

# 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*

April 2022

## Rooted In the Living Word

### SUNDAYS

WORSHIP IN PERSON **9:30am**  
GROWING IN FAITH SUNDAY SCHOOL  
FOLLOWING DIVINE SERVICE  
LIVING IN FAITH BIBLE STUDY **11:00am**



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### OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR HOURS

TUESDAY - THURSDAY  
8:30AM - 1:30PM  
FRIDAY  
8:30AM - 12:30PM

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS  
CALL OR EMAIL AHEAD  
PASTOR MAY BE VISITING

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY  
1:00PM-5:00PM  
TUESDAYS - DAY OFF  
FRIDAY - PASTOR VISITING  
CALL TO MEET WITH PASTOR  
PASTOR'S CELL: 612-600-3514

Email submissions for  
THE JOTTINGS BY APRIL 26TH  
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### SCRIPTURES FOR WORSHIP

April 3: Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:8-14, Luke 20:9-20

April 10: Deuteronomy 32: 36-39, Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 23

April 17: Isaiah 65:17-25, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26, Luke 24:1-12

April 24: Acts 5:12-32, Revelation 1:4-18, John 20:19-31

### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

#### *Walking Together:*

The Prayer of the Church

For the past few months, we have been exploring the various aspects of the Divine Service. In February, we began looking at the Hymn of the Day, the Creed, and the prayers. These three things in the worship service follow from the congregation's hearing of the Word of God. Together, these three form the response given by the people of God to the Word of God. While God's Word to us is the primary thing in the Divine Service, we also respond to this Word in song, confession of faith, and prayer. This month, we look at the Prayer of the Church.

The Prayer of the Church follows the "Service of the Word" and comes right before the "Service of the Sacrament." After we hear God's Word in the readings and sermon, after we respond, affirming that Word by singing and confessing our faith, we go to our God in prayer. The Prayer of the Church is a response to God's Word, through which we bring our needs and petitions to the God who graciously meets with us and speaks to us.

Sometimes, we think about worship as a time to shut out and leave behind all the cares of our life in this world. We think we need to shut out all the worries, hopes, and fears we have in our daily living and in our world, because worship is time to focus on God. This really is not the case.

Yes, we do set aside time and work during our week to come meet with, hear from, and worship our Triune God. But we don't have to leave our needs and concerns outside the sanctuary. On the contrary, God invites us to bring them in and lay them at His feet.

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In His explanation to the Lord's Prayer in the *Small Catechism* Luther reminds us that God is our loving, gracious Father. God wants us to come to Him as our Father and pour our hearts out to Him. He wants us to bring all of our needs, our hopes, our fears and cast them upon Him, because He cares for us. As our heavenly Father, He has commanded us to come to Him in prayer, and He has lovingly promised to hear and answer us.

Bringing the concerns of our lives and our world to God in the Divine Service is exactly what we **should** do. It demonstrates obedience to God's command and trust in His promise. Through the Prayer of the Church, we faithfully respond to the Word of God that we have heard in the same service by bringing all of our concerns to Him.

In the Prayer of the Church, we bring all of the concerns of our week and we cast them upon our heavenly Father as He invites us to do. These concerns may be for ourselves, for our family members, for our friends, for our congregation, for our church body, for all Christians, for our neighbors, for our nation, or for our world. There are many needs in many places, and we pray for them all. That is why we often begin the Prayer of the Church with a phrase like, "Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs."

By praying all together in this way, we are coming together as the body of Christ and lifting up one another's needs together. When one part of the body of Christ suffers, we all suffer. We share our cares with one another, and with one another we lift them up to our Lord.

As brothers and sisters in Christ, we share the burdens of life with one another. Together we bring these to our Lord who lifts them from us. Then, feeling lightened at having our burdens taken by our Lord, we go together to His table to receive His body and blood for us.

I would like to close with a special note. As your pastor, it is my honor and privilege to lead you in prayer and to pray for you. I pray for you not just on Sundays but throughout the week. As you share with me your requests both public and private, I lift them to the Lord in prayer for you and with you. I am always willing to hear and pray for any prayer requests you may have. You are always welcome to share them with me.

Walking with you under our Lord,

Your Pastor,  
Joshua Miller

*Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,  
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

Hebrews 4:16

## *Authentic Spirituality*

**JELC Lent, 2022**



A growing number of people in our society describe themselves as “spiritual but not religious.” This can mean many things to many people, but the overall idea is that while they may view religious institutions (such as churches) with suspicion or indifference, the same people are very interested in spirituality. That is, they are interested in spiritual practices such as prayer, meditation, and other experiences.

Christians believe in the benefits of spirituality. Christians pray, meditate on God’s promises in Scripture, and view the experiences of their lives through the eyes of faith. These features of the Christian life form an authentic spirituality that flows from an encounter with God, forms the believer’s life of faith, and finds faithful expression in the community of faith.

For Christians, the season of Lent is a reflective time when we engage intentionally in spirituality. During this year’s season of Lent, we invite you to join us at Jehovah Lutheran as we hear how we experience and are formed in authentic spirituality through repentance, meditation on Scripture, prayer, and the trials we face in this life. Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm and Sunday mornings at 9:30am as we hear more about this authentic spirituality.

