



## NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

### Thanking God for Our Seniors

This coming Sunday we celebrate our seniors. We thank God for those among us who have lived for 80 years or more. In addition to thanking the Lord for the long life he has given to each of our seniors, we also thank him for their witness to faith in Christ. Many of our seniors have been in our congregation for some time and know many things that the Lord has done among us at Jehovah Lutheran.

The words of Psalm 71 serve as a good meditation for us as we honor our seniors.

*But I will hope continually  
and will praise you yet more and more.  
<sup>15</sup> My mouth will tell of your righteous acts,  
of your deeds of salvation all the day,  
for their number is past my knowledge.  
<sup>16</sup> With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come;  
I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.  
<sup>17</sup> O God, from my youth you have taught me,  
and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.  
<sup>18</sup> So even to old age and gray hairs,  
O God, do not forsake me,  
until I proclaim your might to another generation,  
your power to all those to come.  
Ps. 71:14-18 (ESV)*

We thank and praise God that our seniors have trusted in Christ and have proclaimed his grace for many years. As the Psalm says, our seniors have passed down the heritage of the faith to new generations who also worship the Lord. We thank God not only for what he has done in the life of our seniors but also what he will continue to do through them.

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Our Lord continues to be with our seniors and with all of us here at Jehovah Lutheran. This congregation has witnessed person and work of Jesus Christ in this neighborhood for nearly one-hundred years. God willing, it will do so for many, many more to come. God will continue to work through us, His Church, until our Lord returns, as St. Paul said:

*"I am quite confident that the One who began a good work in you will go on completing it until the Day of Jesus Christ comes."*

Philippians 1:6 (NJB)

We await to see what future things our Lord does through us.

Your Pastor,  
Joshua Miller

## Celebrating our Seniors!

Lois Affeldt	Lavonne Kunz
David Bailey	Lee Larsen
Fred Bartling	Joyce Mennicke
John Buegel	Rena Miller
Bernice Demulling	Dick Newman
Maynard & Shirley Dorow	Mark Pelzl
Paul Eberhart	Martha Ryan
Gladys Frigstad	Bea Samas
Florence Heinicke	Nancy Sontag
Aleta Hill	Shirley Starner
Keith & Mary Jo Hobbie	Lydia Volz
Jim Kinsel	Marlyss Wolf



Seniors,  
to all of you who have replied to receive a box lunch on Saturday May 1,  
we will start delivery approximately by 10:00 am and hope to be done by 1:00 pm.  
Blessings, Janet



## IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Donna Ostenson Kiefert  
Bernice Demulling  
Rita Galston  
Paul Finegan  
George Mendoza  
Sandy Quenzer  
Tom Kelly  
Tim Robinson  
Patrick Carey  
Wesley Pagel  
Shirley Starner, and her son-in-law Greg Beaudoin  
Barbara Hunn-Miesen (continued healing)  
Jim Kinsel  
Lynne Baerthel and her family  
John "Jack" Hedenstrom (brother of Sue and brother-in-law of Al Puder)  
Linda Wood  
Jeannie Edwards (cousin of Pastor Miller)  
Susan Boettcher  
Ramone and his family



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

Those suffering or recovering from COVID-19 and for speedy and equitable distributions of the vaccines.

For President Biden and Vice President Harris as they serve our nation.

For Governor Walz and all in leadership in our state. For our communities once again wrestling with so many troubles.

For our Synodical President Matthew Harrison and our District President Lucas Woodford as they lead us.

For our congregation, its pastor, and its lay leaders as we consider how to share Christ's Good News in this time and place.

*Pray  
without  
ceasing*

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## Special Weekly Prayers:

As we pray for each member and family in our congregation by name, this week we pray for our seniors.

As we pray for each congregation on our Circuit and their pastors by name, this week we pray for Hmong Lutheran Church, St. Paul and Pastor Richard Her.

