

# 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*



March 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  
Stay Connected  
and Informed  
on our Church Website:  
[www.jehovahlutheran.org](http://www.jehovahlutheran.org)



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

## Walking Together as Disciples for Life:

### Following Jesus to the Cross

*When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, "You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified."*

Matthew 26:1-2 (ESV)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Throughout the post-Epiphany season, our focus at Jehovah Lutheran has been "Walking Together as Disciples for Life." We have walked together hearing Jesus call his first 12 disciples and preach His Sermon on the Mount. On Sunday, we went with Peter, James, and John to a different mountain, where Jesus was transfigured. With these disciples, we got a glimpse of Jesus as He truly is, as God in the flesh.

In the season of Lent, we continue our walk together as Jesus' disciples. We walk with Jesus through His passion. We walk with Him through His trial, beatings, crucifixion, and resurrection. Finally, we follow Him to the cross, where He dies for our sins.

This year for Lent, we will follow in the footsteps of our Savior, Jesus. During Ash Wednesday and the Sundays of Lent, we'll continue to hear what it means to be disciples of Jesus, but at the same time, we'll be moving closer and closer to the cross. Then, in our midweek Lenten services, we'll walk together with our brothers and sisters from Emmaus, Bethel, and St. Stephanus to the places Jesus went on His path for our salvation. We'll walk together to such places like Bethany, the Mount of Olives, and Bethphage. Then, in Holy Week, our journey with Jesus will take us to the Upper Room and, finally, to Golgotha and the cross.

This Lenten season, I invite you to join us as we walk together with our Savior. I know that as we walk together with our brothers and sisters from

other congregations during our midweek services, it will be a little different not being in our own sanctuary for services. But our Lord calls us to walk with Him and with these brothers and sisters. As we engage more fully in cooperative outreach with our sister congregations in the St. Paul area, it will be a little different than it has been before because new people will walk alongside us.

As we worship together with brothers and sisters from Emmaus and Bethel Lutheran Churches, our joint youth group (John 15:16s) will be making emergency hygiene kits for families affected by the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria as well as other natural disasters. A list of items needed for these kits is included in this month's issue of *Jottings* as well as in Sunday bulletins. If you would like to donate items for these kits, you may bring them to the office during this Lenten season.

In the midst of new ventures walking together, Jesus who has always been with us calls us to follow Him, and He promises to go with us every step of the way. Some of our new ventures have already begun; others still await us in the future. Whatever awaits us, we know that our crucified and risen Lord holds the future and all of us in His almighty hands.

For, as we follow Jesus to the cross this Lent, we realize that, as Dietrich Bonhoeffer puts it, we are not so much following Jesus there as that He is bringing us with Him. If Jesus is bringing us with Him to His crucifixion, we know that He also brings us with Him to His resurrection. As St. Paul says, "If we have been united with [Jesus] in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His." (Romans 6:5).

God bless this season of Lent as you follow our Lord Jesus to the cross where He died for you.

Walking together with you,  
Pastor Joshua Miller



### Wednesdays in March

#### 11:30am worship at Emmaus Lutheran

1074 Idaho St.

Lunch afterwards, voluntary offering

#### 6:15pm Supper at Bethel Lutheran

7:00pm for worship.

670 W. Wheelock Pkwy.

Supper: \$5 per person, registration information forthcoming



*Follow me.*

### SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING SUNDAY, MARCH 12



On March 12th we will be gathering for a one agenda item meeting to discuss and vote on proceeding with the sale of the Martha Ryan Estate gift of the condominium. Bible Study and Sunday School will follow this brief meeting.

### Easter Flowers



Jehovah's Altar Guild is selling Easter flowers. Choose from purple, yellow, or white mums or Easter lilies. Cost is \$15 per plant, and orders are due by March 29th. Order the flowers you'd like, but please note that many people, including Pastor Miller, are allergic to lilies. Order forms will be available on Sunday mornings. Make checks payable to Jehovah Altar Guild.

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

**March 5**

**Genesis 12:1-9**

God calls Abraham with the promise that through him God will bless all families of the earth.