*Rend your hearts and not your garment.  
Return to the Lord your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;  
and he relents over disaster.*

Joel 2:13

## “AUTHENTIC SPIRITUALITY: TEACH US TO PRAY”

**Wednesday, April 6** – “Praying for Deliverance”

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

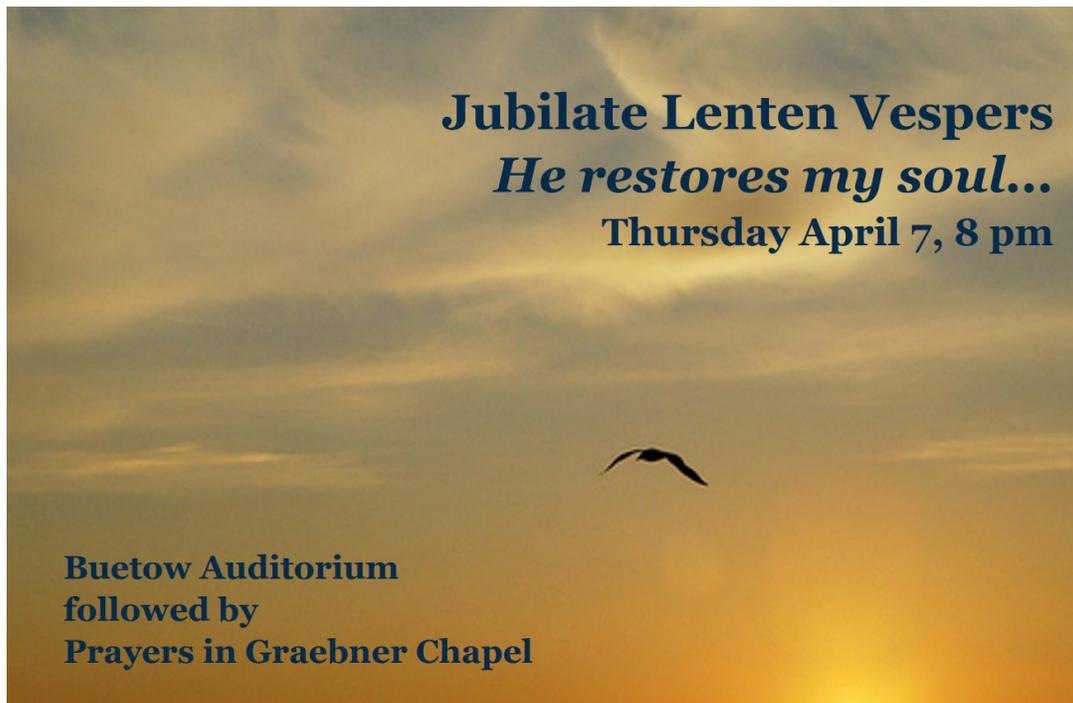
**April 10, Palm Sunday, 9:30am** – “Authentic Spirituality: Judged!”  
Special Music by Minnesota Boy Choir

**April 14, Holy Thursday, 6:30pm** – “Authentic Spirituality: Embodied”

**April 15, Good Friday, 3:00pm** – “Authentic Spirituality: Cancelled!”  
Featuring Christus Chorus from Concordia University

**April 16, Easter Vigil, Saturday, 6:00pm** – “Authentic Spirituality: Delivered!”

**April 17, Easter Sunday, 9:30am** “Authentic Spirituality: Risen!”



## JEHOVAH WELCOMES THE CHRISTUS CHORUS

under the direction of Dr. David Mennicke

to our Good Friday Service

Friday, April 15

3:00pm



### Holy Week Services

#### **Woodbury, MN**

Palm Sunday, April 10  
9:00am and 10:30am services  
Woodbury Lutheran Church  
7380 Afton Road

#### **Roseville, MN**

Maundy Thursday, April 14  
7:00pm service  
King of Kings Lutheran Church  
2330 Dale Street N

#### **Hudson, WI**

Saturday, April 16  
7:00pm Easter Vigil Service  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
1205 6th Street

#### **Good Friday, April 15**

#### **Golden Valley, MN**

12:00pm service  
Golden Valley Lutheran Church  
5501 Glenwood Avenue

#### **St. Paul, MN**

3:00pm service  
Jehovah Lutheran Church  
1566 Thomas Avenue

#### **Hopkins, MN**

7:00pm service  
Zion Lutheran Church  
241 5th Avenue N

### Full Concerts

#### **Afton, MN**

Friday, April 8 -- 7:30pm  
St. Peter's Lutheran Church  
880 Neal Avenue S

#### **Bloomington, MN**

Saturday, April 9 -- 6:30pm  
St. Michael's Lutheran Church  
9201 Normandale Blvd

#### **Home Concert**

Thursday, May 5 -- 7:30pm  
Graebner Memorial Chapel

*All performances are free and open to the public*

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

### Sunday, April 3

#### Isaiah 43:16-21

In language recalling the Exodus from Egypt the prophet proclaims to the exiles in Babylon restoration to their homeland. The Lord promises “water in the wilderness, that they might declare my praise.”

#### Philippians 3:8-14

Paul regards his impeccable Jewish heritage and credentials as “loss” compared to gaining Christ and the righteousness that comes through faith in him.

#### Luke 20:9-20

Jesus’ parable of the vineyard first portrays Israel’s rejection of God’s messengers in the past and now the rejection by the Jewish leaders of “the beloved son”.

### Sunday, April 10

#### Deuteronomy 32: 36-39

God speaks to the Israelites through the extremity of their pain and declares that there is no other god; God alone delivers.

#### Philippians 2:5-11

The apostle uses an early Christian hymn to describe Jesus’ humble obedience, even to death, and his exaltation as Lord of all.

