

FROM THE PASTOR

Compassion

Psalms 103:13 (NIV84)

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him...

Webster's Dictionary defines compassion as "sympathetic consciousness of others' distress together with a desire to alleviate it."

Compassion. That's exactly what moved Lee Chester to action. Chester, 37, didn't think twice when it came to making sure his daughter, Esme, just 3 years old, could have a healthy childhood. After suffering kidney failure, the toddler was forced to spend 14 months on dialysis – 12 hours a day, seven days a week. So when tests showed Lee could help his caring, funny and strong-willed daughter live a normal life, he jumped at the chance.

Lee gave an amazing gift to his daughter and I'm not only referring to the kidney he donated. He gave his little girl wonderful proof of his love by going to such extremes to help.

It's a wonderful story, but it's got nothing on what your Heavenly Father has done for you. John 3:16 tells us **"God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."** God gave His Son. Not a kidney, but His one and only Son. Have you ever considered the sacrifice of Jesus from God the Father's perspective?

God the Father heard Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, **"My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from Me"** (Matthew 26:39). He saw the anguish and the suffering; the flogging, the crucifixion of His one and only Son, and He did not intervene. Why not? Did He suddenly stop loving His Son? Of course not, but this was the only way to rescue you from sin and death, so He willingly sacrificed Jesus in your place. He did that to forgive your sins so you could have peace with God and a home in heaven. He gave His Son that you would not perish, but would have eternal life.

This is what God did for you. This is how much He loves you. This month we celebrate Father's Day. We thank God for the gift of fathers and the compassion, and care they provide for their children. On this Father's Day, remember your heavenly Father and the compassion and care he provides for you. **As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him...** Let that glorious truth wash over you today... and rejoice.

Pastor Kehren

2019 Confirmands

Ryan Freytes
Myles Waters

May God bless and keep these young people firm and strong in their faith.



Ascension Day

We will celebrate the
Ascension of Our Lord on
Thursday,
May 30th at 7 P.M
Service with Holy Communion

New Pastor at St. Matthews

Pastor Paul Spaude was assigned to be the new pastor at our sister congregation, St. Matthew's, in Niles. He is a 2017 graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and has served as a tutor and instructor for the last two years at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN. He is getting married to his fiancée, Allison Nass, in June and plans to arrive here in mid-July.

Welcome to Jerusalem

We welcome new members to our Jerusalem family!

Jane Schultz

Ginny Pennell – Ginny and her husband Joe have two children, Charlotte and Joseph.

Summer Schedule

Starting on May 26th, we will switch to our summer schedule with one Sunday Service at 9:30 am. We will have Thursday worship at 7:00 pm starting on Ascension Day, May 30th. Beginning June 6th, the Thursday service will be the same as the following Sunday.

Sunday morning Bible Study and Sunday School take a break for the summer.

Outreach Meeting

There will be an Outreach meeting on Sunday, June 2nd, after church and fellowship (approximately 11:00). We will be discussing plans for Soccer Camp, 4th of July parade, and STEAM Camp. Any interested members are encouraged and welcome to attend. See Brian Felsing for any questions.

Ruth Klouthis, long-time member of Jerusalem, was called to her eternal home in heaven on Friday, May 10th. We pray that her family is comforted by the sure and certain hope of eternal life that we have in Jesus.

Bible Studies at Jerusalem

Sunday Morning Bible Study and Sunday School do not meet over the summer and will resume in the fall.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study (10:00 – 11:00 am) continues to meet in June. We are studying 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.

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, June 24th 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.

“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.

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP TIME

As we did last year, we would like to give you an opportunity for some fellowship time after the Sunday service during the summer months. There will be refreshments available in the back of the sanctuary on Sundays after church beginning on June 2nd.

If you would like to bring snacks for upcoming Sundays, please sign up on the sign-up sheet at the snack table.



JERUSALEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL AFTER-CARE

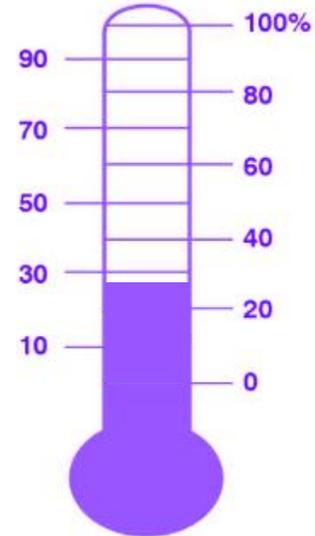
We are looking for one or two people to take a paid position to watch kids after school for the 2019-2020 school year. Duties include supervising playtime, snacks, and homework time. The times would be from 2:45 pm – 6:00 pm at the latest from Monday through Friday on days when school is in session. 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.

New Jerusalem Lutheran Sign

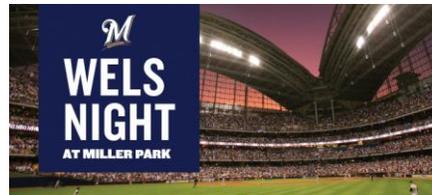
Don't forget our fundraiser for our new sign! We are asking you to prayerfully consider donating toward our efforts to build a sign similar to the one below. (It may look very different in design, but it will have stone to match the rest of our building and will have an electronic display board.) Our 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 \$11,300



The date for the fifth annual WELS Night at Miller Park has been set for Friday, July 12th. Join thousands of WELS members for the Milwaukee Brewer's game against the San Francisco Giants. Game time is 7:10 pm. WELS members get up to 50 percent off the price of tickets. Seating will be in a block for WELS members. To purchase tickets, visit brewers.com/wels.



**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.

Korean Ministry - Housing

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.



School News

Jerusalem Graduates

8th Grade



Huimeixi Chen
 Ryan Freytes
 Xioqiu Guo
 Joonhwa Hong
 Guofu Shao
 Myles Waters

Kindergarten

Benjamin Bagus	Elly Kim
Anastasia Botten	James Mandell
Emily Ducu	Evan Marbo
Ninib Gorgis	Joshua Oh
Petru Gavin Iusco	Ayla Schiop
Julia Kang	Elliott Sim
Celine Kim	Trinity Vo

Preschool

Alice Chung	Maggie Deeiel
Max Sander	Kara Jackson
Shaan Patel	William Kohler
Annalisa Ward	Melanie Kohler
Marlee Rodgers	Taylor Mette
Caley Sullivan	Kayla Paz
Jackson Reaves	Sophia Zhu
Gabriella Yaras	Ethan Kim
Sophia Quijada	Isabel Khalil
Alexandra Niewiadomski	John Pierce
Rowan Delmenico	Jin Young Lee

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

Meixi Chen
 Faith Vo
 Liliana Marbo
 Yahao Zhou
 Melissa Kakony
 Ayla Schiop
 Leah Ishac
 Joonhwa Hong
 Lani Naka
 Julia Kang
 Emily Ducu
 Larsa Rasho
 Brookelyn Miller
 Alexis Ochonicki

Thanks to all who participated in the JELS carwash! \$935 was raised for our Washington D.C. trip!



Congratulations Eagles!
 2019 CALAC Track Meet champions

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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”*



Begins Sunday, May 26th

One Sunday Service
9:30 am

Thursday Worship 7:00 pm