

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 2024

Jehovah Lutheran Church

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



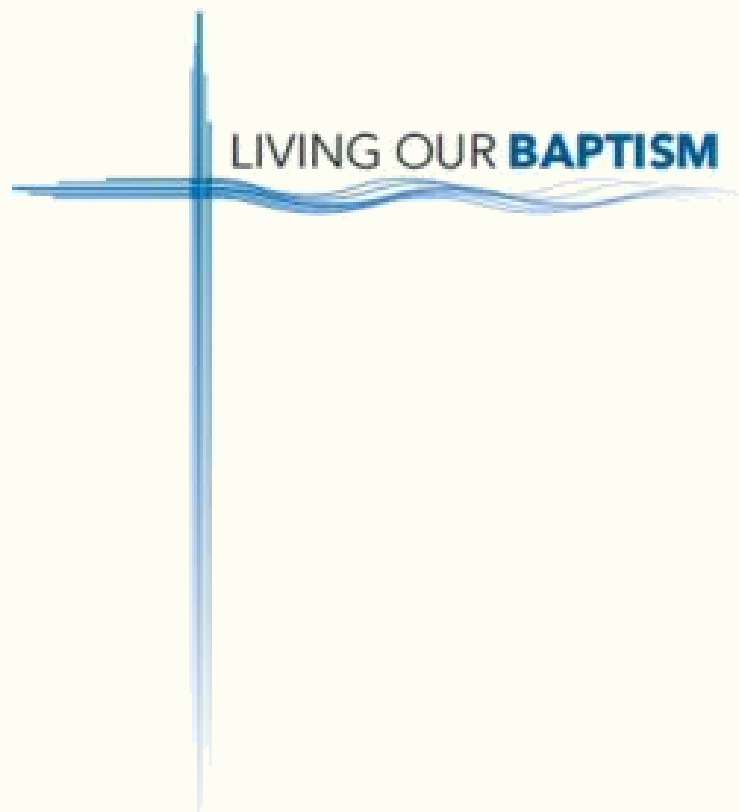
SUNDAYS

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

Hope in Christ!

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... 1 Peter 1:3 (ESV).

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Easter is right around the corner! Soon we will celebrate our Lord's resurrection and the hope that brings into our world and into our lives. In his first letter, St. Peter tells us why we have Easter hope: we have been reborn into the resurrection of Christ. This hope, given to us in our baptism, is not just for the Easter season but, instead, carries us through our whole lives long. You and I can have confidence in our Christian lives, we can face the future, because through Holy Baptism, we have been reborn through the very same power that raised Jesus from the dead.

And this resurrection power is the fuel on which the Church runs too! This truth—that Christ Jesus is the hope of the Church—is the theme for the entire March issue of the *Lutheran Witness* (the magazine of the LCMS). I heartily encourage you to read through this issue. If you do not subscribe to the *Lutheran Witness*, you can do so by signing up for either a paper copy or read it online at: <https://witness.lcms.org/>.

In his article entitled, "Quiet Despair and Its Remedies," my friend and brother-in-the-office, Pastor Adam Koontz reminds us that we have no cause to despair in the Church, because Christ Jesus is our head and our hope. Since the future of Jesus is sure and certain, the future of His Church can only be helpful. As we as a congregation live out our faith in a despairing and hopeless world, we do so knowing that our hope and future as God's people are sure and certain because they are formed, commanded, and guided by Christ Jesus!

If you would like to read Pastor Koontz's full article, it is available for free online: <https://witness.lcms.org/2024/quiet-despair-and-its-remedies/>.

This Easter, and always, I pray that you will rest in the hope of our crucified and risen Lord! Fear not! Hope in Him! Below you can see a notice of upcoming happenings.

Walking together with you,
Pastor Joshua Miller

Upcoming Worship and Events at Jehovah Lutheran

Sundays in Easter

Join us on Sundays for a new series of sermons and sessions in Living by Faith entitled "Death and Life." In this series, we will hear how the death and resurrection of Jesus affect our own death and life.