#### Luke 23

The wronged yet innocent Jesus is handed over to crucifixion; Jesus makes a prophetic call to repentance; on the cross Jesus prays forgiveness for his accusers; humiliated and taunted he commends himself to the Father; Joseph of Arimathea receives Jesus’ body and Jesus is buried.

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## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

**April 17**

### **Isaiah 65:17-25**

The prophet proclaims an oracle of salvation for the people, described in idyllic terms of a new heaven and a new earth.

### **1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

Christ has risen indeed! He will come again and we will all be made alive in him. He will destroy all the evil powers and will reign over all, destroying the last enemy, death.

### **Luke 24:1-12**

Women followers of Jesus are the first to the tomb and they find it empty. They tell the apostles but they do not believe the women's report.

**April 24**

### **Acts 5:12-32**

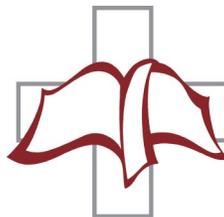
When the apostles are brought before the council, Peter boldly bears witness to Jesus as Leader and Savior for repentance and forgiveness of sins.

### **Revelation 1:4-18**

John sees him "who is and who was and who is to come," together with Jesus Christ first-born from the dead and coming in the clouds to be given glory and dominion forever with the Lord God, the Almighty.

### **John 20:19-31**

The risen Lord blesses his disciples with a three-fold "Peace be with you" and then sends them forth to proclaim the forgiveness of sins.



## Jehovah Service and Education Schedule



**9:30am Divine Service**

**Sundays in the Sanctuary**

Invite a friend and join us  
for a year of connecting and *Walking Together*.

**Living by Faith**

**11:00am on Sundays**

**Ages 14 - 100+**

**Join us in person in the lounge**

Contact Pastor Miller with questions  
at 612-600-3514 or [pastorjoshuamiller@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjoshuamiller@gmail.com).



**Growing in Faith**

**Ages Birth - 13 years**

Gather with us weekly in the nursery after the Divine Service.

Parents are welcome to stay with their children.



Dear Friends in Christ,

In his letter to the Philippians, St. Paul teaches us to imitate the humility and service of our Lord Jesus by looking not only to our own interests but to the interests of others (Phil. 2:4). This you, the people of God, have done throughout this pandemic. You have inconvenienced yourselves by masking to help protect others from infection with the COVID-19 virus and its variants. As your pastor, I thank you for that. I know it has not been fun to mask, but it has been beneficial to the lives of our neighbors.

Now that the COVID situation in our area has greatly improved, many of you have asked if we can now relax our mask policy. Your church council and I have discussed this at length, and we are all in agreement that the time is right to begin the first steps of rolling back our masking policy at Jehovah.

Beginning on April 17, Easter Sunday, Jehovah Lutheran Church will no longer require masking in most non-worship activities. We will no longer require masks to be worn at Bible class (Living by Faith), board and council meetings, volunteering in the church building, or for employees working at Jehovah. In any of these settings, you may certainly continue to wear a mask if you wish, but beginning on Easter Sunday, **masking in these settings will not be required.**

**For the time being, we will continue asking everyone to mask in worship and in children's Sunday school.** The reason for this is that our youngest friends have not yet been able to receive vaccination against COVID-19. At present, it appears that this will change soon.

As long as COVID rates continue to be low in our area, we hope and plan to take the next step of making masks optional in worship in the not too distant future. Your lay leadership and I will continue to monitor the situation, and changes to our policies may be made as the circumstances change.

Again, thank you for bearing with one another in the love of Christ during this time.

God's blessings be with you all!

In Christ,  
Pastor Joshua Miller



## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now open for the following elected positions for Jehovah Evangelical Lutheran Church:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Financial Secretary

Chair, Board of Lay Ministry

Chair, Board of Mission and Ministry

Chair, Administration Resources Board

Representative to Concordia Academy Board

Nominees must be voting members of the Jehovah Lutheran Church congregation. You may nominate yourself for a position or you may nominate another person to serve in a position, but please let that person know before you submit their name to the Nominating Committee. Each person nominated will be contacted by a member of the Nominating Committee before their name is added to the slate that will be presented to the Voters.

The slate will be posted prominently in the building Sunday April 24 through May 1 for all to review. Final nominations are due on or before Sunday, May 1, so that the final slate of candidates can be submitted to the Office Administrator for inclusion in the Prospectus distributed to the congregation on Sunday, May 8. Elections for all positions will be held at the Voters' meeting scheduled for Sunday, May 15, 2022.

The newly elected Officers and Board Chairs will assume their duties on June 1, 2022.

To place a name or names in nomination, please contact Charlie Avoles at [charlieavoles@comcast.net](mailto:charlieavoles@comcast.net) or call him at 651-398-4891, or tell one of the other members of the 2022 Nominating Committee.

2022 Nominating Committee Members

Church Council: Maggie Dalager, Charlie Avoles, Marge Avoles

Members-at-Large: Julie Wynn, Marc Hequet, Dick Westpfahl

*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,  
which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

Ephesians 2:10

To the members of Jehovah Lutheran Church:

After 6.5 years of service as your organist, I will be officially "stepping off the bench" after Divine Service on Sunday, May 1.



