

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



September 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



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

Walking Together as Disciples for Life:

Disciples – Teaching

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:16-20 (ESV)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We continue looking at the job description of making more disciples that Jesus has given to us:

- Baptizing
- Teaching
- Holding fast to what He has commended to us

This month, we begin some exciting and fun endeavors at Jehovah Lutheran!

On Friday, September 8, we kick off our collaborative outreach at the St. Paul Outreach Center (SPOC) with a Circuit and community-wide **International Potluck!**

Then, on **Sunday, September 10,** we celebrate **Rally Sunday** and start-up a new year of education for children and adults alike! Pastor Vue Lee, the Mission Exec from the LCMS Minnesota South District will be preaching and speaking in Bible class. Pastor Lee will lead us into a first glimpse of a new focus on evangelism at Jehovah Lutheran.

Please plan to attend each of these events!

With these exciting events coming up, it is fitting that we meditate on the second of the three aspects of discipleship outlined in Matthew 28 by Jesus: **teaching**.

The word “disciple” means both follower and student. It means someone who hears a teaching and lives it out. As disciples of Jesus, we are life-long learners from Jesus and about Jesus. To be sure, we are saved by faith not knowledge. Faith is trust in Christ alone to save us. This trust is a gift of the Holy Spirit that comes to us through the promises of God preached, given, and shared in Word and Sacrament. Faith is completely God’s gift to us, not what we do for God.

Yet, our faith in Christ is formed through continually hearing and learning the teachings of God’s truth in the Scriptures. We need to hear the truth about God’s work in creation and the reality of our sin. We need to hear about who Jesus is as true God and true human for us. We need to hear that Jesus has come to take our sin and brokenness away from us by taking upon Himself, carrying it to the cross for us. We need to hear how He rose again from the dead, defeating our death. We need to hear how the Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God and how He strengthens and keeps us in faith. We need to hear how Christ will return and raise us bodily from the dead to live with Him forever. We also need to hear how to live in light of all of this.

Hearing the teachings of the faith begins in Sunday school. It continues in confirmation. But it doesn’t end there. We continue to hear and learn the teachings of the faith throughout our whole lives. As long as we live, we need to hear the teachings of the faith. As Naomichi Masaki puts it, the learning of the Christian faith is “the school from which we never graduate.”

At the same time, while we remain disciples for life, always learning the teachings of the faith, we also pass those teachings on to others. This is part of the way more disciples of Jesus are made: by disciples teaching other disciples. This is the way our Lord Jesus intends for us to make disciples. That’s why He commanded us to teach in His great commission.

We fulfill this commission by passing on the teachings of the faith on to the next generation in Sunday school and confirmation. We fulfill this commission by passing these teachings on to new Christians. We also fulfill this commission by hearing these teachings again and again ourselves.

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Otherwise, we might get a little rusty on knowing what exactly we believe. We might forget what we believe about important things like Jesus' presence in Holy Communion, why we come to church, why we worship the way we do, or why we hold all human life as sacred in God's eyes. We might wonder why we have Confession and Absolution at the beginning of each service. We might just go through the motions without really thinking about what we're doing. We might get to the point where we view coming to church as a chore to get done, just another requirement to fulfill, something to check off of our to-do list. We might get to the point, where we think of the Christian life as something that **we** have to do, rather than a gift given to us by our Lord. We might get to the point where we never share the Good News of Jesus to others. This is why we need to hear the teachings of the faith our whole life through, so that we know what we believe and share it with others.

As we begin a new year of education on Rally Sunday, we have opportunities for hearing the teachings of our Lord in "Growing in Faith" (Sunday school) and "Living by Faith" (adult Bible class) each Sunday morning. We also have men's Bible study each Wednesday and women's Bible study once a month.

This year, I ask each of you to make it priority to come to Bible class on Sunday. Make it a priority to hear the teachings of our Lord. Then, you will be filled with His Word and moved to share that with others.

Walking together with you,
Pastor Joshua Miller

Naomichi Masaki, "The School from Which We never Graduate," in *Promising Faith for a Ruptured Age: An English-Speaking Appreciation of Oswald Bayer*, edited by John T. Pless, Roland Ziegler, and Joshua C. Miller (Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2019), 94, ff.

INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK

Friday, September 8, 2023

6:30-8:00 pm

Jehovah Lutheran Church

1566 Thomas Avenue, St. Paul, MN
55104

St. Paul Circuit church members are invited to contribute dishes for the Friday, September 8, 6:30-8:00 pm International Potluck at Jehovah Lutheran Church.

This dinner is a welcoming event for immigrants to the Concordia and Midway communities, co-sponsored by The St. Paul Outreach Center (St. Paul Circuit LCMS Churches) and CSP Ministry.

Please fill out the form at this link indicating what food item you can bring to share:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1AATECQo27_OKVKhsxKFFL1rkZ91iwYpBbD3MNEmK5ow/viewform?edit_requested=true

Or use this QR Code to get to the link:



Please join us



**Community
International Potluck**



Fall Welcome & Kick-off for the
St. Paul Outreach Center

Friday, September 8
6:30 PM
1566 Thomas Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55104

A community meal co-hosted by
St. Paul Outreach Center
Jehovah Lutheran Church
Concordia University, St. Paul
Ministry

Info: SPOC@jehovahlutheran.org




A joint mission supported by the LCMS Ministry South District, POBLO, and St. Paul Circuit LCMS churches

ST. PAUL OUTREACH CENTER

The Jehovah-based St. Paul Outreach Center is unfolding! This outreach mission to new immigrants, international students, and community members in St. Paul is a partnership of JELC, Mekane Yesus, our circuit LCMS Churches, Concordia St. Paul, Campus Ministries, the LCMS Minnesota South District and POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach). The LCMS Minnesota South District supports this collaborative mission financially as well as organizationally and with its prayers.

This mission has three "prongs": small group fellowship/English conversation family pairings, after-school programs for children and youth, and family resources.

We have successfully launched pilot offerings in two of these areas. In coordination with POBLO, Marc and Suzanne Hequet have shared their time and friendship with a new Afghani family this spring and summer. Starting in June, our Mekane Yesus sister church has piloted a soccer camp for youth each Friday afternoon for neighborhood children. We hope to build on these offerings in the coming months.

Two large events are planned for this fall to further develop this ministry. In partnership with Concordia University St. Paul's campus ministry, we will host an International potluck for new and returning students, community residents, and circuit church members on Friday, September 8, at 6:30 pm. Also in partnership with CSP, we will host a coat drive give-away on Saturday, October 14.

Please look for more details to come soon for how to participate in this exciting new ministry. We will for sure be seeking volunteers for the English conversation/fellowship pairings, the September 8 potluck, and the October 14 coat drive. David Mennicke, Outreach Center Coordinator, is happy to answer questions and help you become involved at spoc@jehovahlutheran.org.)

RALLY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10

Divine Service 9:30

Pastor Vue Lee (Minnesota South District, Mission Exec) preaching.

Growing in Faith (Sunday School)
and Living by Faith to follow.

LIFE TOGETHER

Save the dates! Beginning in September, monthly fellowship events called Life Together (formerly known as game night) will be held at the home of the Millers and other locations. All members and friends are invited as we enjoy events such as bowling at Flaherty's, service to our neighbors with dessert afterward, and a classic Midwest trip to the apple orchard! Watch the bulletin for details each month.

Outreach Opportunities!

As the forgiven and forgiving baptized children of God, we have the opportunity to join with brothers and sisters engaging in outreach together. The St. Paul Outreach Center (SPOC) is a cooperative outreach mission of the St. Paul Circuit of LCMS congregations. This August the SPOC has some great opportunities for reaching out in our community. Join with other brothers and sisters in Christ in getting to know and serving our neighbors, so that we can share with them the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pick-Up Soccer: Friday evenings from 5-6pm, neighborhood and church youth gather together to play soccer at Hamline Park. We could use help providing water and cool treats to those coming to play.

For more information: Talk with Pastor or with Dr. David Mennicke.

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 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.

