

# 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

July 2021

## Rooted In the Living Word

### SUNDAYS

WORSHIP IN PERSON 9:30 a.m.

IN PERSON BIBLE STUDY 11:00 a.m.



*Let Us Pray*

Join us for worship  
in person

Stay Informed  
on our Church Website:  
[www.jehovahlutheran.org](http://www.jehovahlutheran.org)

Support our ministry at Jehovah  
with your gift.



### OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR HOURS

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY  
8:30AM - 1:30PM

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS  
CALL OR EMAIL AHEAD

PASTOR MAY BE VISITING  
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY  
1:00PM-5:00PM

TUESDAYS - DAY OFF  
FRIDAY - OFFICE CLOSED,  
PASTOR VISITING

CALL TO MEET WITH PASTOR  
PASTOR'S CELL: 612-600-3514

Email submissions for  
THE JOTTINGS BY JULY 23RD to  
[jelcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:jelcoffice@gmail.com)

## SCRIPTURES FOR WORSHIP

July 4: Ezekiel 2:1-5, 2 Corinthians 12:2-10, Mark 6:1-13

July 11: Amos 7:7-15, Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:14-29

July 18: Jeremiah 23:1-6, Ephesians 2:11-22, Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 27: 2 Kings 4:42-44, Ephesians 3:14-21, John 6:1-21

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

### Prayer

*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers... And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. Acts 2:42, 47b (ESV)*

As we continue to study the gathering and outreach of the first Church in the book of Acts, this week we look at prayer. Along with the apostles' teaching of the Gospel, fellowship, and the "breaking of the bread," the first Christians devoted themselves to prayer. We read in Acts that these earliest believers in Jerusalem gathered both in the Temple and in homes for prayer on a daily basis.

Prayer, along with meditating on God's promises in Scripture and the trials we face in life, is one of the key things that forms us as disciples in our daily walk with our Lord. As we think about how prayer features in this way, we should look at how God teaches us to pray through the words of Scripture. When we do this, it helps focus our prayers.

Without this focus on how God would have us pray, our prayers will tend to be something like a list of things that **we** want rather than what **God** wants. Then we may be tempted to treat our Lord like a divine Santa Claus who automatically dispenses goodies for us. While it is true that all good things come to us gifts from our God, knowing what and how to pray will help us view Him as the Giver rightly and show our gratitude and trust to him.

*continued . . .*

*Lord, teach us to pray*

LUKE 11:1

The best way to know how to pray is to be taught by God directly. Our God has come to us as true God and true human in Jesus Christ, and Jesus has taught us how to pray. When we look at the Lord's Prayer, which Jesus gave as a model of prayer to His first disciples, we see a clear teaching from God, Himself, about how we should pray.

Rather than jumping straight to the requests we make, Jesus tells us to approach God as our loving Father, to pray that His name will be kept holy, that His rule and reign will come among us, that His will may be done so that Satan and the world cannot harm our faith. As John Pless observes, without the Lord's prayer guiding us, we may simply pray out of our own desires. We could actually be praying motivated by sin and selfishness. When we pray the Lord's prayer, however, we pray **according to God's commands and promises for us**. In this way, the Lord's Prayer forms the divinely given pattern for all prayer in the Christian life.

When we devote ourselves to prayer through the pattern of the Lord's Prayer, we devote ourselves to praying as we have been taught by God Himself. As Martin Luther reminds us, when we pray in this way, we can be certain that our Father in heaven hears us and is pleased by what He hears. For, "He Himself **has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us.**" As we look into our community and lives and see how we might reach others with the saving Gospel of Christ and gather them into the Church, we do so devoted to and guided by prayer.

Your Pastor,  
Joshua Miller

<sup>1</sup> John T. Pless, *Praying the Small Catechism: The Pattern of Sound Words* (St. Louis: CPH, 2016), 51.

<sup>2</sup> Martin Luther, *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation* (St. Louis: CPH, 2017), 22.



**Beginning this Sunday, July 4,** we will reintroduce congregational singing with the closing hymn. If anyone is uncomfortable with singing at this time, they may exit before we begin this hymn.

Council has approved that we may hold meetings and other small groups, including Bible study and volunteering, without masks, as long as all are fully vaccinated and all agree that they are comfortable removing masks.

## VOTERS' MEETING

The Voters' Meeting will be held on

Sunday, August 8

11:00 a.m.