Many things happened during these years, these are a few highlights:

- Hosting a concert for the American Organ Historical Society Annual Convention 2017
- Hosting Sara Hertzler in concert, organist of the Wittenberg Castle, Germany
- A significant organ maintenance project repairing many collapsed pipes and other items
- Numerous Cantata Sunday performances
- Five interim pastors
- Calling Pastor Miller
- Introduction of Lutheran Service Book
- A global pandemic including quickly learning with the worship leadership team how to do online services
- Civil unrest calling all of us to look both outwardly and inwardly at serious racial issues in our society.
- Political unrest
- Two personal job changes (1 unplanned, 1 planned)
- Moving from Minneapolis to Minnetonka
- My son graduated high school
- Countless rehearsals, meetings, hours of practice, etc . . .

. . . and it was all good.

But I'm tired and need time for my family and myself. I do not know what my musical future holds and have no specific plans. I know, though, that when the time is right an opportunity will present itself - it always has.

A word about the Jan van Daalen organ: Jehovah is blessed with one of the finest organs in the Twin Cities area. This says a lot considering the vast wealth of excellent instruments found throughout the state. It's a constant joy to trek up to the balcony and sit at the instrument and make music. Very soon (2023/2024) the instrument will be 40 years old! I remember when David Craighead, from the Eastman School of Music, came to play the dedicatory recital. In the past year, I've played some music for worship that was commissioned specifically for this instrument. With the introduction of the new hymnal, the church also purchased the complete Hymn Prelude Library, which is a 12-volume collection of newly written chorale preludes for each and every hymn in the Lutheran Service Book. This has been a very useful collection and adds a fresh dimension to each Sunday's music. I've tried to play something from this collection each week. I expect future organists will find it equally useful.

It is impossible to leave without acknowledging my colleagues in musical and liturgical leadership: Elizabeth Wegner, Benjamin Wegner, Rhoda Schuler, Pastor Miller and, of course(!), the choir. All these people, through their gifts and talents, have pushed me in many different directions, challenged ways of thinking and made me a better musician and person. I am truly thankful and grateful for all they have done in their roles of service these past years.

I also offer my profound thanks to the people of Jehovah Lutheran Church. Your love of music, the organ, and your support has been nothing short of astounding. I wish you all nothing but the best in the days and years to come.

Thank you!

Timothy Buendorf

## Voters' Meeting Scheduled

Due to the late Easter date our next Voters' Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, May 15.



## Walking Together: Making Disciples for Life

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship,  
to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

Acts 2:42 ESV

### WALKING TOGETHER . . . TO INVITE THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO JEHOVAH!



Saturday morning, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 15 Jehovah members gathered in the church lounge at 10 o'clock to choose walking partners, to pick up an area map, to pray, and to prepare to walk around one or more blocks of our church neighborhood. The purpose of our **Prayer Walk** was to pray for our neighbors and to leave brightly colored door hangers on their doors, inviting them to join us for Lenten, Holy Week and Easter services at Jehovah Lutheran Church. We enjoyed the brisk, sunny morning in St. Paul and a good time of fellowship together in the lounge with coffee, donuts, and snacks before and after the walk. We trust that the Holy Spirit will continue to work in the hearts of all our neighbors, including those in the more than 200 homes where we left door hangers. As always, if you see a new face in church in the weeks ahead, please be sure to greet them warmly – and look to see if they have a “Jehovah” door hanger in their pocket!

## Mission Markings at Jehovah!

Every road or path has signposts alongside it. These signposts are markings that guide the way of travelers. As we walk together on our roadmap of care and outreach, we will have short "mission markings" from time to time at the conclusion of the Divine Service. The purpose of these markings is to highlight a mission, care, or outreach opportunity that is coming up. These markings will help to guide us at stages along the way as we walk together.

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### Opportunities for Engagement

#### Attending:

Worshipping each Sunday  
*Living by Faith* (Bible class) or *Growing in Faith* (Sunday school)

#### Connecting:

Saying “Hi” to new faces  
Re-connecting with those whom we have not seen for a while  
Staying connected with those unable to drive to our building

#### Praying:

Pray for your congregation, its prayer requests, and its outreach  
Pray for your pastor and his family  
Become a partner with the prayer team

Questions? Talk with Pastor Miller or a member of the Board of Lay Ministry.

#### Serving:

Youth night  
General interest group

Questions? Talk with Pastor Miller or Janet Fishback, Chair of Mission and Ministry.

## IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Donna Ostenson Kiefert  
 Rita Galston  
 Paul Finegan  
 George Mendoza  
 Sandy Quenzer  
 Tom Kelly  
 Tim Robinson  
 Patrick Carey  
 Wesley Pagel  
 Shawn Davis  
 Shirley Starner, and her son-in-law Greg Beaudoin  
 Jim Kinsel  
 Lynne Baerthel and her family  
 Becky Herrmann (niece of Charlie and Marge Avoles)  
 Jeannie Edwards (cousin of Pastor Miller with cancer)  
 Margaret Davis (Great Aunt of Pastor Miller)  
 Paul Boettcher (father of Elizabeth Wegner)  
 Larry Schroeder (cousin of Tim Robinson)  
 Lisa Dutton (daughter of Marge Maule)  
 Mike Wynn (brother of Dan Wynn)  
 Kathy Schempf (cousin of Janet Fishback)



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

*Seek the Lord and his strength,  
 seek his presence continually.  
 1 Chronicles 16:11*

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## IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Those suffering or recovering from COVID-19, and for wise use of the vaccines.

For peace to prevail in our world. For an end to aggression and fighting between the peoples of Russia and Ukraine. For mutual understanding and dialog rather than violence and threats.

