

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 September 6, 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 14
— RALLYE DAY!!
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a

Monday — Labor Day - Office Closed

Tuesday — Joy 201-2

Wednesday — Pericope Study: 9:30a
— ADL Luncheon: 11:30a

Thursday — PB@J: 7p

Fri-Sun — Jr. High Trip to Six Flags

Saturday — New Disciple Orientation: 9a
— PRC of FT Dinner: 6p
— S'mores & Champagne Gala: 6:30p

Next Sunday — PENTECOST 15
— Receiving New Disciples
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a
— Christian Education: 9:15a
— Joy 101-1

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

RALLYE DAY — TODAY! 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 - this will be ongoing throughout the year.

AUDITIONS FOR SUGAR LAND CHORAL SOCIETY — are being held on Tues, Sept. 8th 7-9 p.m.; Fri, Sept. 11th 6-9 p.m.; Sat, Sept. 12th 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at New Hope Lutheran Church in Missouri City. Auditions are on a "walk-in" basis. For more info see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex or contact Daniel Sigmon, Music Director at 713-553-5631/ds@theimperial.org.

NEW DISCIPLE ORIENTATION — New Disciple Orientation is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Sept. 12th and new disciples will be received at worship services on Sunday, Sept. 13th.

JOY 101! — 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. 13th - Nov. 22nd. Sign up now in the Narthex so that materials can be properly prepared.

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

JW BIBLE STUDY — will begin an evening class on Monday, Sept. 14th at 7 p.m. and the morning session on Tuesday, 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 for more info or if you are interested in an evening class. 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!

3rd ANNUAL S'MORES AND CHAMPAGNE GALA — in support of Lutherhill Ministries. Join us on Sept. 12th at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$120/person. Tickets can be purchased online at www.lutherhill.org

PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER OF FT BEND — Invites you to "Hearts of Hope...Giving Life a Chance" banquet on Sat. Sept. 12th, 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 11th thru 13th. For more info, contact Paula Curry.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — will resume 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. Application deadline is Sept. 11th.

"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!

BIRTHDAYS — 9/2 Jan Jeter; 9/10 Sarah Hong & Mike Posey; 9/12 Mayson Myers

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 Kristen Curry's Baptism	
Altar Guild	D. Pitman/C. & A. Rieder/M. Willis/S. Morris	
Ushers	D. Boenig/R. Godwin	Parke & Gracia Wyant
Acolyte	Mitchel Hong	Timmy Hamner
Liturgist	Fred Kunzler	Chuck Canterbury
Lector	Alan Lowe	Shena Timberlake
Cantor	Fred Kunzler	
Child Sermon	Courtney White	Kayla Posey
Communion	Gregg & Irene Carleton/John Garrou	
Audio	B & A Walquist	Aspen Timberlake
Counters	Allen Schoppe/Kathy Gann	

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. Pitman/C. & A. Rieder/M. Willis/S. Morris	
Ushers	Cliff & Shelly Halvorsen	Dan & Kathy Strode
Acolyte	Eric Garcia	Emma Gaas
Liturgist	Emily Sattler	Susan Krabbe
Lector	Vickie Schoppe	Sandy Wohler
Cantor	Emily Sattler	
Child Sermon	Chris Parnell	Kathy Strode
Communion	Paula Curry/Betty Christ/Becky Geary	
Audio	Beth Horstman	James Goates
Counters	Bob Jahn/Bill Peska	

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Our Daily Joy!

Taking Root: Get this Right!...Tefillin – Week of September 6, 2009

Monday, September 7

Parting Words

The book of Deuteronomy is Moses' farewell address to the Israelites as they are about to enter the Promised Land after the Exodus. How full of emotion Moses' heart must be. He knows that soon he will die; Joshua will lead the people into the inheritance God has promised them. Moses has led the people for 40 years; he knows their strengths and weaknesses, and he loves them. His parting words are Spirit-breathed (*2 Timothy 3:16*); Moses instructs God's people, reviews God's laws, reminds them of God's faithfulness, affirms God's glorious promises, and finally blesses them. Read Deuteronomy 1:1-3; 6:1-9; 7:6; 30:6; 32:1-4; 33:29; 34:1-12. Pray.

Tuesday, September 8

Hear, O Israel

Read Deuteronomy 6:1-9. Notice the word hear in verses 3 and 4; in Hebrew it is shema (sh'ma). It means more than just to hear; the word holds the thoughts of listening with understanding, acting on what is heard, and obeying. Take a moment and pray that you will always hear God's word with understanding and will respond with the obedience of faith. Now read Deuteronomy 6:4-9, which is called the Shema, from the word hear. It is the centerpiece of all morning and evening Jewish prayers. Ponder what these ancient words mean, not only for God's people Israel, but also for believers (*Exodus 19:5-6; 1 Peter 2:9-10*). Pray for deep understanding.

Wednesday, September 9

Keep these Words in Your Heart

What do we do with God's words to us? Do we read or hear them and then forget (*James 1:22-25*), living without allowing God to use them to mold us (*Isaiah 64:8*)? How important does God say God's words should be in our lives? Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 8:3; 11:18-21; Psalm 19:7-11; and Matthew 4:4. What does it mean to you to keep God's words in your heart (*Deuteronomy 6:6*)? How does it relate to the command to hear, if we remember that to hear means to listen, act, and obey? Pray you will treasure the treasure of God's word.

Thursday, September 10

With Every Breath!

How are God's people to respond to the LORD God and to God's words according to Deuteronomy 6:4-9? They are to love the LORD with every fiber of their being, to allow God's words to fill their hearts and chart their lives, to teach their children, and to make sure that every moment, day and night, they are living with an awareness of God's abiding presence. Is it the deepest desire of your life to live in this constant, intimate, vital relationship with the LORD? Ponder this as you read and meditate on John 14:15-23; 15:5-17. Pray all that is in your heart.

Friday, September 11

Tefillin

Do you wear a cross or have one in your home? If so, is it simply a piece of jewelry or home decor, or is it an outward reminder of your deep heart-relationship with the living God? The Shema commands the binding of God's words to hands and foreheads (*Deuteronomy 6:8*). Tefillin (often translated phylacteries) are small leather pouches containing Scripture passages that are worn on the forehead and arm of Jews during morning prayers. They are a visible symbol of an inner commitment to love and obey God and cradle God's word in every thought and express it in every action. Read John 6:68-69; 10:27-30. Talk to Jesus about dwelling in his presence always.

Saturday, September 12

The Word and the Living Word

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and John 1:1-18; 14:15-21. This week's theme is, "The incarnate Word of God doesn't just dwell between our eyes, but dwells with us and within us by grace, shaping us in profound and wonderful ways." As you read the texts and considered the theme statement, did you stand amazed at the wondrous news that the LORD, the God of all creation, calls us to himself? Ponder all this as you reflect on the promise, "The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms" (*Deuteronomy 33:27a RSV*). Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and John 1:1-18 again. How will you respond to your invitation from the LORD God? Pray.

Sunday, September 13

Love the LORD your God

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Mark 12:29-31; and John 1:1-18; 14:15-21. In these texts, we are confronted with the truth of our Triune God. Consider also Genesis 1:26 (note 'us') and ponder the Hebrew words of the Shema: The LORD (YHWH—the self-existent one; see also Exodus 3:12-15; remember Jesus' "I am" statements) is our God (Elohim, a plural noun), the LORD is One (echad—holds a nuance of plurality and can mean "properly united"); the words are also sometimes translated "The LORD alone." Let the glory of this mystery move your heart to adoration and praise. Read today's texts again, and pray about how you can live your love for the LORD our God.