

# 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 August 1, 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 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** — 10<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  
**Monday** — FDIC Meeting: 6:30p  
**Wednesday** — Joy Choir: 7:00p  
— Peer Ministry: 7:30p  
**Thursday** — Praise Band: 7:30p  
**Saturday** — Christ/Bethke-Rozacky Wedding  
**Next Sunday** — 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after PENTECOST  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Christian Ed: 9:15a  
— Summer Sunday school: 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.

**BACK TO BASICS** — Dr. James Nestigen will be presenting "The 10-Commandments" in the worship center during Adult Class!

**PEER MINISTRY** — Our 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.

### **MILESTONE MINISTRY BIBLE PRESENTATION**

— In keeping with the promises made at baptism, those beginning Sunday school, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades will be gifted with a new bible. We will be doing the presentation at the late service on Sunday, Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you are interested and have not yet been presented a bible, there will be a sign up sheet in the narthex. If you have questions, please contact Tracy Posey.

**COLLEGE STUDENTS** — We would like to make sure you get information from Joy, if you are a new college student or moving to a new address please send the information to the office to update our records.

**"STUFF THE BUS!"** — During the month of August stuff the yellow bus with clothes for school aged children. Items needed are new socks & underwear, gently used or new khaki or navy shorts, skirts and pants, and polo shirts - sizes 5-16. Our goal is to have the bus stuffed by September 5<sup>th</sup>! Clothing will be shared with Helping Hands, Lamar CISD & Ft. Bend ISD.

**FDIC "SUMMER OF SERVICE"** — Also needed for Summer Sunday School: 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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUMMER OF SERVICE!** — There are still plenty of dates available in August for Leaders and Co-Leaders! Projects in August include LWR Health Kits; Shade Tree Ministry; and Nursing Home Project. Signup Sheet is available in the Narthex on the bulletin board. Any questions contact Tracy Posey.

**SAVE THE DATE!** — Lutherhill Ministries S'mores & Champagne Gala is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at Woodlands Waterway Marriott. For more info visit [www.lutherhill.org](http://www.lutherhill.org) or call 979-249-3232.

**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.

**SHADE TREE MINISTRY** — is in great need of rice and beans. Other items needed include men's work gloves and shoes.

**BIRTHDAYS** — 8/1 Amanda Ronning; 8/3 Randy Garrison; 8/4 Kristen Curry & Melissa Petrosky; 8/6 Bill Bray & Beth Horstman

## 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>	To the Glory of God	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bray/Faucetts/Marvin/McDow	
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike & Kathy Gann	Parke & Gracie Wyant
<b>Acolyte</b>	Cory Leith	Abby Timberlake
<b>Liturgist</b>	Fred Kunzler	Chuck Canterbury
<b>Lector</b>	Alan Lowe	Doris Goates
<b>Cantor</b>	Fred Kunzler	
<b>Child Sermon</b>		
<b>Communion</b>	J. Garrou/S. Morris/D. Bray	
<b>Audio</b>	Walquist	James Goates
<b>Video</b>	B. Horstman	Matt Lyons
<b>Counters</b>	Allen Schoppe/Tammy Soward	

### Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	In celebration of Renee Wohler's Birthday	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bray/Faucetts/Marvin/McDow	
<b>Ushers</b>	Al & Candace Rieder	Bill & Hazel Peska
<b>Acolyte</b>	Mitchell Hong	Megan Budd
<b>Liturgist</b>	Darin Mielke	John Garrou
<b>Lector</b>	Vickie Schoppe	Dan Strode
<b>Cantor</b>	Darin Mielke	
<b>Child Sermon</b>		
<b>Communion</b>	B. Christ/B. McDow/J. Hopkins	
<b>Audio</b>	Horstman	K. Loewe
<b>Video</b>	B. Horstman	K. Loewe
<b>Counters</b>	Fred Kunzler/Kathy Gann	

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# Our Daily Joy!

