

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

July 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 JULY 26TH
to office@jehovahlutheran.org

SCRIPTURES FOR WORSHIP

July 3: Isaiah 66:10-14, Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18, Luke 10:1-20

July 10: Leviticus 18:1-5, 19:9-18, Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37

July 17: Genesis 18:1-14, Colossians 1:21-29, Luke 10:38-42

July 24: Genesis 18:20-33, Colossians 2:6--19, Luke 11:1-13

July 31: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-26, Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Walking Together:

Everything in the Name of Jesus

Dear Friends in Christ,

Summer is really here in Minnesota! Our temperatures have been in the 90's recently! For many in Minnesota, summer is a time when we often change our typical activities at school or work or even just in our daily routines. I've taken this opportunity to take a break from writing articles on our liturgy in the Divine Service to talk about something else: doing everything we do in the name of Jesus.

For us Christians, though many things change with the seasons and different times in our lives, Jesus never changes. He is true God become human, crucified, and risen for us! No matter what else changes, Jesus does not. No matter what changes in our culture or in our lives, Jesus is still the reason we do everything as believers in Christ. He is the reason we awake in the morning, that we serve others and, of course, that we share His love with them.

In his letter to the Colossians, St. Paul says, "Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus." That is my prayer for my life, work, conversation, and recreation as we walk together under Jesus this summer. I pray that it is yours as well.

And we do have some exciting things taking place! We have a neighborhood walking tour, more popsicles in the park, National Night Out and our rally-style Vacation Bible School called, "Midway Summer Splash!"

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We also are exploring a very interesting opportunity for outreach in our community through Poble, a Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, that reaches out to welcome refugees and immigrants with the love of God in Jesus Christ.

Throughout all this, through our outreach, through our events, through our conversations together, and through receiving God's Word in Divine Service and our Sunday school and Bible studies, we do it all in the name of Jesus. Our God has given us everything in Jesus, and we respond to His gracious gifts by worshipping Him and loving each other and our neighbors in the name of Jesus.

Blessings to you, in the loving and saving name of Jesus,
Pastor Joshua Miller



Voters' Meeting

Sunday, July 24, 2022

11:15am in the Sanctuary

You will receive your Prospectus by email by Sunday, July 17.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, July 3

Isaiah 66:10-14

The prophet envisions the restoration of all Israel in the image of a nursing woman and in the picture of prosperity flowing to Jerusalem like a river.

Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18

Paul lays out the right way to use Christian freedom: bear one another's burdens; sow not to the flesh but to the Spirit; work for the good of all.

Luke 10:1-20

Jesus sends seventy ahead of him in pairs to enact signs of the kingdom. He warns of hardship and promises power over evil.

Sunday, July 10

Leviticus 18:1-5, 19:9-18

The passage commands living by the statutes of "the Lord your God," and gives laws on worship, justice, charity and chastity, concluding with "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

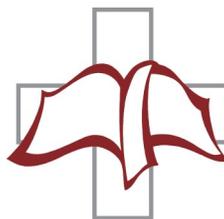
Colossians 1:1-14

Paul begins this letter with a prayer of thanks to God for the readers' faith in Christ, their love for others, and their heavenly hope; and he prays that they may lead lives worthy of the Lord.

Luke 10:25-37

Jesus tells the parable of "The Good Samaritan" to show that the command to love does not limit care to our own kind but calls us to treat everyone we meet with compassion.

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, July 17

Genesis 18:1-14

The Lord appears in the guise of three men to whom Abraham shows great hospitality. They ask for Sarah and one of them tells her that she shall have a son.

Colossians 1:21-29

Using an early Christian hymn Paul lauds Christ both as ruler over all creation and all powers and as head of his body, the church—a gospel of reconciliation of which Paul is a servant.

Luke 10:38-42

Martha welcomes Jesus into her house. She was “worried and distracted” about serving him, but Jesus praises her sister Mary for listening to his words.

Sunday, July 24

Genesis 18:20-33

Abraham, knowing the Lord to be just, dares to bargain with Yahweh over the fate of wicked Sodom and Gomorrah to the point that only ten righteous suffice to avert destruction.

