

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. His work of creation begins with a voice that speaks into nothingness. "Let there be light." The Lord creates all that is seen and unseen in just six days. Not six epochs, not six time-periods, but six 24-hour days. And then we read that on the seventh day God rested. "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation." (Genesis 2:1-3)

Of course, God didn't get tired, rather he gives Adam and Eve and all of their descendants an example of what they are to do. They are to "Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy." This means that God's people are made for rest.

In our busy culture, busyness is glorified. For example, if I ask you how you are doing, the answer might be, "Busy." That's not really the question I asked, but people love to bring to mind their own busyness. We think someone is important if they are busy. Or we think that someone is worthwhile if they have a lot going on in their life. Perhaps it's time for God's people to step back from the rat race that so often is part and parcel of this life. Step back and recognize that God has instructed his people to rest.

Now this doesn't mean that rest can only take place on the Old Testament Sabbath Day of Saturday. And it doesn't mean that you can only rest on the day of Christ's resurrection, Sunday. With the fulfillment of God's law by Christ, God's people can

take their time to rest when the opportunity presents itself.

That rest can look like a vacation, it can be an evening at home with no sporting events to go to. It can also be time spent in the garden doing that which brings you pleasure and the opportunity to take your mind off the stresses of life. Time on the boat fishing or sitting beside the campfire is important. God wants his people to rest.

But as we learn from the Small Catechism, the Third Commandment is about more than just rest. In fact, Luther explains the Third Commandment as it regards God's Word. He writes, "We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and God's Word. But hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it." According to the Catechism, true rest is found in the Word of God.

This summer as you find time for rest and relaxation, remember where true rest is found. It's in your Savior, Jesus Christ.

Just because there's no Sunday School or Catechism class, that's not a reason to miss out on church. Teach your kids the importance of God's Word as you go to church on Saturday because there's a ball game on Sunday. If you're going to be

gone for the weekend, ask me which area churches have mid-week services so you can be fed on God's Word and then also be an example to your family of the importance of God and His Word to you.

Jesus is your Sabbath rest so any recharging you do is going to be from being plugged in to Jesus. He gives you the strength for each day and the joy that comes from being his beloved child.

Resting in Jesus,

-Pastor Kleinschmidt



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Plans are being made for VBS to be held the week of **June 7th-11th** in the mornings. There will be some changes this year in order to keep the children away from the construction. There will be mitigation efforts in regard to the Corona virus that are still being worked out. The theme this year is Rainforest Explorers; Jesus Leads the Way. Romans 11:33 is the theme verse: "Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!" The week of VBS is the week after school gets out and the week before Summer School begins. Make plans now to have your children attend, help, or tell your grandkids and friends about this great opportunity to learn about Jesus. **You can register by going to <https://vbsmate.com/JakobiVBS>** . This allows you to register your children or to register as a volunteer.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATES

Rooted and Built Up in Christ Commitments are underway. You can fulfill your pledges with the pink envelopes that are located in the Narthex above the guest book. You can also put in the memo line of the check "Building Fund" and place the check in your normal offering envelope. If you have any questions, contact Marlene at 920-400-0013. As of April 30, 2021, we have commitments totaling \$444,264.28. Total dollars received is \$269,457.71. If you haven't made a commitment yet, you can find a card on the table in the Narthex and place it in the offering plate.

CHURCH HISTORY ARCHIVES

We are looking for photographs of a number of original families who formed the first St. Jakobi congregation. If you are a relative, or know a relative, who can provide a photo of the following, please speak with either Amy Casetta or Nancy Thelen. Searching for: Albert & Caroline Tiegs; August & Bertha Buettner; Heinrich & Louise Lindner; Friedrich & Emilie Yordi; August & Friedericke Engel Sr.; August & Augusta Gueths; and John & Johanna Timm.

