

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



February 2023

Jehovah Lutheran Church

Traditional liturgy and
hymns of the faith
Gospel-centered preaching
Weekly celebration of
Holy Communion



SUNDAYS

Worship 9:30am

Growing in Faith Sunday
School

Following Divine Service

Living in Faith

Bible Study 11:00am

Join us for worship
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and Informed

on our Church Website:
www.jehovahlutheran.org



One Lord, one faith, one baptism
Ephesians 4:5

Walking Together as Disciples for Life:

Disciples are Alive in Christ

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

(Galatians 2:20, ESV)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we continue our theme together, "Walking Together as Disciples for Life," we hear the words of St. Paul to the Galatians: "I have been crucified with Christ." The call to be a disciple of Jesus is a call to die, and that call and that death have occurred for us in the same place: our baptism.

In Romans 6, Paul says, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

These words that Paul says are not metaphorical. They are real. All of us who have been baptized really are alive to God in Christ! We're not wannabes; we're the real, live thing. We are real, live disciples who are alive to God in Christ.

Yet, as Pastor Jeffrey Leininger says, "To be 'alive in Christ' by implication means to be dead to something else." Being alive in Christ means we have died to sin, to this world and its evil ways, to death, and to the devil. Being alive in Christ as His disciples means that, in the words of Pastor Leininger, we have died to a way of "life curved in upon self and self-indulgence and self-seeking ways."

This death happened when we were called as Jesus' disciples through Holy Baptism. There our old sinful self with all of its fallen and selfish ways died, and we arose as a new creation in Christ. But the old nature (dead though it is) hangs around. We all know that there are many times when we think, speak, and act out of our old sinful nature, against God and our neighbor. That's why, as Luther points out in his *Small Catechism*, we need to die and rise every day.

What does such baptizing with water indicate?

It indicates that the Old Adam [or Eve] in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man [or woman] should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

This doesn't mean that we need to be rebaptized over and over again. Baptism need happen only once, because Jesus died once and for all. But every day, we are called to *live in the power of our baptism*. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, through hearing God's Word, and through walking in prayer, we can live every day in the power of being disciples who are alive in Christ. We do so by remembering daily who we are in baptism: people who have died and are now alive. In so doing we die to self daily and are raised daily to live for God and for our neighbor. As disciples of Christ, we live daily by dying.

As we walk together at Jehovah Lutheran, we walk as people who have died to all selfish desires, as people who have died to living for ourselves, and we live as people who are alive in Christ. As we walk together in outreach, seeking ways to share our blessings and our faith with our neighbors, we do so as people who have been made alive and live from that empowerment every single day. You have died! You are alive! Live in Christ!

Walking together with you,
Pastor Joshua Miller

Romans 6:3-4 (ESV)

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Leininger, "Alive in Christ," in *Forester: A Publication of Concordia Chicago* (Winter, 2023), 6.

Martin Luther, *Luther's Small Catechism: With Explanation*. (St. Louis: CPH, 2017), 24.



PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

February 5

Isaiah 58:3-9a

God desires not the outward observance of fasting but acts of justice - feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

1 Corinthians 2

Paul urges a true spiritual maturity that judges oneself and others in the light of Jesus Christ crucified and through the work of the Spirit of God.

Matthew 5:13-20

Disciples are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping the commandments - and so giving God glory.



February 12

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The Lord sets before the people a clear choice: if they obey the commandments by loving the Lord God and walking in his ways, he will bless them.

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Paul scolds the Corinthians for their spiritual immaturity, acting out envy and strife. They must see Paul and Apollos as servants working together with God for the growth he gives.

Matthew 5:21-48

Jesus goes beyond the legal requirements of the law and traditional expectations with his memorable "But I say to you . . . " standards of righteousness.

February 19

Exodus 24:8-18

God calls Moses up on the mountain to give him the tablets of stone. A cloud covers the mountain for six days and Moses experiences the glory of the Lord.

2 Peter 1:16-21

Peter testifies as an eyewitness to Jesus receiving honor and glory from God, the Father, on the mountain where God said, "This is my Son, my Beloved."

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus takes his three disciples on the mountain where he was transfigured before them and a voice says, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

February 26

Genesis 3:1-21

The first humans disobeyed and so excluded themselves from community with God.

Romans 5:12-19

Through Adam's disobedience all humanity came under the dominion of sin and death. Through Christ's obedience all receive the free gift of justification and life.

Matthew 4:1-11

In the wilderness Jesus was tempted by the devil in ways reminiscent of Israel in the wilderness. Jesus endures by the word of God that nourishes his will to love and obey God.



LENTEN WORSHIP

Joint Lenten Services: Explore Places of the Passion!

Please join us this year for Lenten midweek services, as we explore the Places of the Passion!

This year, we will hold Lenten midweek services together with Bethel and Emmaus Lutheran Churches. Services will be held each Wednesday in March.

Morning Service: 11:30am, followed by Lunch at Emmaus Lutheran Church

Evening Service: 7:00pm at Bethel Lutheran Church, Supper served at 5:30pm, and John 1516s Youth Group at 6:00pm

JEHOVAH SERVICE AND EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Divine Service

9:30am 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.

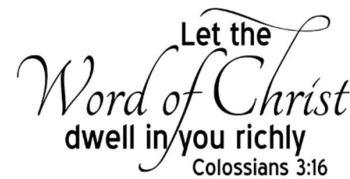
Men's Bible Study

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

Bring your own Bible and coffee mug, if you like, or use the ones provided.