Safety and good health for all students, teachers and staff at schools, including those from this congregation.

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 compassionate support of all mothers of young children who are in need.

For better stewardship of God's creation and strengthening of those whose professional vocation it is to care for the earth.

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

For Governor Walz and all in leadership in our state.

Mayor Carter and all in city government.

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

For unity of purpose in the Gospel for our congregation, as we walk together on our roadmap of care and 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 Jeanne and John Watson.






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**APRIL**

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

# Pray For Us Calendar

**TEACHING THE FAITH —**
**APRIL 1-15**

This month, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod celebrates the many ways that God's children are instructed, encouraged and strengthened in the faith. By teaching the faith, we nurture the faithful and reach the lost.

*Remember how God works to strengthen the faith of His people as you pray:*

- 1.** *with thanksgiving for the gift of faith received at Baptism.* Ask the Lord to continue to strengthen that faith — and the budding faith of our children — until we depart this life and are united with the Lord.
- 2.** *with thanksgiving to God for the gift of His holy and inspired Word, the Sacred Scriptures; and for the Book of Concord and the many teaching aids that help us understand that Word aright and rejoice in its consolation.*

- 3.** *for Christian families, that the Lord would provide the assistance and tools necessary to overcome every challenge — big or small — that might drive them apart.*

- 4.** *for strong Christian marriages, that husbands and wives would cling to each other in the Lord, despite life's challenges, and raise their children to walk in the way of the Lord.*

- 5.** *for Christian parents, that they would make teaching the faith to their children a priority. Pray that they set aside time to worship together, talk about faith issues, study the Bible and have family devotions.*

- 6.** *that family members would treat each other with kindness and patience, so that each member might be built up in the family of God.*

- 7.** *for our children and young people, who face daily assaults on their Christian beliefs, that God would strengthen and encourage them to stand firm while sharing the Gospel.*

- 8.** *for our churches, that they would provide useful education and programs to help equip people at every stage of life — teens, husbands and wives, parents, caretakers of aging parents and more.*

- 9.** *that God would continue to provide faithful church workers to serve as role models and teach people about their identity as a baptized child of God.*

- 10.** *that church members would eagerly volunteer their time and talents to support the congregation's educational programs, such as vacation Bible school, Sunday school and groups for young families.*

- 11.** *that LCMS members would eagerly participate in Bible studies, small-group discussions and private study.*

- 12.** *with thanksgiving for faithful parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers and other role models who help to "train up a child in the way he should go" (Prov. 22:6).*

- 13.** *for the Concordia University System and the Synod's two seminaries, that the Lord would bless their work in training new generations of workers to serve the Church.*

- 14.** *for the Synod's directors of Family Life Ministry, that God would bless their efforts to support healthy relationships in the families of our congregations.*

- 15.** *that we might have hearts that are willing and eager to serve the Lord in every way.*

## APRIL Pray For Us Calendar

### MINISTRY TO THE ARMED FORCES – APRIL 16-30

Since the Civil War, LCMS pastors have served as military chaplains. Today, the Synod's Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF) supports active duty, reserves, National Guard and Civil Air Patrol chaplains. MAF recruits, interviews and endorses all military chaplains and supports them throughout their careers. MAF also provides a network of care for our nation's military members, families and veterans through Operation Barnabas.

*Remember God's work through LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF) as you pray:*

- 16.** that God would bless and guide the work of the MAF director and assistant director.
- 17.** for the President of the United States. Ask God to guide our commander in chief to lead with wisdom for the protection of the innocent against evil.
- 18.** for LCMS military chaplains serving on active duty for the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.
- 19.** for our LCMS Reserve and National Guard chaplains, especially those who have been mobilized stateside or overseas and taken from their parishes to extended active duty assignments, for those deployed, their families and their home parishes.

**20.** for Operation Barnabas, which is designed to meet the needs of congregations in the event their pastor/chaplain is mobilized. Operation Barnabas also seeks to assist veterans and military families during and after deployment.

**21.** for all congregations that reach out to members of our military through Operation Barnabas, that they would uphold them in prayer as they help to meet their physical, psychological and spiritual needs through the training they have received and the Lord's provision.

**22.** for increasing opportunities for LCMS chaplains to spread Christ's message of salvation, hope and restoration to those they serve.

**23.** for all chaplains returning home, that they would receive a hero's welcome for their

sacrifice to this country so that in freedom we can continue to openly worship the one true God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**24.** for those who suffer from battle stress and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Pray that God would bring healing and renewal to those who have served or who are currently serving.

**25.** for all chaplains who are sick or have sick family members, that the Father of all mercies and the God of all comfort would look with favor upon them, and as it pleases Him, restore them to health or give them the grace to accept this tribulation with courage and hope.

**26.** for all chaplains in harm's way, that God would not let their hearts despair nor their faith fail them, but sustain, guide and comfort them.

**27.** for all members of the military who were disabled during their duty, that our heavenly Father would mercifully guide, aid and strengthen all

those with physical disabilities, enabling them to find fulfillment in their lives and encouragement for all their endeavors.

**28.** with thanksgiving to God for providing LCMS chaplains to serve members of the armed forces. Please pray that military chaplains would have every opportunity to share the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ with members of the military and anyone with whom they work and live.

**29.** for all military chaplains upon their return, that they would be reunited with their families, find gainful employment and receive all the care they need to heal their minds, bodies and souls. Grant that they would always look to Christ as their rock and their redeemer.

