



FROM THE PASTOR

Till We Meet Again

This will be my last newsletter article to you and I would like to take the opportunity to say, “Till we meet again.” The past couple of months have been a roller coaster of emotions for my family and me. As I deliberated my new call and ministry to serve the Lord in a new area of his kingdom, I trusted the Lord would bless the process. Through it all, the Holy Spirit was working to guide me. This decision was emotionally difficult because we are so connected to you as friends, but I am confident the Lord will bless this decision for the good of his kingdom

I love God’s people here. Jerusalem has taken care of me and my family well. The ministry here is wonderful and there are many opportunities for the future. I know that the ministry here will continue to do well after I leave. Remember this is God’s church, not Pastor Kehren’s, and God will take care of it. He will lead a new shepherd to you soon as he has one in the past and the ministry of spreading the gospel of Jesus will continue.

It has been a privilege to serve as your pastor and share the gospel of Jesus with you for the past six years. Ginny, I, and our sons, Joshua and Jason, truly are a part of your family. Our relationships with each other have grown but more importantly our relationship with Jesus has grown. Although we will no longer be together in Morton Grove, we are still together in God’s family as we walk with him through this life and look forward to a joyful reunion in heaven. We can’t thank you enough for your support, your generosity, your prayers and encouragement. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we transition to our new home and new ministry in Wisconsin.

This will be a time of transition for all of us. Remember that God never forsakes his people. Cling to the promises of his Word. He promises *“to meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus”* (Philippians 4:19). The Lord already knows who your next shepherd will be. In his time, he will send a pastor who will bring new gifts, new talents, and a fresh perspective as Jerusalem begins a new chapter of gospel ministry. As I consider God’s precious flock here at Jerusalem, I think of the encouraging words God gave to Joshua as Israel waited to enter the Promised Land for which they were longing to enter: *“Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD, your God will be with you wherever you go.”* (Joshua 1:9)

When Christians depart from each other for a time, they don’t have to say, “Good-bye,” but rather they can say, “Till we meet again!” I know that we will see you all again – maybe if you visit us in Wisconsin, or when we come back to visit Morton Grove – but definitely in heaven.

I pray that the Lord Jesus will continue to bless Jerusalem and that you may continue with his help to carry out his mission until he comes again in glory.

Serving Jesus with you,

Pastor Kehren

WELCOME, PASTOR SPAUDE

Pastor Paul Spaude from St. Matthew's, Niles, will serve as our vacancy pastor beginning July 1st. You can reach him by email at paul.spaude@smniles.org or at his office - 847-827-4360.

We thank Pastor Spaude and St. Matthew's congregation for their assistance during the vacancy.



Pastor Spaude and his wife, Allison

PASTORAL CALL MEETING

All members are encouraged to attend the pastoral call meeting on Thursday, July 8th, at 6:30 pm in the church sanctuary. District President Pastor Kolander will preside at the meeting. Pastor Kolander has already met with our church council to help him understand our needs and to develop a list of candidates from which the congregation can choose as we issue a call for our next pastor.

GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

All members are also encouraged to attend our regular quarterly congregational meeting on Sunday, July 25th following the second service. Reports will be presented on the status of our church and school ministries.

SUMMER WORSHIP

Starting in July, regular worship times will be updated to respect and accommodate our vacancy pastor, Paul Spaude's, time and schedule. This schedule is similar to our regular schedule during most of the year. We will have **two** Sunday morning services starting July 4th. The first service will be at **8:00 am**. The second service will be at **11:00 am**. We will not have any Thursday evening services once the vacancy begins.

If the Sunday morning services do not fit your schedule, the same service will be offered at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church (9081 N. Maryland Street, Niles, IL) at **9:30 am** each Sunday. All offerings given at St. Matthew's with a Jerusalem offering envelope will be sent back to Jerusalem.

We continue to offer online worship.

Here is the link to our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWzPzwN7HAE3BLM4ZpybHkQ>

Here is the link to our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/JerusalemMortonGrove/>

UPDATED HEALTH PROTOCOLS FOR WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

In keeping with CDC and state of Illinois guidance, we are updating our health and safety protocols for worship at Jerusalem. These updated protocols are also consistent with many public venues in the area.