Divine Service: 9:30am

Living by Faith (Bible class): 11:00am

Growing in Faith (Sunday school): 11:00am

Wednesdays Activities

SPOC Outreach: 4:30pm

Rooted in Faith (Adult Confirmation): 6:30pm

Circuit (SPOC) Ascension Service

Ascension Eve, Wednesday, May 8:

Divine Service, 6:30pm

International Potluck to follow! Tours of SPOC spaces.

Wednesday, April 10:

SPOC International Easter Brunch

Join us as we partner with CSP Campus Ministry to serve Easter brunch to international students at CSP in the foyer of the Graebner chapel building from 4:30-6:30pm. We are looking for volunteers to cook egg bakes (not pork or beef please), bring fruit and bread, and serve (or any combination). We also will have informal conversation with these students. The SPOC also will begin sponsoring a regular CSP Ministry outreach to international students called "Chai Dosti" two Wednesdays a month from 4:30-6:30pm. Please talk with Pastor Miller, David Menicke, or Anna Gruen for more information.

APRIL 28 VOTERS' MEETING AND POTLUCK

The next Voters' Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, April 28**, 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.

FUNERAL PREFERENCES

*"Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his saints."* Psalm 116:15 (ESV)

Planning a loved one's funeral can be a difficult experience during a time of loss. Notes left by the deceased can be helpful when family members are planning with the pastor for a funeral. Members of Jehovah Lutheran are invited to contact Pastor Miller to communicate preferences for hymns, Scripture readings for their funeral services. Pastor Miller has forms available which can be kept on file.

FUNERAL COMMITTEE

The Funeral Committee is looking for people to bring desserts when we have funeral services. For more information, contact Diane Grandstrand by email at dianegrandstrand@gmail.com or by calling 651-253-6466.



Easter Flowers

Given by

In memory of

Lois Affeldt
Charlie and Marge Avoles
Shelly Britton and Ross Maker
Janet and Mike Fishback
Dorothy Fox
Tammi and Bob Goodale

Win and Diane Grandstrand
Marc and Suzanne Hequet

Jehovah Lutheran Church

Sandy and Mark Kolar

Tom Oelkers

Lloyd Bratland & Nancy Sontag

Shirley Miske and David Lumpf
Wayne and Dianne Warnest

Loved Ones
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Paula Portermain
Loved Ones
Barb Goodale
Betty Cords
Loved Ones
Walter and Viola
Schultz, Val
Hequet
Paula Portermain
Lydia Volz
Ray and Doris
Manthey
Jerry Kolar
Rose Hamman
Judith Hamann-
Oelkers
Stella & George
Bratland,
Wally and Jean
Sontag
Loved Ones
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*And this is the promise that he made to us:
eternal life.
1 John 2:25*

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.

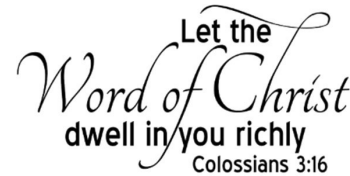
Men's Bible Study

Join us for Bible Study on Wednesday mornings
at 11:00am 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 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.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

April 7

Acts 4:32-35

The early believers were one in heart and mind, the apostles testifying to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and all sharing everything they had.

1 John 1:1-2:2

The Word of life has appeared giving us fellowship (koinonia) with the Father and the Son so that cleansed from sin we might walk in the light and have fellowship with one another.

John 20:19-31

The risen Lord Jesus blesses his disciples with a three-fold “Peace be with you” and then sends them forth with the proclamation of forgiveness.



April 14

Acts 3:11-21

In the name of Jesus, Peter heals a lame man and then proclaims to the astonished crowd that God calls them to repent and receive forgiveness in this Jesus, the risen Christ.

1 John 3: 1-7

God has lavished his love on us, calling us his children who now live holy lives and hold to the hope of being like him when he appears.

Luke 24:36-49

Jesus opens the minds of his disciples to understand that his rising fulfilled Scriptures, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations.