You will receive your prospectus by email by Sunday, August 1. Watch the Faith Bites for updates.

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



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

Live service in the Sanctuary



### FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Family Sunday School began on June 6 in the nursery after the Service.

Parents are welcome to stay with their children.

**No Sunday School on Sunday, July 11**

**Join us for a reception celebrating three young men joining us as communicants and all new members we have received since last year!**



### PREPARING FOR WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY, JULY 4

Ezekiel 2:1-5

God commissions the prophet to speak the divine word to an obstinate and rebellious people saying,  
"Thus says the Lord."

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Paul could truthfully boast of his revelations and his weaknesses  
but he came to rely on the Lord's word to him.

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." .

Mark 6:1-13

Jesus' hometown people reject his teaching and healing.

Then he calls the twelve and commissions them  
to take up his ministry of proclaiming the kingdom of God in word and deed.

**The Word of the Lord Grew:**  
Outreach in the Earliest Church

Jehovah Lutheran Church

Adult Bible Class



**11:00AM on Sundays.**

**Join us in person in the lounge.**

Contact Pastor Miller with questions

at 612-600-3514 or

[pastorjoshuamiller@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjoshuamiller@gmail.com).

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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  
 Wesley Pagel  
 Shirley Starner, and her son-in-law Greg Beaudoin  
 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  
 Scott McMurray  
 Jenna Schmidt (daughter of Perry Schmidt)  
 Jeanne and John Watson (John is recovering from surgery)  
 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 strength to speak out for and protect the lives of the unborn our God has created.

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

For Governor Walz and all in leadership in our state.

For our Synodical President Matthew Harrison, our District President Lucas Woodford as they lead us, and our Circuit Visitor, Steven Bielenberg.

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

### **Special Weekly Prayers:**

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

**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 Miller via phone or email.



## JULY

- 1 Thomas Miller
- 3 Abby Wegner
- 4 Marge Maule
- 5 Trish Clifford
- 6 Curtis Kunz  
Kristin Miller
- 10 Laura Baerthel
- 13 Paul Schwartz
- 17 Kelly Jokimaki
- 19 Eric Miesen
- 20 David Kolar
- 21 Piper Avoles
- 22 John Friedman
- 25 David Mennicke
- 28 Justice Hequet  
Gina Miesen  
Jim Seemann  
Lydia Volz
- 30 Michael Fishback  
Caitlyn Goodale  
Keith Hobbie  
Tim Kunz
- 31 Anthony Friedman

**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*

## OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday 8:30AM-1:30PM**

**Wednesday 8:30AM-1:30PM**

**Thursday 8:30AM-1:30PM**

## PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

**(CALL OR EMAIL AHEAD, PASTOR MAY BE VISITING)**

**Monday 1:00-5:00PM**

**Tuesday (day off)**

**Wednesday 1:00-5:00PM**

**Thursday 1:00-5:00PM**

**Friday (office closed, Pastor visiting,  
call to meet with Pastor)**

**Pastor's Cell: 612-600-3514**

*Therefore encourage one another and build each other up,  
as indeed you are doing.  
1 Thessalonians 5:11*

## 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.**



## 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.



A powerful message concerning care of the earth is deeply imbedded in the Bible. From God’s creation in Genesis 1 to the call to make all things new again for the final coming of our Lord Jesus, the earth is the home of all of us from now through eternity.

What earth care Bible verses come to your mind? In his book, *earthwise*, Calvin B. DeWitt offers “A Biblical Perspective on Creation Care.” He mentions eight Biblical principles. We mention four of them in this column – 1) The Earthkeeping Principle, 2) The Fruitfulness Principle, 3) The Sabbath Principle and 4) The Discipleship Principle, as a spur to our continued will to love God, the Maker of heaven and earth. At a later time we will share the other four principles from the Rev. Dr. DeWitt.

**THE EARTHKEEPING PRINCIPLE:** *As the Lord keeps and sustains us, so we must keep and sustain the Lord’s creation.* In Genesis 2 Adam is expected to serve (*abad*) and keep (*shamar*) the garden. *Shamar* indicates a loving, caring, sustaining kind of keeping. It is the same word found in Numbers 6:24: “The Lord bless you and keep you ...” This “keeping” is active, vital, life-fulfilling.

