

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 September 13, 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; **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 15**
— Receiving New Disciples
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— Joy 101-1
- Monday**
— LaCocina: 6:30p
— Church Council: 7:30p
— JW Bible Study: 7p
— Joyful Tooters: 7p
— Joy Choir: 7:30p
- Tuesday**
— NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
— JW Bible Study: 10:30a
— Joy 201-3: 7p
- Wednesday**
— Pericope Study: 9:30a
— Confirmation: 6p
- Thursday**
— PB@J: 7p
— Men's Bible Study Begins: 7:30p
- Next Sunday** — **PENTECOST 16**
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— Drive-thru Dinner @Peace: 11a-2p
— Joy 101-2: 6p

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

WELCOME TO OUR NEW DISCIPLES! — We will be receiving our new disciples at late service today.

JOY 101! — **Begins** this evening 6-8 p.m.

ADULT CLASSES — All adult classes will be held in the Gathering Place unless noted otherwise.

JOYFUL TOOTERS — Will practice on Monday's beginning Sept 14th at 7 p.m. Joy Choir will practice at 7:30 p.m.

JW BIBLE STUDY — Begin an evening class on Mon., Sept. 14th at 7 p.m. and the morning session on Tues., Sept. 15th 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. Babysitting is available.

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!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Resumes on Thursday evening, Sept. 17th 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. 20th 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$8.50/plate. For Tickets contact Peace, 281-342-8800 or Laura Cabato.

LYO@the crossing — Looking for Leaders! HS students & adults are encouraged to apply to serve on one of the planning teams. Planning meeting on Sept. 26th. Go to www.soggyshoes.org for application and more info.

5th ANNUAL GLOBAL MISSION FESTIVAL — is being held at Living Word Lutheran Church on Sunday, Oct. 4th from 2-6:30 p.m. Will include a multi-cultural worship service with Dr. Leonard Sweet, preacher and author. Music, ministry, mission and more! For more info go to www.livingwordkaty.org.

MEALS FOR FORT BEND FAMILY PROMISE — Meals are needed for homeless families from October 4 thru 11th. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex for those interesting in preparing food. Monetary donations are also accepted and appreciated if you are unable to prepare a meal. For more info contact Shirley Morris.

"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!

SHADE TREE MINISTRY — Appreciates your generous donations of Rice and Beans on Rallye Day! 56lbs of rice and 37lbs of beans were distributed to the day laborers looking for work in the area. Thank you also to Pr. Tim & Betty Christ who had also donated 50lbs of rice and 50lbs of beans. Donations are always needed and can be placed in the bin in the Narthex for distribution. For info contact David or Martha Willis.

WOMEN'S FALL PAMPERING RETREAT — at Lutherhill is Oct. 2nd thru 4th. Cost is \$150pp. Register online at www.lutherhill.org.

FALL MEN'S RETREAT — at Lutherhill is Oct. 16th thru 18th. Cost is \$70pp (additional cost for golf). Register online at www.lutherhill.org.

MAGAZINES NEEDED — for local nursing homes. Place in the basket in the Narthex.

BIRTHDAYS — 9/13 Lisa Ronning; 9/15 Sherry Barr, Jennafer Carleton & Hannah Garrou; 9/16 Pat Shipp; 9/17 Cari White; 9/18 Aryn Rieder

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	In celebration of the Jacobsen's 39 th Anniversary	
Altar Guild	D. Pitman/C. & A. Rieder/M. Willis/S. Morris	
Ushers	Cliff & Shelly Halvorsen	Dan & Kathy Strode
Acolyte	Cory Leith	Emma Gaas
Liturgist	Fred Kunzler	Susan Krabbe
Lector	Vickie Schoppe	Sandy Wohlert
Cantor	Fred Kunzler	
Child Sermon	Chris Parnell	Kathy Strode
Communion	Paula Curry/Betty Christ/Becky Geary	
Audio	Beth Horstman	James Goates
Counters	Bob Jahn/Bill Peska	

Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	In celebration of the Tesch's Anniversary	
Altar Guild	D. Pitman/C. & A. Rieder/M. Willis/S. Morris	
Ushers	Tammy & Doni Soward	Larry & Melissa Mikeska
Acolyte	Kaylyn McStravick	Ariel Landing
Liturgist	Darin Mielke	Corinne Light
Lector	Jill Kunzler	Dan Strode
Cantor	Darin Mielke	
Child Sermon	Jerry Daniels	Rose Cabato
Communion	Judy Ronning/Hazel Peska/Shirley Morris	
Audio	B&A Walquist	Aspen Timberlake
Counters	Fred Kunzler/Tammy Soward	

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Our Daily Joy!

