

FROM THE PASTOR

Are You Looking for More Knowledge?

The *Church of Scientology* teaches that people are basically good, that their capabilities are practically unlimited, and those capabilities can be realized if we only had the right knowledge. They teach that people can achieve new, higher states of awareness and ability. *Scientology* claims that the secrets to this higher knowledge can only be found in their church through a process they call “auditing.”

Seems strange? But honestly, a cultic religion that encourages you to look within yourself for more knowledge can really satisfy an itch. Who doesn't feel they need more knowledge? And how about being able to pat yourself on the back for pursuing it and supposedly finding that knowledge within yourself?

But God's Word sounds much different than L. Ron Hubbard, who authored the book that has become *Scientology's* bible. God says people are not basically good, that people's natural capabilities are limited to sinning and rebelling against God. As a result, God says all people are the same: “There is no one who understands, no one who seeks God...The way of peace they do not know” (Romans 3:11,17).

God is right! Not L. Ron Hubbard! Need proof? Think about Adam and Eve when they pursued more knowledge on their own apart from God. They rejected God's Word and sinned. Look at what their own inner pursuit of knowledge got them and us! A world infected by sin so badly that everyone eventually dies.

Jesus knows we all lack knowledge, and he wants to fill that void. He does so not by telling us to find it inside ourselves, but by telling us to look outside ourselves. We find knowledge in the Bible. Through his Word, God makes us wise; he gives us insight and understanding (Psalm 119:98-100). That's because God's Word gives us knowledge that we can't find or discover anywhere else.

The Bible tells about Jesus. It tells how wide and long and high and deep Jesus' love is for people. That love drove Jesus to come to this world, to bear the sin of every person, to die on a cross, to suffer the eternal punishment for all sins. That's love—love so amazing that God declares that your sins are forgiven because of Jesus. That's love—love so beyond understanding that Jesus, the righteous one, should die for the unrighteous. But he did! That's why the Apostle Paul says that “this love surpasses knowledge” (Ephesians 3:19). In Jesus' love for you, you have everything you truly need to know, both now and forever.

The Bible also guides you in living a new life for Jesus. It gives direction for a life of thanks to him who saved you. It shows God's will for your life in your relationship with him and with others. It shows you how to make wise decisions that will be a blessing for you and others. As it does it brings you back to Jesus' love for you as the motivation for this new life of thanks.

Learn more about Jesus' love for you at Jerusalem Lutheran Church during worship, in the Bible studies that we offer, *and* in your own personal Bible reading and devotions so that you can “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory, both now and forever! Amen” (1 Peter 3:18).

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

Sunday, September 8th is our Christian Education Sunday. Sunday School and Bible class will begin meeting again at 9:15 am. JELS Preschool – 8th grade and Sunday School students will sing at the 10:30 am service.

We will also have a Christian Book Fair where you can purchase books and periodicals from Northwestern Publishing House at a discounted price. Stop by following each service.

SPECIAL SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER

October 6 – Synod Sunday. Pastor Kevin Hundley will be our guest preacher. During the Bible study hour, 9:15 -10:15 am, Pastor Hundley will give an overview of the work of our church body, the WELS, so we can appreciate all the blessings we have being a part of the WELS.

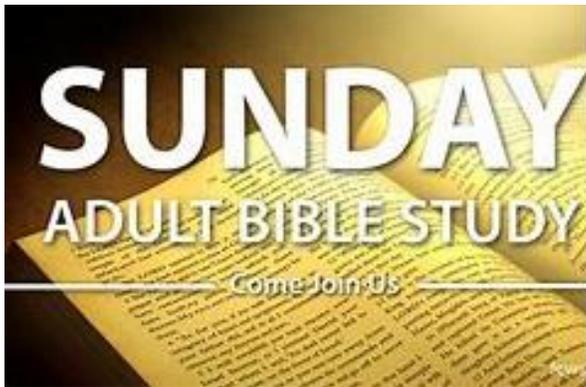
October 13 – Gift Planning Seminar. During the Bible study hour, 9:15 am – 10:15 am, Mr. Rick Kneser, our district planned giving counselor, will give a presentation on estate planning and opportunities to support the Lord's work.

October 20 – Welcome Home Sunday. Together with churches across the WELS, we aim to have 100 percent of our members in worship. Please invite and encourage members whom you haven't seen in a while to come and welcome them with glad hearts and open arms.