Colossians 2:6--19

Paul warns the Christians at Colossae against false teaching and urges them to hold Christ in whom God made them alive through their baptism. “Live your lives in him.”

Luke 11:1-13

When the disciples ask “Lord, teach us to pray,” Jesus gives them the Lord’s prayer and follows with instruction on the need for perseverance in prayer.

Sunday, July 31

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-13, 2:18-26

The sage has studied all of life and found “all is vanity.” He detests the fruits of his labors because they must be left to an heir who has not labored for them.

Colossians 3:1-11

You have been raised with Christ. Therefore “put to death” what is earthly in you and put on the new self, now hidden with Christ in God but to be revealed with him in glory.

Luke 12:13-21

Jesus warns his disciples to “Take care!” regarding possessions and tells the parable of the rich fool. “The things you have prepared, whose will they be?”



Baroque

CANTATA SUNDAY

JULY 31 BAROQUE CANTATA SUNDAY

As a musical culmination of our "Everything in Jesus" worship theme for June-July, the July 31 service will feature a cantata, "Every Word and Thought" by the German Baroque composer, Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707). A small vocal ensemble (largely from the Wegner and Mennicke clans) will sing the piece, accompanied on the organ by Fran Harris.

The text of the piece is an extension of our Colossians-based worship this summer. The cantata (originally in German "Alles was ihr tut") is inspired by Colossians 3:17--"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

Buxtehude was one of the most admired composers in Germany in the generation before J.S. Bach. In fact, as a young man Bach walked 200 miles on foot to attend the famous *Abendmusik* services Buxtehude led at his church in Lübeck.

For a sneak peak, here is a YouTube link to a performance of the piece (this link in German):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zoavG7sRTRc>

We look forward to sharing this delightful piece with the Jehovah family!

*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

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.



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.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Discipleship according to Peter

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

We are 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.

No RSVP necessary
 Contact Pastor Miller with any questions.

Let the
Word of Christ
 dwell in you richly
 Colossians 3:16



JEHOVAH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

Join us for coffee, conversation, prayer, and Bible Study
 on the first Thursday of the month at 1:00pm.

Open to everyone.

Our curriculum comes from
 the Lutheran Women's Quarterly.

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

**PLEASE NOTE:
 THE THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY
 WILL NOT MEET IN JULY.**



**CARING FOR AND SHARING CHRIST WITH HURTING PEOPLE
CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. LOUIS — \$100,000 GRANT**

What is a deaconess? She is a professional church worker trained to share the gospel of Christ. The LWML Mission Grant “Caring for and Sharing Christ with Hurting People” provides scholarships to women studying on site at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis or those studying remotely with Center for Hispanic Studies, Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology, or the newly offered online Deaconess Studies Program. To learn more, go to lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-14. This mission grant is supported by our Mite Offerings.

DELEGATE REPORT

**Lutheran Women’s Missionary League
Minnesota South District
29th Biennial Convention
June 16 – 18, 2022**

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as delegate from Jehovah to the Minnesota South District LWML Convention on June 16 - 18. The theme of the convention, “Rejoice in Hope,” was taken from Romans 12:12, an encouragement from Paul that came “with eyes open,” as the verse continues, “be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.” The Bible studies that anchored the convention kept all in attendance in mind of our call to pray with hope, even amid personal suffering and the challenges of our own time, because our hope is certain. It is a hope given to us in our Baptism and based not on the fickleness of humanity and this world, but on the character of God our Creator, Redeemer, Holy Spirit. As is common with LWML conventions, matters were brisk as business reports were made, Mission Speakers presented, new leadership elected, and new district mission goals determined; but all was sprinkled with the Word and prayer, and with levity and laughter.

Please note that both district and national mission goals and projects are reported on in THE JOTTINGS and posted on the LWML/Lutheran Women in Mission bulletin board in the hallway. Jim Seemann’s ministry is a recipient of these mission collections. Offerings emphasized at the convention were for International Association for Refugees Jonathon House in Richfield, Laurel Community School in Saint Paul, A Reprieve from Ministry Life at Camp Omega, and for the 2022 – 2024 MNS Mission Goal. [LWML Mission Grants are funded by our collected Mite Offerings.](#)

In Christ,
Katherine Mennicke

NEWS FROM THE NEW FREEDOM STORE

**“You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you,
and you shall love him as yourself,
for you were strangers in the land of Egypt:
I am the Lord your God.”**

Leviticus 19: 3

This week we feature an Afghan refugee family who helped the U.S. Marines during the war. He and his family have moved into Saint Paul.