\*Note, we are currently praying for two members or families from Jehovah Lutheran each week. The order for these prayers is alphabetical. In addition to our public prayers, our pastor and board of Lay Ministry are praying individually for these members and families each week.

Special prayer requests are encouraged any time and may be given to pastor via phone or email.

*Be joyful always; pray continually;  
give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Acts 8:26-40

The Ethiopian eunuch embraces the good news of Jesus by the working of the Spirit as Philip explains Scripture to him.

1 John 4:7-21

"This is love . . . that God sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins . . .  
Since God so loved us we also ought to love one another."

John 15:1-8

Jesus is the true vine, the Father is the gardener.  
We are the branches who are to abide in Jesus and bear much fruit,  
showing ourselves to be his disciples.



**JOIN US AS JESUS PREPARES US FOR HIS MISSION OF GROWING THE CHURCH!**



**Divine Service – 9:30AM each Sunday**

Live service in the sanctuary

Pre-recorded service also continues online for those unable to attend in person

Sermon series, “Jesus Takes it All” continues

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



Join us on Zoom  
at 11:00AM each Sunday.

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

Meeting ID: 957 3694 0038

Passcode: 255875

We'll be studying the post-resurrection stories of Jesus

Contact Pastor Miller with questions.

**NOTE: No Bible Study this Sunday, May 2  
Please attend the Voters' Meeting.**



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## VOTERS' MEETING

The Voters' Meeting will be held via Zoom on

Sunday, May 2  
11:00 a.m.

Your prospectus will be sent by email. You will receive it by Sunday, April 25. 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.



Dear Sisters and Brothers at Jehovah Lutheran Church,

The Board of Lay Ministry and I are beginning to plan post-COVID outreach in our community. We are working together through this process with the LCMS Office of National Mission through a program called Re:Vitality.

You are invited to participate in the beginning stages of this process by responding to an assessment of aspects of our life together as a congregation. This assessment is called "CADDs."

Completion of the assessment will take around 15 minutes. The dates for completing it are through May 9. We would like as many people to respond as possible. I look forward to your help in completing CADDs, as we all give honest and compassionate responses to the questions posed to us.

Stay tuned to Faith Bites and our website, [www.jehovahlutheran.org](http://www.jehovahlutheran.org), for updates on how to complete this assessment.

Thank you for your help.

God's blessings to each of you!

Pastor Joshua Miller



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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*

## JEHOVAH LIBRARY UPDATE



### **Attention: Book Lovers! Would you like to help update our library?**

You may not know that Jehovah Lutheran Church is home to a small library on the ground level. Besides a small number of theological reference books, there are a number of devotional booklets, biographies, including a few books written by current and former pastors, and members, including our own Pastor Joshua Miller. You will also find Bible Story books for children and families as well as story books for children and youth.

Unfortunately, care of the books has languished during the last year's pandemic and subsequent restrictions. Several donations have been made and need to be processed for circulation. With the lifting of several pandemic restrictions, it seems a good time to update the library.

If this interests you, call Trish in the church office or Lydia Volz. Library experience is helpful but is not necessary.

Initial goals: Feasibility of Church Library  
Circulation guidelines  
Inventory of present holdings



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## THANK YOU!

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who came out on a chilly morning for the Spring Spruce up on Saturday! The many hands that helped with various outdoor and indoor projects were a huge blessing and the property is looking great! We picked up trash and old leaves, pulled up dead plants, and set up new flower beds around church. We also cleaned up and organized inside the building. We look forward to continuing this work as we care for the place God has given us. ~ Katie Miller



*thank you*



SPRING  
SPRUCE UP 



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## WELCOME BAGS

The family of Jehovah has been gifted a unique opportunity to partner with the preschoolers and 5th/6th religion class of King of Kings Lutheran School to assemble welcome bags for New Freedom Store. These bags will make their way to the hands of those recently released from prison.

