

# 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

September 2021

## Rooted In the Living Word

### SUNDAYS

WORSHIP IN PERSON 9:30 am  
Growing in Faith Sunday School  
following Divine Service  
LIVING IN FAITH BIBLE STUDY 11:00 am



Join us for worship  
Stay Informed  
on our Church Website:  
www.jehovahlutheran.org

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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 SEPTEMBER 24TH  
to jelcoffice@gmail.com

### SCRIPTURES FOR WORSHIP

September 5: Isaiah 35:4-7a, James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17, Mark 7:24-37

September 12: Isaiah 50:4-9a, James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-38

September 19: Jeremiah 11:18-20, James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a, Mark 9:30-37

September 26: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29, James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50

### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

#### Growing and Living by Faith: Rally Day and Beyond

On Sunday, September 12, we celebrate Rally Day at Jehovah Lutheran. Reading this line might cause us to ask ourselves, "Why are we rallying?"

On Rally Sunday, we rally together to kick-off a new season of learning about God's love in Jesus. It's kind of like the beginning of regular season games in football. The pre-season is over; it's time for the real show to begin!

Well, now summer is over! It's time for a new school year and a new season in Sunday school and Bible class. Rally Day is usually on the first Sunday after Labor Day. It marks the time when we move from summer with its vacations, excursions, visiting, and being out in nature to a time when we focus anew on teaching and learning the Christian faith. Traditionally, Rally Day marks the start of fall Sunday school.

This year at Jehovah Lutheran, Rally Day marks something else too. It marks the beginning of our new outreach roadmap. The first stage of this roadmap will consist of a revamping of our educational offerings at Jehovah as well as a concerted effort to reconnect with members and friends we may have lost contact with at some point.

Rally Day this year is about a renewed focus on learning the faith and passing it on to future generations at Jehovah. Beginning on Rally Day, we will begin our new Sunday school program entitled, "Growing in Faith," where children up to 13 years old will learn the classic stories from Scripture of God's power and grace and hear how this impacts them today as baptized children of the Triune God. Parents and grandparents are always welcome to stay for Sunday school too!

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On Rally Day, we will also begin a new venture in adult education at Jehovah. Adult Bible Class will be transformed into “Living by Faith.” In this setting we will continue to study the Word of God together, but we also will discuss together what this means for our lives. In addition to studying the Bible, we will also study Luther’s catechisms, and look together at current opportunities and challenges for living as Christian in today’s world. The goal in doing this is to be encouraged together to live by faith throughout all of our lives. “Living by Faith” is place for all Christians to participate together, as we hear about how our faith meets real life.

As we gather together for Rally Day this year, I want to extend a personal invitation to each and every one of you. If you have not been to worship in a while, please come and join with us in the Divine Service. If you have children or grandchildren who haven’t been in a while, please bring them to Sunday school. If you have never been to Bible class and wonder if it is for you, please come and give “Living by Faith” a try. We look forward to seeing you!

God’s blessings to each of you in this month of September and through the fall. As always, if you have an questions or want to know more about what’s going on at Jehovah Lutheran these days, give me a call. I’d love to talk with you!

Your Pastor,  
Joshua Miller

## *Rally Sunday* *Sunday, September 12*

9:30 am Divine Service

Growing in Faith following Divine Service  
Ages Birth - 12

11:00 am Living by Faith  
Ages 13 - 100+

Invite a friend and join us  
for a year of meaning, connecting  
and Walking Together



In compliance with the recommendations of the U.S. Center for Disease Control and the Minnesota Department of Health, face masks must be worn inside the facilities of Jehovah Lutheran Church anytime you are with another person who is not in your immediate household. This includes worship services, all board meetings, Bible studies, working, and volunteering. A facemask must completely cover the mouth and nose. If you do not have a facemask, we are happy to give you one.

Please help us continue to keep our facilities open, our worship services in-person,  
and our neighbors safe.

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Isaiah 35:4-7a

The prophet pictures God as bringing salvation by restoring health to the blind, the lame, the deaf, and the dumb, and by making water flow in the desert.