The family is Muslim by faith. They have tried to attend services at a mosque, but have not been warmly received. They are not of the same race. Instead they are being helped and welcomed by Lutheran churches in the circuit.

There is something of a lesson in this. I am not exactly a scholar in world religion but it seems as though all of the major religions of the world teach the ethic of love and kindness. They just don't seem to go as far as Judeo Christians who believe that we should be kind to all people and love them as ourselves.

We have been blessed with a giving spirit in what I call **Compassion 360**, the Christian belief that we must extend kindness to all. That 360 is not the same as a pie. We do not cut it up and parse it out to some but not others. That 360 is rather like a pebble that strikes a pond. It sends waves in all directions and reaches all shores.

This Compassion 360 thought appears in a poem, “The New Colossus”, written by Emma Lazarus. “Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!” This is the fundamental ethic of Christian joy. It so aptly belongs on the Statue of Liberty.

The New Freedom Store gifted this Afghan family with Target gift cards this week. Thanks to you, we will provide clothes and welcome kits for them too.

Thanks to you and the generous support of the Minnesota South District LWML, we will be able to keep on giving until this family is no longer in need. Thanks also to Debi Mahoney and those many others who coordinated the gift giving this year. These gifts and the cards mean that we can dial in the support and give where and when the need is the greatest. I can't help but feel joy whenever I visit with the LWML.

Jim Seemann
1075 Burgess Street
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Follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/The-New-Freedom-Store>

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
 Nancy Sontag
 Marge Avoles (cancer)
 Becky Herrmann (niece of Charlie and Marge Avoles)
 Paul Boettcher (father of Elizabeth Wegner)
 Larry Schroeder (cousin of Tim Robinson)
 Mike Wynn (brother of Dan Wynn)
 Kathy Schempf (cousin of Janet Fishback)
 Tammy Fimrite (niece of Brian Kruchowski)
 Alice Dalager (mother of Erica Dalager-Reed)
 Richard Ericsson (grandfather of Maggie Dalager)



*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

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.

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.

For Mayor Carter and all in city government.

For our District President Lucas Woodford as he begins a new term of service, 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.





JULY

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS — JULY 1-15

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) School Ministry serves as a national voice for Lutheran schools, upholding the standards of Christ-centered schools that are academically strong and respectfully operated. Nationwide, there are 1,992 LCMS schools, which include 1,127 early childhood centers, 778 elementary schools and 87 high schools.

Remember God's work in Lutheran schools as you pray:

- 1.** For the children attending Lutheran schools, that their eyes, ears, hearts and minds would be open to God's Word.
- 2.** For Lutheran school teachers, that they would correctly divide and deliver Law and Gospel to students through real-life applications each day.
- 3.** For Lutheran school principals, who lead people to passionately embrace the witness our schools provide to the community. Pray that pastors, principals, directors and teachers would work together in God-pleasing unity.
- 4.** For pastors, who champion the kingdom work happening in our schools. Pray that pastors would be excited to be an integral part of their school's ministry and the teaching of the children.
- 5.** For the ability of Lutheran schools to serve every child in their care. Ask that the Lord would provide the means to help schools serve children who have disabilities, who have experienced trauma or who come from families with limited resources.
- 6.** For Lutheran schools that are struggling to fill empty seats. Pray that God would revitalize their ministries, energize their staff members and bring more children through their doors.
- 7.** For parents who support our Lutheran schools with their time, talents and treasures. Give thanks for their dedication to the mission of the school.
- 8.** For daily opportunities for our teachers and staff to show God's mercy, love and forgiveness both inside and outside of the classroom. Pray that God would maintain our ability to practice our faith in Lutheran schools.
- 9.** For church members who tell the story of their Lutheran school, that their recommendation might lead more students through the school's doors.
- 10.** For the many non-Christians and exchange students who are coming to our schools. Pray that God would work through the Gospel that they will have faith in Jesus.
- 11.** For first-year teachers, that they may apply their gifts to demonstrate grace and mercy. Pray that God would give them strength and patience.
- 12.** For our early childhood centers that introduce young families to the saving love of Jesus. Pray that they are a faithful witness to the littlest of God's children and their families.
- 13.** For courageous Lutheran schools willing to take calculated risks that will result in significant rewards for students. Give the leaders of these schools wisdom in their decisions.
- 14.** For comfort and healing for school faculty and students during times of injury, illness and loss.
- 15.** For God to raise up wise and gifted leaders who are willing to serve in administrative roles at Lutheran schools.

