

*FROM THE PASTOR*

## Lent Is a Time for Pictures

Have you ever had this happen to you? You find yourself going through the “junk” closet and you come across a stack of pictures taken years ago? Pictures from the past often bring up memories of things that otherwise would be forgotten. As I cleaned out my dad’s house last year, I found some boxes with old pictures from my childhood.

I find myself laughing at myself as I flip through them. I say to myself, “I can’t believe I dressed like that” or “What was I thinking with that haircut?” Then there are pictures of Mom and Dad, Uncles and Aunts, my grandma. There are pictures of friends with whom I haven’t been in touch for years. There are pictures of vacations, holiday celebrations, and birthday parties. Each one is filled with memories.

There is another “photo album” in all of our homes that is filled with pictures of the past. This photo album is titled “The Holy Bible.” When you start to page through it, you see all sorts of photos. You see yourself as you examine your life in the light of God’s Word. It reveals your sins. You are reminded that you have not loved your neighbor as God asks, been a faithful spouse or a good parent. These aren’t pretty pictures.

As we continue, we also see pictures of Jesus, the one who is faithful, the one who never sinned. His life was perfect. As we continue viewing God’s pictures, we see that Jesus did all this for me. Jesus, God’s only Son, took my place, and the place of all sinners. To meet God’s demands, he lived a perfect life for each one of us.

The Bible gives us many pictures of Jesus. He is pictured as a shepherd guiding his sheep, a humble teacher, a king seated on his throne in heaven, and many more. But we also see him pictured as a mighty warrior battling against our spiritual enemies – sin, death, and Satan.

At times he looks as if he has been defeated by his enemies. We see Jesus with a crown of thorns, a bloodied back, pierced hands and feet. We see Jesus’ lifeless body taken from the cross and placed in the grave. These pictures make us feel sad for we realize that it is for our sins that Jesus suffered, not his. He died in our place so we might live.

But these sad pictures that make Jesus appear to be a defeated soldier, soon turn to pictures of victory. On the third day after his death, we see the empty grave. We see a picture of the mighty victorious warrior! We see rejoicing! We shout with joy because we know that our sins have been taken away, death has been conquered, and the devil defeated. In Jesus, we have a picture of love and forgiveness.

On Ash Wednesday, (February 26th this year) we begin the season of Lent. Lent is that six-week period before Easter. It is a time to view God’s pictures of Jesus our mighty warrior. Our theme for Lent this year is, “The Son of God Goes Forth to War.” Lent is a season of reflection, repentance, and rejoicing. It is a time of reflection. We reflect back on all of our sins and back to the cross. When we do, we see the words, redeemed, restored, and forgiven. Then we go away rejoicing over our new life in Christ. Let the pictures of the Lenten season help you see God’s love for you in Christ and all the wonderful things he has done for you. Take time during Lent to reflect, repent, and rejoice!!!

*Pastor Kehren*

## Mission Festival Sunday, February 23rd

Pastor Terry Schultz will be our guest preacher and will give a presentation between services on his work as Artistic Development Missionary for WELS Multi-language publications. He oversees the development of culturally-appropriate worship resources in our various world mission fields.

We will have a potluck lunch following the 10:30 am worship service. Please bring a main dish, salad or side. Desserts will be provided. Sign up in the church entryway.

## Keeping Us Safe at Church

The Morton Grove Police Department recently gave us a presentation on how we might want to respond if a threatening situation would occur during a church service. We realize that not all of you could attend the meeting. We will be re-showing the presentation in the back of church on February 29th at 9:00 am. We will also brain-storm some ideas on how to better keep our church safe in one of these emergency situations. If you are an usher, please try to attend. **Only adults are invited.** Any questions, please contact Patrick.ruehrdanz@gmail.com

## Lenten Worship - The Son of God Goes Forth to War

Many picture Jesus a loving Shepherd or a mighty King. But the Bible also pictures him as a mighty warrior who fights our spiritual battles against sin, death, and Satan and wins the victory for us. This Lenten season we focus on "The Son of God Goes Forth to War." Join us for worship as we focus on the tremendous courage, humility, and power of our Savior – and his ultimate victory – that he freely shares with us! Pastors from our area WELS/ELS congregations will lead us in worship for our midweek services.