No RSVP necessary

Contact Pastor Miller with any questions.



Jehovah Lutheran Church Women

Join us for coffee, conversation, prayer, and Bible Study

on the first Thursday of the month, February 2, 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.



INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP CENTER

We are excited to announce the beginning of a cooperative International Friendship Center as a joint venture between Jehovah Lutheran, the St. Paul Circuit of LCMS Congregations, the Minnesota South District and POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach)!

We have volunteer needs for English tutors, those who can help with transportation, and greeters. As we grow, there will be more needs as well. If you would like to get involved, or if you would just like more information, please contact Pastor Miller. Volunteers will be asked to submit to a criminal background check.

Let's serve our neighbors together in the name of Jesus!

*Share
with the Lord's people
who are in need.
Practice hospitality.
Romans 12:13*



POBLO  **Ministries**

The mission field is here; the time is now!



LWML/LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

MITES IN ACTION X2

Funds from the grant to the Missionaries to America Project will be used by Mission Nation Publishing to develop a process that will help churches reach ethnic groups within their communities. The project would equip women and men of diverse ethnic backgrounds to become new missionaries. For more information, see the bulletin board in the hallway or go to lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-25.

With an aging population facing health issues that prevent them from attending church, accessibility to the faithful teaching and understanding of the Bible as taught in our creeds and Lutheran Confessions is important. The broadcast of Worship Anew by Lutheran Media Ministries provides a clear, accessible Gospel message. For more information, see the bulletin board in the hallway or go to lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-24.

KEYSTONE COMMUNITY SERVICES



Keystone is a trusted place that neighbors turn to when they need support or when they want to connect with their community. Our work would not be possible without the generous support of our community!

*thank
you*



CENTENNIAL TEAM

A Centennial Team is being formed as we prepare for Jehovah's Centennial. Suzanne Hequet will be leading the team. If you are interested contact Suzanne at hequet@csp.edu.

MARDI GRAS GAME NIGHT

Come to the Millers' House for a Mardi Gras Game Night!

Friday, February 17th at 7:00pm

Come enjoy Louisiana-style gumbo, fellowship, and games! Contact Pastor or Katie Miller for more info.

CARING HEARTS



For Caring Hearts this February, the Sunday School children will be making Valentine's cards for home-bound members and friends of Jehovah Lutheran.

The congregation will have an opportunity to purchase household items for refugee families. Watch the worship bulletin and bulletin board outside the lounge for more information.

THE NEW FREEDOM STORE FREEDOM IN CHRIST

“Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Luke 12:33-34 (NIV)

January is the coldest month here in Minnesota. Unlike Christmas, we have few special occasions or causes to celebrate... except for the Christmas photos that charities like Freedom-Works send along.

And yet you have given great gifts of warmth. Christmas parties are very special. Those in need receive quilts, Move-In kits, warm socks, and Welcome Kits. These items may be basic, but this is exactly what they need. Those quilts will last forever too, a life-long reminder of kindness and grace given in a very dark and cold time of need.



This is who we are and what we do. We care and share and spread our joy. We are all so blessed. As I mentioned, I am hoping to help new refugees, children in need, the recently released, and the homeless. Thanks to your great generosity, our charity base is sure to expand this year.

And as Tiny Tim said at the end of A Christmas Carol, "God bless us everyone."



We'd love to have you join us!

Concordia St. Paul seeks to celebrate Black History Month

- To celebrate the music of the African American community
- To acknowledge trauma to all communities caused by racial strife
- To build understanding and empathy through musical collaboration and interpersonal dialogue
- To offer healing that can lead to bridge-building and positive change for the local CSP/Rondo community and beyond.

Wednesday, February 1

10:30 - 11:25 a.m. | Buetow Auditorium, Concordia University, St. Paul

Artists' Panel: African American Music as a Force for Change

Monday, February 13

6 - 8 p.m. | Buenger Education Center, Concordia University, St. Paul

Guided Small Group Dialogue and Dinner

Please RSVP your attendance to

roberson@csp.edu

Thursday, February 23

6:30 - 8 p.m. | Walker West Academy, 750 Selby Ave. St. Paul

Panel discussion at Walker West Academy

Saturday, February 25

7:30 p.m. | Buetow Auditorium, Concordia University, St. Paul

Black History Month Concert: A Rondo Reconciliation and Renewal

Questions can be directed to Dr. David Mennicke at dmennicke@csp.edu

**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 also will 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*

**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 February is unavailable at this time. To watch, go to mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.



FEBRUARY

- 3** Morganna Long
- 5** Olivia Harris
Marilyn Hequet
- 20** Garrett Kruchowski
Rena Miller
Nancy Sontag
- 25** Kaitlyn Fishback

**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*



ACTIVITY CALENDAR

February 2023



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<div>I HAVE LOVED YOU WITH AN <i>everlasting love</i> JEREMIAH 31:3</div> <div></div>			<div>1</div> <div>Prayer Group 9:30am</div> <div>Men's Bible Study 10:30am</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Talkative Thursday Chat 11:10am</div> <div> LWML Bible Study 1:00pm Open to all</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div> <div> Winter Christian Growth Gathering 9:30am</div>																																											
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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

TUESDAY - THURSDAY

1:00PM-5:00PM

FRIDAY - OFF

PASTOR'S CELL: 612-600-3514

**Email submissions for
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