

FROM THE PASTOR

WHAT MORE COULD WE WANT?

"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want" (Psalm 23:1).

On Sunday, May 3, we will celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. The lessons for this Sunday focus on how our Lord is a Shepherd who feeds us, leads, us protects us, and gives heed to our needs. He takes care of us so well that we really don't need anything more. This Sunday is a good opportunity to consider how having the Lord as our Shepherd is such a blessing. John D. Rockefeller was one of the richest men in the world. An interviewer once asked him, "How much money is enough?" Rockefeller replied, "Just a little bit more."

How many times have we told ourselves that if we had "just a little bit more" we would be happy? A higher paying job. A larger home. An earlier retirement. Better health. Successful children.

But what happens when those wants are met? Are people truly happy? And what happens when those wants aren't met? When you find yourself unemployed. When in rough times your savings are depleted. When plans for better housing or earlier retirement have to be put on hold. When your health takes a turn for the worse or your children struggle in school. Where do you turn? Turn to Jesus and remember, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want."

We might not have everything we want in life, but Jesus, our Good Shepherd, has truly given us everything we need. He's given us his word. He's given us his promises. He assures us that our sins are forgiven and eternal life in heaven is ours through his death and resurrection.

He promises to provide for all of our physical and spiritual needs richly and abundantly here on earth until he takes us to the glorious home that he has prepared for us in heaven. There through our Savior, you and I will experience the fulfillment of his promise, "You will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand" (Psalm 16:11).

Not long after his death, someone came up to the accountant of John D. Rockefeller and said, "We know Rockefeller was a very wealthy man. How much did he leave?" Without a moment's hesitation, the accountant answered, "Everything!" A man who seemed to have it all was forced to leave it all behind in the end. The only things that will go with us from this life to the next are the spiritual treasures that belong to us through faith in Jesus.

What do we want out of life? What we need the most has already been fully and freely supplied by Jesus, our Good Shepherd. So, what more could we want? What more could we need?

Pastor Kehren

Online Worship

Because of the state “stay at home” order, worship services are suspended though the month of May. During this time we are providing a simplified video service over YouTube and Facebook. The Sunday service will be posted by Sunday morning. Even though we can’t gather for worship, we can worship as a congregation together from our own homes. Maybe one of the blessings of this situation is that we will grow in our appreciation and skills at growing in God’s Word and worshipping our Savior in our homes. Think of it, “Every home a church.” For those who don’t have internet access we are mailing out a printed copy of the service and sermon.

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/?eid=ARCnw-uUPu8lwQR5HnZz13doMD-2RTN-abpKhWSal_pKhUQKSRGOIuj2D7VJVJdCtLnX0m7uQMt-8qelq

Please also subscribe to our YouTube channel to give us more visibility on the internet. Just click the subscribe when you are on our YouTube channel.

Bible Study

We have started an online Sunday morning Bible class over Zoom from 11:00 – 11:45 am. We will study the book of 1 Peter under the theme “Hope in Hurtful Times.” The book of 1 Peter proclaims a wonderful message of encouragement and hope especially in troubling times.

If you have never used Zoom before it is very simple. Each Sunday, Pastor will e-mail an invitation to our congregational list. Simply click on the link included in the email. You don’t need to set up an account. You can participate with video and audio or just audio alone.

You may also make use of free online devotional material provided by our church body. You can find them here: <https://wels.net/serving-you/devotions/>

Sunday School

Each week we will be emailing Sunday School materials to our member families with grade school and younger children to share at home, especially if you have extra time at home with your kids. This is an uncertain time for children and these resources can help provide them the peace that comes from God’s promises. God’s Word also encourages parents to bring their children up in God’s Word (Ephesians 6:4) and these materials can equip you. If you want a different grade level or wish to access future lessons for yourselves, you can download these Christ-Light lessons for free at <https://online.nph.net/cl-ss-downloads>, compliments of Northwestern Publishing House www.nph.net.

Toddlin2Jesus

Sunday school class for our youngest members is going online! Tanya Kalbach will be setting up a Sunday morning zoom meeting for parents with children age two and under. Stay tuned for more information.



THANKOFFERINGS

Please keep in mind that the financial support of the ministry of Jerusalem depends entirely on the regular offerings of members, so we encourage you, if you are able, to continue your regular pattern of giving. You can mail offerings to the church office or drop them in the mailbox slot next to the school door. This will enable us to continue to pay bills and the salaries of our called workers and staff during this time. The mailing address of the church is: 6218 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60053. If you have any questions about sending in offerings, please contact our treasurer Steve Mueller at smuell@ameritech.net or our congregation president at Patrick.ruehrdanz@grainger.com.

ELECTRONIC GIVING SURVEY

Thank you for participating in the electronic giving survey. We received 47 responses. 14 said they would always use it, 14 said they would use it sometimes. 8 said they weren't sure, and 11 said they would not make use of it. The church council will consider the costs and make a decision about proceeding forward with this option. If you have questions or comments, please contact our financial secretary, Steve Mueller 847-967-1099, smuell@ameritech.net, or church secretary, Linda Rosenblum 847-965-4750, secretary@jerusalemlutheran.org.

