

# Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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FROM THE PASTOR

## THE SEASON OF LENT

*O Come, my soul, your Savior see,  
Nailed to your cross on Calvary.  
Your pains he bears;  
Your thorns he wears  
That yours a crown of life might be. (Christian Worship: Hymn 99)*

The season of Lent is the Christian's 40-day spiritual journey to Jesus' cross and tomb to await the proclamation of Easter. The name Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lengten*, which means "spring"—the time of year when the days noticeably lengthen. The season of Lent finds its roots in the ancient Church's pre-Easter fast and intensified instruction for converts to Christianity who were baptized on the night before Easter. In the fourth century, this pre-Easter time of preparation was observed by all Christians, not just new converts anticipating their baptism. The season eventually began on the Wednesday that occurred six and a half weeks before Easter. This resulted in a Lenten season of 40 days, a number that reflected Jesus' 40 days of fasting and temptation at the start of his ministry (Matthew 4:1-11). It begins on Ash Wednesday, a special day of repentance (March 6) and culminates with Holy Week (April 14-21) where we mark Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, his instituting the Lord's Supper, his suffering and death on the cross, and his rising from the dead on Easter morning. All of it done for us and our salvation!

During Lent, we focus our attention on the suffering and death of our Savior so we can grow in our appreciation of his love for us which moved him to give his life on the cross to win our salvation. After six weeks of focus on our Savior's suffering for us, we will be filled with joy when we celebrate his glorious resurrection. Our theme for our midweek Lenten services this year is "Three Words of Truth." In the gospel accounts of Jesus' passion, there are several striking three-word phrases such as "Love one another," "Watch and pray," and "It is finished." We will consider the rich meaning of these powerful phrases and see how they build us up and encourage us in our journey of faith.

I encourage you to join us for special Wednesday and Holy Week worship services. These times of worship will be ones of meditation and reflection, purposefully standing out in stark contrast to the hustle and bustle of our day. For a short time you will be able to slow down and rid your minds of countless worries and concerns and focus entirely on your connection to Christ, who so willingly gave his life for you. Through the study of Scripture, personal moments of confession, and God's gracious absolution, you will grow in your faith.

May God richly bless our worship of Him during this season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> we will have **one service with Holy Communion at 7:00 pm.** On the following Wednesdays of Lent, we will have an afternoon service at 2:15 pm and the service will be repeated in the evening at 7:00 pm. Join us for our special midweek Lenten services.

- Pastor Kehren

# LWMS Spring Rally

The Spring Rally of the Chicago Area Circuit of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society will be held Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 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.*



Please pray for Ethan and Kylah Schroeder Schultz!

Kylah was a student teacher at Jerusalem last spring and is the great-granddaughter of former Jerusalem Pastor George Boldt.

Ethan and Kylah are teaching in Shenyang, China and reaching out to young people in the university district near the center of town. They are part of a team of seven Friends of China evangelists in Shenyang who are working with a WELS missionary to plant a local church. After their time in China, the Schultz’s will return to the States where Ethan will continue his studies to become a full-time pastor.



Daylight Saving Time begins March 10<sup>th</sup>

## Save the date for our annual Fellowship Dinner!

Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>!

Menu/RSVP forms will soon be available in the church entryway. Proceeds from this event go to support the Jerusalem Parents’ Club, who in turn supports the school ministry at Jerusalem.

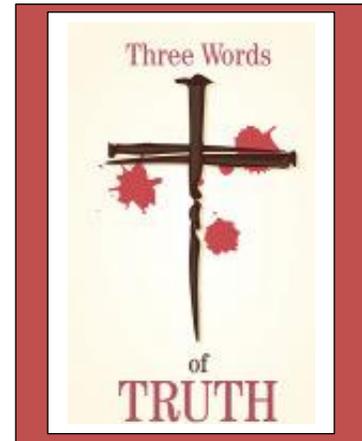
This is a grown-ups only event, so call a sitter and come join us for an evening of fellowship in Jerusalem’s downstairs auditorium.

## Lenten Worship

Our midweek Lenten theme is “Three Words of Truth” based on the gospel accounts of Jesus passion.

### THREE WORDS OF TRUTH

<i>Wednesday, March 6</i>	<i>“Love One Another”</i>
<i>Wednesday, March 13</i>	<i>“Is It I?”</i>
<i>Wednesday, March 20</i>	<i>“I Am He”</i>
<i>Wednesday, March 27</i>	<i>“Watch and Pray”</i>
<i>Wednesday, April 3</i>	<i>“Take Him Away”</i>
<i>Wednesday, April 10</i>	<i>“What Is Truth?”</i>
<i>Maundy Thursday, April 18</i>	<i>“Take and Eat, Take and Drink”</i>
<i>Good Friday, April 19</i>	<i>“It Is Finished!”</i>
<i>Easter Sunday, April 21</i>	<i>“Remember Jesus Christ: He Has Risen!”</i>



## Bible Studies at Jerusalem

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

We continue a Bible Study on St. Paul called “To the Ends of the Earth”. We meet at 9:15 am in the back of the sanctuary.

### Sunday School

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

### Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Midweek Bible Study continues a study of the book of 2 Peter. The theme of 2 Peter is “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ”. We meet in the downstairs fellowship area at 10:00 am.

