

FROM THE PASTOR

CONFIDENCE IN CHRIST

"We have confidence in the Lord..." (2 Thessalonians 3:4).

Meet Doug. During a basketball game of his senior year basketball season, he wonders if his scholarship dream is going to happen. Meet Kristin. As she graduates from college, she wonders if she's adequate for her new job. Meet Samantha. As she faces her second round of chemotherapy, she wonders if she's going to live. Meet Scott. As he says his vows to his wife, he silently wonders if his second marriage is going to last.

Have you been there? Doug, Kristin, Samantha, Scott, you and I all have one thing in common: we need confidence. Let's face it; there are times in life that it's easy to be filled with doubt. Doug doubted his future. Kristin doubted her abilities. Samantha doubted her treatment. Scott doubted his love.

Do you sometimes doubt? Are you filled with worry and anxiety when you think of your future? What will happen to my health? What will happen with my job? Will I have enough to take care of myself and my family?

Do you sometimes worry about our congregation and our school? Will we be able to weather a transition to a new pastor? Will we handle the changes in school staffing and congregational leadership? Will we have enough offerings to carry out our mission? Will our members use their talents and time to the glory of God? Will the gospel continue to work in our hearts and lives and keep us faithful to our Lord and the mission he gives us to grow in his grace and share the gospel?

There is One whose future, abilities, treatment and love never fail. That's the true God revealed to us in the Bible. Our confidence to face whatever life throws our way comes from the promises God gives us in his Word. God kept his promise of sending a Savior for everyone. As our Savior, Jesus lived perfectly to give us confidence that his life counts for everyone. He died to make the payment necessary for our sins to be forgiven, no matter what we've done. He rose again to give us the confidence that one day we will be with him in heaven. And all this is God's free gift by faith in Jesus.

Because of Jesus, when we doubt our future, God reminds us, "I know the plans that I have for you" (Jeremiah 29:11). When we doubt our abilities, he assures us, "I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you" (Isaiah 41:10). When we doubt in the face of trouble, he promises, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20). When we doubt God's love, his Word helps us "grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ" (Ephesians 3:18). That's the difference only Jesus makes.

Pastor Kehren

SUMMER WORSHIP

Beginning on Sunday, May 30th, we will switch to our summer schedule with one Sunday Service at 9:30 am. Our first Thursday summer worship will be on June 3rd at 7:00 pm. The Thursday service will be the same as the following Sunday. Sunday Bible Class and Sunday School will take a break for the summer.

The worship schedule during the vacancy (beginning July 1st) is still being finalized.

Since the state is moving to the "Bridge" phase this week, we are allowed to have a capacity of about 100 in the sanctuary. This means there is no more need to sign up in advance for worship services. Please continue to wear masks and practice distancing as best as you can.

In recognition of the latest CDC and state of Illinois guidance that face coverings and social distancing are not necessary indoors for those who have been vaccinated, we will provide mask-optional seating for vaccinated individuals on the left side of the sanctuary starting Sunday, May 30th. Because some may not have reached a certain comfort level yet, we ask that everyone still wear their masks as they enter/exit or move around the building. Please only have your mask off when you are seated in the mask-optional section. We encourage those who would like to wear a face covering, for their protection, to do so.

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/>

CALL ACCEPTED

After careful and prayerful deliberation, the Lord has led Pastor Kehren to accept the call to serve as a Christian Giving Counselor for the Western Wisconsin District of the WELS. He thanks you for your input and prayers.

We are grateful for Pastor's faithful shepherding and for Ginny's dedicated service to our church and school. We will miss the Kehren family and pray for them during this time of change.

Pastor Paul Spaude from St. Matthew's, Niles, will serve as our vacancy pastor beginning July 1st. We will have a call meeting for our new pastor in mid or late June.

CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

Congregational president Pat Ruehrdanz has announced his resignation from the church council effective May 31st as he and his family move to Wisconsin. We thank Pat, his wife Carol, and their children for their many years of service to our church and school. At the congregational meeting on May 23rd, voters approved the nomination of Brian Felsing as our new president. Brian will continue in his role as Outreach/Fellowship Elder until that position has been filled.

Alex Buetow's nomination as Education Elder was also approved. He also will continue as interim congregational secretary. A nominating committee continues to work to fill the vacancies on our Council and Board of Elders.

Congratulation to Marian Schoephoester and Elmer Rodriguez as they were united in marriage here at Jerusalem on May 15th. We wish them God's Blessings on their future lives together.

