



Jehovah Lutheran
Church
Faith Bites
February 16, 2021

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

Re-Opening Divine Service at Jehovah

It is with great joy that I announce to you the first stage of our re-opening of Jehovah Lutheran Church for Divine Service in our sanctuary. With a decline in active COVID cases in Minnesota and vaccines becoming more available, we believe the time is right for beginning a phased-in reentry to worship in our sanctuary.

In place of the two 15-minute communion services, we will begin holding one live service each Sunday that will last 30 minutes. Masks, social distance, contact tracing, and filling out the Jehovah wellness form will be required at this service. The service will contain a spoken liturgy, sermon, and the contactless celebration of Holy Communion. At this time, there will be no singing in the service. This will be the first step for us in coming back together for Divine Service in person, and other steps will follow when it is safe to take them.

This live service will be held **each Sunday at 9:30AM, beginning this coming Sunday, February 21.**

Additionally, we will hold a live service with imposition of ashes this **Wednesday, February 17, at 6:30PM.**

If you wish to attend these services please register online for the service at our own website, jehovahlutheran.org. We will no longer use sing-up genius. Details are provided below.

For the present, we will also continue offering the pre-recorded Service of the Word for those not attending the live services. This service will be available at our website, jehovahlutheran.org. If you receive the recorded service from Jehovah on a DVD or CD, we will continue to send you one, unless you request otherwise.

If you have any questions regarding these services, please contact me at your convenience. The easiest way to reach me is on my cellphone at 612-600-3514. I look forward to serving you both in person and through the recordings.

Your Pastor,
Joshua Miller

Sign-up for live Ash Wednesday <http://www.jehovahlutheran.org/ash-wednesday/>

Sign-up for live Sunday service on our website: <http://www.jehovahlutheran.org>

JELC wellness form on our website: <http://www.jehovahlutheran.org>



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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!

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Genesis 9:8-17

Because of sin God destroys the earth by flood.
Yet God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all living creatures.

1 Peter 3:18-22

Because of sin Jesus died to bring us to God.
Now the water of baptism saves us for life in the resurrected Christ who reigns over all. .

Mark 1:9-15

The Spirit descends on Jesus, he overcomes testing by Satan,
and he goes out to proclaim the good news that God's rules over all creation is at hand.

Let the
Word of Christ
dwell in you richly
Colossians 3:16



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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*

Janette Stohlmann and family and friends of Rev. Dr. Stephen Stohlmann who passed away this week after a battle with Parkinson's disease.

Those suffering from COVID-19, including Marilyn, Dave, and Mike—sister, brother-in-law, and nephew of Sandy Kohler. For speedy and equitable distributions of the vaccines.

For our nation, our president and vice president. For our state and governor.

For our Synodical President Matthew Harrison and our District President Lucas Woodford.

For our congregation, its pastor, and its lay leaders as we consider how to be the Church of Jesus Christ in this time and place.

pray
without
CEASING
1 THESSALONIANS 5:17



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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*

THE NEW FREEDOM STORE NEEDS

Target gift cards are always needed. Twenty five dollars could help to buy a cell phone or even food until that first paycheck arrives.

Men's clothes:

White tee shirts

Blue jeans

Belts

Socks

White sneakers, flip flops

Underwear

Sweatshirts

Backpacks

Bedding: blankets, sheets, pillows, twin single or full

Towels

Nothing else please. We have too many nonessential items already. Thanks!

Contact Jim Seemann at seemann@csp.edu.



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