

# 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

August 2021

## Rooted In the Living Word

### SUNDAYS

WORSHIP IN PERSON 9:30 a.m.

IN PERSON BIBLE STUDY 11:00 a.m.



Join us for worship  
in person

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

Support our ministry at Jehovah  
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### 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 AUGUST 25TH to  
[jelcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:jelcoffice@gmail.com)

## SCRIPTURES FOR WORSHIP

August 1: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15, Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:24-35

August 8: Genesis 1:1-2, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, John 6:35-51

August 15: Proverbs 9:1-6, Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58

August 22: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18, Ephesians 6:10-20, John 6:56-69

August 29: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9, James 1:17-27, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,  
21-23

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

*“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. (Acts 2:42-47 ESV)*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In *Faith Bites* and *Jottings* recently, we have been looking at how the Word of the Lord grew the earliest Christian Church in the book of Acts and shapes us as the people of God today. In the second chapter of Acts, Luke (the author) tells us that the earliest Christians devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching of the Gospel, to worship, to prayer, to fellowship, and to acts of mercy. The first believers were of one heart. They acted together with one purpose.

This devotion of the earliest Church inspires us as we begin the work of outreach together at Jehovah Lutheran. The board of Lay Ministry and Pastor Miller have been studying the results of the CADDs survey, listening to the recommendations of our LCMS Office of National Mission, talking with our partners in ministry in our St. Paul Metro LCMS Circuit and at the Minnesota South District. We also have spent much time in conversation and prayer together about how to proceed in reaching out with the Gospel of Christ in this time and place.

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Through this process, we have formed a Jehovah Lutheran roadmap called *Walking Together*. It has three stages of outreach. Our Church Council has adopted this roadmap as a shared vision for our future together under the Lord. Each stage will begin in a different year, but each stage will also be ongoing. In other words, we will begin the first stage of the roadmap this year, but next year when we begin the next stage we will continue to enact the first stage as well. These are the stages of the roadmap:

**Year 1: Outreach to All Members, to Families, and Students:** We will contact all members at Jehovah Lutheran, encouraging those whom we have not seen in a while to join us for worship and life together. We will enact an education plan that reimagines and coordinates all education offerings at Jehovah so that it engages families and students. Education, preaching, and worship will be moved by spiritual care needs of families and members and formed by a common life of devotion and prayer.

**Year 2: Outreach through Evangelism and Mercy:** We will engage in evangelism training of our members. They will be thoroughly equipped to enter into meaningful conversations of faith with those in their everyday lives who do not know our Lord Jesus. We will coordinate all of our efforts of mercy ministries to serve those in need in the Midway and beyond. We will clarify and strengthen our relationships with our LCMS partners in the St. Paul Circuit, including Mekane Yesus, and Minnesota South District, as well as Circuit and District ministries, such as New Freedom.

**Year 3: Sustainable Outreach and Life Together:** We will engage in strategic planning for the long term at Jehovah Lutheran. We will examine our mission statement, our governance, and our practices, seeking concord with our District and Synod. We will explore how we can best use the resources our Lord has given us, in this place for His glory through good stewardship.

To begin the first stage of our roadmap, we have attached an education plan called *Enduring Faith* that will begin this fall. Through this plan, we seek to engage in faith formation of **disciples for life**, and to mold our educational offerings to fulfilling this purpose. This revitalization of our faith education at Jehovah will be accompanied by an intentional focus on fostering a personal, family, and communal life of worship and prayer. As part of this focus on private and public devotion and worship, we are excited to add our Synod's hymnal *The Lutheran Service Book* (LSB) to our pews, our classes, and our homes. While we will retain our beloved *Lutheran Book of Worship* (Green Book) with all of its hymnody and liturgy, the LSB will be added as a worship resource in the Divine Service and our life together. More information on this hymnal will be coming to you very soon, including the opportunity to give copies to the congregation in memory or honor of a loved one.

Along with this enhancement of our worship life, we will soon begin a prayer group, which will meet regularly to pray for the life of our parish, the Church at large, and the world. Our lives as disciples of Christ, and our life together as a congregation, are formed by meditation on God's promises in Scripture, and praying those promises back to God as we go through the struggles of life. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact me or a member of the Board of Lay Ministry for more information.

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As we enter into the first stage of *Walking Together*, there is something for everyone. Perhaps you would like to help call and visit those we have not seen at Jehovah for a while. Maybe you would like to assist in preparing for Rally Day, teach in Sunday school, or help in one of our other educational venues. Perhaps you would like to serve in worship as a lector or usher. Maybe you just want to join in regular prayer with your brothers and sisters in Christ. There are many ways in which you can engage at Jehovah as we walk together with one heart in our Lord. If you would like to serve in one of these ways, or if you just have questions, please contact us.

Thank you for your support, your prayers, and your care.

In Christ,  
 Pastor Joshua Miller and the  
 Board of Lay Ministry  
 Charles Avoles  
 Sandy Kolar  
 Dr. David Mennicke  
 Katherine Mennicke  
 Lydia Volz  
 Rev. Dr. David Lump



Due to the CDC's recent report that there is substantial transmission of the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus in Ramsey County and to unsafe levels of pollution in the smoke in our air, we have indefinitely postponed our National Night Out celebration at this time. Thank you for all of your support. We hope to have a similar event when it is safe to do so.

