

FROM THE PASTOR

Walking in Another's Shoes

“To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.” (1 Peter 2:21)

Students of American literature study the life and poetry of Walt Whitman, whose best-known work is perhaps *Leaves of Grass*. What may not be known is that Whitman was a friend of the common man, a great humanitarian. During the Civil War he did volunteer work among some 80,000 wounded soldiers. Out of that experience grew his sympathy and empathy, “I do not ask the wounded person how he feels; I myself become that wounded person.”

In Jesus' parable, the Good Samaritan played such a role (Luke 10:30-37). He put himself in the place of the wounded man by the wayside and rendered all possible assistance.

It can be said that all of us are spiritually wounded. We are the victims of combat with sin and Satan. Left to our own devices, we would perish. We would likewise perish if someone merely asked us, “How do you feel?” and then did nothing about our situation.

But there is one who comes to our rescue: Jesus Christ. He sees how badly we are wounded, and, instead of passing by on the other side or giving us a simple band-aid, He himself becomes what we are—wounded. He assumes our wounds. Isaiah the prophet says it plainly, “He was wounded for our transgressions... and by His stripes we are healed (Isaiah 53:5). The apostle Peter, in the New Testament, takes up the same theme as he writes, “[Christ] Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed” (1 Peter 2:24).

To live for righteousness is to love by doing what is right. It is not asking a wounded person how he or she feels, but ourselves becoming the wounded person.

Taken from Ralph Norden's Each Day with Jesus – Daily Devotions through the Year

That's what being a Christian, and, more specifically, being a church member is all about. Our current Sunday morning Bible Study is a look at exactly what it means to be a member of a Christian church. Becoming the wounded person, walking in another person's shoes, showing love and compassion—as Christ has shown us—is the essence of what it means to be a part of the body of Christ.

Out of love for our Savior, may we become more like Him, that is, more sensitive to the needs of others, especially our fellow brothers and sisters in faith here at Jerusalem Lutheran!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Kehren

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, July 28th 11:00 am

All members are encouraged to attend. A light lunch will be served.



We welcome new member Anna Borysovska to our Jerusalem Family.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Our Sunday service is at 9:30 am. We will have Thursday evening services as well during the summer at 7:00 pm. The Thursday service will be the same as the following Sunday. **Please note that because the July 4th holiday falls on a Thursday, we will have midweek worship on Wednesday, July 3rd at 7:00 pm instead of Thursday, July 4th.**

INSTALLATION AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Pastor Paul Spaude will be installed as the new pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran in Niles on Sunday, July 14th in a special service at 4:00 pm. His father, Pastor Michael Spaude, from Antigo, WI, will preach. A meal will follow the service. If you are attending the meal, please RSVP by Sunday, July 7th, to Phil Felice at e-mail, philfelice@aol.com, or phone, 847-398-2170.

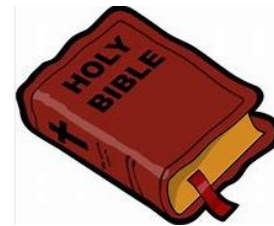
4TH OF JULY PARADE



Jerusalem will be participating in the Morton Grove Days Parade on July 4th at 2:30 pm. Parade walkers needed! Sign-up in the narthex. Wear your Jerusalem shirt or a black/purple shirt and comfortable shoes. Parade starts at Dempster & I-94 Frontage Rd and ends at Harrer Park (a little over 1 mile route). Meet in the church parking lot by 1:30 or at the start of the parade route. Or come early at 12:30 to help decorate vehicles. Flyers (advertising Jerusalem & STEAM camp) with Jerusalem pencils and candy will be handed out along the parade route. See Brian Felsing with any questions.

CHURCH BIBLES

We are collecting a door offering over the next few weeks for new Bibles for our church and school. Many of our current bibles have broken bindings, torn pages and some are falling apart. To date, we have raised \$600 toward our goal of \$1500 to purchase new Bibles. Please make checks payable to Jerusalem Lutheran Church. You can also put a donation in the offering plate.