**Romans 4:1-8, 13-17**

Abraham trusted God and so became the father of us all and our model for believing.

**John 3:1-17**

Jesus promises that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.



**March 12**

**Exodus 17:1-7**

The thirsty Israelites put the Lord to the test saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

**Romans 5:1-8**

The apostle Paul bookends his discourse on the results of justification with "peace of God" and "reconciliation."

**John 4:5-30, 39-42**

The woman at the well becomes the first missionary, testifying to Jesus as the Savior who gives living water.

**March 19**

**Isaiah 42:14-21**

The Lord passionately laments over the sins of His people and promises to heal their spiritual blindness.

**Ephesians 5:8-14**

We have become light in the Lord. Let us live as children of light.

**John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39**

The story of Jesus healing the man born blind manifests Jesus as the light of life.

**March 26**

**Ezekiel 37:1-14**

God promises Israel in exile, who are like dry bones, that they will live again by the breath of his Spirit.

**Romans 8:1-11**

Though we are "dead because of sin," God empowers us to live in Christ by the Spirit.

**John 11:1-45**

The raising of Lazarus is Jesus' crowning "sign," revealing him as the giver of life.



## 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](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.

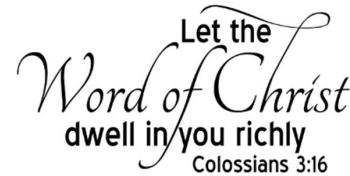
## *Men's Bible Study*

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,  
April 6, 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.



## INTERNATONAL 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!



## CARING HEARTS



**Many, many thanks** to everyone who donated sheets, pots and pans, clothing, gift cards, and other items for Caring Hearts. This year, these things all went to an Afghan refugee family who have become our new friends. This family came to the U. S. after being persecuted after the Taliban's takeover of their country. After living here in St. Paul for about six months, the teenage children in the family are excelling in school and their parents have begun English conversation classes through our cooperative International Friendship Center. The family wants everyone at Jehovah Lutheran to know how grateful they are for the gifts you have given to them. They know that these gifts were truly given from caring hearts who love them.



## Orphan Grain Train Hygiene Kits


Help John 1516s Youth collect items for hygiene kits for those in Turkey and Syria that have been affected by the recent earthquake and others around the world suffering from natural disasters.

Items needed:

- bath towels
- wash cloths
- bath-size bars of soap
- plastic soap box holders
- toothbrushes
- sturdy combs
- band-aids (1/2" or 3/4")
- small packages of facial tissues
- nail clippers
- strong ribbon or cord


PLEASE no additions or substitutions

Thank you for sharing the love of Christ with others in need during this Lenten season.




### Confessio: A Retreat on the Lutheran Confessions

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, ST. PAUL



**Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford**  
Featured Preacher




**Rev. Dr. Thomas Winger**  
Featured Presenter

## Luther's Baptismal Booklet and the Life of the Church



**Rev. Dr. Joshua Miller**  
Featured Preacher



**Rev. Dr. Samuel Deressa**  
Featured Presenter

**Saturday, April 15 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM**  
GRAEBNER MEMORIAL CHAPEL,  
CONCORDIA ST. PAUL

No cost to attend. Registration requested.

2023 marks the 500th anniversary of the publication of Dr. Martin Luther's Baptismal Booklet. This one day retreat focuses on its importance and the confessional Lutheran doctrine of baptism in relation to the life of the church.

Learn more and register: [csptheology.org](http://csptheology.org)



## LWML/LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

**Strengthening the Lutheran Mission  
to Kuna, Idaho  
Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church  
\$100,000**

Kuna, Idaho, the seventh largest growing community in the United States, has a new LCMS congregation. The mission church was started in 2018 by Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church (FCLC) in Meridian, Idaho. The congregation in Kuna has grown and is looking to build a sanctuary and facilities to help share the gospel of Jesus to the community. Check out the mission grant that will help buy land for their building at [lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-26](http://lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-26).



