

# 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 20, 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.

**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; **Larry Mikeska** — 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 16**  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Christian Education: 9:15a  
— Drive-thru Dinner @Peace: 11a-2p  
— Joy 101-2: 6p

**Monday** — JW Bible Study: 7p  
— Joyful Tooters: 7p  
— Joy Choir: 7:30p

**Tuesday** — JW Bible Study: 10:30a  
— Joy 201-4: 7p

**Wednesday** — Pericope Study: 9:30a

**Thursday** — PB@J: 7:30p  
— Men's Bible Study Begins: 7:30p

**Fri-Sat** — Lutheran CORE Meeting, Indianapolis

**Next Sunday** — **PENTECOST 17**  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Christian Education: 9:15a  
— Joy 101-3: 6p

**—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!**

### **Ministry Opportunities**

**ADULT CLASSES** — All adult classes will be held in the Gathering Place unless otherwise noted. Sunday Adult Class begins at 9:30 a.m. (No late arrivals, please)

**JW BIBLE STUDY** — Began an evening class on Mon., Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. and the morning session on Tues., 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 is \$9 Contact June Tesch for more info. Babysitting is available.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SNACKS** — are a continual need! Please bring individual juice boxes, individual packages of teddy grahams, cheese nips, etc. (think low sugar!) Please place them in the green tub in the kitchen. Thank you for your continued support of our Sunday School teachers and students.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — Resumed on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. The focus of the study is the classic work by Dietrich Bonhoeffer "*The Cost of Discipleship*". All men are invited! Contact Mike Meyer for additional information. It's not too late to join us!

**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. 26<sup>th</sup>. Go to [www.soggyshoes.org](http://www.soggyshoes.org) for application and more info.

**IT'S THE PITS COOKERS** — a ministry in partnership with Joy invites everyone to the Barbeque cookoff at the Ft. Bend County Fair, October 2 & 3 for food & fun!

**5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GLOBAL MISSION FESTIVAL** — is being held at Living Word Lutheran Church on Sunday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.livingwordkaty.org).

**MEALS FOR FORT BEND FAMILY PROMISE** — Meals are needed for homeless families from October 4 thru 11<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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. 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$150pp. Register online at [www.lutherhill.org](http://www.lutherhill.org).

**HELPING HANDS OPEN HOUSE** — Visit their new location at 902 Collins Rd., Richmond, Tx on Wed. October 14<sup>th</sup> 4-7 p.m.

**FALL MEN'S RETREAT** — at Lutherhill is Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$70pp (additional cost for golf). Register online at [www.lutherhill.org](http://www.lutherhill.org).

**JOYFUL TOOTERS** — Will practice on Monday's at 7 p.m. Joy Choir will practice at 7:30 p.m.

**CAMP STORIES** — Be sure to share your camp story with us! A box is located in the Narthex for completed forms.

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

**BIRTHDAYS** — 9/23 Michael Young; 9/24 Becky Ohm & Eva Randel; 9/25 Brandon Budd & David Landinger; 9/26 Rick Curry

## 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 celebration of Pam Hill's Birthday        |                         |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>   | D. Pitman/C. & A. Rieder/M. Willis/S. Morris |                         |
| <b>Ushers</b>        | Tammy & Doni Soward                          | Larry & Melissa Mikeska |
| <b>Acolyte</b>       |  | Ariel Landing           |
| <b>Liturgist</b>     | Darin Mielke                                 | Corinne Light           |
| <b>Lector</b>        | Jill Kunzler                                 | Dan Strode              |
| <b>Cantor</b>        | Darin Mielke                                 |                         |
| <b>Child Sermon</b>  | Jerry Daniels                                | Rose Cabato             |
| <b>Communion</b>     | Judy Ronning/Hazel Peska/Shirley Morris      |                         |
| <b>Audio</b>         | B&A Walquist                                 | Aspen Timberlake        |
| <b>Counters</b>      | Fred Kunzler/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 the Tesch's Anniversary    |                       |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>   | D. Pitman/C. & A. Rieder/M. Willis/S. Morris |                       |
| <b>Ushers</b>        | Jim & Cari White                             | A. Ronning & K. Curry |
| <b>Acolyte</b>       | Rhianna Schwartz                             | Kelsey White          |
| <b>Liturgist</b>     | Bill Bray                                    | Dan Strode            |
| <b>Lector</b>        | Jerry Daniels                                | Rose Cabato           |
| <b>Cantor</b>        | Bill Bray                                    |                       |
| <b>Child Sermon</b>  | June Tesch                                   | Shena Timberlake      |
| <b>Communion</b>     | Joyce Hopkins/Betty McDow/Kathy Strode       |                       |
| <b>Audio</b>         | Beth Horstman                                | James Goates          |
| <b>Counters</b>      | Kathy Gann/Allen Schoppe                     |                       |

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# Our Daily Joy!