General Guidance: If you are fully vaccinated, you don't have to wear a mask in the building. We will also be taking down the mask optional/mask only signs and taking down the ropes on the pews. If you wish to wear a mask, please do so. Also, if anyone wants to sit with a little distance from others, the front pews of the church are often empty and please indicate to anyone who may sit close to you that you wish to sit apart. We also encourage people not to crowd together too much in the entry when visiting. The sidewalk outside is a great place for visiting after church. We ask everyone to be kind and considerate to one another at all times.

Communion: Starting Sunday, we will also be changing our communion practice to be similar to our pre-Covid practice. We will offer communion at the altar allowing for a little more spacing at the altar than in the past. Pastor will use hand sanitizer before communing everyone. He will put a wafer of bread into each hand. He will also pass the tray of wine and each person can take a cup individually with their hand. Those wearing masks can briefly take off their masks while receiving communion at the altar. If anyone is uncomfortable with communion at the altar, pastor will be available to offer private communion after the service. Please indicate to him as he greets you after the service that you would like to have private communion.

*We welcome new members
to our Jerusalem family:*

Rosario Bacalao

Serena Gríswold

Elmer Rodríguez

Alex Ruano

Byeongje Yun and his wife

DaJeong Jeong and their children

Dan and Gil



*Isabella Marleny
Tomlin was confirmed
on June 5th. God's
blessings to her as she
continues to grow in
the faith.*

*Her confirmation verse is Revelation 2:10
Be faithful, even to the point of death, and
I will give you the crown of life.*



*Elliana Lee Dastice was baptized on June 19th.
Elliana was born on April 19th to Christina and Vito
Dastice and joins older brother Vincent.
Congratulations and God's Blessings.*



Jerusalem Soccer Camp

About 40 children from our church, school, and community participated in our camp June 21-24th. Blessed with good weather, campers practiced their soccer skills on the fields of Morton Grove Park District's Linne Woods. They also heard and learned God's word in daily devotions and had time for music, fun, and fellowship.

Thank you to camp organizers and volunteers for sharing your time and talents during the week!





School News

Welcome, Ms. Punzel!

Our new 1st and 2nd grade teacher will soon be moving to Morton Grove! We look forward to welcoming her to the Jerusalem family!

Eliza grew up in Kaukauna, WI. She attended St Peter Lutheran in Appleton, WI where her parents were both teachers, and then Luther Preparatory School, graduating in 2017. She spent the next four years at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN and graduated last spring with a degree in Elementary Education. During her years at MLC, Eliza greatly enjoyed working with children from preschool through eighth grade and loved each age. She is excited to begin serving as the 1-2 grade teacher at Jerusalem.

Outside of the classroom, Eliza enjoys running, hiking, and being outside as well as reading and baking.

Eliza feels incredibly blessed to have the opportunity to teach and share Christ in a classroom. She is thankful to the members of Jerusalem for the call they extended and the welcome she has already received and is greatly looking forward to meeting the people here!



Summer Preschool

Precious Child Early Learning Center is holding a summer camp! There are three 2-week sessions available from 6/21 - 7/30. Sign up for all or just a few days. Sessions run from 9:00 am to noon daily - \$200 for the full session or daily enrollment of \$20.

The camp is for preschool children who turned three before September 2020 up through 5-year-olds entering kindergarten in Fall 2021.

Curriculum will include Bible Stories, Arts & Crafts, and outdoor activities.

Contact Ms. Vicki (vburger@jerusalemchurch.org or 847-965-4750 ext. 2) for more information. Enrollment will be limited to 10 students per day.

Fall 2021 Preschool

There are still a few limited spots available for 2021-2022 preschool. Tell your friends and neighbors with small children about our program!

Contact Ms. Vicki (vburger@jerusalemchurch.org or 847-965-4750 ext. 2) for more information.

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Worship Schedule beginning 7/4
Sunday 8:00 and 11:00 am
Online Worship on Facebook and YouTube

*“Our purpose is to serve all people
with the gospel of Jesus Christ on
the basis of Holy Scripture”*



New Worship Schedule
Begins Sunday, July 4th
Sundays at
8:00 and 11:00 am