*I will make you as a light  
for the nations,  
that my salvation may reach  
to the end of the earth.  
Isaiah 49:6b*



St. Paul Metro Zone invites you to the

## SPRING RALLY APRIL 15, 2023

Jehovah Lutheran Church  
1566 Thomas Ave  
St Paul 55104

9am registration and refreshments, \$5 fee  
9:30-11:30 program

### **“A Broom**

### **is a Gift of God”**

Stories and insights  
from the mission field.

Sharing the Gospel  
through your vocation.



Speaker: Dr. Richard Carter,  
Missionary to Hong Kong

Bible Study, Fellowship, LWML News

Planning to attend? Please notify Beth at  
651-631- 8956 (leave a message) or email  
[stpaulmetrozp@mnslwml.org](mailto:stpaulmetrozp@mnslwml.org) by April 10

### Gifts from the Heart

to be taken to national convention

- Used eyeglasses (MOST Ministries)
- items for Phil's Friends—"hope to those affected by cancer"- puzzle books, journals, playing cards, fuzzy socks, hats (knit, crochet, baseball), Walmart gift cards (any amount)



## THE NEW FREEDOM STORE FREEDOM IN CHRIST

### **A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children... Proverbs 13:22**

I rather enjoyed reading this Proverb. My first thought was all about my parents and how they worked relentlessly hard to instill Christian values in both my sister and I. Then I thought about their parents and the entire family lineage, good Christians dating all the way back, as far as I could find.

My sister and I have prospered in many ways. We are certainly not rich, but we enjoy an inheritance, one so often missing by those less fortunate: the mentally ill, the traumatized, the criminals, the homeless, the drug dependent too. These are problems that cut across lines of race, class, income, and education. We are fortunate indeed.

I couldn't help but think about this song by Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young:

You who are on the road  
Must have a code that you can live by.  
And so become yourself,  
Because the past is just a good-bye.  
Teach your children well.

My parents are, no doubt, like your parents. They made sure that we had everything we needed: signed us up for different kinds of lessons and sports, paid for it all too. But they also did something else very special. They made an effort to teach us kindness and compassion.

This letter celebrates New Freedom Store supporter, Aaron Felt, who, together with his family, purchased 22 backpacks and filled them with Welcome Kit supplies.

Also, this shout-out to Bethlehem Lutheran Ladies Aid in Morristown for a generous cash gift too.

Compassion and kindness are the greatest inheritances of them all. There is a great joy, not only in giving, but also when nothing is expected in return.

Jim Seemann



**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 March is below. To watch, go to [mainstreetliving.com](http://mainstreetliving.com) and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

March 5: “Prescription TLC”: Injuries after a plane crash cause a couple to seek God for comfort and healing.

March 12: “Dangerous Moment”: An affair on a business trip leads to tension at home.

March 19: “Who will tell Laura?": A family struggles with what to do after their daughter loses her sight in an accident.

March 26: “Holy Land Tour - Part 1”: A video tour of locations in Jesus’ earthly ministry, led by Rev. Nabil Nour, a South Dakota pastor who grew up in Israel.

# THE WIND SYMPHONY FROM CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

Tuesday, March 7 at 7 p.m.



## MARCH

- 2 Savannah Minnick
- 5 JaNell Kinsell
- 7 Donna Friedmann  
Lisa Galvin
- 10 Elizabeth Wegner
- 12 Janet Fishback
- 13 Dick Westpfahl
- 16 Karl Eberhart
- 17 Katie Miller
- 18 Eva Jane Hamann
- 19 Sharon Olson
- 25 Bea Samas
- 30 Marge Avoles
- 31 Ashley Baerthel  
Jacob Goodale  
Lynne Phillipi

★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

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**TUESDAY  
MARCH  
7  
7 P.M.**

**CONCORDIA  
UNIVERSITY  
CHICAGO**

*Event is free & open to the public*  
*A freewill offering in support of the Wind Symphony will be received*

**The Wind Symphony**  
**from Concordia University Chicago**  
will perform a concert  
of sacred and secular music at  
King of Kings Lutheran Church & School,  
2330 North Dale St. in Roseville,  
The concert is open to the public,  
and admission is free.





## **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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to [office@jehovahlutheran.org](mailto:office@jehovahlutheran.org)**

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