



NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week, I am taking a short break from our series “Gathered to Be Sent” in order to share with you an excellent article I read recently. This article comes from *Better Health*, the newsletter of Concordia Plan Services, the insurance provider for workers of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. I pray that it brings a blessing to you, as it did to me.

In Christ,

Your Pastor, Joshua Miller

What's to Know:

By Steve Gruenwald

You've heard the saying that knowledge is power. So, what do you know? Do you know, for instance, that astronaut Neil Armstrong used his left foot to step on the moon? Do you know that in baseball home plate is 17 inches wide? That's interesting knowledge if you're participating in a trivia game, but it's not life-saving.

What about knowing how to install a toilet or lay a tile floor? That's good do-it-yourself knowledge to improve the look and value of a home, but in the bigger picture, that isn't life-saving knowledge either. Life-saving knowledge comes from knowing how to perform CPR or even by knowing your numbers — that is, your blood cholesterol, triglyceride numbers and your blood pressure numbers. Those numbers are an indication of your health status and can alert you to a health risk that needs attention. Although even that knowledge only extends so far in this earthly life.

Then there are some things we wish we didn't know. For example, we wish we didn't know the words to annoying commercial jingles that replay constantly in our head. Perhaps something else we wish we didn't know: “For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.” (Psalm 51:3) We are well aware of our sinful natures and what we have said, thought or done that are in stark opposition to what God commands. Thankfully, through our faith that was given to us by the power of the Holy Spirit at baptism, we also know “. . . that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.” (1 John 5:11) Now that's life-saving knowledge! We rejoice that Christ came to earth to be the sacrifice for our sins – to die for us – and through His resurrection, we have the promise and hope of an everlasting life.

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I think we need to revise an earlier statement: it's not just about what you know, but who you know. Because of our faith, we know Christ crucified! We believe that through Christ's death on the cross, God has forgiven every one of our sins, and He will continue to do so until that day we are with Him in Heaven.

Trivia knowledge may come and go, and we may not be able to rattle off our blood cholesterol numbers, but what's locked in our hearts and minds is what we proclaimed confidently just a few short months ago, "I know that my Redeemer lives. What comfort that sweet sentence gives!"

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JEHOVAH'S OFFICE EMAIL HAS CHANGED

Please use our new email address: office@jehovahlutheran.org

Thank you!

Divine Service – 9:30AM each Sunday

Live service in the sanctuary

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Jeremiah 23:1-6

The Lord speaks judgment upon the kings who failed as shepherds of Israel.

He promised to gather his flock and raise up shepherds who will presage a righteous ruler in David's line.

Ephesians 2:11-22

Paul heralds a new humanity. Gentiles and Jews reconciled to each other and to God through the cross. In Christ we are one body, being built together as a dwelling place for God.

Mark 6:30-44, 53-56

Jesus had compassion on the crowd because "they were like sheep without a shepherd". He taught them and healed the sick.



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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.



Sunday School meets 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
Shirley Starner, and her son-in-law Greg Beaudoin
Jim Kinsel
Lynne Baerthel and her family
Marlys Wolf (recovering from eye surgery)
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 Boettcher (stepmother of Elizabeth Wegner)
Susan Boettcher
Ken Frigstad
George Hild, Sr. (father of George Hild)
Scott McMurray
Jenna Schmidt (daughter of Perry Schmidt)
Nicole Pierce (friend of the Millers from Emmaus Lutheran)
Ramone and his family



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

Linda Wood (thanksgiving for full remission of cancer)

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 move forward together in outreach.

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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 Hobbie 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 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

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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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, or talk with any of the other ARB members: Katy Fishback, Mark Kolar, Karl Miesen, Bruce Wegner, and Dan Wynn.

Peace I leave with you,



my peace I give to you.

John 14:27



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