses, ponder the commandment about bearing false witness and recall the truths to which the commandment points: we are to use our words to bless and edify others, speak truth in love, and glorify the One in whose image we are created. Read Proverbs 11:12-13; 12:17-19, 22; 15:1-2, 4, 23, 28; 18:4-8; 30:5, 7-8a; and James 3:3-13, 17-18. All of us fall short (*Romans 3:23*); we speak words we wish we could retract, but spoken words are like toothpaste: once squeezed from the tube; we cannot put it back in. Yet God is merciful. Read 1 John 1:9; pray.

Saturday, July 11

"The Mouth of the Righteous"

The writer of Proverbs says, "The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life" (*Proverbs 10:11*). Ponder this as you meditate on Ephesians 4:25-5:2 and Colossians 3:12-17. If our mouths are "fountains of life," what else will be evident in our lives? What we think, say, and do are all reflections of the condition of our hearts. Read Psalm 19:14 and Proverbs 4:23. Jesus says, "Out of the abundance (or overflow) of the heart, the mouth speaks" (*Luke 6:45*). Recall the quote: "The heart of the matter is the heart" (*Wengert*). Offer your heart to the Lord in prayer.

Sunday, July 12

Our Words Can Honor the Lord and Build Community

In our homes, churches, workplaces, and communities, how we act and what we say either honors or dishonors the One whose name we bear. As children of God, as Christians, we are to reflect the love and grace of Jesus; we are to use our words to point others to him. If we do not do so, we dishonor his precious, glorious name, and our witness might well be an ash heap. Read Psalm 19:14; Luke 6:45; John 13:34-35; 17:20-26; and Ephesians 4:25-5:2. This week, how can you use your words to be intentional in protecting and building community in your home, church...? Begin now, this moment, by first committing your heart and your lips and your life to Jesus.