

FROM THE PASTOR

BEAUTIFUL FEET

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Romans 10:13-15 (NIV)

The summer months provide a rare opportunity for us to reveal our feet – bare feet on a sandy beach, feet dangling off the edge of a pier, toes protruding out of sandals, children's feet running through the sprinkler. We get to enjoy a few months away from sensible shoes and other footwear that we use other parts of the year. Although some unveil their feet quite a bit in warm weather, feet are not considered one of the most attractive features for people. So why does the Bible call feet –beautiful?

Feet carry us to other places and lead us to meet other people. Wherever our feet take us, our Christian faith tags along in both our words and actions. Feet are beautiful when the gospel is shared. Feet are beautiful when hope in the risen Savior is displayed. Feet are beautiful when the truth of forgiveness and salvation in Christ is proclaimed. Feet are beautiful when they reflect Christ's love by helping and serving others.

Here at Jerusalem, we have an opportunity to have beautiful feet as we share the gospel with our community. We have the privilege of having many people in our community – people whom Jesus loves and for whom he died, people from many different cultures and backgrounds, people who need to hear of his good news – that there is forgiveness for sin and an open invitation to heaven. Our feet are beautiful as we proclaim the good news of Jesus and the open door to heaven that Jesus has opened. Our feet are beautiful as we gather for worship to hear the good news. Our feet are beautiful as we share it with our families, friends, and neighbors. Our feet are beautiful as we share the good news of the Savior through our school, after-school academy, soccer camp and S.T.E.A.M. camp that we had this summer. Our feet are beautiful as we volunteer our time and talents to serve our Savior and the mission he has given us in different roles at Jerusalem. Our feet are beautiful as we support our called worker staff as they devote many hours and efforts to sharing the gospel. Our feet are beautiful as we support this work with our offerings and prayers.

God wants all people to come to faith in Jesus. The Holy Spirit works through the gospel to bring us to believe and confess that Jesus is Lord. The Holy Spirit moves our feet to carry the Good News of Jesus to our family, friends, coworkers, and acquaintances. God is sending us out every day to display the light of Jesus in our words, actions, and relationships. Thank God for the beautiful feet of those who have shared Jesus with us. Thank God that he makes our feet beautiful as we serve as his messengers and as we support the work of others who bring Jesus' message to many more.

- Pastor Kehren

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Through Labor Day (September 2nd), we continue to have one Sunday service at 9:30 am and one Thursday service at 7:00 pm.

There will be no worship service on Thursday, September 5th.

Beginning Sunday, September 8th, we return to our two-service Sunday Schedule: 8:00 and 10:30 am with Bible Study and Sunday School at 9:15 am.



SONG SERVICE

How in the world does a committed atheist become a WELS Lutheran? Come and enjoy an evening with Christian songwriter and former unbeliever Chris Driesbach on Thursday, August 8th at 7:00 pm. Chris tells all about God's grace with original songs, stories and pictures in a one-hour song service right here at Jerusalem.

WELS CONVENTION

The 65th biennial convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod will be held at Martin Luther College (MLC), New Ulm, Minn., July 29-Aug. 1, 2019. More than 400 delegates and 50 advisory members will be meeting under the theme "For the Generations to Come." The convention will give direction to the synod's mission and ministry and focus on the opportunities God is giving us to preserve and proclaim the gospel to all, especially to our children and grandchildren so the gospel will be proclaimed among us for generations to come.

During the convention, delegates will hear presentations, discuss issues, and make decisions related to the synod's work, including setting a ministry plan (budget) for the next biennium. Two offices to be filled by election are the synod president and second vice president. Delegates will also elect others to serve on various boards and commissions. Pastor Kehren will serve as a delegate at this convention.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, July 28th 11:00 am

All members are encouraged to attend.
There will be snacks and refreshments.

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. The next meeting will be at St. Matthew's on Monday, August 26th at 7:00 pm.

BUDGET SHORTAGE / REVIEW

CHURCH BIBLES

We have reached our fundraising goal for new Bibles for church and school. Thank you for your generous gifts.

The new Bibles will arrive sometime in August.

We were incredibly blessed this past fiscal year (ending 6/30/19) with offerings in excess of expectations. Offerings are only one part of our budgetary equation. Unfortunately, our school enrollment came in lower than expected, so we received lower than expected tuition funds by quite a bit. This has happened in the past, and when this occurs, the church provides subsidy to the school to help maintain our payroll. The recent excess offering will not be enough to cover that amount, so we will be tapping into our line of credit in the coming months to bridge the gap. The church council will be reviewing the budget approved in April to assess if we need further adjustments or possibly additional short-term debt to cover payroll.

