

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

Martin Luther created his seal based upon his own family seal that was granted to his family in 1413. He modified it so that it would reflect the theology of Scripture and what he was teaching. It was created in 1530, shortly after the Augsburg Confession was presented on June 25. In a letter he describes his seal:

“There is first to be a cross, black [and placed] in a heart, which should be of its natural color, so that I myself would be reminded that faith in the Crucified saves us. For if one believes from the heart he will be justified. Even though it is a black cross, [which] mortifies and [which] also should hurt us, yet it leaves the heart in its [natural] color [and] does not ruin nature; that is, [the cross] does not kill but keeps [man] alive. For the just man lives by faith, but by faith in the Crucified One. Such a heart is to be in the midst of a white rose, to symbolize that faith

gives joy, comfort, and peace; in a word it places the believer into a white joyful rose; for [this faith] does not give peace and joy as the world gives and, therefore, the rose is to be white and not red, for white is the color of the spirits and of all the angels. Such a rose is to be in a sky-blue field, [symbolizing] that such joy in the Spirit and in faith is a beginning of the future heavenly joy; it is already a part [of faith], and is grasped through hope, even though not yet manifest. And around this field is a golden ring, [symbolizing] that in heaven such blessedness lasts forever and has no end, and in addition is precious beyond all joy and goods, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.”



Sometimes Luther's Seal is called Luther's Rose because of the prominence of the rose in the center of the design. A common addition to Luther's seal has been to include three phrases that encapsulates the Lutheran Reformation and the teaching of Scripture. In the artwork that hangs in the hallway at St. Jakobi there are three Latin phrases. On the right side is says, "Sola Gratia" This means Grace Alone. We are saved solely by the grace of God that was earned by the death of Jesus on the cross and his resurrection. The bottom phrase is Sola Fide. This means Faith Alone. The grace of God is delivered to us by solely by faith and not by our works or deeds. The third phrase on the left is Sola Scriptura. This means Scripture Alone. The truth of God's grace and the benefits of faith are revealed solely by Scripture. Man-made traditions are not what reveals God to us; only Scripture.

The gift that has been given to the congregation measures 4 feet in diameter and

hangs at the end of the hall way that goes from the Sanctuary towards the new addition. It can be seen all the way from the Altar Rail. It is constructed of metal and the coloring of the metal is from powder coating. It was constructed by Davis Brothers Metal Art in Gresham, OR and run by Elton and Ethan Davis. They are members of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Gresham, OR. This is the congregation that I served my vicarage at during seminary. You can go to their Facebook page (www.facebook.com/davisbrothersmetalart) to see part of the process of constructing this magnificent piece of art that testifies to the glory of God.

In the love of Christ,
-Pastor Kleinschmidt

ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Narthex renovation has commenced. At this point the carpet has been removed, the furnaces moved, and the walls torn down. The ductwork for the moved furnaces is being worked on. Electrical work is being done. The plan is to be done with the Narthex by Confirmation Day, May 29th. The Parish Hall still has not been demolished. After the demolition of the Parish Hall and the grading of the dirt, work will commence on the landscaping, sidewalks, parking lot, and curbs.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



This year Vacation Bible School will be held on June 6th through the 10th. We've already had a number of children sign up, along with volunteers. If your child, grandchild, or some other child

that you know would like to attend, there's still time to sign up at <https://vbsmate.com/JakobiVBS>. All are welcome. We're also looking for volunteers to help in the classrooms, with snacks, or to direct the children from one place to another. Volunteers can sign up on the same website. Watch the bulletin for further announcements about ways that you can support this wonderful event.

CHARLIE'S RED BARN

Thank you to all who have volunteered to work at the Red Barn Brat Fry on April 25th, 26th and 27th. We hope to have a good turnout for the first of four times that we



will be working there this summer. The next timeslot will be May 19th, 20th, and 21st. We will be putting a sign-up sheet in the Narthex in the near future for those days. Come join the fun and fellowship that we enjoy. If you're not able to work at the Brat Fry, consider supporting St. Jakobi by purchasing a burger, brat, or cheddarwurst.

CEMETERY NEWS

Due to the late spring and uncooperative weather, the cemetery committee has not been able to complete the cleanup of the cemetery. If you have old decorations from last summer or winter on one of the gravesites, they ask that you please pick them up. This will allow them better access to clear away any dry grass, branches or other debris around the gravestones. They hope to have this completed the first week of May.

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.



USHERS

We are looking for ushers for the Sunday morning services. Men and women, post confirmation age, are welcome to help. We are looking for 8 ushers so that we can schedule 2 for each Sunday. If you are interested, please speak with Mark Schuster or Don Publitz.

CHURCH PICNIC

The church picnic will be held on June 12th after the outdoor worship service. This year we'll be having a pig roast including stuffing, hot dogs, buns, mac 'n' cheese and beverages. Those attending are asked to bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. Bring whatever you'd like. We'll eat whatever you bring!! We will have a lot of fun things to do, so be sure to come for the 9:00 am worship service, and stay to enjoy some great food and fellowship.

SPRITUAL OUTREACH

Our next meeting will be on May 14th at 9:00 am. All church members are welcome to attend. We'll finalize the plans for the picnic, and also discuss holding a School Supply Drive and the Bazaar. Bring along your thoughts and ideas.