OUTREACH MEETING

For all those interested, there will be an Outreach meeting after church on Sunday, August 25th at 11:00-12:30. We will be discussing plans for Blocktoberfest, follow-up with STEAM camp participants, future activities, and more. Please see Brian Felsing with any questions.



On Sunday, September 8th, Pastor Kehren will begin a new Sunday morning Bible study called, 'Prepared to Answer.' This study is designed to help equip us to answer the various challenges and questions people may have when it comes to the Christian faith. 1 Peter 3:15 says, "Always be prepared to give an answer to anyone who asks you for the reason for the hope that you have." Join us in the church sanctuary at 9:15 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Starts September 8th

Sunday School for children age 3 through 6th grade begins at 9:15 am. Students meet in the kindergarten classroom for music before dispersing to their classrooms. The teen group (7th-12th grade) meets in the 5th-6th grade classroom.



"Toddlin' to Jesus" is a new class this year during Sunday school time for our youngest children - newborn through age two with a parent. The class will include a short bible story, music, games, and a snack. This class meets in Ms. Tanya's 4K room.



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Our Wednesday morning Bible study will resume on Wednesday, September 4th at 10:00 am. Our study, "One Christ, Many Creeds" will study the teachings of other Christian denominations from a Lutheran perspective to develop a deeper understanding of the similarities as well as the differences. As always, we will test every teaching in light of what God's Word says.

ALTAR GUILD

We are looking for volunteers to serve on the altar guild. Twice each month two altar guild servers set up and clean up for communion and periodically change the banners and altar paraments. The schedule is flexible and typically each altar guild member serves on a team of two about one month out of every four months. If you are interested, contact Pastor Kehren.



LWMS Chicago Area Circuit 2019 FALL RALLY

Saturday – September 28, 2019

Lord & Savior Lutheran Church

9300 Ridgefield Rd.
Crystal Lake, Illinois 60012
815.455.4175

 *Babysitting provided*

DIRECTIONS

For directions from your home or congregation, go to wels.net and click on 'Find a Church/School' at the top of the page.

RALLY SCHEDULE

- 8:45** Registration
- 9:15** Opening Devotion
- 9:30** Speaker – Claudia Rericha
- 10:45** Break
- 11:00** Business Meeting
- 11:30** Luncheon
- 12:30** Speaker's Workshop
- 1:30** Closing devotion

Women's Mission Trip



'TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH'
Speaker Claudia Rericha

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

If you are interested in going and would like a ride, please email Tanya at tanya_kalbach@sbcglobal.net or let the church office know.

LWMS UPDATE

The second missionary we are praying for is Pastor Christopher Schroeder in Santa Ana, CA The church is Pan de Vida/Bread of Life Lutheran Church.

Here is a message from Pastor Schroeder:

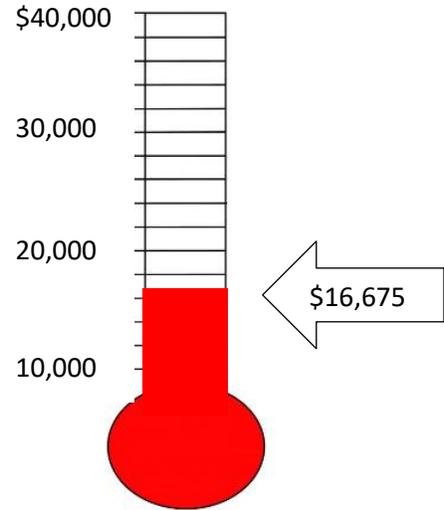
Thank you for your support! We geared up for a youth soccer camp and VBS in July. Please keep us in your prayers and the families that attended and heard the gospel.

Please keep this mission congregation and Pastor Schroeder and his wife in your prayers.

NEW JERUSALEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL SIGN

Thank you all who contributed toward our new sign! 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 \$ 16,675



JELS Preschool and K-8th students were welcomed back to school on Wednesday, August 21st with a family BBQ. Students, parents, and staff enjoyed good food and fellowship.



JELS Fall Soccer Calendar Come and Cheer on the Eagles!

All games begin at 4:00 pm

- 9/19 @ Good Shepherd
- 9/24 @ Resurrection
- 9/26 Home vs. Good Shepherd
- 10/1 Home vs. Resurrection
- 10/5 Soccer Tournament

CHAPEL SERVICE

All are invited to join the students of Jerusalem School for a 20 minute chapel service every Tuesday morning at 8:30 am.

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday 9:30 am

Thursday 7:00 pm

Beginning September 8th

8:00 and 10:30 am

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



Sunday,
September 29th
11:30 am