Taking Root: Get This Right!...Mezuzah — Week of September 13, 2009

Monday, September 14

Listen!

Read Psalm 95:1-7a and reflect on the nature of God. God is described as the LORD (YHWH), a great King (95:3); the appropriate response to God is humble and joyful worship (95:1-2, 6). Ponder another aspect of our response: "O that today you would listen to his voice! Do not harden your hearts" (95:7b-8a). Take time right now to worship our great God and King; pray that you will truly listen to God's voice, remembering that listening also implies obeying and acting on what is heard. Now read Deuteronomy 6:4-9. Listen to what the Lord is saying to you. Do you hold God's words in your heart (6:6)? How will you respond to these verses?

Tuesday, September 15

God's Words: Our Hearts

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Psalm 40:8; and Jeremiah 15:16, noticing the thought that God's commands/words are to be near, constant, internalized, and life-giving. How does this thought relate to the command to love the Lord with every fiber of our being? Now read Deuteronomy 30:6 and Psalm 86:11-12. Do we change our own hearts, or do we simply yield our hearts to the Lord and allow the Lord to transform them? What might indicate that our hearts are becoming hard and unyielding, that we do not really love the Lord wholeheartedly (Psalm 95:7b-10; John 10:27; 13:34-35; 14:21)? Tell the Lord you want an undivided, consecrated heart.

Wednesday, September 16

Shema

Read the Shema (Deuteronomy 6:4-9), the centerpiece of Jewish morning and evening prayers. It is also God's word for us as believers; speak it with your name after the word 'hear.' These precious words are treasured and honored by God's Chosen Covenant People, but believers are also God's covenant people, who, like Israel, are called to recognize God's greatness and glory and who, like Israel, are to love the Lord and respond with the obedience of faith. Read Deuteronomy 7:6-9; Luke 22:19-20; Romans 1:16-18; Hebrews 9:15; and 1 Peter 2:9-10. Read the Shema again and talk to the Lord about what it means for you today. How will you respond?

Thursday, September 17

Remember

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9. The covenant bound Israel to the Lord because of the Lord's transcendent greatness (Deuteronomy 6:4) and because the Lord called Israel to himself in close, personal relationship (Exodus 19:5-6). We also are bound to the Lord with cords of love rooted in God's eternal glory, love, and faithfulness (John 6:68-69; 1 John 4:19). We, like Israel, must never forget to whom we belong. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9 again and also read 4:7-14, 32-40, noticing the call to remember, teach, honor, and obey. Read Deuteronomy 6:6-9 once again. Pray about how you will live so that you leave a legacy of faith and love.

Friday, September 18

Mezuzah

Last week we talked about tefillin (pouches containing Scripture bound to the head and arm); this week we ponder the purpose of mezuzahs, which are words of Scripture (the Shema) placed in small cases and affixed to the doorposts/frames of Jewish homes. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 11:18-20 and consider the purpose of such tangible and visible reminders. What might be a reminder for you that everything and everyone in your home belongs to the Lord and that the purpose of your lives is to live in relationship with the Lord? Pray.

Saturday, September 19

Protected

When we hear the word protected, we might first think of physical safety, but consider that spiritual protection, protection of our minds and hearts, is of paramount importance. We diligently guard our children from physical danger, but do we guard our families spiritually? Read John 17:1-17 through several times, noting Jesus' words about protection. Is his concern about physical or spiritual protection? Now read Deuteronomy 6:4-9; ponder how the mezuzah might help protect those in the home (not in a magical sense). Read Deuteronomy 11:18-20; Palm 119:11, 105, 165 and Ephesians 6:10-18. Pray that the Lord will guard your heart and your home.

Sunday, September 20

God's Called and Beloved People

Is your life built on the assurance that you are God's beloved child? Consider this question as you read Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 10:12-21a; John 1:12-13; 17:6-23; and Galatians 3:26-29. Often our lives are so busy, but are they filled with the priorities that the Lord articulated through Moses in our Deuteronomy texts and that Jesus prayed about in John 17? What are the tefillin and mezuzahs in our lives that keep us focused on loving and obeying God and loving others? Pray you will live as God's beloved child (1 Peter 2:9-10).