We welcome new member Kelly Johnson to our Jerusalem family.

Elliana Lee Dastice was born on Monday, April 19th to Vito and Christina Dastice. She joins older brother Vincent. Congratulations and God's Blessings.



"May the Lord Smile on You and be Gracious to You"

Former Jerusalem Member and preschool teacher Erin Smolinski Rausch and her husband, Tim, were blessed with the birth of a son, George Samuel Rausch, on April 23rd. We rejoice with them at this addition to their family.

Read Through the New Testament in a Year!

Each week, Pastor Kehren puts out a series of readings. Feel free to jump in at any time. For those especially ambitious, he will also add Old Testaments readings to read through the whole Bible in a year. If you are interested in some study questions, email the church office at secretary@jerusalemlutheran.org and we will add you to the list.

We will continue to provide these readings and questions for the rest of the year since Pastor Kehren is using them also for his personal devotions. After he leaves June 30th, readings will be forwarded on from the church office.



*Father's Day
June 20th*



Jerusalem School Soccer Camp

June 21- 24th 10:00 am until Noon
Linne Woods

Children entering kindergarten through eighth grade are invited to join a skills-based soccer camp. Participants will learn and practice essential soccer skills-dribbling, passing, shooting, and playing games. They will also hear and learn God's Word in daily devotions.

Cost: \$5.00 per day/siblings \$2.50 per day
Registration Deadline: June 14- Register at <https://forms.gle/FWydXdprAKoxEvhc6> or go to the Jerusalem Lutheran School and Church Website at http://www.jerusalemchurch.org/default.asp?sec_id=140003837 Click on the **Soccer Camp Link** and complete the form. You may also call the school at 847-965-4750 extension 5 to register.

Welcome, Ms. Punzel!

The Lord has graciously supplied our school with a teacher for our 1st-2nd grade classroom beginning in fall of 2021. Ms. Eliza Punzel is from Kaukauna, Wisconsin and recently graduated from Martin Luther College. We are so thankful for the Lord's amazing love.

Eliza recently visited our school and was able to meet some of her future students and their families. We look forward to welcoming her to our Jerusalem family and working with her next fall!



Preschool

Precious Child Early Learning Center will be 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.

Luther Prep Summer Camps

Luther Prep tentatively plans to hold its usual slate of summer camps this June and July. Covid modifications and precautions will be in place. Day camps and overnight camps will be offered. For more information and to register, call 920-261-4352 or visit http://www.lps.wels.net/apps/pages/summer_sports_camps. Hope you can join us this summer!



School News

Principal Call Finalized

Chiseon Kim's temporary principal call was made permanent at our congregational meeting on May 23rd. We appreciate Mr. Kim's dedicated service to our school over the past year, especially with the uncertainties of Covid 19.

Calls to our preschool teachers Laura Boughton and Tanya Kalbach were also renewed at the meeting.

Please continue to keep these faithful servants in your prayers!

Congratulations Graduates!

Preschoolers completing our program:

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| Hannah Canfield | Eunae Ra |
| Alan Chung | Mateo Rodriguez |
| Sebastian Flores | Peony Wu |
| Kajsa Ward | James Wu |
| Ahrianna Koh | David Camacho |
| Zoey Holleran | Belle Ng |
| Carlisle Yoo | Isaac Kim |
| Natalia Kubala | Brigid Schroeder |
| | Nico Athas |

Eagles of the week

Each week, students are selected by faculty members to be recognized based on their Christ-like attitude and academic effort.

Congratulations to our latest Eagles of the week:

- Anastasia Botten
- Iveel Munkhdulguun
- Kajsa Ward
- Natalia Atto
- Jack Becker
- Eunae Ra
- Kara Jackson
- Cathleen McGuire
- Elberel Munkhdulguun
- Liliana Marbo
- Danielle Olea
- James Wu
- Hailey Ju



8th Grade

- Joseph Yoon
- Joseph Georgian
- Faith Vo
- Gabrielle Diaz

Kindergarten

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| Zoe Botten | Edessa Gorgis |
| Sofia Camacho | Ashton Iusco |
| Gelsomino Ceriale | Edward Kang |
| Cameron Colianne | Emma Miron |
| William Durband | Anella Odisho |
| Owen Epperson | Teagan Slattery |



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Worship Schedule

Sunday 9:30 am, Thursday 7:00 pm
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”*



Summer Schedule
Begins Sunday, May 30th

One Sunday Service
9:30 am

Thursday Worship 7:00 pm
Beginning June 3rd