

# 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 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

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*  
1 Peter 1:3-9 (ESV)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the post-Epiphany season, we began a focus at Jehovah Lutheran called “Walking Together as Disciples for Life.” We continued this focus in Lent, as we walked with Jesus through His passion. We will continue walking as disciples of our Lord in Holy Week, following Jesus as He is tried, beaten, mocked, and crucified for us. At Easter Vigil, we will walk together through the Old Testament history of God’s acts of salvation for His people. On Easter Sunday, we will walk to the empty tomb and be met by the risen Christ.

But of course, we remember that Easter is not just one Sunday; it’s a season!

As we go into the Easter season, we will continue to walk together as Jesus’ disciples for life. In so doing, we walk in the light of His resurrection. We walk as people who have been reborn into a living hope. During the Easter season this year, we will hear from 1 Peter what it means for us to live and walk as people who have been given the power and the blessings of Jesus resurrection in our baptism. We’ll also have Bible reading sheets which will break down the reading of 1 Peter and give us questions for reflection on these readings.

As we hear sermons from 1 Peter, we will hear who we are and who we have been called to be in our baptism into the resurrection of Jesus. In Bible class, we will unpack more what that means for our everyday Christian life through reflection on the *Large Catechism*’s teaching on prayer and the Sacraments. I invite you to join with us as we hear more about who we are as baptized people of resurrection hope and how we can live that in the world today. I will also be offering a class for new members as well as for “brushing up” on the basics of Lutheran Christianity. This class, called “Rooted in Faith” will be offered on Wednesday evenings, starting in the Easter season.

As the resurrection people of God in Christ, we also have the privilege of walking together with brothers and sisters from other congregations this Easter season. As we begin to live more fully into our mission and calling to bring God’s love and the peace of Christ to people in the city of St. Paul, watch for opportunities to engage together in outreach here in our community through our cooperative St. Paul Circuit Urban Outreach Center.

As we work together with our fellow LCMS parishes in this outreach venture, we also have an exciting opportunity to worship together with brothers and sisters from these congregations in a joint circuit-wide Ascension Eve Service at 6:30pm on Wednesday, May 17th.

God’s peace in Christ as you walk with Him and His people through this Holy Week and this Easter Season.

Walking together with you,  
Pastor Joshua Miller

## 1 PETER READING

This year, our sermons during the Easter season will follow the theme, "Walking Together as People of Living Hope," and will be drawn from the Epistle readings for the season coming from 1 Peter. All members, friends, and visitors of Jehovah Lutheran are invited to participate in reading together as a congregation through 1 Peter. Reading sheets will be provided listing the weekly reading from 1 Peter as well as study questions for your weekly reading. Readings are available weekly in your bulletin, or pick one up in the office.



## MAY 7 VOTERS' MEETING AND POTLUCK

The next Voters' Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 7, with a potluck dinner to follow.

**Members, please bring a dish to share.**

A–J: main dish, K–Q: dessert; and R–Z: salad or side dish. Beverages will be provided.

## UPCOMING CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTIONS MAY 7

These candidates have agreed to run for the open positions listed below. To nominate others, please contact Marc Hequet (612-227-1024, [mhequet@sprintmail.com](mailto:mhequet@sprintmail.com)) or another member of the nominating committee: Kris Deusch, Janet Fishback, Win Grandstrand, Al Puder or Dick Westphal. Nominations will remain open until April 23. Elections for two-year terms will be during the voters meeting May 7.

Executive Director	Sandy Kolar
Assistant Executive	David Mennicke
Board of Lay Ministry	
Charlie Avoles and David Mennicke, co-chairs	
Administration and Resources Board	Dan Wynn

And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. LUKE 24:50-51

## Ascension Eve Service & Fellowship

The St. Paul Metro Circuit Cordially Invites All Circuit Congregations and Members to Worship and Celebrate Our Lord's Ascension and Blessing. Refreshments to follow.