### **VOTERS' MEETING**

The Voters' Meeting will be held via Zoom on

**Sunday, August 8  
 11:00 a.m.**

You can access the meeting using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83654708190?pwd=Znd5SVhMcj9TTEFSNVZWaWhNYXo3QT09>

Meeting ID: 836 5470 8190

Passcode: 366005

Or call 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID 83654708190# Passcode \*366005#

## COVID-19 Update

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The CDC has released a report with its findings on the Delta variant that informs us of some new developments with this virus. From this report we have learned the following:

- Breakthrough infections (infections of vaccinated people) are rare and usually asymptomatic even with Delta.
- Transmission is much greater with Delta than regular COVID.
- While infection among vaccinated people is rare, vaccinated people who are infected can transmit Delta.
- The CDC says: "Given higher transmissibility and current vaccine coverage, universal masking is essential," to contain the spread of Delta.
- The CDC further says that vaccinated people in contact with unvaccinated people (including children under the age of 12) should mask in public, and that all should mask in public to protect them.
- CDC highly recommends that all people (vaccinated and unvaccinated) mask in public indoors in counties that have "high" or "substantial" spread of Delta. This includes Ramsey County.

The Jehovah Lutheran Church Council has approved a measure requiring masks. This means that all people, vaccinated and unvaccinated, are required to wear a mask in the building of Jehovah Lutheran if they are in the same room with another person who is not in their immediate family.

At this time, we are not putting any further restrictions in place. We thank you, the members of Jehovah Lutheran, for doing your part in the ongoing struggle against COVID-19 by getting vaccinated and masking in public.

This set-back may not last, and there will likely be further ups and downs in the fight against the virus. I wish that this were not the case. I wish that the virus had never formed in the first place.

Regardless of this news, we continue forward as God's people in Christ, walking together in faith and love. We remain focused on the Lord who took our sin, death, diseases, and despair upon Himself and gave us His eternal life and peace.

I am reminded of a quote from the Catholic author J.R.R. Tolkien, who said that each time we encounter a catastrophe, we all wish that it did not happen in our time. But, he said, that is not for us to decide. All that is up to us is how we will respond to it. The people of God at Jehovah continue to respond to the difficulties of this life with faith in Christ, hope for the future, and love for all for whom Jesus died.

I remain faithfully yours,  
Pastor Joshua Miller

# Baroque

## SUNDAY

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 8**

Join us for worship on Sunday, August 8, when an ensemble of twelve accomplished singers from the Twin Cities area, including four from Jehovah Lutheran, will perform movements from Vivaldi's "Gloria" throughout our service. This sparkling baroque gem is conducted by Ben Wegner and features our own Tim Buendorf at the mighty Van Daalen organ.

*I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.  
Psalm 104:33*

### **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP SUNDAY, AUGUST 8**

Genesis 1:1-2

"In the beginning" introduces God's work of creating a world that awaits light, order, and life.

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

The final greetings of Paul to the Christians at Corinth, urging them to continue in the new life of love and peace in God.

John 6:35-51

"I am the bread of life."

Whoever eats this bread and believes, Jesus said, has eternal life.





**LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK**  
**HYMNAL ORDER FORM**

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

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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email or phone \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ (quantity) at a cost of \$29.96 each.

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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Our goal is \$3,600 for the new hymnals. To date \$1,000 has already been pledged.

To donate or to order hymnals,  
please make your check payable to Jehovah Lutheran Church,  
and mark "Hymnal" on the memo line.

**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 and continues in the nursery after the Service. Parents are welcome to stay with their children.

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 8**  
Join us at the Voters' Meeting



Jesus Calms the Storm



Good Shepherd Sunday

**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).

**NO BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY, AUGUST 8**

**Join us at the Voters' Meeting**

## IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Donna Ostenson Kiefert  
 Bernice Demulling  
 Rita Galston  
 Paul Finegan  
 Julie Quist  
 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  
 Jeanne and John Watson (John is recovering from surgery)  
 Jenna Schmidt (daughter of Perry Schmidt)  
 George Hild, Sr. (father of George Hild)  
 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)  
 Scott McMurray  
 Nicole Pierce (friend of the Millers from Emmaus Lutheran)  
 Sue Schutte (mother of Principal Jay Schutte at King of Kings Lutheran)  
 Ramone and his family



*Let my prayer  
rise before you as incense.*

*Psalm 141:2a*

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## IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Those suffering or recovering from COVID-19 and for increased immunity through the vaccines.

Steve and Janna Tarver, Jerry and Jane Chesson hospitalized with COVID-19 (parents and grandparents 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 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 the Kruger 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.

