



NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

The Word of the Lord Grows

As we move from Easter to Ascension Day to Pentecost, some of our readings in Divine Service come from the book of Acts, where Luke chronicles for us the beginnings of the Christian Church. As we begin renewed efforts of outreach here at Jehovah Lutheran, it seems fitting to look together at some of these texts in greater detail than time permits in sermons. So, we will begin a new study series in Adult Bible Class on Pentecost Sunday.

The theme of this study will be “The Word of the Lord Grows,” which is taken from chapter 2 of the book of Acts and from the title of a book by the same name written by Martin Franzmann. As we hear from Luke how the preaching of the Gospel gave growth to the first generation of the Church, we prepare ourselves to share that same Word in our community and in our lives today through outreach. I invite all of you to attend this Bible study.

Currently we meet on Sunday mornings on Zoom at 11:15AM, but soon we will begin to meet again in person for Adult Bible Class after Divine Service. I ask you to consider seriously joining us for this study as we begin renewed efforts of outreach at Jehovah Lutheran. We look forward with confident trust in the Word of the Lord that will continue to grow among us today.

Your Pastor,
Joshua Miller

*And the word of God continued to increase,
And the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem,
And a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.*

Acts 6:7



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
David Payne (friend of Rita Galston)
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*

continued...



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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 the Eberhart family and for Paul Finegan and Julie Quist.

As we pray for each congregation on our Circuit and their pastors by name, this week we pray for Gathering Place Lutheran Ministries, Arden Hills, and Pastors Yia Lor and Johnny Vang.

*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 1:1-11

Jesus has appeared to the disciples over a period of forty days.
He now instructs them to be his witnesses to all the world
and promises them the power of the Holy Spirit.
He then blesses them and ascends into heaven.

Ephesians 1:15-23

Paul gives thanks for the faith of the Ephesian Christians,
whose hearts are open to the hope given in Christ.
They live by the power of the resurrection of Christ
whom God made the head over all things for the church which is his body.

Luke 24:44-53

Jesus "opened the minds" of his disciples
to understand that everything foretold by scriptures had been fulfilled
and that forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed to all nations.
While he was blessing them he was carried up into heaven.



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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 11:15AM each Sunday.

<https://augzburg.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.

Join us for our new study,
“The Word of the Lord Grows”
beginning on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd.



**The Family of Carol Elaine Hirt
Invites you to a Celebration of Life**

Saturday, May 15th
St. Stephanus Church
739 Lafond Ave, St. Paul

Please sign up at <https://bookapew.com/app/mn/ssl/>
if you plan to attend, and please remember to wear a mask.

Visitation: 10:30 – 11:00 am

Service: 11:00 am

Luncheon following Service

Or Watch Live Streaming of Service at

<https://www.youtube.com/c/StStephanusWorship/featured>

Internment 2:30pm

Sunset Cemetery 2250 St. Anthony Blvd. NE, Minneapolis.

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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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

DONATIONS FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AT JEHOVAH



As we watch COVID-19 restrictions being lifted a little at a time as appropriate and safe for all, Jehovah's Pastor and leaders believe that along with others across the Nation, we will host a National Night Out (NNO) event in the church parking lot this year, even if it is somewhat different from what has been done in the past. NNO currently is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, August 3, 2021**. One element of Jehovah's annual celebration that we hope to keep is the giveaway of clothing, jewelry, toys and household items – no appliances, please. We will plan to do this outdoors following all COVID-19 protocols in place in August. Please continue to bring your donations for the giveaway to church and we will place them in the Crib Room inside the Nursery along with the items donated in 2020 that we were not able to giveaway in 2020 due to the pandemic. If you wish to drop items off during the week, please contact Bill, Jehovah's Facilities Manager, at 612-990-7598 to arrange a time between 9:00am and Noon. so that he can let you into the building and help to get items to the Crib Room. If you wish to donate on Sunday morning between 9:00am and 11:00am, please contact Marge Avoles at 651-398-8204.



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WELCOME BAGS

Welcome

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		Toothpaste
Shaving cream		Toothbrush
Soap		Deodorant
Shampoo	or	combo bodywash/shampoo
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.



BOY SCOUT FENCE PROJECT PLANNING CONTINUES

Logan Jarvi, a junior at Mounds View High School and a scout in troop 200 is continuing to work with Jehovah Lutheran Church to make a new fence on the edge of the church parking lot by the alley. He has been budgeting and planning for the project and suspects that the cost will be close to \$1850 to complete. To date about \$350 has been given toward this project. Logan is working on fund raisers for this project and appreciates the donations that have come in already. If you would like to donate, please make your check out to Jehovah Lutheran Church and mark "Eagle Scout Project" in the memo line. You can mail your donation to Jehovah, drop it off in the office, or bring it with you on Sunday. A final date has not been set yet for completion, but donations can be made prior to the project so that materials can be purchased. If you have any questions about this, talk to Sandy Kolar who is working with Logan with this Scouting project.



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