April 21

Acts 4:1-12

Peter and John had been arrested for preaching. Now by the Spirit, Peter proclaims that his healing a cripple was in the name of the resurrected Jesus, in whose name alone we must be saved.

1 John 3:16-24

We know God’s love in that Jesus laid down his life for us. So we, by his Spirit abiding in us, believe in the name of the Son Jesus Christ and love one another as he loved us.

John 10:11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep, knows his sheep and brings them to the Father.



April 28

Acts 8:26-40

The Ethiopian eunuch embraces the good news of Jesus by the working of the Spirit as Philip explains Scripture to him.

1 John 4

“This is love . . . that God sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins . . . Since God so loved us we also ought to love one another.”

John 15:1-8

Jesus is the true vine; the Father is the gardener. We are the branches who are to abide in Jesus and to bear fruit, showing us to be his disciples.



Please join us for Concordia St. Paul's
2nd Annual

CONFESSIO 2024:

A RETREAT ON THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS

Saturday, April 20 | 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Concordia University, St. Paul

FREE

(registration required for planning purposes)

Rev. William Weedon, Presentor

Thank, Praise, Serve and Obey: Recovering the Joy of Piety

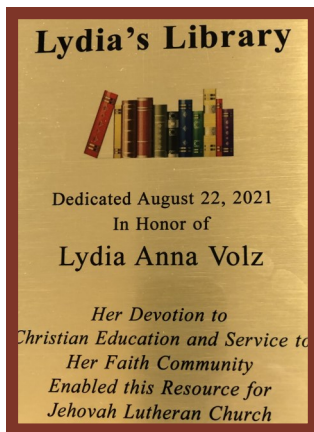


Matins Preacher:
Rev. Dr. James Baneck,
LCMS Executive Director for Pastoral Studies
and Set Apart to Serve



Vespers Preacher:
Rev. David Kind, Campus Pastor
University Lutheran Chapel,
University of Minnesota

LYDIA'S LIBRARY IS OPEN!



The church library has moved from the basement into the prayer room across from the Pastor's office. There is a notebook located in the white "return books" basket to log books out. This is a multi-purpose room for both Prayers and the Library. There are many devotional booklets available, along with both fiction and non-fiction books.

Take a few minutes to survey the library that was dedicated to Lydia Volz.



CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

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

Our Centennial events have been a great success!

Our next special service is

Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024.

Focus will be on the 1960s-70s.

We also look forward to seeing you at future Centennial Sundays on these dates:

Rally Sunday, September 8, 2024.

Focus will be on the 1980s-90s.

Reformation Sunday, October 27, 2024.

Focus will be on the 2000s-20s.

Check out the exhibit in the narthex on the history of Jehovah Lutheran up to now.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION UPDATES STILL NEEDED!

As Jehovah continues to celebrate our 100 years, we are updating our family records to be included in the photo directory. If you have not already submitted your updated info, please use one of the orange forms on the table in the narthex to give your most recent info to the office. Thank you to those who have already submitted updates! See Katie Miller with any questions about the directory.

SAINT PAUL OUTREACH CENTER NEWS

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! First, to the many hands who helped plan, provide, and serve *delicious* community meals during the season of Lent! We did have folks stop by on their way passing through, and some long-time residents who visited both the supper and the service. A second thanks goes to those who helped to pass out fliers and welcome neighbors to the Easter Egg Hunt on March 30. We had two other partners plus Jehovah members for this event. Thanks to those who donated supplies! Please continue to pray for those who come to this center and those who serve them.



Coming up **on Wednesday, April 10 from 4:00-6:30pm on campus at Concordia St. Paul**, the SPOC has the opportunity to help host a belated Easter Brunch in partnership with CSP

Campus Ministries for the international student community at CSP. We will be needing traditional American egg bake dishes (please, no pork or beef), donations of fruit or bread/pastries, and people willing to serve or just have conversation. This is a great opportunity to meet and serve another group of community members!