## Reading Glasses — Week of September 20, 2009

### **Monday, September 21**      **Begin with Prayer**

Today we begin the glorious adventure of reading through the New Testament in one year. DailyWalks will look different; we will read a new chapter each day instead of dwelling in several theme texts all week. Read Psalm 25:4-5; 119:18; Mark 1:35; and Ephesians 1:18-19a; pray you will grow in your love for and devotion to Jesus as you spend time in the Word and prayer. Now read Mark 1. Notice the fulfillment of Scripture; the importance of repentance (1:1,15); the Trinity and the Father's affirmation (1:10-11); the call to follow Jesus; Jesus' power, compassion, and authority... What from Mark 1 will you meditate upon today; how will it instruct your life?

### **Tuesday, September 22**      **There's a Sense of Urgency in Mark's Gospel**

Pray that the Spirit will be your teacher and will set your heart aflame with passion for God and God's Word. Mark writes with a sense of urgency. Notice the quick action and frequent use of the word "immediately" in Mark's gospel. Is there a sense of urgency in your relationship with the Lord? Read Mark 2, pondering forgiveness as healing, the value of faith, Sabbath observance, and Jesus' call, "follow me." Did you notice evidence of Jesus' omniscience? Read Mark 1:27-28 again. Do you see the Sabbath as a gift? Is Jesus the Lord of your Sabbaths? Jesus is the Bridegroom; the Church is his bride. How does this define your life today? Pray.

### **Wednesday, September 23**      **Why Do We Follow Jesus?**

Some follow Jesus hoping it means their lives will be flooded with his gifts, grace, and blessings, temporal and eternal. Why do you follow Jesus? Many in Jesus' day looked for an earthly king and political deliverer; is it so different in the 21st Century? Some approached Jesus with doubt, accusation, and even disdain. They weren't seeking truth or asking honest questions; they only wanted to silence Jesus. Read Mark 3. What do you do with your faith questions? Do you bring them to the Lord? Do you act on what you do understand, and pray for understanding about what you do not understand? Read Deut. 29:29 and Romans 11:33-36. Pray.

### **Thursday, September 24**      **Storms in Our Faith; Storms in Our Lives**

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 25**      **Power and Compassion**

Read Mark 5:1-20. Are you surprised that the evil spirits are more attuned to Jesus' identity than are the masses of people (see James 2:19 for insight)? In restoring the demon-possessed man, Jesus demonstrates his power over evil and darkness. What does Paul say in Ephesians 6:12? Notice in Mark 5:14-17 that the people are more afraid of economic loss than of the demons and are more concerned about their assets than about the man. Now read Mark 5:21-43. Touching the bleeding woman and dead girl made Jesus ceremonially unclean, but Jesus is concerned about people, not protocol. Do any fears or misplaced priorities keep you from loving others? Pray.

### **Saturday, September 26**      **Responding to Jesus**

How would we respond to Jesus if he walked into one of our worship services? Read Mark 6:1-6 and John 10:27-28b. Do you listen to Jesus, follow and obey him? If not, why not? We must not, like the people of Nazareth, think we know Jesus so well that we become complacent and do not really listen to him. In Mark 6:7-13, notice Jesus' power and authority manifest through those who follow him. Now read Mark 6:14-29. John the Baptist was a great man of God, yet he lived simply and died violently because of his faith. Are we willing to live and, if necessary, die for Jesus? In many places in the world today, this is a reality. Offer yourself to Jesus.

### **Sunday, September 27**      **Ancient Words**

Read Psalm 18:30-31. Use DeShazo's lyrics to guide your prayer: "Ancient words ever true, changing me, changing you, we have come with open hearts; O let the ancient words impart..." (2001 *Integrity's Hosanna! Music*). Have you sensed an urgency and immediacy as you've read in Mark's gospel this week? Did you observe God's redemptive work on behalf of people? Have the Scriptures touched you this week in ways that led to action and/or worship? Read all of Psalm 18; now read verses 1 and 2 again. The Lord is your strength; praise the Lord.