

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

What a great way to come back after missing a year of VBS because of Covid-19! After a year off, St. Jakobi Lutheran Church is pleased to host Vacation Bible School as a great opportunity for the children of our congregation to meet in the summer months to hear God's Word, learn about the Gospel truths of our Lord Jesus Christ, build relationships with various adult volunteers from our church, and strengthen bonds they have with friends they already know, along with making new friends through the week. VBS is a tremendous outreach in our community as well. It is by God's grace that there are many people who entrust their children to us as we teach them about Jesus and his amazing grace and love.

What makes our VBS unique is the same as what makes our Lutheran Church unique. It is the relentless focus on the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Christ-centeredness of all we do, say, and teach. When children attend our VBS, they are presented with Bible stories and lessons that remain faithful to the Scriptures themselves and they are taught the purest meaning of those stories. What that means is that they hear about Jesus, first and foremost. They heard of his great love for us and for all people shown by his own suffering and death upon the cross. Each child learned that the Lord Jesus Christ continues to reach out to us with his love through the preaching and teaching of his Word and through the gifts of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

I've heard comments by a number of the volunteers of how much they enjoyed VBS this year and grew in their own faith. VBS is not just for the

children, but it is also for the volunteers as they are serving the young people of the congregation and community.

We again had kids from Bullfrogs & Butterflies Daycare come to VBS. This is an outstanding outreach to the children of our community. Some of those children do not have a church home, so the more they hear of Jesus, the better. If you see Jaime Popp, owner of the daycare, tell her how much we appreciate the opportunity to tell the kids about Jesus.

Much of the planning this year for VBS was done by the Board of Education; Sally Kroenke, Kim Wendorff, and Jenny Stuber. Things ran very smoothly and everyone knew what they were supposed to be doing and when. Without much planning there is no way to handle over 120 kids each day. We successfully navigated our way around the construction project and the tent blowing over and being destroyed on Tuesday night.

The decorations added to the general excitement of the kids and volunteers to learn about Jesus. Thank you in particular to Laura Prodell and Kathy Fonger for their hard work and talent to create many of the decorations and props.

There are more pictures on the church facebook page, www.facebook.com/lcmsjakobi of all the great happenings at VBS.

Make plans now to help next summer as the kids will again be learning all about the love of Jesus.

Rooted and Built Up in Christ!

Pastor Kleinschmidt



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

We have had a construction delay because some of the concrete block walls were not built properly. We could not order trusses until we knew how the blocks would be fixed. Now the fix is planned and trusses are ordered. The blocks should be fixed the week of June 28, framing would begin July 5 and the trusses are scheduled to arrive on July 28. Of course, all of this is tentative, but these are our best estimates as of June 25. Construction delays are common. We want to be sure that we build a structurally sound and beautiful building. We're confident that's what we're moving toward.

CHOIR

We're planning ahead to see who would be interested in singing in choir this fall. We'd have to know this before any music can be picked out or planned. For this reason, anyone who is interested should plan to attend a short meeting on Monday evening, August 30th at 6:15. This is the regular time for choir rehearsals. It would tell us who is interested and what voices we would have (soprano, alto, tenor, bass). If you cannot attend but would like to sing, call Joanne Bublitz at 715-526-5315.

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 May 31, 2021, we have commitments totaling \$444,264.28. Total dollars received is \$283,178.71. 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.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School was June 7th-11th. The theme this year was **Rainforest Explorers**. We had a great week with about 120 children every day. There were lots of volunteers and we appreciate everyone who helped in some way. That includes bringing snacks for the kids, decorating, teaching, helping with crafts, helping the teachers, and helping in the kitchen. The kids also sang the Sunday afterwards at the outdoor service. Vacation Bible School was a wonderful success because we are rooted and built up in Christ.

READINGS AT CHURCH

July 4th: Ezekiel 2:1-5
2 Corinthians 12:1-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 11th: Amos 7:7-15
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July 18th: Jeremiah 23:1-6
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-44

July 25th: Genesis 9:8-17
Ephesians 3:14-21
Mark 6:45-56

BAPTISM

Westin Robert Buntrock was baptized into Christ on June 6th. Westin is the son of Tristan and Courtlynn Buntrock. He was born on March 26th, 2021 and his sponsors are Brandon & Alyson Buntrock and Conner Schoen.

WEDDING

Dustin Fischer and Cassandra Naparalla were united in marriage on June 11th. May the Lord bless them all the days of their marriage.

FUNERAL

DeLilah Clark passed away on June 16th, 2021. Her funeral was held on June 18th.

CHARLIE'S RED BARN

The congregation is scheduled to sell brats and burgers July 5, 6 and 7. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to volunteer to help. The funds generated will be allocated to the St. Jakobi Building Fund.



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Spiritual Outreach will be collecting school supplies for our local public schools. There will be a list of needed supplies in the Narthex, and examples will be set out on a table. If you would like to help with this project, you can bring the items the weekends of July 10th-11th, 17th-18th, and 24th-25th. Depending on availability of supplies in the stores, we may extend this into the first week of August. Boxes to place your items in will be available in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please speak with Nancy Thelen.

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.

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.