You can sign up to come or bring food item(s) to share using this link <https://forms.gle/A33Eg2vUBQdvmzmM7> or the QR code. Contact Pastor Joshua Miller (Jehovah Lutheran Church) pastorjoshuamiller@gmail.com or Anna Gruen (CSP Ministry Associate) gruen@csp.edu.

Are you a social media guru? Like us/repost our Facebook posts, and follow us on Instagram to help spread the word! Use these QR Codes:



@SAINTPAULOUTREACHCENTER



Caring Hearts to support life

A final thank you for the generous response to February's Caring Hearts. The diapers, wipes, and monetary gifts will be put to good use for needy parents and families.



GLOBAL HUMAN CARE FUND

For the next few months we will be featuring Lutheran World Relief (LWR). This group provides aid in emergencies and helps families restore their lives, partnering with communities to build and grow rural economies. They strive to break the cycle of poverty, so families and communities can thrive. Their stated goal is to help people build self-sufficiency and create new community-owned approaches to problem-solving that will last long after the projects end. LWR is currently focusing much energy on relief for those in need of assistance with addressing water, hygiene and sanitation (WASH) crises around the world as well as continuing efforts to rebuild after the most recent earthquake in Nepal. Much more information can be found on their website (lwr.org). Check out the updated information on the Jehovah bulletin board outside the lounge as well. If you wish to donate to LWR in the coming months, you may write a check to Jehovah with the memo "Global Human Care Fund" and use one of the designated envelopes on the bulletin board.



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**



LIFE TOGETHER
Spring Cleanup Day April 13
9:00am

Join other Jehovah members for a day of service and fellowship on **Saturday, April 13**. First, enjoy a pancake breakfast and fellowship beginning at 9:00am, and then spend time either inside or outside for a Spring clean-up day with the ARB board. There will be both light maintenance/projects as well as sprucing up of the property by removing trash, etc. Want to help prepare the breakfast or have a skillet to lend? Please talk with Katie Miller or Janet Fishback.

SAVE THE DATE!
2024 Spring Recycle Sale
Saturday, June 1
8:00am – 1:00pm

Sponsored by: King of Kings Women's Ministry

Mark your calendar for the **Women's Ministry Recycle Sale**. Start saving your gently used items for this event. Like the 2023 event, we will be conducting the sale during the Roseville Citywide Garage Sale, and taking free will offerings. As you collect items to donate, please note we will **not be accepting adult clothing, only infant and children's to age 12**. Watch for updates. **For questions contact Peggy or Glenn Matthees, 651-245-2987 or mattheesgp@gmail.com.**

Women's Ministry has supported mission projects such as: Quilts for Lutheran World Service/Ukraine, Sandwich Project, Christmas Shoebox project, Concordia Academy and King of Kings school scholarships, Hmong ministry, Concordia University, and provided King of Kings college students going into church work a small gift of financial assistance. Women's Ministry also coordinates funeral lunches for our church families.

Let Your Creativity Bloom

St. Stephanus
Saturday, April 13th
8:30am-Noon



Join the women of St. Stephanus for a morning of fellowship and creativity. You are invited to bring your own handiwork or participate in a learning sessions.

There will be 3 learning sessions available and space to sit and enjoy the company of others while you work on your projects.

The learning opportunities include:

Zentangle, a meditative art form that introduces drawing as a form of relaxation. This will be taught by Laura Treichel, a certified Zentangle instructor.

Fusible appliqué, an easy, fun way to create using fabric. No-sewing-machine needed. This will be led by Lynne Heuton.

DIY knitting, with easy to follow instructions and supplies to start you out while in the company of more experienced knitters.

Schedule:

8:30am – Continental Brunch

9:00-10:00am – Learning Session I

10:30-11:30am – Learning Session II

Feel free to bring a bag lunch to stay and continue working.

Do you have a craft you would like to share? Bring your supplies. There will be space to set up and time for women to join you.

