

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 9, 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; **Vacant** — 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 10**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Summer Sunday School: 9:15a
— Christian Education: 9:15a

Monday — Joy Choir: 7p

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

Next Sunday — **PENTECOST 11**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Summer Sunday School: 9:15a
— Christian Education: 9:15a

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

PR. TIM IS ON VACATION — Pr. Dick Kastner brings God's word to us this morning.

PRAYER VIGIL — A service of prayer for the ELCA Church wide Assembly will be held this evening at 6:30 p.m.

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. 17th. Prayer bulletins are available in the narthex and online at www.elca.org/50days.

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

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!

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 on Monday, Aug 31st 7-9 p.m. Rally Day is scheduled for Sept. 6th!

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. 13th - Nov. 22nd. **Joy 201** a deeper and more intensive study of the Scriptures will be offered on Tuesday evenings 7-9 p.m. Sept. 1st - Nov. 24th. Sign up now in the Narthex so that materials can be properly prepared.

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.

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 22nd 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Joy. Bring a dish to share. Sign up on the Joyful Women Bulletin Board.

FALL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT — 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.

JW BIBLE STUDY — will begin Tuesday, Sept. 15th 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 for more info or if you are interested in an evening class. Babysitting is available.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — will resume meeting on Thurs evening, Sept. 17th at 7:30 p.m. The focus of the beginning study will be a book by Dietrich Bonhoeffer "The Cost of Discipleship". All men are invited! Contact Mike Meyer for additional information.

"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 and look for our team "Kristi's Krew" to get involved, or see Kathy Strode. Thank you!

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.

BIRTHDAYS — 8/9 Renee Wohlert; 8/12 Kathy Gann; 8/13 Taylor Garrou & Kimberly Randel; 8/15 Gene Manella

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

Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	To the Glory of God	
Altar Guild	D. Bray/K&W Faucett/Bev Marvin/B. McDow/S.Morris	
Ushers	Mike & Kathy Gann	Bill & Hazel Peska
Acolyte	Kelsey White	Hayden Posey
Liturgist	Cari White	Dan Strode
Lector	Martha Willis	Corinne Light
Cantor	Fred Kunzler	
Child Sermon	Courtney White	Kayla Posey
Communion	Joyce Hopkins/Betty McDow/Kathy Strode	
Audio	Beth Horstman	Aspen Timberlake
Counters	Jim Hill/Bob Jahn	

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E-MAIL — Pastor Tim: pastor@joyrichmond.org Terri Clark: office@joyrichmond.org

Our Daily Joy!

Taking Root: Deep Breathing...Daily Bread – Week of August 9, 2009

Monday, August 10

The Lord's Prayer

In the first petitions of the Lord's Prayer, Jesus teaches his followers (including us!) about coming to God, our Father in heaven and praying that God's name be honored, God's kingdom come, and God's will be done, "on earth as it is in heaven." After Jesus helps us fix our eyes and hearts on God and God's will and way, he then teaches us to pray about our every need: physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual. Read Matthew 6:9-13 and 22:37-40. Do you see a relationship between the prayer Jesus teaches us and the priorities he sets forth for us? Ponder the plurals "our" and "us" used throughout the Lord's Prayer. Talk to your heavenly Father in prayer.

Tuesday, August 11

Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

Just what is "daily bread"? The Greek word for "bread" represents all that is needed for life. Pray about the word need; now list your needs. Do we sometimes, perhaps often, confuse our needs with our desires? By praying for daily bread, are we not only asking our loving Father to provide for our needs but also to define or determine what those needs are? And why did Jesus speak of daily bread? Might it be because we tend to live in the future instead of trusting God day-by-day? Read Exodus 16:1-5, 13-26 and Matthew 6:25-33. Spend time in prayer.

Wednesday, August 12

Trusting God's Provision

Read Exodus 16:1-5, 13-26 and Matthew 6:25-33, noticing how these texts encourage us to trust in the Lord as the provider and source for all our needs. If we rely on our own strength and ingenuity, we have only to lose our job, health, investments, or harvest to realize that temporal security is tenuous and fleeting. But with eyes fixed on our heavenly Father, we can live in the freedom and joy that trusting God provides. In whom or what are you trusting; is your life and welfare safer in your care or God's? Read Philippians 4:4-7, 19 and James 1:17; 4:2b-3.

Thursday, August 13

Food that Sustains

Read Matthew 6:25-33. The Lord knows our needs and what will satisfy them. But sometimes we get confused. We look to the temporal for our joy and fulfillment, but are our greatest needs physical and our greatest pleasures rooted in the here and now? Pray as you read Deuteronomy 8:3; Psalm 16:11; 42:1-2; 43:4; 63:1-5; Luke 12:32-34; John 6:25-35; Ephesians 3:21; and Philippians 3:7-9. What do these texts teach us about our deepest need? Jesus invites us to abide in him and says he will abide in us (*John 15:4a*); and what is the promise (*15:11*)? Pray.

Friday, August 14

Living with Open Hands and Hearts!

Worry focuses our eyes on problems or circumstances. Prayer turns our hearts and thoughts to the One who loves us beyond measure and knows our every need. Read John 14:1, 27 and Hebrews 4:16. Embracing these words of truth can help free us to live with open hands and hearts, sensitive not only to our own needs but also to the needs of others. Ask the Lord to awaken in you a compassion for those who are in need. Intentionally ponder situations, near and far, of significant need; now pray, "give us this day our daily bread." Read 2 Corinthians 8:2-5, 14-15; 9:8-15 and Hebrews 13:5, 20-21; ask the Lord if you are to be part of the answer to another's prayer.

Saturday, August 15

Harsh Realities

Jesus tells us to pray for daily bread. We know God is our Source and Provider. God's promises are true and eternal, and yet, though we might not have experienced severe deprivation, we know it is real. Many skeletal concentration camp victims and starving children have prayed for daily bread. Part of the answer to the questions this raises might be cradled in the truth that some (we?) devoured the whole loaf, but this answer does not fit all situations. God doesn't give Job answers, but God does come to him. Ultimately, is Jesus enough? At the end of life, and every day, is he our truest need and greatest treasure? Read Deuteronomy 8:3; Psalm 63:1-5; Habakkuk 3:17-18; John 6:25-35; 2 Corinthians 11:27; and Philippians 4:11-13. Talk to Jesus about how you will respond.

Sunday, August 16

With Thankful Hearts!

Read or sing Martin Rinkart's lyrics, "Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today....All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven, the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore. Amen." Read Psalm 100 and Matthew 6:9-13, 19-21, 25-33. Pray.