CHURCH PICNIC

The church picnic will be held on June 13th after the worship service. Sloppy Joes, hot dogs, buns, mac 'n' cheese and beverages will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. We'll eat whatever you bring! Please direct any comments, ideas, or questions to Dawn Wesenberg at 715-853-4352.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The concrete block walls have been completed and just about all of the concrete slab has been poured. The electrical conduit and plumbing pipes that need to be in the block walls have been placed. The spancrete above the block hallway was installed by a crane. In the next month the wood framing will begin and we will start to need congregational volunteers.

INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICES

If you would like to receive Communion but don't feel comfortable coming into church during a normal service, then please contact Pastor. He can arrange a time for you to come to church for a short service of Confession & Absolution, Scripture, Prayer, and Communion.

READINGS AT CHURCH

June 6th:	Genesis 3:8-15 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35
June 13th:	Ezekiel 17:22-24 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 Mark 4:26-34
June 20th:	Job 38:1-11 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41
June 27th:	Lamentations 3:22-33 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15 Mark 5:21-43

PARISH EDUCATION

Sunday School is done for the school year and will begin again the weekend after Labor Day. We will continue to have Adult Bible Class on Sundays after church along with the Thursday afternoon class that studies the Bible readings for the upcoming weekend.

CHARLIE'S RED BARN

The youth will be selling brats and burgers on June 24, 25, and 26. The congregation is scheduled for July 5, 6 and 7. Watch for further information to sign-up and help with this worthy cause. The funds generated will be allocated to the St. Jakobi Building Fund, or the youth trip to Michigan for Higher Things.



SCRIP CARDS

Do you have an upcoming celebration for which you need a gift? Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthday, graduation or wedding? Check out the large selection of gift cards available through SCRIP!! Cards ordered on Monday arrive Friday afternoon.

SPIRITUAL OUTREACH

We are continuing to collect for Buckets of Sunshine, as this is an ongoing project. We have decided to take on another project, collecting school supplies to hand out to the students who are less fortunate and unable to provide the required materials. Watch for a list of supplies needed, and the dates when we will be collecting them, in future bulletins. We hope to hold the drive in July. We're also considering a Bazaar in December, offering baked goods and craft items. If you are interested in donating for this event, please speak with Nancy Thelen or Wendy Kroenke. We will not meet again until September 11th, as many of us will be volunteering our time and talents to the Building Project this summer.



DIRECT GIVING

If you want to give monthly from your checking account, please pick up a form in the church office and then return it to the church office.

ONLINE GIVING

You can now give online by visiting <http://bit.ly/DonateStJakobi> This easy way to give to church can be done as a one-time gift or recurring. You can give from your checking account or credit card. If you would like you can help offset the expense of offering this service, there is information at that website.

CONFIRMATION

On May 23rd, eleven young adults confessed their Christian faith and were confirmed. Those confirmed this year are pictured front row left to right: Lainey Peters, Lily Felckowski, Teagen Thompson, Kendra Westphal, Levi Wendorff, Jayden West, Tucker Reinke (back row l to r): Pastor Kleinschmidt, Laci Sperberg, Hadley Rettke, Ella Stuber, and Kennedy Meyers. The Lord bless each of them all of their days as they live their lives of faith in Jesus Christ, their Savior.



BAPTISMS

Baptized into Christ on May 2nd were Hadley and Harper Rettke. They are the daughters of Jared Rettke and Melissa Rettke. Their baptismal sponsors are Jesse Lawatsch, Jamie Thronson-Westby, and Jaime Thomson.

Baptized into Christ on May 8th was Laine Waldvogel. Laine is the daughter of Jesse and Brittany Waldvogel. Laine was born on January 19th, 2021. Her sponsors are Jade Velicer and Taylor Zelhofer.

Also baptized into Christ on May 8th were Oliver Buntrock and Pyper Meloy. Oliver is the son of Justin Buntrock and Tamra Hobart. Oliver was born on March 7th, 2021. His sponsors are Chelsey Hobart and Austin Buntrock. Justin Buntrock and Tamra Hobart are Pyper's guardians. Pyper was born on April 29th, 2019. Her sponsors are Tori Eggleston, Richard Workman, and Alicia Niemuth.