### 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, March 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 term. 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](mailto:Patrick.ruehrdanz@gmail.com).

## **Church Council Members and summary of roles –** ***Please feel free to contact us with any questions!***

### ***Patrick Ruehrdanz - President***

The president presides at all meetings of the Board of Trustees, congregation and the church council.

The president of the congregation is to see that the resolutions and directives of the Board of Trustees, the congregation and church council are carried out.

### ***Alex Buetow - Secretary***

The secretary keeps a correct report of the proceedings of all meetings of the Board of Trustees, the church council and the congregation. He shall record and file with the church office all meeting minutes in duplicate for a permanent record.

### ***Jeff Hawk - Treasurer***

The treasurer serves as the chairman of the Treasury Committee and has oversight of and authority over all congregational, school and early learning center accounts. He keeps checking accounts. In coordination with the financial secretary and the Treasury Committee, he shall keep an accurate account of all monies received by the congregation, school and early learning center. With the assistance of the Treasury Committee, he disburses all monies according to instructions received from the congregation or church council.

### ***Steve Mueller - Financial Secretary***

The financial secretary receives from the Finance Committee the original record for monies received by the congregation, and shall keep accurate accounts of all monies received from individual members, societies, clubs, outsiders, etc; and for what purposes such monies were received. He has the responsibility of seeing that all monies received are deposited at least weekly in a bank designated by the church council.

### ***Open - Care for Called Workers Elder***

The care for called workers elder ensures that the congregation is providing for the needs of its called workers and their families both spiritually and materially.

### ***Micah Miner – Education Elder***

The school elder oversees the mission and ministry of Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran School and Precious Child Early Learning Center. To that end, he exercises general oversight of the school curriculum and instructional equipment in cooperation with the school principal. He also has oversight of other education opportunities, including, but not limited to: Sunday school, adult bible studies, and the teen group.

### ***Brian Felsing – Outreach / Fellowship Elder***

The outreach / fellowship elder oversees the work of reaching out into the community with the gospel and providing information about the work of our congregation, school and early learning center to the community. He assists the pastor(s) in educating and encouraging the congregational membership to engage in outreach work.

### ***David Atenasio – Congregational Elder***

The Congregational Elder oversees In-reach efforts of the congregation. He works with the pastor, and other mature Christian leaders, in the church in encouraging regular use of the mean of grace in word and sacrament by all members. The Congregational Elder also oversees Christian stewardship of the congregation. To that end he will educate and encourage the congregation in the principles and practice of total Christian stewardship (time, talents and treasures)

### ***Marco Freytes - Property Chairman (Trustee)***

Supervise repair and upkeep of all property relating to the church and school buildings, as well as the church-owned residences. Also, lead the Trustee committee (Alex Buetow, Paul Grosse, and Romeo Iusco). If you see something in disrepair, please contact us directly or the church office.

Marco Freytes 773-501-1953 Email: marcofreytes@sbcglobal.net



# School News



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

- Anastasia Botten
- Sebastian Miner
- Sunjae Lee
- Hailey Ju
- Sophie Freytes
- James Mandell

Jerusalem's Kindergarteners celebrated Chinese New Year on February 5<sup>th</sup>. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders assisted with crafts, dumplings, and noodles.



## STUDENT TEACHERS AT JERUSALEM- HOUSING NEEDED

Jerusalem's school is once again privileged this year to host two student teachers from Martin Luther College. We have found housing for one of two young ladies who will be joining us from March 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> through May 10<sup>th</sup>. If you would be willing to host our other student teacher for this time period, please contact the Jerusalem Church Office. Host families provide a space for the teacher to work and sleep. It is also preferred that the host family provide food for meals and to invite them to meals while at the home. A stipend will be available to cover this expense. Lunches during school days will be provided by our hot lunch program. Thank you for your consideration to serve in this way as Jerusalem Lutheran Church and School look to support the ministry of our future called workers.

## JERUSALEM SOCCER AND S.T.E.A.M CAMPS Registration forms available!

Mark your summer calendar for soccer camp June 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> and S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) camp from July 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. Camps are open for children entering kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

## Basketball Games

- 3/2 CALAC Tournament Crystal Lake
- 3/5 Parent/Alumni Game 6:15 pm
- 3/8-9 Luther Prep Tournament

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## Fall-Spring Worship Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School and Bible Study 9:15 am

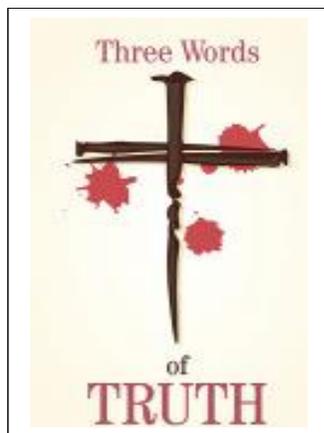
*“Our purpose is to serve all people with  
the gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of  
Holy Scripture”*

# Lenten Worship

**Ash Wednesday                      March 6th**

Service with Holy Communion

7:00 pm



Beginning March 13th  
Afternoon service at 2:15 pm  
Evening service at 7:00 pm

Join us each Wednesday!