



Jehovah Lutheran
Church
Faith Bites
January 19, 2021

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

I Thank God for You

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your generous promises of offerings for the work of our Lord in our congregation in 2021. In the midst of challenging times, you have responded graciously to the grace of God poured out upon you in Jesus Christ. I thank each of you for giving back to the Lord who has blessed you and for sharing your gifts with His people in our congregation and our community. Your promises enable us to plan our life together in a changing world. I thank God for each and every one of you!

As we enter a new year with a new budget. I would like to thank especially Marge Avoles, Sue Puder, Rita Galston, Jim and Janell Kinsel, and Trish Clifford who worked hard on our stewardship drive, counting our offerings, and formulating our budget. Our Lord has definitely blessed our congregation with volunteers who are talented and faithful in this work. I would also like to express an extra special thank you to our Financial Secretary, Maggie Dalager, for all of her work receiving promise cards and recording our stewardship of the Lord's resources.

The work of the Lord here at Jehovah is a labor that we all undertake together, as partners in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As Paul said of the Philippian Christ, so too I say of you all:

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

One day, our Lord will fulfill that promise and bring to completion His work among us, when He returns. Until then, He does His work on earth through His Church. I am thrilled, joyful, and humbled to serve you and partner with you in that work here at Jehovah Lutheran.

God's blessings to all of you, in Christ our Lord!

Your Pastor,
Joshua Miller

We *love* because He first loved us.

1 John 4:19



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re: Vitality

As we look forward in 2021, we will be seeking help from the LCMS through use of a program called re: Vitality. This is a tool for in-reach, outreach, and discipleship as we renew our own commitment to the Gospel and our desire to share it with others. This will be a step-by-step process. We will keep you posted, and all will be invited to join in along the way.

Is there anything to do right now? Yes! Right now we can pray. We can “seek first the kingdom of God.” We can pray that the Lord will help us to be missional people. We can pray that our Lord of the harvest would send laborers into his harvest and even shape us to be such laborers. Though we know that God’s kingdom will prevail no matter what, we also know that our Heavenly Father desires to work through us. We can pray for his guidance, his Lordship in all we say and do. We can pray for minds and hearts that are open to the Gospel. We can pray knowing that our God is a God of grace and of self-giving love who longs for healing and wholeness in our homes, our neighborhoods, our daily lives. We can pray that the light of Christ will shine through us, pointing others to the One who is the Light of Life.

This, then, is our first step—for the sake of those around us, for the sake of his kingdom. More to come soon.

In Christ,
Pastor Joshua Miller and Board of Lay Ministry
January/Epiphany 2021

Voters' Meeting

The January Voters' Meeting will be held via Zoom on

Sunday, January 31
11:30 a.m.

Your prospectus will be sent by email. You will receive it by Sunday, January 24. You will receive the Zoom link by email as well. There will be a phone alternative for those without computer access. More information will be coming soon.



We know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28



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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://https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ca9ae2da2facf8-jelc14>. 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

Jonah 3;1-5, 10

In this quaint and humorous story Jonah responds reluctantly to preach to Nineveh. He learns that it is God who decides on whom he will have mercy.

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul expects the imminent return of the Lord and urges believers to remain free from cares and to use the things of this world without becoming engrossed in them.

Mark 1:14-20

Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming the good news that God's kingdom is at hand. The call to "repent and believe" means a reorientation of life.



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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Donna Ostenson Kiefert
Bernice Demulling
Rita Galston
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
Ramone and his family



Those suffering or recovering from COVID-19.

For our nation in the midst of political turmoil.

For our Synod and District and all parishes of the LCMS as we vote to move our convention dates on account of COVID-19.

For our Synodical President Matthew Harrison and our District President Lucas Woodford as they lead us in these and other decisions, seeking to protect the lives of those weakest among us.

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.



*Let my prayer
rise before you as incense.*

Psalm 141:2a



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Adult

BIBLE CLASS

has moved to 11:15am.



