



Jehovah Lutheran
Church
Faith Bites
February 10, 2021

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

What's going on at Jehovah?

Well, it certainly has been a cold lately in St. Paul, Minnesota! On Monday, the temperatures had been under 0 degrees for over 50 hours straight! During these coldest days of the year, it can seem that not much is going on.

There **are** exciting things going on at Jehovah Lutheran Church though!

Here's a little round-up of what's happening at JELC:

New Website: Dr. Mark Schuler has been working on updating and upgrading our website with Ann Burkholder, Marc Hequet, myself, and others. This work will help increase our web presence for both members and visitors alike. Big thanks to this awesome team!

Worship: Currently, Jehovah Lutheran offers a recorded Service of the Word on our website and recorded on DVD's and CD's for those without internet access. We also celebrate Holy Communion with our in-person Service of the Sacrament on Sunday morning. Soon, we will also offer the Service of the Word in-person. Check out next week's *Faith Bites* for details!

Adult Bible Class: This Bible study opportunity is held on Sundays at 11:15AM on Zoom. We have just begun a new series in Adult Bible Class on the Gospel of Mark. This study will take us up to Easter, as we read and ponder episodes from Jesus ministry and passion in this fast-moving account of the Good News of Christ.

Rooted in the Faith: This class is for anyone interested in learning about the teachings of the Christian faith for the first time or as a refresher. In this class, based on Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*, we study the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Sacraments, our calling as followers of Christ, and the shape of the Divine Service and church year. The class meets Thursdays at 2:00PM in the Schumacher Lounge at Jehovah and Fridays at 10:00AM on Zoom. If you'd like to join us or even just check out what's going for a week, let me know. We'd be happy for you to join us!

Friendly Friday Call: Each Friday, Elizabeth Wegner leads a brief devotion and fellowship conversation over the phone. This is a great way to stay connected with your friends at Jehovah during this time of social distance. Dial 978-990-5000. If you are using a land line please dial 1 and then the number. When prompted enter the JELC code: 796345# After the beep just say hello and your name.

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Outreach Planning Conversations: The board of Lay Ministry and I are engaged in an ongoing conversation about our identity as a congregation of Christ's Church and what that means for our outreach and life together in this time and place. We are using a program known as "Re:Vitality" during this process. "Re:Vitality" comes to us from the LCMS Office of National Mission (ONM), and we have had positive interaction with and feedback from the ONM. We request your prayers as we continue this conversation.

In addition to these things going on, I am still working on getting to know all of you better and serve you as your pastor. If there is anything I can do for you, any prayer requests you would like to share, or any matter you would like to talk with me about, please contact me. I always enjoy your calls, and hearing your voices always adds warmth and sunshine to my week, even in the sub-freezing cold!

Your Pastor,
Joshua Miller

IN PERSON COMMUNION

Each Sunday, Jehovah offers brief 15 minute services of Holy Communion in the sanctuary with one service at 10:00am and a second service at 10:30. Participation is by reservation only. You may sign up using this link, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ca9ae2da2facf8-jelc17>. You can also sign up by calling the church office, or by calling Pastor Miller directly. You must also fill out a health screening form to gain entry into the building.



PREPARING FOR WORSHIP THIS WEEK

2 Kings 2:1-12

The story relates a testing of Elisha's loyalty to his master.

Elijah's parting of the water recalls Moses' power.

The chariot of fire gives expression to Elijah's role as Israel's guide.

Second Corinthians 4:3-6

Paul is striking back at those who have denigrated his ministry.

His gospel, he asserts, presents the glory of Christ who reflects the glory of God who said,
"Let light shine out of darkness."

Mark 9:2-9

Mark presents the Transfiguration as a preview or anticipation of the final coming of God's kingdom, in fulfillment of the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah).



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**Adult
BIBLE CLASS**



Join us on Zoom
at 11:15AM each Sunday.

<https://augsburg.zoom.us/j/95736940038?pwd=c1J3M3NHajZZNnlMenFHREJrU3lpdz09>

Meeting ID: 957 3694 0038

Passcode: 255875

Contact Pastor Miller with questions.



**Jehovah Lutheran Church
Adult Instruction Class:
Rooted in the Faith**

Join us Thursdays at 2:00PM
in the Schumacher Lounge.

In this class, we will look at the basics of the Christian faith
from the Lutheran perspective.

All are welcome!

Please contact Pastor Miller for more information.



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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Donna Ostenson Kiefert

Bernice Demulling

Rita Galston

Martha Ryan

Paul Finegan

George Mendoza

Sandy Quenzer

Tom Kelly

Tim Robinson

Patrick Carey

Shirley Starner, and her son-in-law Greg Beaudoin

Dick Westphal

Linda Wood

Daniel Miller

Ramone and his family



*Let my prayer
rise before you as incense.
Psalm 141:2a*

And for all those suffering or recovering from COVID-19. For speedy and equitable distributions of the vaccines.



JEHOVAH'S WEEKLY FRIENDLY FRIDAY CALL-IN CHAT

Join us at **11:10am each Friday**. All you need is your phone.

Dial: 978-990-5000. If you are using a land line please dial 1 and then the number.

When prompted enter the JELC code:

796345#

After the beep just say hello and your name. We will have a short devotion, a topic for discussion, and prayer.

Join us on Fridays at 11:10am.

*Therefore encourage one another and build each other up,
as indeed you are doing.
1 Thessalonians 5:11*



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An Update

Crossing HOME no longer rents space at Jehovah Lutheran Church for the Walk-in Center, and the New Freedom Store on the lower level of Jehovah is now sponsored and operated LCMS Minnesota South District. Jim Seemann continues as the District Corrections Ministry contact for the New Freedom Store. All future monetary donations to Crossing HOME should be made out to them and not to Jehovah Lutheran Church. Please send contribution checks payable to Crossing HOME to:

1515 E 66th Street,
Richfield MN 55423.

Crossing HOME is a non-profit organization and will send acknowledgement letters directly to their donors.

If you have any questions, please contact Marge Avoles at 651-398-8204 or margeavoles@comcast.net, or Pastor Miller at 612-600-3514 cell or pastorjoshuamiller@gmail.com.

Thank you.

*Do not worry about anything,
but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*
Philippians 4:6-7

Join us for online worship at jehovahlutheran.online at 9:30 am

On YouTube at www.youtube.com/channel/UCdLy0HeNI3NlwQh-mN7Qjsq

In person Holy Communion by reservation at 10:00 and 10:30 am

Bible Study Sundays at 11:15 am on Zoom

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