CHURCH PICNIC

The Church Picnic was on June 13th. The kids from VBS did a FANTASTIC job singing. There was a great meal, a bounce house for the kids, and other outdoor activities. If you didn't come this year, be sure to come next year!

NEWSLETTER IN COLOR

The pictures in the newsletter look great in color plus you can zoom in for more detail! You can receive a copy of the newsletter in color and save the church the printing cost by signing up for email delivery. You can sign up at <http://www.bit.ly/Jakobisignup>

HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE

Seven youth and two adults will be attending the Higher Things Conference being held at Calvin University, Grand Rapids Michigan this summer, July 20th - 23rd, 2021. The theme is *Forgiven*. There are also breakout sessions where the youth will be able to choose different topics about faith and life to learn about. There will be time for fun too. Please pray for these youth that they would have safe travels and deepen in their love for Jesus Christ.



LETTER FROM SEMINARIAN

ANDREW TWIETMEYER

Dear Friends at St. Jakobi:

We are busy at home, cleaning and packing to move to Michigan! Call day was full of anticipation. At last, Andrew's call was announced-to Messiah Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Every one of us was stunned. Andrew's parents, sister, and brother-in-law live in that area, and we would never have guessed this would happen. Since then, plans have been falling into place quickly. Priority number one was deciding when ordination can be. Andrew's parents have been gracious enough to house us so that he can begin working sooner rather than later. We have been looking for a house to buy and will continue the search from there. Ordination is planned for Saturday, June 19th.

We cannot quite explain how your support has encouraged and practically blessed us during the past four years. God used you to provide what we needed and more. You have helped house and feed us, bought textbooks and clothes and gas. We hope that you will continue caring for another seminary student. Sincerely: Andrew, Elizabeth, Jane and Eve Twietmeyer

VOTER MEETING

The July Voter Meeting will be held on **July 25th** after Church. Watch the bulletin for an announcement of the agenda.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Austin Buntrock
1 - Douglas Evenson
1 - Lucas Schuettpelz
1 - Tony Stuber
3 - Allen Lange
3 - Heather Pyatskowitz
3 - Brinlee Yorton
4 - Jordan Thompson
4 - Lydia Walby
6 - Ashley Bennett
9 - Derek Hartmann
9 - Faron Skalitzky
10 - Brody Schutt
10 - Holly Weatherwax
10 - Michael Winkler
11 - Steven Damveld
12 - Nimue Berendt
12 - Jacob Schoenike
13 - Karen Cotter
13 - Jason Lange
14 - Dawn Buntrock
15 - Axlyn Erickson
17 - Keith Jashinsky
17 - Raelyn Krueger
17 - Kadu Kunze
17 - Peggy Lange
17 - Elizabeth Teetzen
19 - Megan Gebert
19 - James Lange
19 - Joshua Lange
19 - Eli Magee
19 - Tucker Reinke
20 - Lance Lindner
20 - Sara VanScoik
21 - Dennis Fonger
22 - Rhett Jashinsky
22 - Sally Kroenke
22 - Jayne Mott
23 - Kinlee Meyers
24 - Blake Hartmann
25 - Timothy Massey
25 - Jim Szucs, Sr.
26 - Cindy Gueths
26 - Barbara Peterman
26 - Paul Picard
27 - Adam Carroll
28 - Virgil Gueths
28 - William Hanke
28 - Mary Theis
30 - Brynlee Carroll
30 - Kylie Teetzen
30 - Tristan West

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.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

02, 1966 - August & Marjorie Vorpahl
04, 1981 - Mark & Mollie Schuster
07, 1979 - Bill & Jayne Mott
09, 1960 - Roger & Sally Ann Piehl
11, 1987 - Jerele & Carrie Westphal
14, 2007 - Tony & Jennifer Stuber
14, 2001 - Tom T & Judy Tuma
19, 2003 - Lance & Sundai Lindner
19, 1980 - Paul & Jennifer Utecht
20, 1991 - Jesse & Dawn Buntrock
22, 2017 - Austin & Katie Gueths
26, 1969 - Allen & Peggy Lange
26, 1983 - Steve & Carol Verstoppen
27, 1968 - Bob & Joanne Behrens
30, 2016 - Keith & Katelyn Jashinsky
31, 2004 - Travis & Noël Kleinschmidt

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.

July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elders: Sat: Mark Schuster Sun: Jamison Yorton Rich Raddant Special: Jon Wesenberg	Altar Guild: Joanne Bublitz Cindy Winkler Sally Kroenke Noel Kleinschmidt			1 1:00 Bible Study	2	3 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Josie Gueths
4 Independence Day 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Joseph Kleinschmidt	5 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> CHARLIE'S RED BARN BRAT FRY </div>	6	7	8 1:00 Bible Study 6:00 Building Committee	9	10 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: James Lange
11 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Cienna Kuhn	12 6:30 Council Meeting	13	14	15 1:00 Bible Study	16	17 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Derek Hartmann
18 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Joshua Lange	19 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE </div>	20	21	22 6:00 Building Committee	23	24 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Emmali McDowell
25 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Henry Pleshek Voters Meeting after Service	26	27	28	29 1:00 Bible Study	30	31 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Madeline Pyatskowitz

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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

