

# THE JOTTINGS

The Newsletter of Jehovah Lutheran Church

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A Community of Joy . . . Celebrating, Learning & Sharing the Love of God in Christ Jesus



**Month of:**  
**March 2021**

## Rooted In the Living Word

### SUNDAYS

WORSHIP ONLINE 9:30 a.m.

BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM 11:15 a.m.



The Season  
of Lent

Renewing  
Faith, Hope,  
and Love

Join us for online worship at

[jehovahlutheran.online](http://jehovahlutheran.online)

and on YouTube at

[www.youtube.com/channel/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdLy0HeNI3NlwQh-mN7Qjsg)

[UCdLy0HeNI3NlwQh-mN7Qjsg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdLy0HeNI3NlwQh-mN7Qjsg)

Stay Informed

on our Church Website:

[www.jehovahlutheran.org](http://www.jehovahlutheran.org)



Your gifts support our mission.

**DURING SOCIAL DISTANCING,  
PASTOR MILLER AND TRISH CLIFFORD  
CONTINUE TO WORK FROM HOME,  
BUT ARE IN THE OFFICE AT THESE TIMES**

#### PASTOR'S HOURS

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY,  
THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY  
1:00PM - 5:00PM

#### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY  
9:00AM - NOON

Email submissions for  
THE JOTTINGS BY MARCH 26TH to  
[jelcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:jelcoffice@gmail.com)

## SCRIPTURES FOR WORSHIP

March 7: Exodus 20:1-17, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22

March 14: Numbers 21:4-9, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3: 14-21

March 21: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12: 20-33

March 28: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Philippians 2: 5-11, Mark 14:1-15:47

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

***"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us..."***

*"It is therefore the intent of this petition that God would not regard our sins and hold up to us what we daily deserve, but would deal graciously with us, and forgive, as He has promised, and thus grant us a joyful and confident conscience to stand before Him in prayer..."*

*...For just as we daily sin much against God, and yet He forgives everything through grace, so we, too, must ever forgive our neighbor who does us injury, violence, and wrong, shows malice toward us." (Martin Luther, Large Catechism, III:86-87.)*



In his *Large Catechism*, Martin Luther tells us that the whole of the Christian life is about forgiveness. We need forgiveness every single day. We are redeemed by our Lord Jesus, baptized into His death and resurrection, and made completely right before God by faith in Christ. Yet we still fail. We fail to love God with our whole hearts, we fail to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Our brothers and sisters in Christ fail us too. They fail to show the love of Christ to us all the time. The pattern of the Christian life is one of continual forgiveness: God's forgiveness of us and our forgiveness of others - both because of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ.

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Both God's forgiveness of us as sinners and our forgiveness of others is based entirely upon the work of God in Jesus Christ. If we trusted in our own abilities and not in the work of God, we would eventually despair and come to fear of God's wrath. Our old sinful nature tries to drag us into sinning every day against God and our neighbor in thought, word, and deed. When we follow the pull of the sinful nature, our conscience is awakened with guilt for what we have done. Then the devil is on our backs accusing us, attacking our status as children of God

But our heavenly Father knows this. He sent His Son to die for us, and has given us the promise in Jesus Christ that our sins are forgiven. We can face God and each other with the confidence that we do so as sons and daughters of God, forgiven because of the work of Jesus Christ.

We forgive each other as a natural response to our forgiveness by God in Christ. As our Synodical President Matthew Harrison puts it, as we are forgiven, we cannot help but forgive. Forgiving others is the result of being forgiven ourselves.

Forgiveness never runs out. It is infinite. We never get beyond it to something higher in the Christian life either. We never progress beyond our need for God's grace and mercy given to us in the forgiveness of sins for the sake of Jesus Christ.