James 2:1-17

James calls on believers to show no favorites toward the rich and no discrimination against the poor but rather to extend help to those in need, for "faith without works is dead."

Mark 7:24-37

Mark relates accounts of Jesus' healing power and compassion for a Gentile woman and a deaf man, demonstrating his inclusive care for all in need.



## LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK HYMNAL ORDERS



There's still time to order your Lutheran Service Book Hymnal to remember or honor a loved one. Hymnals will be ordered soon. 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, Elizabeth Wegner, Jehovah's Music Director, 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*

## **Living in Faith**

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

Jehovah Lutheran Church



**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).

## 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)

Ben and Abby Wegner (for safety and good health while serving in their vocations)

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 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

For comfort for the family and friends of Steve Tarver who passed away (father of Pastor Miller's sister-in-law).

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.

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 those in Louisiana and Mississippi affected by the destruction of Hurricane Ida.

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 Marshall family and Marge Maule.

**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*

## 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*



## SEPTEMBER

- 2 Paul Carlson  
Kelly Wynn
- 3 Noah Hequet
- 7 Dave Hirt
- 10 Jessica Twernbold
- 12 Jenna Fishback
- 14 Shirley Dorow
- 15 Andrea Wynn
- 16 David Bailey  
Kevin Hobbie
- 22 Paul Finegan
- 24 Ali Hequet
- 25 Dan Wynn
- 26 Danielle Hobbie

★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 **11:10 a.m. 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 11:10 a.m.**

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

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

## 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 pursue Earth care issues and welcome your feedback.



We promised to share the last four (of eight) biblical principles disclosing the Bible’s powerful environmental message as presented by Calvin B. DeWitt, theological professor and science professor, in his neat book, *earthwise*, 2011 (third edition). The first four principles are in the July 2021 *Earthcare* column. Here are the last four. Considering them may well bring more Bible verses to your mind as you read the scriptures with care for creation in mind.

#### Principle 5: The Kingdom Priority Principle

Today’s culture says seek job, success, wealth above all else. Jesus says seek his Kingdom. Doing his will “on earth” (Lord’s prayer) and looking to his ultimate new creation is where true satisfaction and the will to care for his creation comes.

#### Principle 6: The Contentment Principle

Our first parents were not content with the garden God gave them. We seem to walk in their footsteps often seeking “more” -- and “more” – putting demands on the earth above our true needs. DeWitt suggests our prayer be that of Psalm 119:36: “Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.” Seeking godly contentment leads to joy in Him, joyful care for others, and joyful stewardship of God’s creation gifts.

#### Principle 7: The Praxis Principle

Knowing what is right in God’s plan is to be followed by acting on it. “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?” (Luke 6:46) Look up Ezekiel 33:31-32.

#### Principle 8: The Con-servancy Principle

“*We must return creation’s service to us with service of our own.*” Dr. DeWitt calls this the most important principle of all. He separates the “con” to emphasize its meaning, which is “with.” As we think of all of creation’s inherent life-giving gifts – food, air, water, seeds, soil, herbs, medicines and more which “serve” us – we see once again our part in keeping, caring for and con-serving these gifts. The love of God the creator enables us thus to see and do his will. There are many organizations today that rightly bear the word “conservancy” in their titles as they seek to restore our earth today. One way to “do” something is to support their work.

## A NOTE FROM MEKANE YESUS

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



*The Lord is my strength and my shield;  
in him my heart trusts, and I am helped.  
Psalm 28:7a*

**Rezek House**

Rezek House is moving toward a full house again and is 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 | 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 September is below. To watch, go to [mainstreetliving.com](http://mainstreetliving.com) and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

- September 5: “The Sound of Doors Closing,” features a man’s mid-life crisis and the effect it has on his family.
- September 12: “Tina,” features two lonely people—a woman and a child—who come together through Jesus.
- September 19: “Look to the Mountain,” features a hopeless situation that becomes more hopeless when a down-and-out man kidnaps a young girl for ransom money.
- September 26: “Home Free,” features a family that learns the true meaning of love and that it comes free.



## 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](mailto: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!

