

FROM THE PASTOR

EASTER HOPE

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you...”

1 Peter 1:3-4

The Easter lilies eventually wilt. The glorious Easter music gently fades. The voices of Easter choirs become a faint whisper until they can be heard no more. The smells of a delicious Easter breakfast become a distant memory. Soon another Easter Sunday will come and go. Pack it up. Put things away. Get ready for next year. After all, isn't that what we do with Easter? Isn't it just another “event” that the church celebrates every year? Isn't it just another key date on the church calendar that we prepare for and, once it is done, we begin focusing on the next big church event? Look out Ascension—here we come!

Can you imagine the Apostles seeing Easter that way? There's Peter in the middle of his Pentecost sermon with thousands hanging on his every word, boldly telling them that they put the Son of God to death by nailing him to the cross—and then not telling them that God raised him from the dead? There's Paul in the middle of his Athenian sermon surrounded by philosophers curious to know more about this new philosophy, telling them how this God who made the world will one day come to judge the world—and then forgetting to mention that this “unknown God” conquered death and the grave? No, we can't imagine that. For these apostles, Easter was no “church festival” to be celebrated once a year. It was a current reality, a living hope, and it assured them that nothing could separate them from Jesus and his love, not even death on a cross, not even their death.

This is how we celebrate Easter—by celebrating it every day. Each day we go to Calvary to see the depth of God's love for us on a cross, but we also visit the empty grave to celebrate a living Savior. Each day we embrace our Savior's death for our sins, and we also embrace his victory over death. Each day we recall that Jesus' rising from the dead means that our Savior is the Almighty God – the Lord of life and death. Each day we find comfort in the fact that Jesus' empty tomb means that the guilt of all our wrongs is gone forever. Each day we cling to Jesus' promise that because he lives, we also will live forever in the perfect joy of heaven. After all, that's what people do who have a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ and into an inheritance that will never spoil, perish or fade.

Celebrating each day with you in resurrection hope,

Pastor Kehren

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, April 28th 11:45 am

Please join us for our congregational meeting on Sunday, April 28th and 11:45am We will be considering a new proposal for housing international students and asking for approval of our annual budget. A light lunch will be served.

Baptisms

Vincent James Dastice, son of Cristina and Vito Dastice, was baptized on February 2nd.

Lincoln Anthony Reese was baptized on March 7th. He is the son of Courtney and Anthony Reese and little brother of Noelle.

May God's grace and blessings guide them throughout their lives.



Easter Outreach Invitation Distribution Saturday, April 6th

We will distribute Easter Service invitations in our neighborhood on Saturday, April 6th at 10:00 am. Come 15 minutes early for 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 and have a nice time doing it!

EASTER LILIES

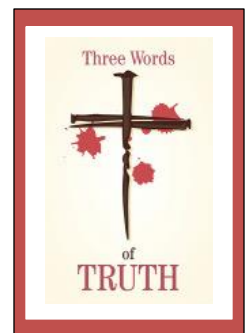
Our Easter morning worship has always included the festive scent of Easter lilies. If you would like to purchase one or more lilies to take home with you after our Easter Festival service, you can do so by filling out an order form and placing it in the box provided in front of the display case in the church entryway. The cost of each lily is \$14.00. Please make checks payable to Bonnie Sheirok.

Lenten and Easter Worship

We have midweek Lenten services on Wednesdays at 2:15 and 7:00 pm throughout the Lenten season. Our midweek Lenten theme is "Three Words of Truth" based on the gospel accounts of Jesus passion.

THREE WORDS OF TRUTH

<i>Wednesday, April 3</i>	2:15 and 7:00 pm	<i>"Take Him Away"</i>
<i>Wednesday, April 10</i>	2:15 and 7:00 pm	<i>"What Is Truth?"</i>
<i>Maundy Thursday, April 18</i>	7:00 pm	<i>"Take and Eat, Take and Drink"</i>
<i>Good Friday, April 19</i>	1:30 and 7:00 pm	<i>"It Is Finished!"</i>
<i>Easter Sunday, April 21</i>	7:00 and 9:30 am	<i>"Remember Jesus Christ: He Has Risen!"</i>



EASTER BREAKFAST

Please join us for breakfast hosted by our Jerusalem Teen group. Breakfast will be served Easter morning from 8:00 – 9:00 am in the downstairs fellowship area.

Bible Studies at Jerusalem

Sunday Morning Bible Study

We have started a new Bible study "The Gospel in the Psalms." We will study various psalms and see how they speak to various life circumstances that we face and proclaim the comforting and encouraging gospel to us.

Sunday School

Sunday School for kids ages 3 through high school meets at 9:15 am.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Midweek Bible study meets Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 – 2:00 pm in the downstairs fellowship area. We are beginning a study of the book of Daniel. The theme of Daniel is that "God Is in Charge." The book encourages us to be bold and courageous in our faith just as Daniel was. Come and join us for this study. On April 17th, we return to our regular 10:00 am meeting time.

Women's Bible Study

St. Matthew's Women's Bible study group invites the women of Jerusalem to join them for a monthly Bible study. Our next meeting will be here at Jerusalem on Monday, April 29th at 7:00 pm. We will be continuing a Bible Study called, "Prepared to Answer" focusing on how to respond to questions or objections many people have to the Christian faith.