JULY Pray For Us Calendar

CAMPUS MINISTRY — JULY 16-31

The challenges to Christians on our nation's college campuses are increasing exponentially. On practically every campus, objections are increasing to the biblical worldview, Christian doctrine, traditional ethics and moral practices. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's (LCMS) campus-ministry arm, LCMS U, aims to encourage, support and help students, faculty and staff in their response to these challenges so they can boldly bear witness to Christ.

Remember God's work through LCMS U as you pray:

- 16.** for the 200-plus LCMS U chapters around the country, that they would receive the support they need to effectively reach out to America's college students.
- 17.** that more congregations and individuals would become involved with their local LCMS U chapters or start new ones.
- 18.** for the growth of LCMS U on urban campuses and at community colleges, two fertile mission fields. Pray that the Lord would open doors to the spread of His Word in these places.
- 19.** for all the dedicated staff and volunteers involved in campus ministry, that God would energize them for their work and use them to plant seeds of faith that will continue to grow.
- 20.** for students starting their first year of college, that they would find a church to attend.
- Christian friends and make good decisions while living away from home for the first time.
- 21.** for the parents of college students, especially those who have an empty nest for the first time. Pray that they would find joy and contentment in the midst of life's changes.
- 22.** that Lutheran college students would be bold witnesses to their faith in Jesus Christ, even when faced with pressure from peers and professors.
- 23.** that young people would hunger for the certain truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and not be deceived by the half-truths and lies of Satan.
- 24.** for the 800,000-plus foreign students studying at American colleges and universities. Many come from countries where the Gospel is not freely preached. Pray that their time in the U.S. would provide the opportunity for them to learn about Jesus.



- 25.** for the international students who came to faith while studying abroad. Ask the Lord to provide support so that they can continue to grow in their faith after they return home.
- 26.** for busy college students, who are pulled in many directions with the demands of school, work, friends, family and other activities. Pray that they would make God a priority by setting aside time for worship, Bible study and Christian service.
- 27.** for the development of campus-ministry programs at institutions of higher education around the world.
- 28.** that God would bless and guide the work of all students.
- 29.** with thanksgiving for a new school year. Pray that students and campus-ministry workers would return refreshed and with renewed dedication.
- 30.** for recent college graduates, that they would find gainful employment as well as a church home where they can learn about God's holy Word in all of its truth and purity.
- 31.** for all students, that God would protect them and provide people to share with them the Word of God.

Congregations and individuals are invited to copy these pages for newsletters or other distribution. Download at lcms.org/prayforus or call 888-842-5287 to request a copy.



PHOTOS: LCMSCOMMUNICATIONS/STEW N. LINNENBERG



JULY

- 1 Thomas Miller
- 3 Abby Wegner
- 4 Marge Maule
- 6 Curtis Kunz
Kristin Miller
- 10 Laura Baerthel
- 13 Paul Schwartz
- 17 Kelly Jokimaki
- 19 Eric Miesen
- 20 David Kolar
- 21 Piper Avoles
- 22 John Friedmann
- 25 David Mennicke
- 28 Justice Hequet
Gina Miesen
Jim Seemann
Lydia Volz
- 30 Michael Fishback
Caitlyn Goodale
Keith Hobbie
Tim Kunz
- 31 Anthony Friedmann

★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 TALKATIVE THURSDAY CALL - IN CHAT



We chat at **11:10am each Thursday**. 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 Thursdays at 11:10am

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



SET YOUR MINDS
ON THINGS

above

Colossians 3:2

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 July is below. To watch, go to mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

- July 3: “Some People Need Help” features a crusty amputee from a Veteran’s hospital who must learn that hurting others will not help him.
- July 10: “Jeremy” deals with the relationship between a mother and a mentally challenged son who lives in a home.
- July 17: “Flight Plan” features a man who must deal with the death of a young boy who has a terminal illness. Will it strengthen his faith or destroy it?
- July 24: “Amazing Grace” features a man from humble beginnings who must learn not to forsake his Christian faith during his rich and full life.
- July 31: “The Selling Price” features a father and son who face the issue of how ethics relate to God’s law.

