

June Midweek Message series: "Lutheran Stories"

June 9th: History and Theology

Due to copyright rules, we will share the excerpts Pastor Ryan is referencing to our mailing list as a congregation-wide Bible study; however, we can't post those on our website. Here are the books and passages being used if you'd like to find your own copies:

Stories from Global Lutheranism: A Historical Timeline, by Martin J. Lohrmann, copyright 2021, Fortress Press (Lutheran Quarterly Books), Minneapolis. Pages 136-139: "1832: Ordination of Jehu Jones."

Together By Grace: Introducing the Lutherans, edited by Kathryn A. Kleinhans, copyright 2016, Augsburg Fortress Publishers, Minneapolis. Pages 143-146: "The Neighborliness (*Diakonia*) of All Believers" by Craig Nesson.

For further reading: A fuller biography of Rev. Jehu Jones Jr.:

http://www.lutheranquarterly.com/uploads/7/4/0/1/7401289/jehu_jones.pdf

Craig Nesson's book *Shalom Church* by Fortress Press:

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/9780800663278/Shalom-Church>

Martin Luther's "The Freedom of a Christian": https://www.elca500.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Freedom-of-a-Christian_final-proof_3.17.20201.pdf

And ponder these questions:

What does it really mean to be Lutheran? Is it a cultural identity? A theological identity? A worship identity? What does being Lutheran have to do with your daily life? Would anyone be able to tell that you are a Lutheran?

How does the story of Rev. Jehu Jones Jr. relate to some of the stories and calls for justice that we are in the midst of today?

In your baptisms the Holy Spirit gave you the vocation of neighborliness in the form of serving God and serving neighbor. How do you live out that vocation?

What do you think of the idea of "evangelical listening"?