**30.** for those who minister to the armed forces, that by God's gracious working, they may honor Christ and advance the good of those committed to their care, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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## APRIL

- 3 Patty Karschnik
- 7 Dawn Johnson
- 11 Zachary Friedman
- 11 Sue Puder
- 11 Bruce Wegner
- 13 Erica Dalager-Reed
- 19 Tyler Baerthel  
Mark Pelzl
- 20 Ann Burkholder
- 21 Noah Miesen
- 23 Chad Savard
- 26 Matthew Westpfahl
- 27 Heather Baerthel
- 30 Dick Newman

★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*



**Celebrating  
our  
Seniors!**

**You are cordially invited to the Fifteenth Annual  
CELEBRATING SENIORS SUNDAY  
May 1, 2022**

There will be an in-person socially distanced service at church at 9:30am. We hope you can join in on the special service to honor our seniors. Instead of joining all together to share a luncheon, we will drop off a lunch for you and a friend on the morning of **Saturday, April 30**.

**RSVP requested by April 20, 2021.** Please call either Janet Fishback (H: 651-636-7046 or C: 612-388-5286) or the church office (651-644-1421) to let us know how many lunches you will need for each senior and a friend.

We look forward to celebrating with you on May 1st.

**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*

## 'THE LIST CHANGES DAILY': HELP FOR UKRAINE



Our Lord told His disciples, “And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are but the beginning of the birth pains” (Matt. 24:6–8).

Jesus warned them that they would face many trials, “but the one who endures to the end will be saved” (Matt. 24:13). As the church waits for the return of Christ, we know that wars and other trials will occur, and we pray for those who are suffering.

First, we pray that their faith in Christ would endure. We also pray that God would provide for them as their gracious heavenly Father. And we pray that all find hope and strength in the grace of God in Jesus Christ.

As the situation in Ukraine continues, the church prays and provides for those affected.

In a recent email, the Rev. James A. Krikava, associate executive director of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Office of International Mission (OIM), Eurasia and Asia Operations, explained that the OIM is already working with several church bodies in Europe to help those affected by this crisis.

This work includes aid for our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine (ELCU) and other refugees.

The OIM is currently working with five partner churches to help refugees from this conflict. These church bodies are located in Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Germany and the Czech Republic.

The Rev. Serge Maschewski, bishop of the ELCU, requests funds for medicine; fuel for the evacuation of children, women and the elderly; food; and personal safety gear for pastors who work in dangerous areas.

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Maschewski said that the needs are always changing: “I don’t know the exact amount of money. Today we need food. Tomorrow we need medicine. The list changes daily.”

In a recent email to Krikava and LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, Maschewski said, “I want to give special thanks to the faithful of the LCMS, and personally to President Harrison and Pastor Krikava. God bless you! We, by the power of God, will overcome all things, and the Lord will grant us victory!”

The Lord Jesus, who talked about coming wars and calamities, died and rose from the dead to forgive sins and give eternal life to all who believe. Before He ascended, He promised His church, “And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matt. 28:20). The church prays for peace in our world and for faith as we await His coming.

To support the people of Ukraine, please pray for them.

If you desire to contribute to their needs, there are three ways to donate:

- Text **LCMSUKRAINE** to **41-444**
- [Give online via LCMS Mission Advancement](#)
- Call the LCMS at **888-930-4438**
- [Give online via Mission Central](#)
- Call Mission Central (Mapleton, Iowa) at **712-882-1029**

*"Come, you who are blessed by my Father,  
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.  
For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink,  
I was a stranger and you welcomed me. "*

Matthew 25:34b-35, ESV

# *Men's Bible Study*

## **Discipleship according to Peter**

Join us for Bible study on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 in the lounge.

We will be studying Peter's message of hope in his first letter.  
Bring your own Bible and coffee mug, if you like, or use the ones provided.

Begins April 20

No RSVP necessary

Contact Pastor Miller with any questions.



Join us for Bible Study at 1:00pm  
the first Thursday of each month.

Open to everyone.

Our curriculum comes from  
the Lutheran Women's Quarterly.

If you have questions or would like more information,  
contact Pastor Miller.

### **ABOUT THE LWML**

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), also called Lutheran Women in Mission, is a national auxiliary organization of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). Though a national auxiliary, it is organized by Districts, Conferences, and Zones, which include individual congregations such as Jehovah. Jehovah is in the Saint Paul Zone, the Capitol Conference, and the Minnesota South District. The mission of the LWML is to "...joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others."

All women who are members of an LCMS congregation are considered members of LWML/  
Lutheran Women in Mission and are warmly invited to participate in whatever way they can.  
Please watch for invitations and opportunities.

## Spring Rally



**Saturday April 9, 2022**  
**9:30-11:00am**  
**9:00am registration and refreshments.**

**King of Kings Lutheran Church**  
**2330 Dale Street N**  
**Roseville, MN 55113-4510**  
**Come in through the north doors**

Our zone President Beth Schuster will be facilitating the program.

### Presentation:

Rev Dr. Fung Lo, missionary, speaking about Hmong International Mission work in Southeast Asia and leading singing using Hmong musical instruments:

Amazing Grace  
 Nothing But the Blood of Jesus  
 What a Friend We Have In Jesus

Bible Devotion, Music, LWML news

Freewill donation/offering

### **Attend in person or view online**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7o904ZfVlef9M67zkmGr-A>

King of Kings Lutheran Church and School YouTube

Plan to attend in person? RSVP to Beth [bdschust@msn.com](mailto:bdschust@msn.com)<mailto:bdschust@msn.com>

or leave a message at 651-631-8956 by Thursday, April 7th.