*Pray  
without  
ceasing*



## AUGUST

- 5 Bob Goodale
- 9 Bill Kleyweg
- 10 Douglas Johnson
- 16 Kaycie Miesen
- 19 Peter Miller
- 20 Brian Fishback  
Lisa Haupt  
Katherine Mennicke
- 23 Michael Newman
- 24 Dawn Hirt  
Jenna Twernbold
- 25 Marc Hobbie
- 28 Tammi Goodale  
Celine Gregory

★**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*

## 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.**

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

## Jehovah Lutheran Church Classic Collector Show

**Cars Trucks Motorcycles**

**Saturday, August 21**

**6pm-8pm**

**in the Jehovah parking lot**



**Bring your non-alcoholic beverage  
and your camp chair.  
Come just to browse.  
Enjoy the fellowship!  
See you there!**

## EARTH CARE

*“THE EARTH IS THE LORD’S ...” PSALM 24:1*

This column intends to highlight ways to care for God’s creation.  
This month’s guest columnist is Sara Dorow, daughter of Maynard and Shirley,  
who lives in Edmonton, Canada with her husband Peter Smith.



Edmonton, Alberta might be pretty far north, but it is the second sunniest city in Canada with an average of 2,345 hours of sunlight per year. By comparison, the Twin Cities has around 2,700 hours a year (although enjoying fewer sunny days overall than Edmonton). A few years ago, my husband and I decided to make full use of this abundant energy source. We built a “net zero” house: a house that produces as much energy as it uses.

For more than half the year, the solar panels that cover our sloped south-facing roof send energy directly into our house. Anything we don’t use (which is most of it when the sun is shining and the panels aren’t covered with snow!) goes out into the electrical grid, providing clean energy to other consumers. In the winter we buy energy, but the amount we buy is surpassed by what we produce the rest of the year. We even get compensated for the solar energy we send into the grid.



Over the last two years our house’s solar energy system has offset almost 29,000 pounds of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). If that’s hard to imagine, then think about it as 389 trees’ worth of captured CO<sub>2</sub>.

Why all this talk about offsetting CO<sub>2</sub>? Well, it is the most significant of greenhouse gasses, trapping heat in the earth’s atmosphere. “Regular” electricity, such as through natural gas and coal, produces CO<sub>2</sub>, while solar energy does not. Over the last 60 years, human use of fossil fuels has led to a rapid increase in atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> (100 times faster than previous natural increases), a major cause of climate change. We are asking the trees and earth to “sink” more carbon than they can manage, so we need to produce less of it.

Alternative energy like solar is not just about offsetting CO<sub>2</sub>. We have learned it’s important to talk about the “envelope” of the house. Good insulation and construction mean we use less energy to heat our home. When our house was built, testing showed that it had one of the best scores for “non-leakage” that you can get: around .2 air changes per hour. Within ten years, our savings in energy bills will have covered the extra cost of building a house to net zero specifications. What’s more, our house will be a highly efficient building for many generations to come.

One house alone is not going to save the planet. But it is one small step toward caring for the earth using a free and abundant and clean gift of energy. Each day, plants take full advantage of the sun’s energy, which in turn sustains us. “Behold the lilies of the field!” So far, however, we have sorely under-utilized the sun as an alternative to fossil fuels. We must work together to let the sunshine in!

## SCOUTING PROJECT UPDATE



Logan Jarvi has had a busy summer with scout camp and home projects but will get the fence project at Jehovah on the calendar soon. He wants to have it completed by the time he starts his senior year this fall. We have raised all the money needed for this project and for that we thank you for your generosity. We can look forward to a new fence soon.

Devin Joseph, son of Demi and Kristin Joseph and Jeanne Watson's grandson, will be painting the choir room, room 17 in the basement and the hallway that goes from the youth room to the parking lot. Devin is also busy this summer with scout camp and projects at home, but will begin this project soon. He is diligently working on the paperwork for the scout approval for the project, and is still completing the estimation for the amount needed for his paint project. If you are interested in donating to this, please specify your donation as "scout paint project" and mail or drop off your donation at the church office. Thank you in advance for your consideration to donate to this scout painting project.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Kolar at 651-336-7993 or at [sandy@thekolars.com](mailto:sandy@thekolars.com).

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

August 1: "Stranger at the Door," features a woman who had given up a baby 22 years before when a man shows up at her door saying he is looking for his mother.

August 8: "The Fathering Kind," features a single father who is down and out trying to raise a son alone.

August 15: "A Nice Girl Like You," features a widowed pastor who dates a single woman in his parish, but when she professes her love, he tells her he cannot return it.

August 22: To be determined.

August 29: To be determined.



# ACTIVITY CALENDAR



## August 2021

<b>1</b> 9:30am Worship in the Sanctuary  Bible Study 11:00am, Lounge  Sunday School after Service, Nursery	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  National Night Out  Cancelled	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  Friendly Friday Chat 11:10am	<b>7</b>																																										
<b>8</b> 9:30am Baroque Sunday in the Sanctuary Voters' Meeting 11:00am  NO Bible Study NO Sunday School	<b>9</b>  Lay Ministry Meeting 6:30pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  ARB Meeting 6:30 pm	<b>13</b>  Friendly Friday Chat 11:10am	<b>14</b>																																										
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*Love one another  
as I have loved you.*  
John 15:12