

# 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 August 2, 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; **Rick Curry, Ron Light, Milton & Jeanette Richards, Sandy Wohlert** — Worship Team

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

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

**Monday** — FDIC Meeting: 6:30p  
— Joy Choir: 7p

**Mon-Fri** — Hop on the Bus to Cristo Rey

**Wednesday** — Pricope Study: 9:30a  
— PB@J: 8:30p

**Thur-Sun** — Pr. Tim on vacation

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

***—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!***

## **Ministry Opportunities**

**VIA DE CRISTO** — Bill Bray will be attending Via De Cristo this weekend at Cathedral Oaks.

**COLLEGE STUDENT INFO NEEDED!** — Please send the office any updated address info for college students for our records.

**T-SHIRTS FOR CRISTO REY** — Shirts are still available 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.

**CAMP JOY SERVICE PROJECT** — Ends today! Bring all school supplies to church by this evening for delivery to Cristo Rey this week.

**CAMP STORIES** — Share with us your experiences about a church camp, retreat or other outdoor experience that has impacted your faith life! Fill out the form available in today's toolkit and turn it into the box in the Narthex. Extra forms are in the narthex. Find out the "why" of this project in September's newsletter!

**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.

**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. 17<sup>th</sup>. Prayer bulletins are available in the narthex and online at [www.elca.org/50days](http://www.elca.org/50days).

**FALL ADULT GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES** — Sign up now for **Joy 101** a basic examination of the Christian Faith from a Lutheran perspective will be offered on Sunday evenings 6-8 p.m., Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> - Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Joy 201** a deeper and more intensive study of the Scriptures will be offered on Tuesday evenings 7-9 p.m. Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> - Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>. Sign up now in the Narthex so that materials can be properly prepared.

**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.

**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).

**JW BACK TO SCHOOL BRUNCH** — Join us for fellowship, brunch and to view the two DVDs which Don Sattler prepared for the Sisters of Charity of Incarnate Word, Houston on Sat. August 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Joy. Bring a dish to share. Sign up on the Joyful Women Bulletin Board.

**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.

**PEOPLE WHO LOVE KIDS!** — Interested in being a Sunday school teacher or assistant? Are you returning for another year? Please contact Tracy Posey to let her know. Training will be scheduled for Monday, Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 7-9 p.m. Rally Day is scheduled for Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>!

**JW BIBLE STUDY** — will begin Tuesday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.-Noon for nine weeks. Evening classes to be decided based on interest. Studies will continue the Journey with the Israelites, A Study of Joshua. Cost will be \$9 and sign up is required on the JW bulletin board. Contact June Tesch at for more info or if you are interested in an evening class.

**BIRTHDAYS** — 8/3 Randy Garrison; 8/4 Kristen Curry, Chad Divin & Melissa Petrosky; 8/6 Bill Bray & Beth Horstman; 8/9 Renee Wohlert

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

### Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Celebration of Randi Shea's Birthday	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	D. Bray/K&W Faucett/Bev Marvin/B. McDow/S.Morris	
<b>Ushers</b>	Chad & Rachel Divin	Larry & Melissa Mikeska
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ariel Landinger	Megan Budd
<b>Liturgist</b>	Bill Bray	Corrine Light
<b>Lector</b>	Becky Ohm	Bob Jahn
<b>Cantor</b>	Bill Bray	
<b>Child Sermon</b>	Laura Parnell	Kathy Strode
<b>Communion</b>	Hazel Peska/Beth Horstman/Shirley Morris	
<b>Audio</b>	B & A Walquist	James Goates
<b>Counters</b>	Allen Schoppe/Bill Peska	

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# Our Daily Joy!

## Taking Root: Deep Breathing...Kingdom Come — Week of August 2, 2009

### **Monday, August 3**                      **"Thy Kingdom Come"**

Read Matthew 6:9-10. Consider the words, 'Hallowed be Thy name'; 'Thy kingdom come'; and 'Thy will be done'; how does each statement relate to the phrase 'on earth as it is in heaven'? This week's theme is 'Kingdom Come.' What is the kingdom of God (*Matthew uses kingdom of heaven*)? Some say it is God's activity on earth; others define it as God's reign, rule, or sovereignty. Might it be both? There are over 160 references to the kingdom in just the New Testament. Pray for understanding as you read 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 (*note 29:11*); Daniel 4:3; Matthew 6:33; 13:44-46; 25:34; Mark 10:14-16; Luke 10:9; 17:20-21; John 18:36; and Revelation 11:15.