## KEYSTONE COMMUNITY SERVICES



A keystone is a central wedge-shaped stone of an arch that locks the parts together and supports the whole. While we at Keystone strive to live up to our namesake and be that keystone for our community, we want you to know that YOU are OUR keystone. You are what keeps us supported, and makes our work in the community possible. Your financial support, in-kind donations, volunteer help, and moral support make it possible for Keystone to provide support, food, and programs that enrich the lives of so many youth, seniors, and families in our community.

*Thank you!*

### KEYSTONE FOOD SHELF LOCATIONS

You can go to any Keystone food shelf location that is convenient to you. No appointment is necessary. Food shelf participants are served on a first come, first served basis during the hours listed below.

#### Midway Food Shelf

1916 University Avenue W. (near Prior Avenue), St. Paul, MN 55104  
651-917-3792

- Monday: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

#### Rice Street Food Shelf

1459 Rice Street, Suite 3 (at Arlington Avenue), St. Paul, MN 55117  
651-487-2792

- Monday: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; Closed in the afternoon
- Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.



# Most Needed Food Shelf Items

## Canned Goods:

Soup, Meat, Fish, Beans, Fruit, Veggies



## Quick to Eat:

Granola bars, Peanut butter, Microwave meals



## Culturally Specific:

Rice, Soy Sauce, Vermicelli Noodles



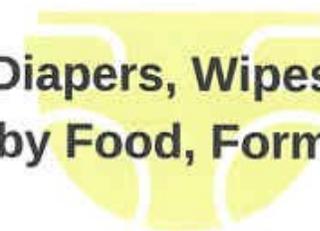
## Cooking:

Flour, Sugar, Oil, Milk Alternatives



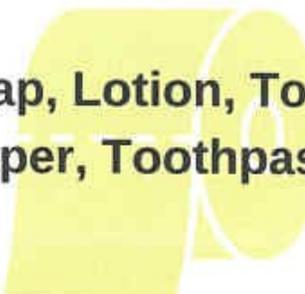
## Baby Items:

Diapers, Wipes, Baby Food, Formula



## Personal Care:

Soap, Lotion, Toilet Paper, Toothpaste



Drop off locations and information online: [www.keystoneservices.org](http://www.keystoneservices.org)

## EAGLE SCOUT PAINTING PROJECT



Thank you all for the support to Devon Joseph in his Eagle Scout project. He painted the stairway that leads from the gym and youth room to the parking lot. He also painted Room 17 across from the library in the lower level. He did not need to paint the choir room as the paint was not in need of more than a few touch ups. He washed the scuffs off and touched up where necessary. He would like to thank everyone for their support with his project.

Those of us from Jehovah who have had a chance to look at the project were impressed with the quality of the work and that the project areas were left in excellent condition by Devon and the scouts who worked with him.

*thank  
you*

## THANK YOU FROM REZEK HOUSE



Rezek House would like to thank Jehovah for your contribution in helping to make this past holiday season special for the youth we serve.

## MAIN STREET LIVING | SUNDAYS 9:00 – 10:00am | 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 April is below. To watch, go to [mainstreetliving.com](http://mainstreetliving.com) and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

April 3: “Holy Land Tour, Part 1” featuring video of locations in the earthly ministry of Jesus, led by Rev. Nabil Nour who grew up in Israel.

April 10: “Holy Land Tour, Part 2”

April 17: “Three Days” featuring the disciples’ reactions and interaction in the days between Jesus’ death and resurrection.

April 24: “Gates of Glory” featuring Thomas recounting his experience with doubt and belief as he meets the risen Jesus.

## CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY - SEWARD BAND



**The Concordia University-Seward Band**  
**Concordia Academy Auditorium**  
**Palm Sunday, April 10.**  
**7:00pm**

**The Concordia University-Seward Band**, directed by Kurt von Kampen, will be in the Concordia Academy Auditorium on Palm Sunday, April 10. The concert is at 7:00pm and will last about 90 minutes. Following the concert, the band is looking for host homes. If you know of people with the gift of hospitality and a love for CUNE, please share this link:

Concordia University - Nebraska [host homes sign-up](#).

## JEHOVAH WELCOMES SINGERS IN ACCORD

under the direction of Dr. David L. Mennicke of Concordia University, St. Paul

April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

May 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm




singers in  
**ACCORD.**  
Choral Ensemble

Proudly present

# Earthsongs

with Dr. David L. Mennicke  
Director of Choral Studies at Concordia University, St. Paul

Sat., April 30, 2022 - 7:00 pm  
Sun., May 1, 2022 - 5:00 pm  
Jehovah Lutheran Church - St. Paul, MN