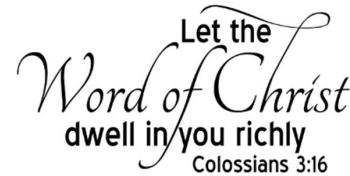
Men's Bible Study

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

September 7 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.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

September 3

Jeremiah 15: 15-21

When Jeremiah accuses the Lord of forsaking him to his persecutors, the Lord promises to renew Jeremiah's mission when he has regained confidence in it.

Romans 12:9-21

Love is the standard of all our behavior.
Love must be genuine; love embraces enemies;
love overcomes evil with good.
Love must reign in everything.

Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus makes the first of three predictions of his passion and goes on to say that to follow him means self-denial, submitting one's will to God's.



September 10

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Babylon is about to destroy the city of Jerusalem. As God's watchman, Ezekiel calls on the house of Israel to turn from their evil ways.

Romans 13:1-10

"Owe no one anything except to love one another," and so put on the Lord Jesus Christ as you await his coming.

Matthew 18:1-20

Jesus teaches humility as a high virtue rather than prominence or authority.

September 17

Genesis 50:15-21

When his brothers beg Joseph to forgive their crime against him, he asserts that only God can forgive. In his providence God brings good out of evil.

Romans 14:1-12

Paul urges the Roman Christians not to judge the religious practices of others, for we all live to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 18:21-35

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that shows that human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.



September 24

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he may be found.
Return to the Lord with humility
and he will offer mercy and pardon.

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

Paul and the Philippian Christians' total commitment to Christ enables them to stand firm in one spirit for the sake of the Gospel.

Matthew 20:1-16

The parable of the laborers in the vineyard dramatizes God's generosity and goodness beyond human expectations of justice.



CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The theme for centennial events is "100 Years of Grace: Walking Together at Jehovah Lutheran."

There will be 5 separate Sunday services for each 20 year period, spread throughout the upcoming months. The Celebration Sundays are as follows:

Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2023. Focus will be on God's grace in the 1920s-30s.

Transfiguration Sunday, February 11, 2024. Focus will be on the 1940s-50s.

Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024. Focus will be on the 1960s-70s.

Rally Sunday, September 8, 2024. Focus will be on the 1980s-90s.

Reformation Sunday, October 27, 2024. Focus will be on the 2000s-20s.



Many thanks to you, dear members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, for your bold and faithful support of the 2023–2026 National Offering.

The LCMS preaches Christ crucified for all people. Your generous support will aid us in bringing this message to more people in more languages, that it may be known around the world.

Your contribution goes out alongside the generous offerings of your brothers and sisters in Christ. As the 2023 LCMS National Convention in Milwaukee concluded in early August, God's people in the LCMS had already given nearly \$315,000 to this effort toward an initial three-year goal of \$500,000. As of Aug. 17, that total had grown to nearly \$348,000.

These gifts will fund high-priority, high-quality translations of essential Christian teaching materials into various languages, beginning with Spanish and Chinese (Mandarin/Cantonese) and then moving on to others (i.e., Arabic, Portuguese and Korean), as increasing total contributions permit.

For updates on the 2023–2026 National Offering, including the growing total collected and the translation projects funded, visit lcms.org/national-offering.

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION – The LWML Jehovah Lutheran Church Women



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For over 80 years, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

We can ALL experience these opportunities here at Jehovah:

- by building relationships with each other and supporting and serving this congregation in its various needs—hospitality, worship assistants, music and education needs, prayer, etc.
- by growing in our relationship with Christ and knowledge of His Word as we worship together and attend a Bible Class.
- by reaching out to others through our developing St. Paul Outreach Center (SPOC).
- and always, by placing loose change in a mite box and leaving it on the designated table in the narthex. These "mites" fund Mission Grants for sharing the Gospel and caring for human needs throughout the state, the country, and the world.

The LWML Mission Goal funds our mission grants from the collected mites of all LCMS/LWML congregations. New LWML Mission Grants are selected every two years and freely given offerings are dedicated to these mission grants for the purpose of reaching out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Watch for new Mission Grants to be highlighted in the coming months.