LWMS UPDATE

We are assigned three missionaries to pray for in 2019. The first is our missionary to Indonesia, Pastor Bey and his wife Connie. Here are some prayer requests from him:

- For blessings on our worker training program as we begin the building project for our new campus, recruit new students, teach our classes, and strengthen our vicar program.
- For knowledge and wisdom for our leaders since many are younger men who are new to their positions.
- For our partnership with Multi-Language Publications, Pastoral Studies Institute, and Kingdom Workers which are a great blessing.

Thank you for praying for our missionaries.

CHICAGO DOGS FELLOWSHIP OUTING

Grab your cap and join us for an afternoon of baseball fun and fellowship at the Chicago Dogs in Rosemont at 3:05 pm on Sunday, August 11th. Tickets are \$10 per person.

Please sign-up by Sunday, July 28th to be grouped with Jerusalem.



CLEAN-UP DAY

Join us for a clean-up day for the interior of the school, downstairs fellowship area, and kitchen. We want to get everything looking nice for the upcoming school year. Come and join us on Saturday, August 10th from 9:00 am – noon. Many hands make light work. BBQ lunch to follow. Please sign up in the church entryway if you are attending the BBQ.

Blocktoberfest

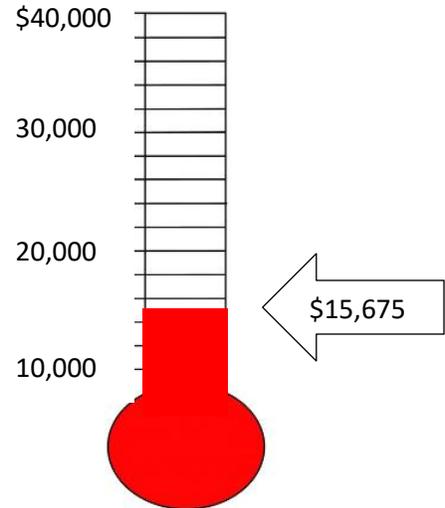
Sunday, September 29th
after the 10:30 am worship service

Save the date for our annual block party. Join us for food, fellowship, and games for all ages!

NEW JERUSALEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL SIGN

Thank you all who contributed toward our new sign! Unfortunately, we are still quite a bit short, so we will have to postpone the sign at the moment. As we progress through the year, please continue to prayerfully consider a special donation towards this project. This will continue to be our number one priority building project. **Please show your support for your child's school and the home of the mighty Eagles!** If you would like to donate to these efforts, please make a check out to Jerusalem Lutheran School and specifically note that this is for our electronic sign. If you have questions please contact Patrick Ruehrdanz patrick.ruehrdanz@gmail.com or Duane Vance duanebecca@sbcglobal.net

Our Goal \$ 40,000
Raised \$ 15,675



JERUSALEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL AFTER-CARE

We are looking for one or two people 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. If you are interested in helping out for a couple days a week - that would be fine too.

JERUSALEM S.T.E.A.M. CAMP

A big thank you to all who helped with S.T.E.A.M. Camp this week. We had about 70 kids attend (24 of whom were from outside our church/school community). It was a great week of fun and sharing God's Word.



Thanks to all who volunteered time, talent and materials for the 4th of July parade. About 50 Jerusalem people walked in the parade distributing Jerusalem pencils, church/school information and candy.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRY HOUSING – UPDATE

For the upcoming school year, we have one international student committed that requires housing. We have not rented a home or brought on host parents since we required a minimum of 2 committed students. We found a family to host this child and we will pay the agreed upon stipend to the family that volunteered. We continue to reach out through many channels to find students that might be interested. We expect to continue to have both host families for longer stays (full school year) and shorter stays (a couple of weeks or months). If anyone is interested in hosting any of these students in the future, please contact Patrick Ruehrdanz at Patrick.ruehrdanz@gmail.com.



JELS K-8 Registration Sunday August 18th at 2:00 pm.

K3, K4 Orientation Monday, August 19th 7:00 pm

First Day of School for K3, K4, and K-8 Wednesday, August 21st (half day)

Congregation members are invited to join us for a back to school BBQ lunch at 11:30 am on August 21st. Please stop by the church office to let us know if you would like to attend!

Box Tops for Education – Program Changes

Thank you for collecting Box Tops for Jerusalem! Each year, we have earned several hundred dollars used toward special projects for our school.

Changes are coming to the Box Tops program!



Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store. You can still clip them and bring them in.

If you see this label, you will need to use the new Box Tops App to scan your entire store receipt. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and record your school's earnings online.



Questions? Go to www.boxtops4education.com or see Vicki Burger, Jerusalem's Box Tops Coordinator.

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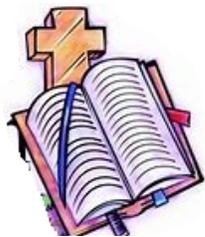
Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday 9:30 am
Thursday 7:00 pm

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY September 8th

On Sunday, September 8th, we return to our two-service Sunday worship schedule, with Bible Class and Sunday School between services.



8:00 am Worship
9:15 am Bible Class and Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

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