The
Lord is my
Strength
 and
 my shield
 Psalm 28:7



*Fun
at the June 24
Classic Car Show!*



HOPE FOR THOSE IN NEED
JOHN 1516's PACK MEALS FOR FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN



KEYSTONE COMMUNITY SERVICES



Making sure older adults have the support they need is critical, especially seniors with significant health conditions. Through Keystone, there are many ways for seniors to maintain health, independent living, and social connection. Programs like Meals on Wheels which Keystone has offered since the early 1970's, or new programs like our food shelf grocery delivery program, are valued by seniors and the family members who care for them.

More than 375 neighbors receive food from Keystone's delivery programs every month, and with rising costs everywhere, they expect more seniors or their families will be reaching out for help. With numbers on the rise, and with your help, more people in our community have access to services that help them stay healthy and connected.

Keystone is doing all they can to help everyone who needs food support. Grants and program fees cover about half of the program expenses. Keystone relies on our community to help raise \$135,000 each year so they can continue to offer these vital services. Your support makes it possible to quickly make changes as community needs rise, and create new solutions to ensure that everyone has the food they need.

Our neighbors are so grateful for these programs and your generosity helps them today and everyday. Thank you for your support!

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 Phone: 651-917-3792

- Monday: 10:00am – 12:00pm and 1:30 – 3:30pm
- Tuesday: 10:00am – 12:00pm and 1:30 – 3:30pm
- Wednesday: 10:00am – 12:00pm and 5:00 – 7:00pm
- Thursday: 10:00am – 12:00pm and 1:30 – 3:30pm
- Friday: 10:00am – 12:00pm and 1:30 – 3:30pm

Rice Street Food Shelf

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

- Monday: 10:00am – 12:00pm and 1:30 – 3:30pm
- Tuesday: 10:00am – 12:00pm and 1:30 – 3:30pm
- Wednesday: 10:00am – 12:00pm; Closed in the afternoon
- Thursday: 10:00am – 12:00pm and 1:30 – 3:30pm
- Friday: 10:00am – 12:00pm and 1:30 – 3:30pm



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



Summer 2022: Outreach Events

Tuesdays in June and July (beginning 6/14) – Summer Youth Service Program (John 15:16's): Sign up your youth or come yourself as a volunteer to service events with brothers and sisters from Bethel and Emmaus Lutheran Churches.

July – Popsicles in the Park 2.0: Can you volunteer to host a cooler full of fun? Do you want to include a puppet show this time around? Please contact Janet Fishback, Katie Miller, Suzanne Hequet or Pastor Miller. The basic set up is to hang out at Hamline Park for about an hour on your schedule. Everyone is welcome to join in on the day of as weather permits! Jehovah will supply the freeze pops and ice!



July – Midway Neighborhood Walking Tour: Get to know your community as you walk through and learn about the Midway neighborhood.

July – Prayer Walk and Invitation: Join others from Jehovah Lutheran in walking and praying for our community, delivering doorhangers and inviting neighbors to National Night Out and Midway Summer Splash!

Tuesday, August 2, National Night Out: Connect with neighbors and build relationships in our community through this event. Tuesday, August 2 from 5pm – 7pm.



August 5-6, Midway Summer Splash! Share the Good News of Jesus with neighborhood children and families and have **WAVES** of fun at this 2-day event Friday, August 5 & Saturday August 6 from 9:30 to 11:30am. A volunteer sign-up and poster will be in the Narthex beginning July 3. Please begin praying for this event and considering how you might help!