Ash Wednesday, February 26, 7:00 pm *The Warrior Rejected by Many* - Pastor Kehren

March 4, 2:15 pm and 7:00 pm *Skirmishes* – Pastor Phil Schupmann

March 11, 2:15 pm and 7:00 pm *Know your Enemy* – Pastor Joshua Free

March 18, 2:15 pm and 7:00 pm *The Warrior Faces Satan's Ally, the World* – Pastor Paul Spaude

March 25, 2:15 pm and 7:00 pm *The Hidden Warrior* – Pastor Jon Bergemann

April 1, 2:15 pm and 7:00 pm *The Promised Warrior* – Pastor David Thompson

We welcome new member Alyssa Hannenberg to the Jerusalem family.

## Principal Call

Mr. Nathan Reich has declined our call to serve as principal. We will have another call meeting this Sunday to call a principal. It will be a short meeting (about 20-30 minutes at the pot-luck) after the second service this coming Sunday.

Save the date for our annual Fellowship Dinner!

Saturday, April 4th! 5:30 pm

Menu/RSVP forms will soon be available in the church entryway. Proceeds from this event go to support the Jerusalem Parents' Club, who in turn supports the school ministry at Jerusalem.

This is a grown-ups only event, so call a sitter and come join us for an evening of fellowship in Jerusalem's downstairs auditorium.

# Bible Study

## Sunday Education Hour

**9:15 am** Adult Bible Study - Church Sanctuary  
 Sunday School (Age 3 - 6th grade) - Kindergarten Room  
 Toddlin' to Jesus (Newborn-age 2 with parent)-Ms. Tanya's 4K Room  
 Teen Group (7th-12th grade) – Mr. Kim's Room 5th-6th grade Room

## Wednesday Bible Study – Downstairs Auditorium

**10:00 am** Wednesday, February 26th

**1:00 pm** During Lent (March 4th – April 1<sup>st</sup>)

## Church Spring Cleaning

Volunteers are welcome to help with spring cleaning of the church to get ready for Easter. Join us on Saturday, March 14th from 10:00 am until noon. We will do some extra dusting, vacuuming, cleaning windows and floors, etc. to get our facility looking good for spring. Cleaning supplies will be provided, but if you have some cleaning supplies, feel free to bring them along as well.

## Easter Invitation Distribution

We will distribute Easter Service invitations in our neighborhood on Saturday, March 28th at 10:00 am. Come at 9:30 am for fellowship - coffee, juice and a snack and then we will divide up into teams and assign areas to distribute the door hanger invitations. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the gospel with our Morton Grove neighbors.



**Daylight Saving  
Time begins  
March 8th**

## School Sign Fundraising Update

For over 100 years Jerusalem Church has been educating the young people of Morton Grove in the truths of the gospel (my kids are the 4<sup>th</sup> generation of my family to receive this blessing at our school). It is long overdue for us to put a sign on the corner of Georgiana and Capulina to let people know that we are here to serve them with the good news of Jesus. **We only have about \$11k to go for our sign to be fully funded!** We are thankful to have just paid down our school debt from last year and would love to avoid taking out a loan to finish the project. Please prayerfully consider donating toward our sign. This sign could be the first opportunity to create awareness to a neighbor about the Lord's wonderful gracious gift offered at Jerusalem Lutheran Church & School.

REMINDER: MAKE ANY CHECKS OUT TO JERUSALEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL. If you have questions, please contact myself Patrick Ruehrdanz at [patrick.ruehrdanz@grainger.com](mailto:patrick.ruehrdanz@grainger.com) or Principal Vance at [djviag@gmail.com](mailto:djviag@gmail.com).



## **Church Council Members and summary of roles –** ***Please feel free to contact us with any questions!***

### ***Patrick Ruehrdanz - President***

The president presides at all meetings of the Board of Trustees, congregation and the church council.

The president of the congregation is to see that the resolutions and directives of the Board of Trustees, the congregation and church council are carried out.