A Mission Grant Prayer

Dear Lord, we are blessed to be called Your children. Thank You for supplying our every need. Thank You for sending Your Son to be our Savior. Help us to share Your truth and Your love with our friends and neighbors. Help us to be blessings to others. May our mite offerings be used to bring Christ to the nations and to help those in need, especially those in need of Your saving grace. To You be the glory! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, September 7

1:00pm

The study will be from page 17 of the new Summer 2023 Quarterly.

All are welcome!

LWML Capitol Conference Fall Rally

Saturday October 14, 2023

Gathering Place Lutheran Ministries

lower fellowship hall (there is an elevator)
3245 New Brighton Road, Arden Hills 55112
Directions: 2 miles N of Hwy 36 Fairview Ave exit, 3 blocks NW on New Brighton Road or 1 mile E of I-35W County Rd D exit to Fairview Ave, then 3 blocks NW on New Brighton Road.

9:00am registration

9:30-11:30 program, lunch following

Registration \$10 for program and lunch
"A Taste of SE Asia"



Mission Impossible:

The Upside-Down Mission to the Lost in the Mountains of Southeast Asia.

Speaker: Pastor Yia Lor

We will be collecting:

***Gifts from the Heart:** items for homeless and homeless shelters - Pantry items (boxed or canned non-perishable); Blessing bags (can contain any items like socks, toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothbrush and paste, deodorant, lip balm, lotion), hand/body wipes, band-aids, Kleenex packets, hand/foot warmers, fruit snacks, protein/granola bars, bottle of water in a one-gallon resealable plastic bag.

***Offering for District LWML**

Group representatives please notify Beth by October 8th with number from your groups. Leave a voice message 651 631-8956 or email stpaulmetrozp@mnslwml.org

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

September 3: “The Sound of Doors Closing”
 A man's mid-life crisis and the effect it has on his family.

September 10: “Tina” - Two lonely people, a woman and child, come together through Jesus.

September 17: “Look to the Mountain” - A hopeless situation becomes more hopeless when a down-and-out man kidnaps a young girl for ransom money.

September 24: “Home Free” - A family learns the real meaning of love, and that it comes free.

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*



ACTIVITY CALENDAR

September 2023

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Rejoice in hope

be patient in affliction

persevere in prayer

Romans 12:12



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3

9:30am
Worship
in the Sanctuary
Growing in Faith
after Service
Nursery
Living in Faith
11:00am, Lounge

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**Office
Closed**

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Prayer Group
10:00am
Men's Bible Study
10:30am
Rooted in Faith
6:30pm

7

Talkative
Thursday Chat
11:10am

LWML Bible
Study
1:00pm
Open to all

8

International
Potluck
6:30pm
Pickup Soccer
Game
5:00pm
Hamline Park

9

10

9:30am
Worship
in the Sanctuary
Growing in Faith
after Service
Nursery
Living in Faith
11:00am, Lounge

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12

Lay Ministry
Meeting
6:30pm

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Prayer Group
10:00am
Men's Bible Study
10:30am
Rooted in Faith
6:30pm

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Talkative
Thursday Chat
11:10am

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Pickup Soccer
Game
5:00pm
Hamline Park

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17

9:30am
Worship
in the Sanctuary
Growing in Faith
after Service
Nursery
Living in Faith
11:00am, Lounge

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19

Council
Meeting
6:00pm

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Prayer Group
10:00am
Men's Bible Study
10:30am
Rooted in Faith
6:30pm

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Talkative
Thursday Chat
11:10am

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Pickup Soccer
Game
5:00pm
Hamline Park

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24

9:30am
Worship
in the Sanctuary
Growing in Faith
after Service
Nursery
Living in Faith
11:00am, Lounge

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*Jottings
Articles due*

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Prayer Group
10:00am
Men's Bible Study
10:30am
Rooted in Faith
6:30pm

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Talkative
Thursday Chat
11:10am

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Pickup Soccer
Game
5:00pm
Hamline Park

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OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR HOURS

TUESDAY - THURSDAY

8:30AM -1:30PM

FRIDAY

8:30AM -12:30PM

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