Note: Stay tuned for updates on events and look for information about "Life Together," opportunities for fellowship with fellow members and friends of Jehovah at the Millers' home in Roseville. If you would like to help with any of these events, please contact Pastor Miller or Office Administrator Trish Clifford.



POPSICLES IN THE PARK



What is “Popsicles in the Park”?

Simple! It’s a time to get out and meet the neighbors and have popsicles! Jehovah will provide the popsicles (freeze pops) and will give them out to anyone who wants one at the park on an evening or weekend for an hour or so.

Who can come? Anyone! Other engaging activities are welcome along with the popsicles. Want to bring puppets? Are you a balloon expert? Can you blow bubbles? GREAT! We just want to hang out with our neighbors.

When? The Miller family will be at the park (date TBD and weather permitting). Want to see this in action? Join us! Want to be the next hosting Jehovah family? Let Pastor Miller or the board of Mission and Ministry know to set up a flexible date.

Why? God loves our community and so do we. Let’s hang out and share that love as opportunities arise! And, hey, who doesn’t love a freeze pop??

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



5:00pm to 7:00pm on Tuesday, August 2, 2022

Jehovah Lutheran Church Parking Lot

Jehovah Lutheran Church Council 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 2, 2022 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 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

To volunteer or if you have a new idea to add to the fun, please contact Janet Fishback at 612-388-5286 email office@jehovahlutheran.org.

*For wherever two or three are gathered in my name,
there am I among them.*

Matthew 18:20

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.

**'THE LIST CHANGES DAILY': HELP FOR UKRAINE
HOW CAN YOU HELP?**



As the situation in Ukraine continues, the church prays for peace and for those in harm's way. We also strive to provide for those affected.

The Office of International Mission of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is working with several Lutheran church bodies and missionaries in Europe to help our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine, Lutheran refugees and others affected by the violence.

Gifts to the LCMS, including Mission Central, are restricted to providing aid and assistance to persons displaced by the war in Ukraine.

The LCMS will issue grants to/through our Lutheran partners in the region best positioned to provide compassionate care in Christ's name to those fleeing the conflict.

The situation is developing, and we pledge to use every gift wisely to accomplish the greatest good possible in ways that deliver the Gospel as human needs are met.

To donate, go to lcms.org/givenow/displaced or call LCMS Donor Care at 888-930-4438 for more information.

*"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

A LETTER FROM PASTOR MILLER

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who has brought us out of darkness and death into His saving light and life.

On June 24 the U.S. Supreme Court struck down its previous ruling of *Roe v. Wade*, which gave federal protection to the practice of abortion. This decision sends the issue of legal protection of abortion back to each state. Some states have already begun to outlaw the practice of abortion. Others, including Minnesota, will continue to allow the practice with no essential change from the SCOTUS ruling.

In the present moment of our national life, we are divided on many things; and many Americans are deeply and personally invested in the positions they hold on social issues. Abortion is definitely one of these issues. Such investment goes far beyond emotional reactions. It often cuts to the core of a person's identity. In this context, it is helpful for us as Christians to keep in mind several things that will help us process, respond to, and live in a confusing and disorienting time.

First, while there are some situations requiring careful and faithful deliberation of mutually bad options, abortion is wrong. The killing of an indefensible and legally innocent human being is categorically against the revealed Law of God epitomized in the Ten Commandments. The Fifth Commandment forbids us to take the life of our neighbor, because God alone is the author of life. God has given our neighbor their life; it is not ours to take away. While the modern practice of abortion was not present in the ancient world, Scripture is clear about the sanctity of our neighbor's life. Our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has consistently and unitedly demonstrated faithfulness to the Scriptures by opposing the previous ruling of *Roe v. Wade*. It should also be emphasized that our Synod works publicly and privately to support pregnant women and their babies.

Second, a mature Christian is called to deeper moral action than just an assertion of "my rights." This cuts against the grain of secular culture and the current politics of both the left and right in our nation. In many polarizing discussions—abortion, gun control, COVID mitigations, vaccination, racial justice, taxation, etc.—people often jump straight to the idea of protecting their own rights, even if it harms others. St. Paul teaches us a better way:

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Martin Luther echoes this approach in *The Freedom of a Christian*, reminding us that one's Christian life is not merely a *personal* relationship with Jesus. We don't live out our Christian lives alone, says Luther. "Rather, we live with all other people on earth." For this reason, we give up our rights for the sake of our neighbor, just as Jesus Christ gave Himself up for us and our salvation. As Christians we do not look at issues in society exclusively from the perspective of our personal rights. We look to the instruction of God's Word about the welfare of our neighbor.

