

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 27, 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; **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 17
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— Joy 101-3: 6p

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

Tuesday — JW Bible Study: 10:30a
— Joy 201-5: 7p

Wednesday — Pericope Study: 9:30a
— Confirmation: 6:30p

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

Fri-Sat — BBQ Cookoff @ FB Fair

Next Sunday — PENTECOST 18
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— Jr. High Chill & Spill: 9:15a
— Sr. High Coffeehouse: 9:15a
— Blessing of the Pets: 2p
— Global Mission Festival: 2-6:30p
— Joy 101-4: 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)

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!

"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!

BLESSING OF THE PETS — Sunday, Oct 4th at 2:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth will be available to take care of your pet. They will provide water, snacks and will even give your pet a bath. Be sure pets are on a leash or in a carrier for their safety! All pets are welcome.

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

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

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 interested in preparing food. Monetary donations are also accepted and appreciated if you are unable to prepare a meal. For more info contact Shirley Morris.

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!

SHADE TREE MINISTRY — Appreciates your generous donations of Rice and Beans on September 20th 36lbs of rice and 26lbs of beans were distributed to the day laborers looking for work in the area. Donations are always needed and can be placed in the bin in the Narthex for distribution. For info contact David or Martha Willis.

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

THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS — presents "Economic and Investment Update" program on Monday, Oct. 19th 7-8 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church. Reserve your spot today by calling 713-974-2843 or suzanne.kocurek@thrivent.com.

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

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

BIRTHDAYS — 9/27 Pam Hill; 9/29 John Garrou, Kaylyn McStravick; Chris Parnell; 10/1 Cory Leith; 10/2 Camden Rieder; 10/3 Darin Mielke

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 Tesch's Anniversary	
Altar Guild	D. Pitman/C. & A. Rieder/M. Willis/S. Morris	
Ushers	Jim & Cari White	A. Ronning & K. Curry
Acolyte	Rhianna Schwartz	Kelsey White
Liturgist	Bill Bray	Dan Strode
Lector	Jerry Daniels	Mike Ronning
Cantor	Bill Bray	
Child Sermon	June Tesch	Shena Timberlake
Communion	Joyce Hopkins/Betty McDow/Kathy Strode	
Audio	Beth Horstman	James Goates
Counters	Kathy Gann/Allen Schoppe	

Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Altar Flowers	In celebration of Jessica Christ's Birthday	
Altar Guild	S.Barr/C. Bolner/R.Divin/M.Mikeska/M.Peveto/P.Shipp	
Ushers	Darwin & Bev Marvin	Mike & Kayla Posey
Acolyte	Kelsey White	Abby Timberlake
Liturgist	Fred Kunzler	John Garrou
Lector	Weldon Faucett	Doris Goates
Cantor	Fred Kunzler	
Child Sermon		
Communion	Marilyn Blaschke/Kathy Strode/Tracy Posey	
Audio	Beth Horstman	James Goates
Counters	Kathy Gann/Allen Schoppe	

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Our Daily Joy!

Jesus, Lord of the Sabbath – Week of September 27, 2009

Monday, September 28 **Immediately!**

The scenes in Mark 6 change quickly; Jesus leaves Nazareth, sends out the 12, learns of John the Baptist's death, and longs for time apart with his disciples, yet he is swept back into ministering to people, who are like 'sheep without a shepherd.' Pray that something in our text will resonate in your heart and move you to response. Read Mark 6:30-34. Sometimes it is necessary to set aside our quiet time to minister; sometimes, we must set aside our ministry to seek time alone with Jesus. In Mark 6:32-44, how does Jesus encourage his disciples to respond to need and to their limited resources? What does John add (6:26-29, 35)? Read Mark 6:45-56 and Hebrews 12:1-3. Do you fix your eyes on Jesus or on the storms in your life? Pray you will take courage because he is with you always.