### ***Alex Buetow - Secretary***

The secretary keeps a correct report of the proceedings of all meetings of the Board of Trustees, the church council and the congregation. He shall record and file with the church office all meeting minutes in duplicate for a permanent record.

### ***Jeff Hawk - Treasurer***

The treasurer serves as the chairman of the Treasury Committee and has oversight of and authority over all congregational, school and early learning center accounts. He keeps checking accounts. In coordination with the financial secretary and the Treasury Committee, he shall keep an accurate account of all monies received by the congregation, school and early learning center. With the assistance of the Treasury Committee, he disburses all monies according to instructions received from the congregation or church council.

### ***Steve Mueller - Financial Secretary***

The financial secretary receives from the Finance Committee the original record for monies received by the congregation, and shall keep accurate accounts of all monies received from individual members, societies, clubs, outsiders, etc.; and for what purposes such monies were received. He has the responsibility of seeing that all monies received are deposited at least weekly in a bank designated by the church council.

### ***Erick Boughton - Care for Called Workers Elder***

The care for called workers elder ensures that the congregation is providing for the needs of its called workers and their families both spiritually and materially.

### ***Micah Miner – Education Elder***

The school elder oversees the mission and ministry of Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran School and Precious Child Early Learning Center. To that end, he exercises general oversight of the school curriculum and instructional equipment in cooperation with the school principal. He also has oversight of other education opportunities, including, but not limited to: Sunday school, adult bible studies, and the teen group.

### ***Brian Felsing – Outreach / Fellowship Elder***

The outreach / fellowship elder oversees the work of reaching out into the community with the gospel and providing information about the work of our congregation, school and early learning center to the community. He assists the pastor(s) in educating and encouraging the congregational membership to engage in outreach work.

### ***Vacant (covered by Pastor Kehren until filled) – Congregational Elder***

The Congregational Elder oversees In-reach efforts of the congregation. He works with the pastor, and other mature Christian leaders, in the church in encouraging regular use of the mean of grace in word and sacrament by all members. The Congregational Elder also oversees Christian stewardship of the congregation. To that end he will educate and encourage the congregation in the principles and practice of total Christian stewardship (time, talents and treasures)

### ***Marco Freytes - Property Chairman (Trustee)***

Supervise repair and upkeep of all property relating to the church and school buildings, as well as the church-owned residences. Also, lead the Trustee committee (Alex Buetow, Paul Grosse, and Romeo Iusco). If you see something in disrepair, please contact us directly or the church office.

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# School News

## Eagles of the Week

PK-8th grade students are recognized each week for their Christ-like attitude and academic effort. February Eagles of the week were:

- Sarah Felsing
- Daniel Yoon
- Ashton Iusco
- Evan Marbo
- Kayla Paz
- William Durband
- Faith Vo
- Joey Hoffman
- Alan Chung



Kindergarten students hosted a Chinese New Year Dumpling and Noodle Day with the help of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.



1st through 8th grade students sang at the Chicago Wolves game on February 15th. They did an incredible job and positively represented Jerusalem School!



## 2020 WELS International Youth Rally

“Vision 2020” June 23-26, 2020

Location: University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Registration Information: Coming Soon

Registration runs March 2-May 29



## You Can Help Our Kindergarteners!

The kindergarten students are starting to read full sentences and short books. They also read aloud better when they have an “audience” that gives them lots of praise. We would love it if you could come to school to listen to them read on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons from 2:00–2:30 pm. Sign-up sheets are available in the church entryway. Please check the available dates and see if you could help us out.

## JERUSALEM SOCCER AND S.T.E.A.M CAMPS

Mark your summer calendar for soccer camp June 15th-18th and S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) camp from July 13th-16th. Camps are open for children entering kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

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**Worship Schedule**  
Sunday 8:00 and 10:30 am

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

## Lenten Worship

**The Son of God Goes Forth to War**

**Ash Wednesday      February 26th**

Service with Holy Communion      7:00 pm



Beginning March 4th

Afternoon service at 2:15 pm

Evening service at 7:00 pm

Join us each Wednesday!