

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

“I Thank My God...”



This past Sunday at Jehovah Lutheran, we bade farewell and Godspeed to Lydia Volz, who has been a member of our congregation for 47 years. As we marked this occasion and celebrated Lydia’s time amongst all of us, one of our members remarked that Lydia had done “everything in our parish except being the pastor.” Lydia has given so much time, effort, and love to everyone at Jehovah past and present. As Lydia moves to be closer to her family, we will miss her greatly, but we also celebrate and thank the Lord for the things He did amongst us through Lydia.

Although I have only known her for about two years and have only served as the pastor at Jehovah for one year, I have been enriched as a person and as a pastor through knowing Lydia. From my first days serving this parish, Lydia has shared with me a wealth of knowledge about Jehovah and its member families. As I came into the pastoral office at Jehovah, Lydia quickly told me about those who worship here and others who used to do so. As I listened, I realized quickly that this information flowed from a deep care and love for the people of our congregation.

As a member of the board of Lay Ministry, Lydia has given me great encouragement during happy moments and through difficult ones. Entering a first pastoral call in the midst of the pandemic is a difficult thing. I would not have been able to do so without the brothers and sisters in Christ on our Board of Lay Ministry in general, and I could not have done so without the support and wisdom of Lydia in particular.

I was deeply moved Sunday afternoon, as we noted blessed memories of how Lydia has touched so many lives in our congregation and in our communities. I have not known Lydia for anywhere nearly as long as most of you have, but my life has also been touched by her heart of service to our Lord and love for His people. Like you, I consider myself blessed to have been a member with Lydia at Jehovah Lutheran.

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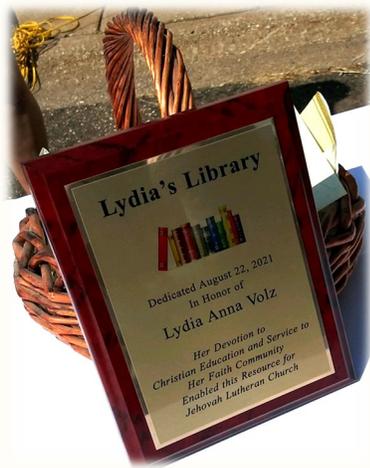
The words of the Apostle Paul at the beginning of his letter to the Philippians are appropriate here and give us encouragement.

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

Philippians 1:3-6

Like Paul, we thank God for our time together as the saints of Christ. Though we may be separated by space, we know that we remain united in the Holy Spirit. We continue to love one another as God the Father has loved us, and we remain steadfast in prayer for one another as the baptized people of the Triune God.

Your Pastor,
Joshua Miller



Dedicated August 22, 2021
In Honor of
Lydia Anna Volz
*Her Devotion to Christian Education
and Service to Her Faith Community
Enabled this Resource for
Jehovah Lutheran Church*

Dear Pastor Josh and all the people of Jehovah,

Thank you for your kindness his last Sunday, your many kind words and the Pastors blessing.

It has been my joy and privilege to be one of God's children here at Jehovah for 47 years, carrying out Jesus will by the Grace of God. You have made me feel welcome to share in this ministry at Jehovah with you. May God continue to bless that ministry

My address will be

Brookdale Jones Farm. #329
2815 Carl T. Jones Drive SE
Huntsville, AL. 35802

Email the same as now
My cell phone 651-285-5964

Peace, Lydia



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CHECK OUT THE LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK!



Now is the time to purchase the LSB hymnal. We'd like to order the hymnals by the upcoming Labor Day weekend, to be used for worship planning. You can drop your order form in the offering plate on Sunday, or send it to the office. Cost per hymnal is \$26.99. Please make your check payable to Jehovah Lutheran Church and mark "Hymnal" on the memo line. Are you curious to see what the new hymnal will look like? There is a review copy on the volunteer desk in the office. Come take a look! If you need more information, talk to Pastor Miller, Jehovah's Music Director Elizabeth Wegner, or call the Jehovah office.

*Enter His gates with thanksgiving
and His courts with praise;
give thanks to Him and praise His name.
Psalm 100:4*

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Moses charges Israel to keep the Lord's decrees
so that their "wisdom and understanding" will show the nations
the greatness and nearness of the Lord God

James 1:17-27

The Father has regenerated us by the word of truth, James says;
it follows that Christians are to listen carefully to the word and act on that word,
especially caring for those least able to care for themselves.

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Jesus criticized the religious leaders for their attention to ritual cleansing,
rather than to the evils within the heart that make a person unclean.



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Divine Service – 9:30AM each Sunday
In Person service in the sanctuary

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.



Family Sunday School meets weekly in the nursery after the Service.
Parents are welcome to stay with their children.