### **Tuesday, August 4**                      **Here and Now and Yet to Come**

God's kingdom is here and now and yet to come. In what ways is God's kingdom evident in our world today? Is it both internal and external, in that we see God's sovereign activity and also know that God longs to reign in our hearts and lives? As the Lord reigns in our hearts, how is that internal reality lived out externally? Read Matthew 4:17,23 and Luke 17:20-21; Jesus said these things when he was among the people. What did Jesus promise would happen after his ascension: John 14:15-21,23; 15:4-5? How are these thoughts related to God's activity in the world and in our hearts and lives? Pray Matthew 6:9-10, not just with words but sincerely and with your whole heart.

### **Wednesday, August 5**                      **Undivided Hearts**

M.E. Anderson, in *The Lord's Prayer in My Life (2000 Kirk House Pub. 28-29)*, writes, "To pray, 'Your kingdom come,' is to reach out for the unlimitedness of God...There is within each of us a resistance to the King and his kingdom...We seem unwilling to trust. We forget that we belong to the King...In this petition we pray that we might be people of a single heart. We pray that the King might fully conquer our hearts..." Ponder this as you read 2 Chronicles 16:9a; Psalm 86:11-12; and Proverbs 27:19. In Acts 4:23-34a, we see evidences of God's kingdom manifest on earth, of rebellion against it, and of hearts in which God is enthroned. Pray 'Thy kingdom come.'

### **Thursday, August 6**                      **What Difference Does It Make that the King is Our Father?**

What difference does it make that the eternal King of Heaven is our loving heavenly Father? Read Isaiah 64:8; Matthew 6:9-10; Luke 12:32; Romans 8:14-17,26-27,31-39; and 1 Timothy 1:17; 6:12-16. Ponder the prayer petition 'Thy kingdom come.' Sometimes, perhaps often, we feel our prayers are frail and without heart, but notice who prays with us and for us (*Romans 8:26-27, 34*)? We live in the tension and reality that the kingdom is here and now and yet to come. God promises much for our future. Read 1 Corinthians 2:9 and Philippians 3:12-21. Pray.

### **Friday, August 7**                      **A Kingdom of Grace**

Do we think it is all about what we do? Even in prayer, do we try to impress God? It is not about our performance, it is about our relationship with the one true God through Jesus the Messiah! Anderson writes, "The kingdom of God is the kingdom of forgiveness and grace...the kingdom (is) where we know we are loved and where we love ...it is the kingdom of grace..." (*p29*). Consider this kingdom of grace and love. Who invites us into the kingdom and gives us the grace to pray for the kingdom to come on earth and into our lives? Read Matthew 5:3; 19:14; Romans 14:17; and Revelation 3:20. Pray you will seek God's kingdom; invite the Lord to reign in you.

### **Saturday, August 8**                      **"The Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done"**

Do the words, 'Thy will be done' help us understand what it means to pray, 'Thy kingdom come'? What does Jesus teach us about this through his words and his life? Read John 12:27-28,50; 14:31; 17:1-5,26; 18:11; and Philippians 2:5-8. Here on earth, we live, in a sense, on a battle field: on one side is God's will and purpose for our lives (love and obey God; love others); on the other are the flesh and the devil, which war against God's righteous reign. How is this explained in Matthew 7:13-14 and James 4:1-10? In prayer, align yourself with the Lord.

### **Sunday, August 9**                      **The Kingdom**

Speaking of God's kingdom, D.C. Overduin says, "In Bethlehem we see its appearance. In Gethsemane and at Calvary, we see its price. (At the tomb) and on the Mount of Ascension, we see its victory. At present we see its glorious future" (*quoted by Anderson, p31*). And as we await the glorious future, we pray, 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.' Read Acts 4:23-31, noticing the people's prayer which acknowledges God, stands on God's word, presents the situation, and asks God to act according to God's will. Tell the Lord you want to have eyes to see God's activity in the world; pray your joy will be in praying and living, 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.'