Feel free to invite a friend. There is no charge for this event thanks to a Thrivent grant; however, to plan for food and supplies we do require advance registration.

All supplies for the learning sessions will be provided.

Questions? Call Lynne Heuton at 651-315-4158.

THE NEW FREEDOM STORE FREEDOM IN CHRIST

You may notice a new format for this newsletter. Special thanks to good friend Crystal Brutlag from Saint John Lutheran in Woodbury. She's got a special heart for the least, the last, and the lost, and computer skills to boot. This letter will be delivered more safely too. Welcome, Crystal!

This week, we send a big shout-out to Benjamin Bonine from Our Savior Lutheran in Saint Paul, who kindly delivered two boxes of tee-shirts to the store. Please continue to remember our Jesus walk as you go about spring cleaning. The list is short. The needs are simple: men and women's tee shirts, jeans, sweatshirts, belts, socks, blankets, winter hats, shoes, scarves, gloves, and top coats of all kinds.



Spring has finally sprung. April showers are sure to come. We remember those in need, especially the homeless, the recently released, and the working poor who need rain ponchos to get through their days and nights. This request is quite simple. Buy one for just \$1.98 at Walmart. Maybe even buy more. What a wonderful opportunity!

You can always drop these off at my house or the drop box at Jehovah Lutheran in Saint Paul. Or have them shipped directly to me: Jim Seemann at 1075 Burgess, Saint Paul, MN 55103. Send me an email also. That way I know they are coming. I want to thank you, too. seemann@csp.edu.

William Wordsworth said "The best portion of a good man's life is his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love."

This is how the work of the Lord gets done. Christian compassion is about the small things, too.

Christ has no body on earth. We are his hands. We are his feet.



YOUR MITES IN ACTION

2023–2025 Mission Grant No. 7 MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING AND OUTREACH LCMS Life Ministry | \$96,500

There is a need and opportunity for Lutheran outreach to people struggling with mental illnesses and disorders. However, it is challenging for pastors, church workers and lay leaders because they do not have enough training to provide effective and appropriate care. LCMS Life Ministry received an LWML Mission Grant of \$96,500 to help meet the cost of developing materials for training church workers as they minister to those suffering from mental illnesses.

2023–2025 Mission Grant No. 9 EQUIPPING YOUNG LEADERS LCMS Youth Ministry | \$50,000

LWML Mission Grant #9, Equipping Young Leaders will allow LCMS Youth Ministries to develop new curriculums for four regional YouthLead events, pilot a new Servant Event for youth, and develop a survey for Generation Z. These projects are to help teens and young adults stay connected to the church and grow in their faith in Jesus Christ.

2023–2025 Mission Grant No. 10 SET APART TO SERVE

LCMS Office of Pastoral Education | \$100,000

Set Apart to Serve is an LCMS initiative with the purpose of forming and recruiting full-time church workers. Christ's church continues to need church workers for the building up of the kingdom. Along with your mite offerings to support this LWML mission grant, you can support *Set Apart to Serve* by praying for God to provide church workers, talking to your children about becoming church workers, and thanking God for the people who work in your congregation.

To learn more, visit [www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grants 7, 9, and 10](http://www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grants-7,9,10) or check out the bulletin board in the hallway.

Serve

The Lord with gladness
Psalm 100:2



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

April 7: “Break up” – A divorced couple struggles with direction in their lives after meeting again.

April 14: “Alibi” – A father tries to reconnect with his estranged son after the death of his mother.

April 21: “No Place to Hide” – A pastor, having to face the death of his wife, cannot find comfort.

April 28: “The Main Event” – A boxer who is hit by a car becomes embittered until he meets a cheerful 8-year-old girl.

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*





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APRIL 2024



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OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR HOURS

TUESDAY - THURSDAY

8:30AM - 1:30PM

FRIDAY

8:30AM - 12:30PM

**Email submissions deadline for the MAY issue of *The Jottings*
IS APRIL 25TH.**

Please email your articles to office@jehovahlutheran.org

Contact us!

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