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. As of March 23rd, we have commitments totaling \$446,264.28. Total dollars received is \$403,441.71. 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.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

Examination of Confirmands will be held on May 18th, Confirmation Sunday is May 29th and the Outdoor service and church picnic is June 12th.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Thank you to all who donated food and their time for this year's Easter Breakfast. Also, thank you to all who enjoyed the breakfast and great fellowship.

READINGS AT CHURCH

May 1 st :	Acts 9:1-22 Revelation 5:8-14 John 21:1-14
May 8 th :	Acts 20:17-35 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30
May 15 th :	Acts 11:1-18 Revelation 21:1-7 John 16:12-22
May 22 nd :	Acts 16:9-15 Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27 John 16:22-33
May 29 th :	Acts 1:12-26 Revelation 22:1-6, 12-20 John 17:20-26

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

- 5/1 Signs of the True God
- 5/8 The Passover Promise
- 5/15 Food from Heaven
- 5/22 Waterworks
- 5/29 No class

LUTHERAN EDUCATION

St. Jakobi has funds available to help pay for tuition at [St. James Elementary School](#), [Wolf River Lutheran High School](#), or at Concordia University if your student is majoring in a church-work field.

Don't let tuition be a stumbling block to a Lutheran school education. Talk to Pastor if you need assistance or have questions.

ST. JAKOBI ON FACEBOOK

St. Jakobi has a [Facebook page](#). Stay up to date on happenings at church by liking the page.

NEWSLETTER IN COLOR

The pictures in the newsletter look best in color. You can sign up to view them on your computer by going to this website. <http://www.bit.ly/Jakobisignup>



MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Greg Samson
1 - Jennifer Stuber
2 - Tucker Pyatskowitz
3 - Sarah Benser
3 - Connie Kunze
4 - Lori Wendorff (Scott)
5 - Jenni Sperberg
6 - Carol Popelka
7 - Michael Kroenke
8 - Chase Erickson
8 - Aspen Gehnke
8 - Kris Johnson
9 - Steve Gueths
10 - Kevin Herrmann
10 - Amber Schmidt
10 - Janell Wesenberg
11 - Bryce Bohl
12 - Natineal Kunze
12 - Andrew Theis
12 - Marlene Weckwerth
12 - Jamison Yorton
13 - Sawyer Schuettpelz
14 - Tom Teetzen
15 - Amie Olson
15 - Thomas Theis
16 - Pete Arthur
16 - Brandon Buettner
16 - Taylor Johnson
17 - Ruth Cummings
17 - Kathy Fonger
17 - Caleb Wendorff
18 - Brian Johnson
18 - Jeff Schuettpelz
18 - Madisyn Skalitzky
18 - Connie Steinke
21 - MaryJane Kucksdorf
22 - Darlene Drake
22 - Megan Pederson
23 - Kloie Boyles
23 - Abby Parilek
24 - Luke Kleinschmidt
25 - Susan Giese
25 - Darlene Gishkowsky
25 - Allison Johnson
27 - Joanne Behrens
27 - Nathaniel Gueths
27 - Brooklyn Krueger
27 - Keonna Lindner
27 - Levi Wendorff
28 - Tammy Burr
28 - Richard Raddant

29 - Paige Bedroske
29 - Justin Buntrock
29 - Jim Szucs, Jr.
29 - Gloriann Watzlawick
29 - Margaret Wendorff
30 - Katie Carroll
31 - Susan Klemens

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.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

05, 2007 - Eric & Kim Wendorff
06, 2017 - Mike & Sally Kroenke
07, 2005 - Brandon & Jessy Clark
15, 2004 - Jeff & Tina Hartmann
16, 1964 - John & Darlene Gishkowsky
21, 1983 - Randy & Tammy Burr
21, 2005 - Kevin & Sheila Herrmann
24, 2003 - Jim & Cathy Hoffman
25, 1985 - Steve & Theresa Gueths
25, 1996 - Tom & Marjorie McGahan
27, 1989 - David & Noelle Buettner
27, 1967 - Darwin & Darlene Drake
28, 1955 - Dan & Shirley Krueger

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.

MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Madisyn Skalitzky	2 7:00 Altar Guild	3	4 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	5 1:00 Bible Study 5:30 Building Committee	6	7 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Madeline Pyatskowit
8 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Josh Trochil	9	10 5:00 Elders	11 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	12 1:00 Bible Study	13	14 9:00 Spiritual Outreach 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Layla Sperberg
15 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Kelsie Wendorff	16 6:15 Choir Practice	17	18 6:30 Confirmation Examination Acolyte: Paige Bedroske	19 1:00 Bible Study	20	21 9:00 New Member Class 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Jai Bisterfeldt
Charlie's Red Barn Brat Fry						
22 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Last Day of Sunday School Acolyte: Addison Fischer	23 6:15 Choir Practice	24	25 6:30 Bible Study	26 <i>Ascension Day</i> 1:00 Bible Study	27	28 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Hailey Hawkinson
29 <i>Confirmation Sunday</i> 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Nolan Kleinschmidt	30 <i>Memorial Day</i>	31		Elders: Sat: Rich Raddant Sun: Brian Sperberg Bob Behrens Special: Mike Kroenke		Altar Guild: Barb Teetzen Sally Kroenke Laura Prodell Jana Yorton

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

“We Preach Christ Crucified”



***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