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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
Keith Hendrickson (step-son of Wesley Pagel hospitalized)
Shirley Starner, and her son-in-law Greg Beaudoin
Jim Kinsel
Lynne Baerthel and her family
John Watson (recovering from surgery for blood clots)
John "Jack" Hedenstrom (brother of Sue and brother-in-law of Al Puder)
Jeannie Edwards (cousin of Pastor Miller)
Joyce and Susan Boettcher (stepmother and cousin of Elizabeth Wegner)
George Hild, Sr. (father of George Hild)
Jenna Schmidt (daughter of Perry Schmidt)
Nicole Pierce (friend of the Millers from Emmaus Lutheran)
Sue Schutte (mother of Principal Jay Schutte from King of Kings Lutheran)
Ramone and his family



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

For the family and friends of Rev. Scott McMurray, who was called home to be with the Lord.

Those suffering or recovering from COVID-19 and for speedy and equitable distributions of the vaccines. For good health and safety for all children returning to school.

For all teachers and staff at schools.

Steve Tarver, hospitalized with COVID-19 (father of Pastor Miller's sister-in-law).

For strength to speak out for and protect the lives of the unborn our God has created and compassionate care of all that He has made.

For the people of Afghanistan and for innocent lives caught in the midst of the tumultuous events taking place there.

For rain for regions suffering drought and for an end to the wildfires raging in the U.S. and Canada.

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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 move forward together in outreach.

For the Mekane Yesus congregation as they call a new pastor.

Special Weekly Prayers:

As we pray for each member and family in our congregation by name, this week we pray for David Lump and Shirley Miske.

*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.



On August 17, severe rainstorms and sudden flash flooding turned parts of the properties of Mekane Yesus Seminary in Addis Ababa into a raging river. It had a devastating impact on the seminary community. The flood has caused the death of 8 people. A professor of leadership lost both her parents and children. Sixteen families have been evacuated from their homes.

The Evangelical Mekane Yesus Lutheran Fellowship in North America is currently collecting monetary donations to support the recovery efforts. If you would like to contribute to this cause, the GoFundMe link is:

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/mekane-yesus-seminary-flood-disaster-fund?
utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1](https://www.gofundme.com/f/mekane-yesus-seminary-flood-disaster-fund?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1)

You can also send a check to the address below written to Evangelical Mekane Yesus Lutheran Fellowship in North America.

Samuel Deressa
3305 Edgemere Ave
St. Anthony, MN 55418



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NOTICE ABOUT PRO BONO LITURGIST

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I recently received the following letter from Rhoda Schuler communicating her intention to conclude the voluntary position of pro bono liturgist at Jehovah.

If you have questions about our plans moving forward, please speak directly with me or a member of the Lay Ministry Board.

In Christ,
Pastor Joshua Miller

Dear Pastor Miller and Lay Ministry Board,

With the move to Lutheran Service Book as our primary hymnal, I have decided it is time for me to relinquish my position as “pro bono liturgist” at Jehovah Lutheran Church. It has been a great joy and privilege to have served in this capacity at Jehovah since Advent 2006. It is my sincere prayer that by stepping away from my duties, the ministry of Jehovah and our witness of the saving work of Jesus to our community can go forward under your pastoral leadership.

With prayers for our pastor, elected church leaders, and all people of Jehovah.

Rhoda Schuler

*thank
you*



JEHOVAH'S WEEKLY FRIENDLY FRIDAY CALL-IN CHAT

Join us on Fridays at 11:10am.

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.

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



Rezek House is moving toward a full house again and are reaching out with some specific basic needs. They are looking for 5' x 7' area rugs to place under the beds to help prevent scratches on the beautiful new floors. They also have a dire need for size 1 and size 4 diapers.

Drop off your donations at 501 N. Asbury Street, St Paul MN 55104. Please call Sean at 504-228-9149 to coordinate your drop off.

MAIN STREET LIVING CHOIR



We are looking for singers to come sing in the Main Street Living Choir! We hope to meet in September (things could change so we will keep you posted). As of right now, we have to decide if we will meet on a Friday afternoon (September 24) or Saturday morning/afternoon (September 25).

If anyone is interested in singing with us, here's the plan. We will meet ahead of time for a little bit to rehearse and warm up (hymns will be sent to you ahead of time). You're welcome to bring your own hymnal (LSB) or we have plenty to share! Wear black pants and a white top. Recording will take a couple of hours so if you need a stool or chair, let me know ahead of time.

Check out Main Street Living here to get a feel for what we are doing:

<https://www.mainstreetliving.com/twincities/>

Please contact Amy Schutte, Music Director at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Inver Grove Heights, to RSVP. You can email me at acschutte10@gmail.com or call the church and leave a voicemail at 651-457-3929 X111. We need as many singers as we can get of ANY age! Please join us! Also, when you RSVP, let me know if you can do Friday afternoon or need to do Saturday. Give me YOUR email so I can reach you personally. THANK YOU!



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