¹ 1 Peter 2:9 (ESV).

² Philippians 2:3-8 (ESV).

Third, this Word calls us to support our neighbor's life from conception to death. Luther expresses this well in the *Small Catechism* when he explains the meaning to the Fifth Commandment: *We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.*

In the context of abortion, this means that keeping God's command not to kill also includes helping, supporting, and walking beside those challenged by an unexpected or difficult pregnancy. This will not always be socially or politically popular, but as God's people we are called to proactively sustain life, and not merely condemn abortion.

Finally, when considering societal issues, we remember, as Christians, we have a greater bond of unity than political or social positions. All of our lives, including our questions, concerns, and relationships are wrapped in the grace, love, and forgiveness of God given to us in Jesus Christ.

As we walk together in uncertain and unsettling times, we are empowered by the Spirit to relate to each other and love each other on the basis of God's sacrificial love for us in Christ. We see each other not as enemies or potential opponents, or even as people with whom we politely agree to disagree. We see each other through the cross as forgiven and reconciled to God and one another. If anyone has been touched by abortion personally, their identity does not come from this personal experience or this social issue. Our ultimate identity comes from the forgiving grace of God given to us in Jesus Christ.

During this time, I encourage you to turn to our Lord in prayer and trust. Turn to one another in truth and love. The enemy of our faith revels in destabilizing change, seeking to drive a wedge between God's children. But the grace and love of God in Jesus is greater than any scheme of the devil, the world, or our sinful nature. It covers and comforts us all.

Please know that I am always here for you as your pastor as you process through this and other issues facing us in our society and culture. I enjoy dialoging and opening the Scriptures together with you in the face of cultural change. If I can be of any help, please do not hesitate to contact me. I pray that the peace of God in Christ would envelope, encourage, and guide you all.

Your Pastor,
Joshua Miller

³ Martin Luther, *The Freedom of a Christian*, trans. Mark D. Tranvik (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2008), 79-80.

⁴ *Luther's Small Catechism: with Explanation* (St. Louis: CPH, 2017), 14.



ACTIVITY CALENDAR

July 2022



<p>3</p> <p>9:30am Worship in the Sanctuary</p> <p>Growing in Faith after Service Nursery</p> <p>Living in Faith 11:00am, Lounge</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Office Closed</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>ARB Meeting 6:30pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 10:30am</p> <p>Private Confession Contact Pastor 2-3pm</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>NO LWML Bible Study</p> <p>Talkative Thursday Chat 11:10am</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9:30am Worship in the Sanctuary</p> <p>Growing in Faith after Service Nursery</p> <p>Living in Faith 11:00am, Lounge</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Church Council Meeting 6:30pm</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 10:30am</p> <p>Private Confession Contact Pastor 2-3pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Talkative Thursday Chat 11:10am</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>9:30am Worship in the Sanctuary</p> <p>Growing in Faith after Service Nursery</p> <p>Living in Faith 11:00am, Lounge</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Board of Lay Ministry Meeting 6:30pm</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 10:30am</p> <p>Private Confession Contact Pastor 2-3pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Talkative Thursday Chat 11:10am</p> <p>Mission and Ministry Meeting 6:30pm</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Prayer Walk 10:00am</p>
<p>24</p> <p>9:30am Worship in the Sanctuary</p> <p>Growing in Faith after Service Nursery</p> <p>Voters' Meeting 11:15am in the Sanctuary</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p><i>Jottings articles due</i></p>	<p>27</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 10:30am</p> <p>Private Confession Contact Pastor 2-3pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Talkative Thursday Chat 11:10am</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>

<p>31</p> <p>9:30am Worship in the Sanctuary</p> <p>Growing in Faith after Service Nursery</p> <p>Living in Faith 11:00am, Lounge</p>	AUGUST 2022							
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*From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord
is to be praised!*

Psalm 113:3