BAPTISMS

Genevieve Marie Ceisel, born on March 10, 2020, baptized on May 1, 2020
Daughter of David and Stephanie Ceisel

Nathan Niyum Ceisel, born on March 11, 2020, baptized on May 1, 2020
Son of Paul and Natthaya Ceisel

“Indeed, as many of you as were baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ.” Galatians 3:27



DECISION ON WELS DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

After thorough discussion and with great reluctance, the Conference of Presidents (COP) has concluded that the district conventions, scheduled for early June, will be canceled due to the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 virus.

Even though we cannot hold “regular” district conventions as the bylaws state, we will continue to walk together in our common confession of faith and shared mission. It is our commitment to the truths of Scripture and our commitment to carry out God’s work that will guide us in times such as these—times that constitutions and bylaws could not have foreseen. Even without specific guidance from bylaws, we are committed to moving forward in a united way, striving to do all things in good order. With no district conventions, normal elections will not be able to be held. Instead, we will plan to have elections for the district officers conducted electronically. Called worker delegates and congregational delegates will be able to participate. A digital version of the *Report to the Twelve Districts* as well as other important materials will be made available to each congregation and to district convention delegates.

Martin Luther College announces commencement plans

In consultation with the 2020 graduating class, faculty/staff, and local health authorities, Martin Luther College (MLC), New Ulm, Minn., has decided that its graduation and Call Day services will be held remotely, with graduating seniors viewing from their homes.

The 2020 commencement worship service will be broadcast via [MLC's Livestream](#) page at 10 a.m. CT, May 16th. The reading of the assignments will immediately follow the commencement service. Both events will be pre-recorded at the Chapel of the Christ on MLC's campus. Assignment lists will be posted on [MLC's](#) and on [WELS'](#) websites immediately following the event.

Commencement plans for Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS), Mequon, Wis., will be finalized in early May. With the Wisconsin governor's "Safer at Home" orders extended until May 26, WLS already has decided to hold classes online until the end of the school year



If you are a regular subscriber to our synod's monthly magazine, *Forward in Christ*, your April and May issues are waiting for you in your church mailbox. April and May issues are also available online at no charge. Go to <https://online.nph.net/fic-free-issue-form>

You will be asked for your name and email address. The magazine will then be available for you to scroll through. You will be added to NPH's email list for news and promotions. You can easily unsubscribe. Simply click on that option in the welcome email you receive after signing up to view the magazine.

HOMEMADE MEDICAL MASKS

Dear church family, thank you for all the masks you have made. What a wonderful display of your love for Jesus and our community. We have given them to Advocate Lutheran ER, sent a box of them to a sister in Christ who works at a nursing home in MN, handed a few out to our own church family and to the community. I should have kept track of how many have been given away, but the most important thing is not "how many" but that people around us were served. We are good for now on masks, but I will let you know if we need more made in the future. Thank you!!!

Tanya Kalbach

The Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce has created a list of open businesses that they are sharing with the community.

For business and service go to:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sqFHxV1ZLI9DBKqevw7wTAiJESWXS7J3jD_ba8Q8w/edit

For restaurants check: <https://www.mortongroveil.org/restaurants/>

JERUSALEM SUMMER CAMPS

Our summer camps are still be planned, but those plans could change depending on how long the 'stay at home' order or other restrictions may be in place. Registration forms are now available for summer camps at Jerusalem for kids ages entering Kindergarten through 8th grade. Contact us at secretary@jerusalemlutheran.org and we will send you a copy. Soccer Camp will be June 15th – 18th. S.T.E.A.M. Camp will be July 13th -16th. Volunteers will be needed for both events. Contact us for a list of the opportunities available for soccer camp.

Jerusalem Students continue E-learning



Our school mascot Jerry got the news we all didn't want. Our in-person school year for 2019-2020 will not be able to continue. Nevertheless, the teachers are hard at work making sure all of our students have the best experience possible for the remainder of the school year. Class work continues with online presentations and zoom meetings. Preschoolers are also able to connect with their teachers and each other with regular online meetings.

School Sign Fundraising Update

For over 100 years Jerusalem Church has been educating the young people of Morton Grove. 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 \$9.3k to go for our sign to be fully funded!** 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 or Principal Vance at djvjaq@gmail.com.



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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”*

Tell her you love her.
Share how God has
blessed you through her.

Order a meal to be delivered
to Mom or prepare a special
meal to leave on her
doorstep.

Send a letter, homemade card,
care package.

Bake dessert together.
Or organize an ice
cream sundae bar.

MOTHER'S DAY Sunday, May 10th

Thanking God for the blessing of
Mothers while “staying at home”.
For mothers at home and away.



Let her sleep in – take the
kids out of earshot and let
Mom enjoy some
uninterrupted sleep. Serve
breakfast in bed.

Play a board game
or do a jigsaw
puzzle over snacks
and conversation.

Set up a scavenger hunt – get
the kids involved in making a
list of things to find in your
house or yard – “find a flower
outside to give Mom” or “make
a list of 3 of your favorite
things about Mom

Go for a walk as a family.

Drive by for socially distant
waves and smiles.

Karaoke with a hair
brush microphone and
your favorite tunes.
Take some silly family
selfies.

Do a craft together. Decorate your
driveway/walkway with sidewalk
chalk for Mother's Day.

Let Mom binge watch her
favorite movies or TV shows
while you do some household
chores. Volunteer to help with
cleaning, shopping, etc.