We need forgiveness not just daily but every hour that we live. We never outgrow God's forgiveness because we always need it. Forgiveness isn't just part of the Christian life; forgiveness is the Christian life. In our walk with the Lord, our families, our relationships at work and school, and in our life with our neighbors in society, forgiveness sums it all up. Forgiveness is how we live before God and with each other. Our lives are all wrapped in God's forgiveness because of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. During this Lenten season, as we continue to live in difficult circumstances, let us all live from the power of God's forgiveness and see each other as the fellow forgiven people of God.

Your Pastor,  
Joshua Miller

### MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES



Join us on Wednesdays for our mid-week Lenten services.  
You can find the service online at [jehovahlutheran.org](http://jehovahlutheran.org)

# WORSHIP TOGETHER

Join us for our in-person worship service at 9:30am each Sunday. Masks, social distancing, and filling out the Jehovah Wellness Form for contact tracing if necessary, will be required each week.

The service will last 30 minutes and 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.

If you wish to attend these services please register online for the service at our website:

[jehovahlutheran.org](http://jehovahlutheran.org)

Before entering church, please fill out the JELC Wellness 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 us in the midst of them.

If you have any questions regarding these services, our practices, or would just like to talk, please contact Pastor Miller at 612-600-3514.



## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 7

Exodus 20:1-17

God has saved Israel from slavery in Egypt.

The Ten Commandments show how the people of God are to live in relation to him and to neighbor.

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

God acts with power and wisdom through the weakness and foolishness of the cross.

John 2:13-22

Standing in the temple Jesus predicts that he will rise from the dead and that he will replace the temple as the place of God's presence with his people.

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 at 612-600-3514



**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 at 612-600-3514 for more information.

The Winter-Spring 2021 edition of the Lyngblomsten Lifestyle has arrived at Jehovah and is displayed in the hallway magazine rack. Feel free to take a copy. Additional copies are available online at [www.lyngblomsten.org/publications](http://www.lyngblomsten.org/publications).

## 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 Westpfahl  
 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

## CROSSING HOME 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 66<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:margeavoles@comcast.net), or Pastor Miller at 612-600-3514 cell or [pastorjoshuamiller@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjoshuamiller@gmail.com).

Thank you.



## JOIN US FOR OUR FRIENDLY FRIDAY CALL - IN CHAT

We chat 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 can visit about how our days are going, silver linings, concerns, etc. We will also have a short devotion 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*

## EARTH CARE

*“THE EARTH IS THE LORD’S ...” PSALM 24:1*

This column intends to highlight ways to care for God’s creation.  
Maynard and Shirley Dorow have pursued earth care issues and welcome your feedback.



Be prepared! Build in resilience and adaptation! Mitigate temperature rise and pollution! All these ideas have come to the fore as more extreme weather overwhelms our “usual” lifestyles.

For years scientists like Minnesota’s own nationally respected meteorologist, Paul Douglas, have been speaking out about extreme weather. His 2016 book (co-authored by Mitch Hesco, President of the Evangelical Environmental Network), *Caring for Creation – the Evangelical’s Guide to Climate Change and a Healthy Environment*, presents Paul’s personal weather data “shocks” which he feels compelled to share as the truth as he has seen it. To take action he has established some companies which analyze weather data and make it available to those in business, government and civil life who must keep ahead of weather events. He reports that he is a meteorologist, an entrepreneur, a Christian, a Republican and a truth teller and says: “We live in God’s creation and – as stewards – have a holy obligation to treat it as the remarkable gift it is.” Paul serves on the Climate Science Rapid Response Team and lives in Minneapolis. Both Paul and Mitch call for continuing hard work to reduce the warming of the earth.

We are grateful for the persistent insistence by so many local and global persons to care for creation. We may feel our “little” efforts do not help much. The scientists tell us that every bit does help. So we can keep on recycling, restoring, re-using, refusing plastics, composting, conserving water, turning down the thermostat and driving less and more slowly to conserve energy use. And there is one more thing we are all doing, but may have forgotten about, that is very important: notably, we are paying taxes and some of that money goes to work for a healthy earth that gives joy in nature, healthy air, clean water, productive soil and much more.