Each bag needs:

Disposable razors

Shaving cream

Soap

Shampoo or combo bodywash/shampoo

Toothpaste

Toothbrush

Deodorant

2 pairs of socks

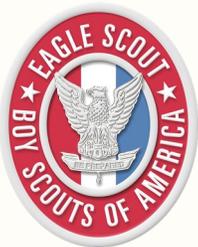
Maybe a generic size color t-shirt

Look for a box in the Narthex labeled Welcome Bags.

We will collect until May 16. The students will collect as well. We will tell you how many bags we packed.

## Welcome

### Eagle Scout Project



Hi, my name is Logan Jarvi I am a junior at Mounds View High School and a Boy Scout in troop 200. I have been in the scouting program since I was 7 years old and I am now working on my Eagle Scout project at Jehovah Lutheran Church. I was connected with Sandy Kolar, who was previously a leader in Scouts, and is also a member of Jehovah and she assisted in finding a project for me. The project will be to construct a new fence on the edge of the Church parking lot and I'm excited to work with the Jehovah community to get it done. If you are willing to donate to defray the cost for this, please send or drop off your donation at Jehovah Lutheran Church and indicate with your donation, "Eagle Scout Project". Thank you for your support.



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## Donate Your Gently Worn, Used and New Shoes To Emmaus Lutheran Church Youth Group

Help us raise funds for our organization by  
donating your gently worn,  
used and new shoes!

And don't forget to ask friends, family,  
neighbors and co-workers to donate too!

**DRIVE THRU EVENT - MAY 8TH 10am - Noon**

Collected shoes are used to support micro-enterprise vendors.  
Micro-enterprises are small businesses in developing nations.  
They are typically operated by one person or family and  
friends, depending on size.

## WHERE & WHEN

Join us May 8th for  
a Drive Thru Drop  
Off Event!

Simply drive by  
Emmaus Lutheran  
Church (1074  
Idaho Avenue  
West, St. Paul, MN  
55117) and one of  
our youth will take  
your shoes!

We will be  
available to collect  
your shoes from  
10am until noon!

Hope to see you  
there!

### Contact

emmaus@q.com  
or  
pjurran77@gmail.com

Thank you for your  
support!



**For Such a Time as This**  
**A conversation on Faith, Race, and the Grace of God**

with Pastor James & Janis McDaniels  
and Pastor Andrew Thompson

**Saturday, May 1st**  
**10:30-11:30 a.m.**

**St. Stephanus Lutheran Church**  
**739 Lafond Ave., St. Paul**

Young Esther becomes Queen of Persia when her racial and religious identity is not publicly known. As a plot to eradicate all Jews is about to be implemented, Esther's uncle pleads with her to go before the king "For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, ...And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?"

Last summer we experienced great civil unrest after a multitude of wrongful deaths at the hands of those sworn to protect. Who else felt inadequate on how to respond, or how to become part of the conversation? Who is our neighbor? According to data from MNCompass.org the Frogtown/Thomas Dale neighborhood is approximately 70% people of color (29% Black or African American, 32% Asian, 9.8% Hispanic or Latino) and 30% white).

Join us for a conversation on faith, race and the grace of God with Pastor James and Janis McDaniels, and Pastor Andrew Thompson with the opportunity to ask questions. Rev. McDaniels has spent his career as a black pastor within the LCMS. In 2019 he was honored with the Christus in Mundo (Christ in the World) award. Janis McDaniels is the former VP of Gospel Outreach of the LWML. Concordia University St. Paul is awarding an Honorary Doctorate to Rev. McDaniels and the Aeterna Moliriaward to Janis McDaniels at graduation service on April 30.

Registration is required to attend in person, which is limited to 50 people. Due to COVID 19, attendees will wear masks and practice social distancing. To register go to <https://bookapew.com/app/mn/sslc/> and fill out the form for the May 1 event.

To watch the livestream go to [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=st+stephanus+worship+](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=st+stephanus+worship+)

Participants may pose questions during the event in the live feed. A recording of the event will be available afterward for viewing.

*Love* each other as  
I have loved you. John 15:12