**\$15 tickets available at the door**  
(cash or check preferred)

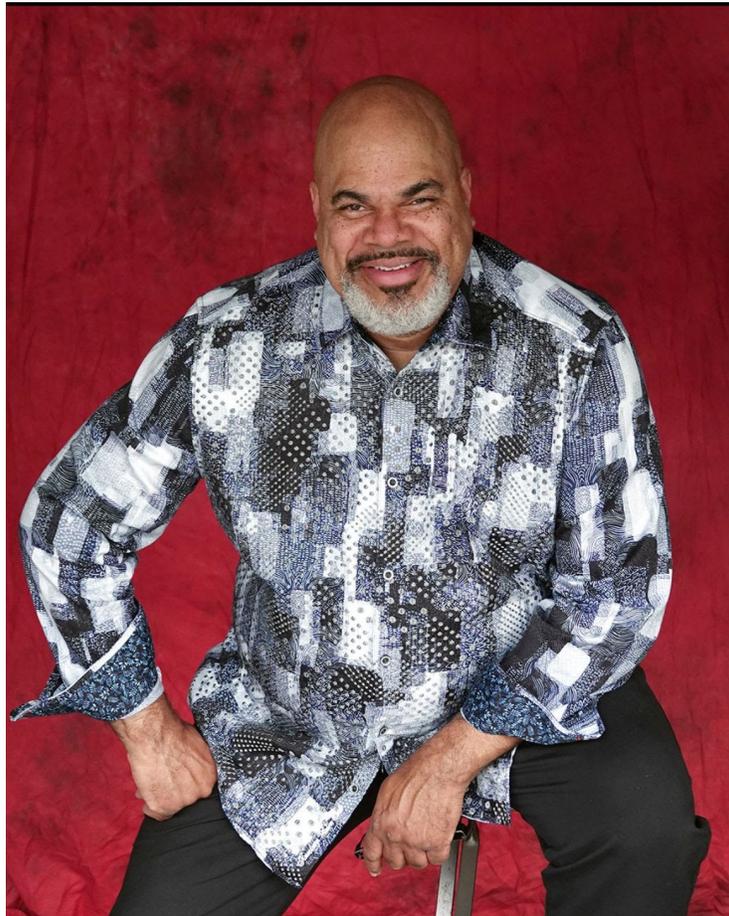
**Masks & Vaccinations Required**

[www.singersinaccord.org](http://www.singersinaccord.org)

The hour-long concert shares music from around the world, including compositions and arrangements representing Native Americans, the Middle East, Latin America, South Africa, Asia, and African Americans. It is noteworthy that the majority of the composers/arrangers are from under-represented populations, lending insight and authenticity to the pieces.

Each section of the program offers a challenge each culture has faced (or is still facing), then offers a way each of these peoples has found towards peace and restoration. For example, the South African section opens with Peter Louis van Dijk's *Horizons*, which tells the story of the Khoisan tribe's first encounter with Europeans and its tragic, violent outcome for those native people. The program then responds with an arrangement of the South African Gospel piece, "*Kwabona Kala (Be Like Him)*" by SIA's guest collaborator, David Mennicke, which combines that tune with a famous European melody to musically express a recent reconciliation that took place in South Africa.

**Friends of Jehovah will receive a \$5 discount on tickets. Use keyword "Jehovah" to receive the discount when purchasing tickets at the door.**



**MY HEART SINGS SO MY SPIRIT MAY FLY**  
**A presentation by T. Mychael Rambo**

**Wednesday April 20, 2022 10:30 – 11:25 a.m.**  
**Concordia University, St. Paul, Buetow Music Auditorium**  
**Free and open to the public**

T. Mychael Rambo will present through storytelling and song the journey of his life from his proud lineage of Rambo, Texas, to his experiencing homelessness and addiction to today. His story embraces 33 years of sobriety and becoming a highly sought-after, Emmy Award winning actor, acclaimed vocalist, arts educator and activist. Through this presentation he will share the power of song, the richness of African American culture and the artistic wealth that radiates from them both.

This energized, illuminating, and interactive celebration of community is laced with humor, thought-provoking insights and poignant moments that uplift and amplify the importance of joy, gratitude and grace at a time when they're needed more than ever...ultimately reminding us to let our hearts sing so that our spirits may fly!

# ***King of Kings Lutheran***



## ***Basketball Camp***

The King of Kings Basketball Camp is open for students who are entering grades 4th-6th in the Fall of 2022. The camp will be instructed by the King of Kings coaching staff and alumni members of the King of Kings basketball teams. All participants will receive a basketball camp t-shirt and four days of training.

**Dates: June 27-30th, 2022**

**9:00am-12:00 pm**

**\$50.00 for each camper**

**Register at**

**[https://docs.google.com/forms/  
d/17O2OxTg6szDmlArilszFNeZfuzcekq18OijvYVjQHw4/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17O2OxTg6szDmlArilszFNeZfuzcekq18OijvYVjQHw4/edit)**

**If you have any questions or interests  
email Nathaniel Schmidtke at  
[Nschmidtke@kingofkingsroseville.org](mailto:Nschmidtke@kingofkingsroseville.org).**

# *King of Kings Lutheran*



## *Basketball Program*

The King of Kings Basketball Program is open for boys who are entering grades 6-9 in the Fall of 2022. The program will be instructed by the King of Kings coaching staff.

### Session One

Dates: June 6-16th, 2022  
Time: 10:00am-12:00 pm

### Session Two

Dates: July 25th- August 4th  
Time: 10:00 am-12:00 pm

**\*Yes, you can attend both sessions!  
\$50.00 for each athlete**

Registration is by google sign up:  
Session 1: <https://forms.gle/fTHdnvxeqJGsGYLp7>  
Session 2: <https://forms.gle/MLP6o3rbRDHB4aan8>

If you have any questions or interests  
email Nathaniel Schmidtke at  
[Nschmidtke@kingofkingsroseville.org](mailto:Nschmidtke@kingofkingsroseville.org).