*The Nature Conservancy* (Minnesota report) this month gave Minnesota high marks for climate funding initiatives: \$2.6 million for MN DNR tree planting to store more carbon, \$5.5 million for the Board of Water and Soil Resources to help farmers access cover crops, \$3 million for a climate program to store more storm water, \$3 million to MN Pollution Control Agency for climate adaptation and resiliency needs. Previous and current investments include energy efficiency in homes, schools and commercial buildings as well as purchase of electric buses since transportation is the largest air pollutant in Minnesota.

We were unaware of much of what Minnesota is already doing in earth care. Knowing more has increased our gratitude for what our taxes make possible. We can see that our tax payments are one of the “little but important” things we all do for the good of the earth. We also pray for God’s steady guidance of the many people caring for the earth and all creatures that dwell here.



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★HAPPY★  
BIRTHDAY!

*The Lord bless you  
and keep you;  
the Lord make his face  
shine on you  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord turn his face  
toward you  
and give you peace.*

Numbers 6: 24-26



## NATIONAL LUTHERAN CHOIR WINTER VIRTUAL PROGRAM WITH GUEST ARTISTS THE KEITH HAMPTON SINGERS & FRIENDS

Join the National Lutheran Choir and guest artists, the Keith Hampton Singers & Friends, in singing well-known hymns that highlight the joy of an ever-growing hope, and new hymns that speak to our time. All are welcome and invited to sing with joy together “...as all the world in wonder echoes shalom”.

**Hope Lives!** As we approach the one-year anniversary of the world shutting down due to the pandemic, we are slowly finding glimmers of hope: hope that vaccines will allow us to come back into the daylight of life and interactions with others!

People of faith are among those who long to fully come together. They have missed gathering weekly for services, and they deeply miss singing hymns together.

**Sunday, March 14**  
**4:00pm at [NLCA.com](https://www.nlca.com)**

*This online presentation is **FREE** for all.*

Let EVERYTHING  
that has breath  
*Praise*  
the **LORD**  
Psalm 150:6

## NEWS OF OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED . . . AND HOW TO HELP!



### THANK YOU MESSAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY FROM MARY MCKEOWN, KEYSTONE PRESIDENT

To our Keystone community,

So many times over the last 11 months, I have been left speechless. I'm guessing you may have felt similarly.

Together, we've learned to live through the pandemic, have raised our voices louder for racial justice, and have found new and creative ways to care for one another. 2020 was truly a year unlike any other I have experienced personally or in my 38 years as a non-profit professional. While we all know there is still a lot to do to get through the pandemic, heal our community, work for justice, and provide support for our neighbors to get through this challenging time, I have to admit that many times over these last few months, I have been left truly speechless by the generosity and kindness of our community.

The generous spirit of our community is strong. During a time of so much uncertainty, all of us at Keystone have seen our community come together to make sure that everyone has what they need. When times are tough, you prove that you dig deeper to offer helping hands, smiles, a kind word, and give generously to care for everyone in our community.

In a time when so many things leave me speechless, I am heartened and sincerely grateful for your kindness, generosity, and genuine support.

Thank you and best wishes for the new year,

Mary McKeown,  
President

Jehovah's giving of over \$3000 bought 30,000 pounds of food for those in need. We thank our Lord for the opportunity He gives us to serve those in need.

*Share  
with the Lord's people  
who are in need.  
Practice hospitality.  
Romans 12:13*

## ONLINE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church (St. Paul, MN) will begin meeting weekly, via Zoom, at 9 am on Thursday, March 18. The group will run through Thursday, May 20. This spring we will be using Rev. Harold Senkbeil's latest book, ***Christ and Calamity: Grace and Gratitude in the Darkest Valley*** as our discussion guide. To register for the group, or for more information, please contact Kathy Kohner at: [landmarkengr@earthlink.net](mailto:landmarkengr@earthlink.net)

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## REZEK HOUSE LENTEN COLLECTION

### Rezek House

The Rezek House is in need of groceries, toiletries, cleaning and household items. If you would like to donate please place your items in the box on the floor in the Narthex under the Guest Book.