Korean Ministry - Housing

Near term - Unfortunately we missed an opportunity to host another Korean student in the month of January due to lack of housing. These opportunities will continue to come our way in the near team. If you think you might be able to be a short-term host and have questions, please ask Pastor, Chiseon Kim, or Patrick Ruehrdanz.

Long term – In order for us to continue to grow our Korean ministry, we will need to develop a more stable housing solution. The church council is researching options for renting a house or a 3 bedroom apartment near church for next school year. If you are aware of any opportunity in the area, please contact Patrick Ruehrdanz at Patrick.ruehrdanz@gmail.com.

LWMS Spring Rally

The Spring Rally of the Chicago Area Circuit of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society will be held Saturday, April 6th from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Amazing Love, 21301 Pfeiffer Rd. in Frankfort, Illinois. The topic for the rally is "Evangelism Work with South Asians". Our speakers are Pastor Paul and Aneela Paul who will be presenting under the theme "*Healing Souls*".

All women in an LWMS member congregations (confirmation age and older) are members of LWMS and are encouraged to attend. Guests are also welcome.

In anticipation of the Rally on April 6, Jerusalem will be collecting shoes for Soles4Souls, a non-profit organization that distributes shoes across the globe. Drop clean shoes of any size or shape in the bin in the church entryway. Please, pray that those wearing the shoes will walk with Christ.



Church Spring Cleaning

Volunteers are welcome to help with spring cleaning of the church to get ready for Easter Sunday on **Saturday, April 13th** from 1:30 - 3:30 pm. 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.

Jerusalem School Car Wash

Saturday, April 27th

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Suggested donation of \$10



Jerusalem school is planning on sending our upper grade students to Washington D.C. in the spring of 2020. Help students raise funds for their trip while getting your car ready for spring!

Registration for Camp South 2019 is open!

CAMP SOUTH | JULY 22 - 26, 2019

WHO: Youth entering grades 4-9.

WHAT: The most fun you'll have this summer. Incredible activities (tough mudder, zip line, inflatables, massive group competitions), next-level worship, and more new friends than you can count.

WHERE: Georgia FFA Camp, just outside of Atlanta.

720 FFA FHA Camp Rd.

Covington, GA 30014

WHEN: Arrive on Monday, July 22nd between 2:30-5:30pm. Head home at 11am on Friday, July 26th.

HOW: Register at SADCAMPS.COM and talk to Pastor or Duane Vance about payment & travel.

JERUSALEM

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

Registration forms available in the church entryway or the office. You may also register at

<https://jerusalemlutheran.weebly.com/>

Soccer June 17th-20th and S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) camp from July 15th-18th. Both camps run from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Camps are open for children entering kindergarten through 8th grade. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

GOT2RUN FOR EDUCATION

May 18th at 8:00am

Arlington Heights

2.62 RUN/WALK 8K RUN

Proceeds directly benefit Jerusalem School's athletic programs (be sure to designate Jerusalem Lutheran School - Morton Grove on the registration form.

Register at

<http://www.got2run.org/registration.html>

by May 11th.



School News



Jerusalem welcomes two student teachers from Martin Luther College. Grace Schultz is with Mrs. Buetow in 1st and 2nd grade, and Abigail Elowski is with Mrs. Felsing in 3rd and 4th grade. God's blessings as you complete your studies and become full time workers in the teaching ministry!

Congratulations to the **Eagles of the Week** for the month of March. The following students were recognized for their Christ-like attitude and academic effort.

- Eric Hoffman
- Gabby Diaz
- Evan Marbo
- Isabela Iacob
- Johan Viruet
- Liyah Thomas
- Liam Boughton
- Rachel Felsing
- Mya Iusco
- Joey Hoffman

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

The Battle of the Books trivia tournament takes place every spring at the Morton Grove Public Library. Teams from area middle schools compete in trivia from a selection of young adult books.

Come and cheer on our Jerusalem teams!

Tuesday, April 16th 4:00 and 4:30 pm
 Thursday, April 25th 4:00 and 4:30 pm

JERUSALEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL AFTER-CARE

We are looking for someone to take a paid position to watch kids after school for the 2019-2020 school year. Duties include supervising playtime, snacks, and homework time. The times would be from 2:45 pm – 6:00 pm at the latest from Monday through Friday on days when school is in session. Contact Vicki Burger at 847-965-4750 ext.2 or 847-922-3798 if you are interested.



Save the date for Jerusalem's school plays –

K-4th grade Friday May 3rd 7:00 pm

5-8th grade dinner theater Saturday May 4th 6:30 pm

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Fall-Spring Worship Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Sunday School and Bible Study 9:15 am

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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 14th	Sunday Worship at 8:00 and 10:30 am Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:15 am
Maundy Thursday, April 18th	Worship with Holy Communion at 7:00 pm
Good Friday, April 19th	Meditation on the Cross of Christ 1:30 pm Service of the Seven Words 7:00 pm
Easter Sunday, April 21st	Sunrise Service 7:00 am Easter Breakfast 8:00 am – 9:00 am Easter Festival Service 9:30 am