Tuesday, September 29 **That Which Defiles**

Today we will consider what Jesus teaches his followers about unclean hands, unclean food, and unclean people. Jewish tradition, desiring to honor the Lord, placed much emphasis on remaining undefiled; Jesus challenged people to look not at the external but the heart (their hearts and others'). Read Psalm 51:10a; Isaiah 29:13-14a; and Mark 7. Many find the account of the Syrophenician woman difficult; ponder it in light of Luke 2:30-32; Acts 10:27-28; and Romans 1:16-17. Did Jesus stretch both the disciples' and the woman's faith? Pray for a pure heart.

Wednesday, September 30 **Challenging Questions and One Glorious Response**

Read Mark 8:1-10. Are you surprised that, after seeing the miracle recorded in 6:30-44, the disciples ask the question recorded in 8:4? When we see God's compassion, power, and provision, do we also quickly forget? Now look at Jesus' questions in 8:12, 17-21, 23, 27, 29. Is he asking you any of the same questions? If so, how will you respond? Read Mark 8:11-33. Did you notice evidences of physical and spiritual blindness? Jesus can heal both. Perhaps the most important question of all is the one in Mark 8:29. Notice Peter's glorious response. Answer the question yourself; now read 8:34-9:1. Do you seek to gain the world or the life Jesus offers? Spend time in prayer.

Thursday, October 1 **Beloved Son**

In Mark 9:7, the Father, speaking of Jesus, says, 'Listen to him!' Pray you will listen, love, and obey. Read 2 Peter 1:16-18 and Mark 9:1-13. Moses who represents the Law and Elijah the Prophets are the cornerstones of Jewish faith; yet it is Jesus whom the Father acclaims on the Mount of Transfiguration. Ponder this in light of Jesus' words in Matthew 5:17-18. God spoke to Moses from a cloud on Mt. Sinai/Horeb and to Elijah on the same mount (*Exodus 19:20; 24:12-18; 1 Kings 19:8,11*). Now read Mark 9:14-29. Ponder deeply Jesus' words (9:23), the father's honest cry (9:24), and Jesus' response to the disciples' question (9:29). Pray you will be a person of prayer.

Friday, October 2 **Servant of All**

Jesus is preparing his disciples for his death and resurrection (*Mark 8:31; 9:9-10, 31*); they are bewildered, yet they are afraid to question Jesus. Romans 8:34-35 should assure us that we can always speak our hearts to Jesus. Read Mark 9:30-41. We gain by losing (8:35) and find greatness in humble, sacrificial service (9:35; *John 13:16-17; Philippians 2:5-9; 1 Peter 5:5b-6*). In Mark 9:42-50, we learn of Jesus' reaction to sin and of his deep concern about sin that might cause others to stumble. Ponder this and pray you will be salt and light (*Matthew 5:13-16*).

Saturday, October 3 **Above All Else**

Read Mark 10:1-12 and reflect on Jesus' view of the sacredness of marriage. Now, as you read 9:35-37; 10:13-16, ponder Jesus' view of children, who often throughout history have not been highly regarded because of their lack of accomplishment. Next Jesus confronts a moral and earnest man about loving the Lord above all else. First read Mark 12:29-31, then 10:17-31. It seems that the man is trying to convince Jesus, and perhaps himself, that he is worthy. But Jesus sees into his heart and forces him to consider what/whom he really loves above all else. We all fall short of loving the Lord as we ought. Be encouraged as you read 10:21,27 and Romans 3:23-25; 5:8. Pray.

Sunday, October 4 **Jesus: King of Glory**

The series overview states, "Mark paints a picture of Jesus as the King whose glory is revealed through his mercy ... the fullness of his kingship is revealed as he dies on the cross for the sins of the world ... let Mark's portrait of Jesus take your breath away as you witness the King at work in the Kingdom and in your life." Consider that all of scripture is one story, the story of God's love and redemption. You are watching salvation history unfold as you read in Mark's gospel. Read Genesis 49:10; Psalm 24; Matthew 6:10; Mark 1:15; 11:1-10; 1 Timothy 6:13-16; and Revelation 15:4-5. Pray, "Thy kingdom come; thy will be done." How does this prayer affect you today?