**Bitter and Sweet – Week of August 1, 2010**

**Monday, August 2**

**Revelation 16**

The bowl judgments are God's final and complete judgment of the earth. The end has arrived. What contents are in each bowl of wrath? Why are these plagues worse than the ones ushered in by the trumpets? The angel in charge of the waters reacts to the outpouring of God's wrath not with pain or sorrow, but with a recognition of divine justice (5-6). Verses 9-21 tell us that the people realize these judgments come from God, but they still refuse to recognize God's authority and repent of their sins. Instead, they curse him for sending the judgments. How would you explain the necessity of these plagues to someone who is not a Christian? What are you doing to "stay awake" in preparation for Christ's return (15)?

**Tuesday, August 3**

**Revelation 17**

The destruction of Babylon, mentioned in 16:17-21, is described in greater detail here. The great prostitute represents the early Roman Empire with its many gods and the blood of Christian martyrs on its hands. Compare the woman and the beast to the first and second beasts of chapter 13. What here is the ultimate sin (5-6)? It is easy for Christians to become infatuated with worldly power. Which wrongs in our society today have entrapped you from time to time? How has God enabled you to escape the snares of the great prostitute? Are you seeking a mind with wisdom (9)? What wisdom will you seek in the next few weeks? If you do not understand the meaning of the various beasts, have you at least been frightened by the power of evil? How will you change that fear into action and hope?

**Wednesday, August 4**

**Revelation 18:1-14**

This chapter shows that everything trying to block God's purposes will come to a violent end. How do the voices from the world greet the fall of Babylon (9-20)? Why do they mourn? Why does God judge Babylon so harshly (20, 24)? How are believers treated by the world today? Being wealthy, powerful, or famous often leads people to believe that they have no need for God, or anyone else. Why is that? What "items of merchandise" have you bought and valued more than God? Is there a part of your life that is falling apart or eroding right now? Ponder the most important lesson you have learned from this passage.

**Thursday, August 5**

**Revelation 18:15-24**

Compare this passage with the following Old Testament prophecies about the fall of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19), Babylon (Isaiah 13:47) and Tyre (Ezekiel 27-28). How are they examples of the fall of this spiritual Babylon? God's people should not live for that which is worthless in eternity. This, then, is how you should live: Matthew 22:37-40! What actions will you take based on this insight?

**Friday, August 6**

**Revelation 19**

Silence came with the fall of Babylon (18:22). What characterizes the new scene in heaven? Who participates in the praise? What is the most frequent refrain in the songs of praise? What do you learn about God's character? How do you express your gratitude to God? Has your interest in worshipping and praising God increased or decreased since the beginning of your study of Revelation? Why? Do you think it is fitting that Christ has a name "that no one knows but himself" (12)? The rider wields a sharp sword in his mouth (15). Who are the combatants of this war (19-21)? Who wins? What hopes and fears does this triumphant picture bring out in you? How has Jesus been your deliverer?

**Saturday, August 7**

**Revelation 20**

Why is Satan bound, and then freed for awhile (1-3)? What do you think life will be like without Satan deceiving the nations, but "the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony to Jesus and for the word of God" reigning with God instead? What is the final fate of the beast, false prophet, and Satan (7-10)? In 12-15 we are told the books will be opened. Who will be judged, and who will be exempt at the "great white throne" judgment? What do you find comforting and disturbing in this chapter? Imagine a book made of your life, with every thought and deed recorded and then read by all, including Jesus. How would you feel? Does that call for some changes in your life, beginning today? Spend time in prayer.

**Sunday, August 8**

**Psalms 105**

Like Psalm 78, this psalm is a lengthy run-down of Israel's ancient history. The writer suggests that a valuable way to find God is to become familiar with the way God has helped his people in the past. Do you find comfort in remembering God's wonders? How has God come through for you when you saw no way out? Consider how the Lord provides for you beyond your expectations. This is the day the Lord has made; give thanks to God and proclaim his greatness! Praise God for his love overflowing!