

# JOY to the World this Week

JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH / 717 FM 359, RICHMOND, TX 77406 / (281) 762-3310

Joy is a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

## PoWeR SuRGe TAKE HOME TOOLS for August 30, 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; **Vacant** — Communication; **John Garrou** — Evangelism

### MINISTRY LEADERS

**June Tesch** — Joyful Women; **Tracy Posey** — Coordinator FDIC; **Paula Curry** — 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 13**  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Summer Sunday School: 9:15a  
— Christian Education: 9:15a  
— Flu Shots: 9a-12p  
— Incredible Journey: Noon
- Monday** — Sunday School Teacher Training: 7-9p
- Tuesday** — Joy 201-1
- Wednesday** — Pericope Study: 9:30a  
— Confirmation: 6p  
— PB@J: 7p
- Next Sunday** — **PENTECOST 14**  
— RALLYE DAY!!  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Christian Education: 9:15a

**—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!**

### **Ministry Opportunities**

**INCREDIBLE JOURNEY** — Are you interested in becoming a Disciple of Joy Lutheran Church? Join us on **today** after late service to learn more about the mission and ministry of Joy. RSVP to [office@joyrichmond.org](mailto:office@joyrichmond.org) or contact John Garrou for more info. New Disciple Orientation is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> and new disciples will be received at worship services on Sunday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>.

**FLU SHOTS!** — Randall's Pharmacist will be at Joy **today** from 9-12 to give flu shots. The shots are \$25 and you will receive a 10% grocery voucher if you receive one!

**RALLYE DAY** — is Sunday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> to kick off a new Sunday School year! Meet in the Sanctuary at 9:15 a.m. to greet your teachers and then off to the classrooms. Meet on the deck at 10:10 for a closing song. The Joyful Women will be serving refreshments in the fellowship hall so you can view the artwork done during our Sunday Summer School sessions. Kids are asked to bring a bag of rice and/or dry beans to be collected for Shade Tree Ministry.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING** — Is scheduled for Monday, Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 7-9 p.m.

**CAMP STORIES** — Be sure to share your camp story with us! A box is located in the Narthex for completed forms. Find out the "why" of this project in September's newsletter!

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL SMORES AND CHAMPAGN GALA** — in support of Lutherhill Ministries. Join us on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$120/person. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.lutherhill.org](http://www.lutherhill.org)

**PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER OF FT BEND** — Invites you to "Hearts of Hope...Giving Life a Chance" banquet on Sat. Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. at Safari Texas Ranch. Silent Auction, Dinner and Program. Tickets are \$75. Contact June Tesch, for tickets.

**JR HIGH FUN AT FIESTA TEXAS!** — Jr. High will be taking a trip to Fiesta Texas on Sept 11<sup>th</sup> thru 13<sup>th</sup>. We will leave Joy on Friday evening, spend Saturday at Six Flags and return on Sunday. It is sure to be a blast! For more info, contact Paula Curry.

**FALL ADULT GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES** — Sign up NOW for **Joy 101**, a basic examination of the Christian Faith from a Lutheran perspective to be offered on Sunday evenings 6-8 p.m., Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> - Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Joy 201** is a deeper and more intensive study of the Scriptures to 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.

**JW BIBLE STUDY** — will begin an evening class on Monday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. and the morning session on Tuesday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.-Noon for nine weeks. 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. Babysitting is available.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — will resume on Thursday evening, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. The focus of the study will be the classic work by Dietrich Bonhoeffer "*The Cost of Discipleship*". All men are invited! Contact Mike Meyer for additional information.

**DRIVE-THRU DINNER** — at Peace Lutheran Church for Ft. Bend Habitat for Humanity/Thrivent Builds on Sunday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$8.50/plate. For Tickets contact Peace, 281-342-8800 or Laura Cabato.

**"KRISTI'S KREW"** — Join friends & family of Kristi Work in the Komen Houston Race for the Cure 5K non-competitive walk on Sat, Oct. 3, 2009. You can walk, watch, or donate! In Memory of our dear friend, we have formed "Kristi's Krew" and would love to have you join our team. For details, go to [www.komen-houston.org](http://www.komen-houston.org) and look for our team "Kristi's Krew" to get involved, or see Kathy Strode. Thank you!

**BIRTHDAYS** — 9/1 Hazel Shigley; 9/4 Erica 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 This Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Jill Kunzler's Birthday & Hazel Shigley's 98 <sup>th</sup> Birthday	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	D. Bray/K&W Faucett/Bev Marvin/B. McDow/S.Morris	
<b>Ushers</b>	B. Horstman & A. Lowe	Chuck & Kyle Canterbury
<b>Acolyte</b>	Joshua John	Abby Timberlake
<b>Liturgist</b>	Dan Strode	Bob Jahn
<b>Lector</b>	Bob Tesch	Dan Strode
<b>Cantor</b>	Dan Strode	
<b>Child Sermon</b>	June Tesch	Shena Timberlake
<b>Communion</b>	Larry Mikeska/Paula Curry/Shirley Morris	
<b>Audio</b>	Beth Horstman	James Goates
<b>Counters</b>	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 Kristen Curry's Baptism	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	D. Pitman/C. & A. Rieder/M. Willis/S. Morris	
<b>Ushers</b>	D. Boenig/R. Godwin	Parke & Gracia Wyant
<b>Acolyte</b>	Mitchel Hong	Timmy Hamner
<b>Liturgist</b>	Fred Kunzler	Chuck Canterbury
<b>Lector</b>	Alan Lowe	Shena Timberlake
<b>Cantor</b>	Fred Kunzler	
<b>Child Sermon</b>	Courtney White	Kayla Posey
<b>Communion</b>	Gregg & Irene Carleton/John Garrou	
<b>Audio</b>	B & A Walquist	Aspen Timberlake
<b>Counters</b>	Allen Schoppe/Kathy Gann	

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# Our Daily Joy!