COMING NEXT MONTH...

Look for pictures of Vacation Bible School in your July newsletter.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 - Willow Berendt
1 - Courtney Drake
1 - Debra Schneider
2 - Callie Boyles
2 - Kristi Skalitzky
2 - Alison Sperberg
2 - Terri Teetzen
3 - Joshua Berkhahn
3 - Dan Krueger
3 - Jeremy Pyatskowitz
6 - Lincoln Ejnik
6 - Amanda Felkowski
6 - Sheila Herrmann
7 - Wendy Kroenke
8 - Debbie Laehn
8 - Steven Verstoppen Jr
9 - Darryl Prodell
10 - Wyatt Krueger
10 - Howard Popp
12 - Kourtney Erickson
12 - Paul Romberg
14 - Owen Gueths
14 - Chad Wendorff
17 - Bobbi Jo Ladwig
17 - Betty Szucs
19 - Landon Lindner
19 - Dana Price
20 - Kaitlyn West
21 - Mark Schuster
21 - Rebecca West
21 - Jerele Westphal
23 - Jeff Buettner
25 - Joanne Bublitz
26 - Ashley Damveld
26 - Chuck Stoehr
27 - Derek Drake
27 - Samuel Gueths
27 - Emily Teetzen
28 - Carrie Bohl
28 - Boston Buntrock
28 - Harper Ejnik
28 - Marjorie Vorpahl
30 - Carrie Fink
30 - Mary Jung

A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, our times are in Your hands. Look with favor on name as he/she celebrates his/her birthday. Grant that he/she may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. Strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness and bless him/her with Your abiding love all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

1, 2019 - Jesse & Brittany Waldvogel
7, 1980 - Jeff & Mary Theis
14, 1969 - Marshal & Susan Giese
15, 1968 - Albert & Elaine Schroeder
16, 1984 - Timothy & Jamie Massey
16, 1987 - James & Lisa VanScoik
18, 2016 - Adam & Katie Carroll
18, 2005 - Faron & Kristi Skalitzky
21, 1980 - Jeff & Teresa Schuettpeiz
23, 1962 - Lawrence & Nancy Schroeder
27, 2020 - Tristan & Courtlynn Buntrock
30, 2007 - Cory & Rachel Neville
30, 1990 - Michael & Vicki Waldvogel

AN ANNIVERSARY OF MARRIAGE PRAYER



O Lord Jesus, Your mercies are new every morning. We thank You for another year of married life together for name and name. Open their hearts always to receive more of Your love that their love for each other may never grow weary but deepen and grow through every joy and sorrow shared; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Contact the Church Office if you find anything in need of correction to the Birthdays and Anniversaries.

JUNE 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elders: Sat: Mike Kroenke Sun: Mark Schuster Jamison Yorton Special: Bob Behrens		1	2	3	4	5 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Tristan West
6 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Adult Bible Study Acolyte: Noah Wendorff	7	8	9	10 1:00 Bible Study 6:00 Building Committee	11	12 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Karter Westphal
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9:00 - 12:00						
13 9:00 Outdoor Service 10:30 Church Picnic	14	15	16	17 1:00 Bible Study	18	19 9:00 New Member Class 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Nolan Kleinschmidt
20 <i>Father's Day</i> 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Adult Bible Study Acolyte: Brooklyn Krueger	21	22	23	24 1:00 Bible Study 6:00 Building Committee	25	26 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: McKenzie Kuhn
RED BARN @ CHARLIE'S COUNTY MARKET						
27 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Adult Bible Study Acolyte: Colton Peters	28	29	30			Altar Guild: Lorine Raddant Benda Gast Kathy Fonger Noel Kleinschmidt

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***Check inside for information
about the Church expansion and building project!***

Church Services:

Saturday at 6:30pm and Sunday at 9:00am

Bible Study:

Wednesday at 6:30pm, Thursday at 1:00pm, and Sunday at 10:30am.

Sunday School:

Sunday at 10:30am