“Bible Basics” Information Class

Pastor Kehren will lead a 10 lesson "Bible Basics" Information Class on Sundays from 11:00 am – Noon starting on Sunday, June 9th. This class is for anyone who is interested in membership at Jerusalem, for members who want to review the basics of the Christian faith, or for anyone who wants to dig in to the truths of the Bible. The class is free and there are no obligations. If you need childcare, we can arrange that. Contact Pastor Kehren if you have any questions: pastor@jerusalemchurch.org or 312-315-5958.

Women's Bible Study

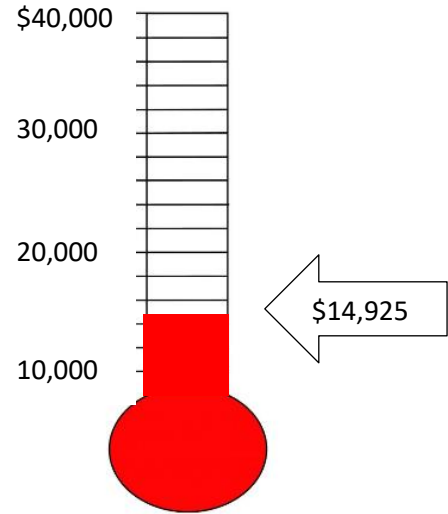
St. Matthew's Women's Bible study group invites the women of Jerusalem to join them for a monthly Bible study. Our next meeting will be here at Jerusalem on Monday, July 22nd at 7:00 pm. We will be continuing a Bible Study called, "Prepared to Answer" focusing on how to respond to questions or objections many people have to the Christian faith.

New Jerusalem Lutheran Sign

Don't forget our fundraiser for our new sign! We are asking you to prayerfully consider donating toward our efforts to build a sign similar to the one below. (It may look very different in design, but it will have stone to match the rest of our building and will have an electronic display board.) Our fundraising goal is \$40,000 by the end of June 2019. We are already blessed with a donation of \$10,000 in seed money as a head start! 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 \$14,925



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

Sign up by July 10th. S.T.E.A.M. camp for kids ages entering Kindergarten through 8th grade will be July 15th -18th from 9:00 am to Noon at Jerusalem. Kids will learn about science, technology, engineering, art, music – and Bible stories, too together with crafts and fun time. Fee is \$40 for the week and \$20 for any additional siblings. Register at www.jerusalemchurch.org.

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.



JERUSALEM SOCCER CAMP

Jerusalem's Soccer Camp took place in June at Linne Woods. The theme was "Soaring and Scoring" and provided daily devotion, soccer training, a camp song, and a wrap-up cookout picnic on Thursday. Approximately 50 kids attended, with about 15 of those outside Jerusalem from our community. Thank you to all those who helped plan, organize, coach and volunteer to make this event a success!

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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”*

Jerusalem S.T.E.A.M. Camp *“Discovering God’s World”*

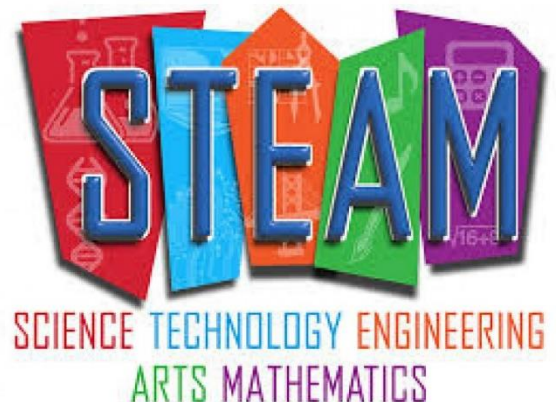
July 15 - 18 | 9AM - Noon

Ages: Kindergarten - 8th Grade

Fee: \$40 per Student, \$20 per Sibling

Program: Bible Stories, Science, Technology,
Engineering, Art, Math, Music & Fun

Sign-up: www.jerusalemlutheran.org
Click on Summer Camps



**Sign-up
by
July 10**