Divine Service 6:30 PM  
Wednesday, May 17

Jehovah Lutheran Church  
1566 Thomas Ave.  
St. Paul, MN 55104



## ASCENSION EVE

We are excited to invite everyone in your congregation to a circuit-wide worship service in observance of the Festival of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**The service will be held at 6:30pm on  
Wednesday, May 17 (Ascension Eve)  
at Jehovah Lutheran Church  
1566 Thomas Avenue in St. Paul**

Rev. Steven Bielenberg (Pastor of King of Kings, Roseville) will be preaching. Rev. Dr. Joshua C. Miller (Pastor of Jehovah Lutheran) will preside at Holy Communion. Other pastors from the St. Paul Metro Circuit of LCMS congregations will lead other portions of the service. Jehovah Lutheran's Music Director, Mrs. Elizabeth Wegner is inviting those interested to form a choir. (Please see Libby for details.)

We also invite you to stay after the service for coffee and dessert in the fellowship hall! You are welcome to bring a desert to share.

Please join us as we praise and receive the gifts of our crucified, risen, ascended, and reigning Lord Jesus!

God's peace to you all!

Rev. Steven Bielenberg, Circuit Visitor and Pastor, King of Kings Lutheran

Rev. Dr. Pastor Joshua Miller, Pastor, Jehovah Lutheran

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

### April 2 - Palm Sunday

#### Isaiah 50:4-9a

The “servant” of the Lord is ignored and maltreated by his people, yet he is confident that the Lord God will vindicate him.

#### Philippians 2:5-11

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

#### Matthew 27:11-14, 17-50

Pilate hands Jesus over to be crucified



### April 9 - Easter Sunday

#### Acts 10:34-43

Peter’s sermon to the people at the home of Cornelius summarizes the essential message of the risen Christ. Everyone who believes in him “receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

#### Colossians 3:1-4

We have died with Christ and then raised with him. Our life, now hidden with Christ in God, will be revealed with him in glory.

#### Matthew 28:1-10

Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus has been raised!

### April 16

#### Acts 5:29-42

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

#### 1 Peter 1:3-9

God has given us a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We rejoice in this even when “tested by fire.”

#### John 20:19-31

The Risen Jesus blesses his fearful disciples with a three-fold “Peace be with you” and then sends them forth in the power of the Holy Spirit with the proclamation of the forgiveness of sins.

### April 23

#### Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Proclaiming Jesus as Lord and Messiah, Peter called on the people to repent and be baptized, to receive forgiveness and the promised Holy Spirit.

#### 1 Peter 1:17-25

We are born anew by the blood of the Lamb now to live as “strangers” in the world, set apart for a life of faith and hope in God and of love for one another.

#### Luke 24: 13-35

Like the Emmaus disciples, we “see” Jesus in the word, in the breaking of bread, and in welcoming strangers.

### April 30

#### Acts 2:42-47

Luke gives a sketch of life in the early church: believers care for one another as they share in fellowship, the Lord’s Supper and prayer.

#### 1 Peter 2:19-25

Peter calls on slaves (domestic servants) to see Christ as their model when they suffer at the hands of harsh masters.

#### John 10:1-10

John uses two metaphors to show Jesus as Savior: He is the good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep; he is the gate into God’s fold of the life abundant.

## 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.

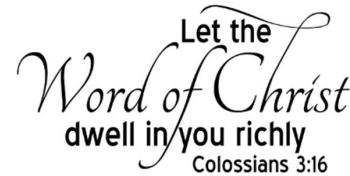
## *Men's Bible Study*

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,  
May 4, 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.

## SPRING IS IN THE AIR (finally)!!



Everyone is invited to join as a Jehovah Lutheran Church group with our neighbors in the city of St. Paul in the annual Citywide Spring Cleanup Volunteer Event to clean up the litter in our parks and neighborhood streets that has recently been exposed due to melting snow. We will be able to check in and participate right across the street and in the immediate area of Hamline Park. Come on Earth Day, **April 22, anytime between 9am and 11:30am**. This is a rain or shine event. Supplies are provided. Please let Pastor or Katie Miller if you plan to attend.



**Final Concert for Dr. David Mennicke**, a celebration of 34 years of music making, relationship building, and faith sharing, will be held on **Friday, April 14**, at 7:30 pm in the Graebner Memorial Chapel on the CSP campus. The concert, "God So Loved the World," is free and open to the public. Special guests include 29:11 *International Exchange* from South Africa and other collaborators from our February Rondo Reconciliation & Renewal Concert.