## Taking Root: Deep Breathing...Doxology — Week of August 30, 2009

### Monday, August 31

#### A Doxology of Praise

Read the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13. The doxology, "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen" was probably composed for the liturgy of the early church. It forms a bookend to the opening, in which Jesus addresses God as Father and upholds God's holiness and sovereignty. Now read David's prayer in 1 Chronicles 29:10-13; this probably is the base for the doxology. David lived about 1000 BC. There is something glorious about realizing that, three millennia later, we are still praising God with the same phrases! Soak in David's prayer of praise; read it over and over. Now offer your praise to our eternal Lord.

### Tuesday, September 1

#### The Lord's Prayer and Prayer Promises

Pray the Lord's Prayer, including the doxology. Now read John 14:4-14. What did you learn about Jesus; about the Father; about prayer? Do we ever read John 14:13-14 and think the promise is that all our prayers will be answered affirmatively if we tack on the words, "in Jesus' name"? If to pray "in Jesus' name" means to pray as he would pray, what are the implications? Think about Jesus' words in John 15:5,7. Now read 14:13 again. What does it mean to pray that "the Father may be glorified" (see also *Luke 22:39-44; John 17:1-5; 1 John 5:14-15*)? Pray the Lord's Prayer again. Ask the Spirit to give you a greater understanding of the prologue and doxology.

### Wednesday, September 2

#### Thine Is the Kingdom

We begin the Lord's Prayer with the words, "Thy kingdom come; thy will be done." In the doxology, we again recognize God's kingdom and kingship, praying, "thine is the kingdom..." How does David help us understand the words we pray (*1 Chronicles 29:11-12*)? How does Paul describe God in 1 Timothy 6:15-16? How will our prayers be different if we remember we are praying to the Eternal King and Lord of all? The King is our heavenly Father; rejoice in this amazing and blessed truth. Tell the King Eternal that you want him to reign in your life.

### Thursday, September 3

#### Thine Is the Power

Pray the Lord's Prayer including the doxology. Do you believe God can meet your every need? Is our heavenly Father omnipotent, or is God's power limited? Can we affirm God's omnipotence and trust God's heart, even if we don't always understand God's responses to our prayers? Read Hebrews 4:14-16. The promise of mercy and grace doesn't mean we won't have pain and heartache. Ponder God's sovereign power and powerful grace as you read Jeremiah 32:17,26-27; Mark 10:27; 2 Corinthians 12:7b-10; Ephesians 1:7-8,18-21; 2:4-5; and Hebrews 1:3. Pray.

### Friday, September 4

#### Thine Is the Glory

Read John 14:4-14; Romans 5:6-8; 8:38-39; Galatians 4:4-7; and Hebrews 4:14-16; 7:24-25. It is because Jesus paid our sin debt that we can approach God as Father. We owe Jesus our hearts, our lives, our all; yet do we sometimes forget and seek our own will, glory, and honor? Do we act as if God is indebted to us? Ponder all this as you read Psalm 29:2; 115:1 and Isaiah 26:8; 42:8; 43:7. Do you praise and glorify God because of who God is, not simply because of how God blesses you? Stand or kneel and pray David's prayer in 1 Chronicles 29:10-13.

### Saturday, September 5

#### Forever!

We get so caught up in the temporal, as if this life is all there is. Ponder the vast difference between the temporal and the eternal as you read Exodus 15:18; Psalm 39:4-5; 90:1-4; Isaiah 40:7-8,28; Matthew 6:19-21; John 3:16; and Revelation 5:13; 11:15. We cannot fathom eternity past and eternity future, yet we pray, "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever." This life is a gift to be treasured, a sacred trust and opportunity to bless others, a time to live in God's grace and for God's glory. Embrace today and live as Jesus did (*John 6:38; Hebrews 12:1-3*). Quiet your heart; spend time worshiping and adoring our eternal God.

### Sunday, September 6

#### Amen!

Sometimes, without considering their meaning, we close our prayers with the words, "in Jesus' name." We do the same with our "amens." Amen can be defined as "so be it." It holds the meaning of firmness, certainty, and truth. Our Lord is the final "Yes" and "Amen" (*2 Corinthians 1:20*). When we pray "amen" we are saying, "yes, we trust in God's truth and faithfulness." We also affirm the sincerity of our prayers. Consider that when Jesus says, "truly, truly," "verily, verily," or "very truly," he is using the same word that is translated "amen" (*John 1:51; 5:19,24,25; 6:26,47*). Read Revelation 3:14 and 22:20. Pray the Lord's Prayer with your heart and with your voice.