Join us on Sundays at 11:15am on Zoom

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

Meeting ID: 957 3694 0038

Passcode: 255875

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



RIF (Rooted in the Faith)

Adult instruction class with Pastor Miller.

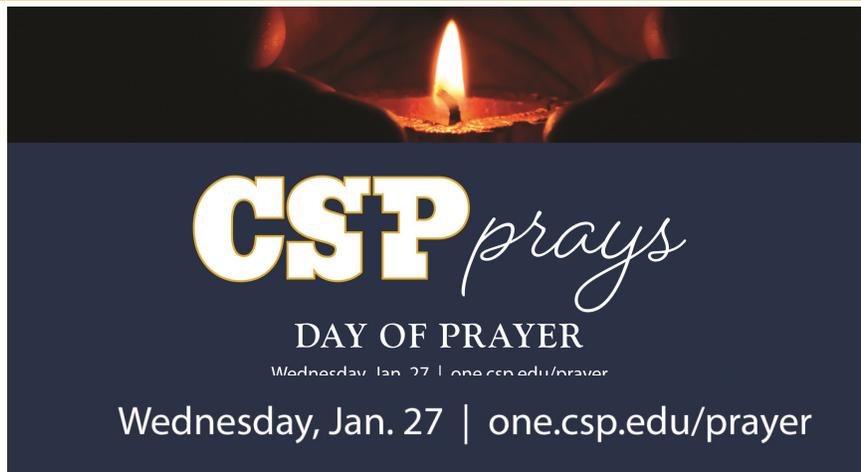
Thursdays from 2:00-3:30PM in the Schumacher Lounge, beginning February 4th.
In this class, we will look at the basics of the Christian faith from the Lutheran perspective.

All are welcome to participate in this class.

Please contact Pastor Miller for more information.



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Submit your prayer to one.csp.edu/prayer by Monday, January 25
Join us to pray the prayers that have been submitted on Wednesday, January 27

calm in the chaos | courage for the challenges | comfort in the acts of compassion

“Lord, to whom shall we go?” These six words from God’s Word have been especially appropriate as Concordia St. Paul’s theme for the academic year, pointing us to Jesus Christ as we met the challenges and joys of 2020. ***With the new year and a new semester come opportunities for new beginnings and renewed hope.***

In these times of uncertainty, you are invited to join Concordia St. Paul for a linking of hearts and hands in a **virtual day of prayer on January 27**. Whether seeking calm in the chaos, courage for the challenges, or comfort in acts of compassion, let’s do it together, in prayer.

There are two ways to participate:

1. Visit one.csp.edu/prayer by January 25 and submit a prayer or prayer request to be posted along with others on a community prayer board.
2. Visit one.csp.edu/prayer on January 27, pressing pause for just a moment to pray through the prayers that have been submitted.

Please consider participating in this special opportunity to remain connected as part of the CSP community. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”
Romans 12:12



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COATS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Coat Drive: 11AM-3PM
this Friday, January 22

Volunteers needed
from 4:00PM on Thursday evening, January 21
and
from 9:30AM on Friday, January 22.



Love
God
+
Love
Others



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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LWML Winter Workshop Hosted by St. Paul Metro Zone

January 30, 2021 9-10 am

A Facebook Live Event:

access the link through Emmaus Lutheran Church, St. Paul website: <http://www.emmaus-lutheran-church.org> or Facebook page

Theme: Persevering with Hope

Speaker: Dr Reed Lessing, Concordia University

to speak on his book: Jeremiah: Overcoming Disasters

Hymn LSB 576 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

optional--to sing at home on your own

1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

3 Not earth, nor hell, my soul can move;
I rest upon unchanging love
I trust his righteous character,
his counsel, promise, and his pow'r. [Refrain]

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

2 In ev'ry rough and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the vale.
When all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain].



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

On YouTube at www.youtube.com/channel/UCdLy0HeNI3NIwQh-mN7Qjsg

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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