**THE FRUITFULNESS PRINCIPLE:** *We should enjoy but not destroy creation’s fruitfulness.* The creation account calls for animals and plants to produce abundantly. Psalm 104 recounts God’s gift of water to the ravines, the beasts, the birds so that they sing, and Psalm 23 beautifully tells that God gives us rest in green pastures and leads us beside quiet water and refreshes our souls. As God’s work brings fruit to creation, so should ours. Scripture also warns of misuse of the land as heard in Ezekiel 34:18: “Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pastures? Must you also trample the rest .... Is it not enough for you to drink clear water? Must you also muddy the rest with your feet? ”

**THE SABBATH PRINCIPLE:** *We must provide for creation’s Sabbath rest.* In Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5 God calls for a day of rest given to worship and renewal. He likewise states that the land must have a Sabbath rest every seventh year. The Sabbath year is given to protect the land from relentless exploitation and to allow rejuvenation. Many farmers today are recognizing the great wisdom of resting the land and caring for the soil for ultimate good fruitfulness. If you follow the Sabbath principles, says Isaiah 58:14, “then you will find joy in the Lord.”

**THE DISCIPLESHIP PRINCIPLE:** *We must be disciples of Jesus Christ – the Creator, Sustainer, and Reconciler of all things.* We are called to be disciples of the final Adam, Jesus (I Cor 15: 45). We follow Jesus, who makes all things new and reconciles all things. Christ brings life and restoration (Rom 5: 12-17). We walk in the footsteps of Christ, to whom the whole creation is looking (Rom 8:19).

That is quite a path to follow. But it takes us through God’s world and helps us care for it.

**National Night Out**  
**5:00 to 7:00pm on Tuesday, August 3, 2021**  
**Jehovah Lutheran Church Parking Lot**



**VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!**

The Administration Resources Board (ARB) is looking for volunteers to help with Jehovah's annual National Night Out (NNO) outreach event that will be held from 5pm to 7pm on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, on the church property. Here are your opportunities to help Jehovah reach out and serve our community:

- Help set up for the event in the church parking lot;
- Help by donating gently used clothing for all ages, small household items, linens, etc.
- Help sort and set out the clothing and small household items that have been donated for the giveaway;
- Help by donating purchased and packaged food items to be given away as prizes during the raffles throughout the event;
- Help for the loyal Kolar, Wynn and Fishback families and others who take on the food service;
- Help as popcorn makers;
- Help planning a few things for kids to enjoy;
- Help staffing food service, raffle, giveaway and kids area during the event;
- Help with take down and clean up after the event ends at 7:00pm.
- Spirit Freed is planning to provide music during the event. We could accommodate another group as we have done in the past. Contact us if you know of a group that might be interested in playing that evening.

To volunteer or if you have a new idea to add to the fun, please contact Marge Avoles at 651-398-8204 or at [margeavoles@comcast.net](mailto:margeavoles@comcast.net), or talk with any of the other ARB members: Katy Fishback, Mark Kolar, Karl Miesen, Bruce Wegner, and Dan Wynn.



## SCOUTING PROJECT UPDATE



We did it! We collected \$1,820 toward the goal of \$1,850 for the Eagle Scout fence replacement project to be completed this summer by Logan Jarvi. We want to thank each one of you for your donation toward this project.

We want to take this opportunity to let you know about another Eagle Scout project to be completed late summer or early fall by Devin Joseph, Jeanne Watson's grandson. Devin will be painting the choir room, room 17 on the lower level, and also the hallway from the youth room and gym up to the parking lot. It is early in the project and Devin does not know the cost yet. If anyone is interested in donating to this Eagle Scout project, please mail or drop off your donation to Jehovah Lutheran Church, designating your donation to the "Scout Painting Project" We will update you further when we have more information.

Please contact Sandy Kolar at [sandy@thekolars.com](mailto:sandy@thekolars.com) or 651-336-7993 if you have any questions. Thank you again for your support of these Eagle Scout projects at Jehovah Lutheran for Logan and Devin!

## 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 July is below. To watch, go to [mainstreetliving.com](http://mainstreetliving.com) and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

- July 4: "The Selling Price," features a father and son who face the issue of ethics, and how it relates to God's law.
- July 11: "Flight Plan," features a man who must deal with the death of a young boy with a terminal illness. Will it strengthen his faith or destroy it?
- July 18: "No Laughing Matter," features a woman who must learn to deal with her past to help someone else in her present.
- July 25: "My Husband, My Sorrow," features a man and woman who deal with whether they should consummate an adulterous affair.



# ACTIVITY CALENDAR



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