



Jehovah Lutheran
Church
Faith Bites
February 24, 2021

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

Sunday Services: In-Person and Recorded

It was wonderful to see so many of you in the sanctuary for Divine Service this past Sunday! Seeing all of you and hearing Tim play the organ made such a wonderful start to the week! I look forward to this coming Sunday.

For those unable to join us in-person at this time, we are happy to join our hearts with you as you watch the recorded Service of the Word. We will continue both of these formats for worship for the present. As our congregation becomes vaccinated and conditions in the pandemic improve, we will look at cautiously taking new steps in reopening, when the time is right.

As you prepare to attend the live service, please register each Sunday at our website: jehovahlutheran.org or call me, and I will register you.

Before entering church on Sunday, please fill out the JELC Health Screening Form. This form can also be found on our website. Please fill out a new form each time you enter the building, on the day that you are entering.

By filling out these forms, you help your congregation to comply with our state's mandates during the pandemic. Thank you for working with your congregation to do this and for showing your love for your friends and neighbors by wearing a mask and practicing social distance. These present conditions will not last forever, and we pray that our Lord will deliver us soon from them and preserve all of us in the midst of them.

If you have any questions regarding these services, our practices, or would just like to talk, please contact me at your convenience. The easiest way to reach me is my cellphone at 612-600-3514. I look forward to serving you both in person and through the recordings. It is a blessing to be among you all.

Your Pastor,
Joshua Miller

Sign-up for in-person Sunday service: <https://www.jehovahlutheran.org/sunday/>

JELC Health Screening Form: <https://www.jehovahlutheran.org/health-screening/>



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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 17:1-7, 15-18

God Almighty made an everlasting covenant with Abraham
who will become the father of many nations.

Romans 4:13-25

Abraham's faith in God's promise was credited to him as righteousness.
Now our faith in the risen Jesus is credited to us as righteousness.

Mark 8:31-38

Jesus makes the first prediction of his passion
and says that anyone who would follow him must go the way of the cross.

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://augzburg.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

Ramone and his family



*Let my prayer
rise before you as incense.*

Psalm 141:2a

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*

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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A NOTE FROM REZEK HOUSE

Rezek House

It's been a quiet month at Rezek. The youth are hunkered down for winter, working on their projects and getting ready for the spring. Four of the youth who are staying at Rezek will be graduating from high school this spring, thinking already about college and beyond. Two youth are graduating out the next month to their own places. It's important to recognize that this is made possible due largely in part to the support of our partners in the community who've provided for the youth while they have been here at Rezek. They leave here having been cared for and shown the potential that a secure and stable home can provide. The same holds true for the youth who are staying at Rezek, going to school, getting new jobs, and gathering the skills and knowledge that will make that transition to independence a sustainable one.

We are also excited to say that we have all of the apartments that have been left empty in the past couple of months cleaned and refurbished, ready for new clients to move in and begin their journey towards independence and security. It enriches the whole community each time a new young person comes in bringing all they are and know. It will be good to have a full house again!

REZEK HOUSE NEEDS

This month again Rezek House is in need of groceries and household supplies to keep our food and resource shelf fully stocked.

Skin care products and other toiletries, specifically those made for African-American youth, are always a precious commodity. With all the youth that depend on Rezek for support these things go out as quickly as they come in.

Laundry soap, disinfectants, bathroom cleaners - having these things on hand allow the youth to save their resources for other needs, like saving up for an apartment!

As always, thank you all so much for being a part of this journey in support of the youth! Thank you and be well!

If you would like to donate items for the Rezek House,
you can place them in the box in the Narthex under the Guest Board.

*thank
you*