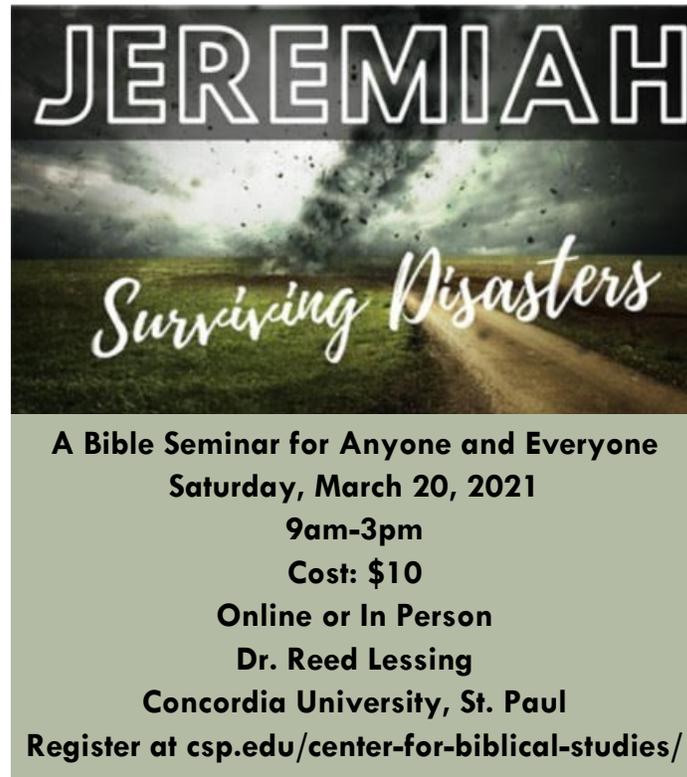
## NEW FREEDOM STORE



The District is now partnered with Damascus Way, a Christian/faith based halfway house with three locations, one in Golden Valley and two in Rochester. We will be expanding the New Freedom Store to serve their needs. Once again we will be needing more donations. Below is an updated list. If you have questions, contact Jim Seemann at [seemann@csp.edu](mailto:seemann@csp.edu).

All men's clothes, no suits please  
White tee shirts  
Men's collared shirts  
Sweatshirts  
Blue jeans, dockers, chinos  
Underwear  
Socks  
Men's shoes

Baseball style hats  
Belts  
Spring coats  
Rain clothes  
Pillows  
Bedding for single or twin beds



**JEREMIAH**

*Surviving Disasters*

**A Bible Seminar for Anyone and Everyone**  
**Saturday, March 20, 2021**  
**9am-3pm**  
**Cost: \$10**  
**Online or In Person**  
**Dr. Reed Lessing**  
**Concordia University, St. Paul**  
**Register at [csp.edu/center-for-biblical-studies/](http://csp.edu/center-for-biblical-studies/)**

**MAIN STREET LIVING | SUNDAYS 9 – 10 a.m. | WFTC CHANNEL 29/9-2**



Main Street Living is an LCMS program that features pastors from the WFTC, channel 29/9-2, viewer area. The first half hour is a reproduction of *This is the Life*. The second half hour is a modified Lutheran worship service, which is produced locally. Program information for March is below. To watch, go to [mainstreetliving.com](http://mainstreetliving.com) and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

March 7: “Man Adrift” is a Fisher Family episode that discusses the relationship between faith and good works.

March 14: “Time Out for Bill” discusses how Christians face adversity.

March 21: “A Gift for Grandpa” is a Fisher Family episode that depicts the valuable lessons Freddie learns as he gets a gift for his grandpa.

March 28: “The Holy Land—the Eternal Rock Tour” This one-hour broadcast features many of the places Jesus walked and talked and is led by Pastor Nabil Nour of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hartford, SD. Pastor Nour was raised in Galilee.



# ACTIVITY CALENDAR



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