## LWML/LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

### YOUR MITES IN ACTION: Expanding God's Love in Uganda

Expanding God's Love in Uganda is an LWML grant for helping the Lutheran Church of Uganda buy land, build a dormitory, and establish a deaconess program near the seminary. For more information about this grant, check the post in the narthex or on the bulletin board in the hallway, or go to [lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-27](http://lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-27). Thank you for your gift of mites.

### SPRING RALLY APRIL 15, 2023

Hosted by Jehovah Lutheran LWML  
9:00am registration and refreshments, \$5 fee  
9:30-11:30 program

### "A Broom is a Gift of God"

Sharing the Gospel  
through your vocation.  
There will be stories and insights  
from the mission field.



Speaker: Dr. Richard Carter,  
Missionary to Hong Kong

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  
will be collected that day or may be placed in  
the collection box in the narthex beforehand.

Items being collected are:

- Used eyeglasses (MOST Ministries)
- items for Phil's Friends - "Hope for those affected by cancer"

Items include puzzle books, journals, playing cards, fuzzy socks, hats (knit, crochet, baseball), Walmart gift cards in any amount.





POEHLER LECTURE SERIES  
CONNECTING FAITH & LEARNING

## Communication in the “Called” Community

**TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023 | 7 PM**  
Buetow Music Center Auditorium

Honored Speaker:  
**Dr. Marilyn Reineck**

*Professor of Emerita of Communication Studies,  
former Vice President of Academic Affairs*



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SAINT PAUL

## THE NEW FREEDOM STORE FREEDOM IN CHRIST

**Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,  
for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you  
will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is  
easy, and my burden is light.**

Matthew 11:28-30

Way back when, the faithful struggled to keep the law. It was a job God gave them to do. Jesus, however, offered a new “job.” He doesn’t offer a detailed job description, but he promises a new connection with God, namely grace. His yoke could be explained with just one word: LOVE. Love of God, Love of others, and even a love of self, caring and sharing, giving and receiving.

This yoke, this job, doesn't pay well, but it's not hard to do at all, It does come with a great benefits package, namely joy. Saint Paul once said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” Psychologists explain it in a different way, telling us that happy people are giving people. There is an axiom here. The more we give, the better we feel.

One thing for sure: the Members of Gloria Dei Lutheran must be very happy. They gave away 400 lunches in December, then gave 200 sheets and a truck load full of pillows. You would think that’s enough, but no! They doubled down again packing another couple of truck loads full of Move-In Kits and Welcome Kits, too. This is one very big yoke!

Packing parties are not the only job. The New Freedom Store is in need of Target Gift cards and petty cash. We are out. This is the first time we’ve been totally out in over two years. You may send checks payable to me personally, James Seemann, or mail a couple Target Gift Cards to my home address: 1075 Burgess Street, Saint Paul, MN 55103.

With your help, I will visit as many halfway houses as possible this summer. I want to lift the morale of those returning from prison, grilling up a few hot dogs, serving them potato salad, and sharing prayers. They need it. They deserve it. They have lived under share a little love.



## 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**   
International Ministries

The mission field is here; the time is now!



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

April 2: “Holy Land Tour pt. 2”: A video tour of locations in Jesus’ earthly ministry, led by South Dakota pastor Nabil Nour who grew up in Israel.

April 9: “Three Days”: The disciples’ reactions and interactions in the days between Jesus’ death and resurrection.

April 16: “Gates of Glory”: Thomas recounts his experience with doubt and belief as he meets the risen Jesus.

April 23: “Betrayed”: A man struggles to do what is right after a reporter uncovers shady dealings in his business.

April 30: “Aftermath”: A father tries to make things right with his daughter after a life of bad choices.





## OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR HOURS

**TUESDAY - THURSDAY**

**8:30AM -1:30PM**

**FRIDAY**

**8:30AM -12:30PM**

**PASTOR'S CELL: 612-600-3514**

**Email submissions for  
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