

FROM THE PASTOR

THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

“Take... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” Ephesians 6:17

A few years ago, I entered a nursing home and noticed the sign on the outside door that read, “No Weapons Allowed.” I thought to myself, “I am carrying a concealed weapon with me. I am armed with the sword of the Spirit!”

God’s Word is a powerful “weapon” to change hearts and minds. God’s law exposes our sinful attitudes and actions. The law produces in us a sorrow for our sinful ways and leads us to confess them to God. God’s gospel then fills our hearts with the good news about how Jesus saved us from our sin. The gospel brings us the good news of God’s full and free forgiveness. The gospel also gives us a new desire to want to turn away from our sinful ways and live a new life according to God’s will. Nothing can change a person’s heart and mind like God’s Word can.

Many well-meaning pro-life Christians often find themselves wondering how to respond to life issues. We may use logical arguments to convince people why it is sensible to protect human life. We may advocate for laws to protect human life. All of these efforts have their place, but they cannot change hearts and minds.

As we approach this upcoming election time, we let our Christian faith guide our vote. But let us remember that voting and changing laws doesn’t really change peoples’ hearts and minds. Our real task as Jesus’ witnesses is to share God’s Word, the “Sword of the Spirit.” Only God’s powerful Word will really change people’s hearts and minds and lead them to regard human life as sacred and precious.

I personally have known the joy of baptizing precious little ones who were given a chance at life and given eternal life all because God’s people picked up the “sword of the Spirit” and shared God’s Word.

Look for opportunities to share God’s saving Word. Pray that more people hear and believe God’s saving truths that they may see the God’s wonderful gift of life – both physical and eternal.

May the Lord of Life bless you as we continue to serve the Lord and others armed with the only weapon we really need, the sword of the Spirit.

Pastor Jonathan Kehren

This is an article that Pastor Kehren has written for the Conceptions newsletter published by the Pregnancy and Life Resources of Mundelein.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Our schedule will have Thursday worship at 7:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:30 am. **We plan to continue our Thursday worship for three more weeks through Thursday, September 24th.** We are doing this so we can record our Thursday service for posting online until we can set up the equipment necessary for livestreaming our Sunday morning service beginning in October.

It is important for our life of faith to gather together for worship as the Scriptures tell us (Hebrews 10:25) so that we can encourage each other and be encouraged in Christian living. At the same time, we want to be concerned for each other's health and well-being so we follow proper health and safety protocols.

If you are coming to worship, please register for in advance by e-mail (secretary@jerusalemlutheran.org) or phone (847-965-4750). If you get the voice mail, please leave a message indicating which service you wish to attend and how many are coming.

The nursery will not be available for church services until a later date.

STREAMING OUR SERVICES

Do you have an interest in video recording? We are looking for people to help with recording our Sunday service so we can livestream them. If the Lord has blessed you with this interest, please contact Chiseon Kim to learn more ckim@jerusalemlutheranschool.org



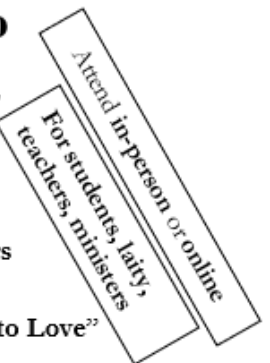
Biblical Worldview Conference – Chicago

The Christian Church amid Seismic Shifts

Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020

St. Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lombard, IL 60148

Crucial & timely presentations by five Lutheran theologians & teachers



Dr. Paul Wendland “The Transgenderism Incursion: What to Think, How to Love”

Dr. Gene Edward Veith “COVID-19 and Disembodied Humanity”

and “COVID-19, Power Politics & the Death of Education”

Dr. A. Andrew Das “Preparing Our Young People for the University”

Dr. Ryan MacPherson “The Distinction between Rendering to Caesar and Resisting Tyranny”

Missionary Karim Yaghleji “All Christians Are One Body in Christ”

- 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., CST.
- Cost: \$30 **in-person** (includes box lunch), \$20 **online**. Student online discount: \$10.
- Registration & info: www.WorldviewChicago.org. Or call 630-627-2345 (leave contact information if no one answers).
- St. Timothy can host 70 people **in-person** (25% capacity). When 70 have registered to attend in-person, please attend **online**.
- NOTE: Those registering to attend **in-person** should register by **Sept. 21** to be assured a box lunch.



Fall Bible Studies and Sunday School

SUNDAY EDUCATION “HOUR”

On Sunday, September 13th, we will resume our Sunday morning in-person Bible class. We will shorten the time a bit to avoid crowding before second service. Class will run from 9:15 am until no later than 10:00 am. We will have 7th graders on up join the adult class. We will also have a video Sunday school class produced by NPH for any younger children who attend. If you are bringing a child to Sunday School on Sunday mornings, let us know so we know how many to prepare. NPH is also providing online Sunday School videos for parents to use at home at their convenience. Printed materials will be sent to the home. We will provide more information about at home Sunday School materials.

WEDNESDAY ZOOM BIBLE CLASS

Philippians is a book of Christian joy. It teaches us that we can be joyful in all circumstances. The current pandemic, the social unrest in our country and world, and things in your personal lives, may have sapped your joy. The book of Philippians is about “Everyday Joy for Everyday Christians” and teaches us how Jesus gives us an inner joy no matter what our circumstance. We will meet over Zoom on Wednesday evenings from 7 pm to 8 pm. A link will be e-mailed on Tuesdays.

After we finish the book of Philippians, Wednesday night Zoom bible study will continue with a different topic.

Wednesday morning bible class will not meet until a later date due to COVID precautions with our day school environment.

Jerusalem member Mary Callanan was called to her heavenly home to be at her Savior's side on August 26th at age 76. Funeral services will be at Jerusalem on Saturday, September 5th at 10:00 am. Visitation will be at Simkins Funeral Home from 5:00-7:00 pm on Friday, September 4th.

An update from Pregnancy & Life Resources Mundelein Office



We have learned many things in our Life Sundays and in talking to many of our congregation members. One important fact comes up often and we just wish to clarify. In our box of envelopes there is an envelope for Christian Life Resources. The thing we want to clarify is that many of our members think that when they donate there, we receive the money or that it is Pregnancy & Life Resources. This is not the case.

One member recently told me they donate several thousand dollars yearly and are surprised to hear we have a hard time making ends meet. We have not seen this type of donation. This made me think and wonder if this isn't often the case.

We, in no way, wish to take anything away from Christian Life Resources and fully support the wonderful work they do. We are hoping that you may consider your own personal WELS mission of Pregnancy & Life Resources, Mundelein. And, of course, volunteers are always needed, even if for only an hour a month. Please continue to read Conceptions newsletter (available quarterly in your Jerusalem mailbox and in the literature rack in the church entryway).

It is heart-warming and fulfilling to be able to help as many people as we do, with clothing donations, pregnancy tests, pastoral counseling, giving of Bibles and much more. Thank you in advance for considering our requests.

Blessings and wishes for good health to all.

Pregnancy & Life Resources
300 N. Seymour, Mundelein, Illinois 60060
847-949-4443



Earlier this summer, John Rivera became a member of Jerusalem congregation.

We welcome John to the Jerusalem family.



School News

SCHOOL SIGN FUNDRAISING UPDATE!

As you can see in this picture, we are excited to be able to incorporate our new logo into the design! The sign is being manufactured over the next couple of months and we hope to have it **installed around Thanksgiving**. We are very close to having this paid in full. We still need ~\$9k in donations to avoid taking out a loan. We know many of our families are struggling during this challenging time. If you are able to donate toward the sign (above your normal giving), please give it prayerfully consideration. This sign will serve as the first opportunity to create awareness to neighbors about the Lord's wonderful gracious gift of salvation offered at Jerusalem Lutheran Church & School. REMINDER: Make any checks payable to Jerusalem Lutheran School. If you have questions, please contact Patrick Ruehrdanz at patrick.ruehrdanz@gmail.com.



In-person learning continues at Jerusalem School

In-person learning at Jerusalem School and Early Learning Center resumed on August 19th. Both students and faculty were excited to be back in the classroom. All are faithfully following health guidelines to keep us safe in school. We appreciate our hard-working faculty and dedicated parents as we adjust to a different style of learning.

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Worship Schedule

Thursday 7:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am and 10:30 am
Online Worship on Facebook and YouTube

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



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