

## From Pastor Kleinschmidt

**A**t our Sunday Bible Class we just finished our study of the Biblical origins of the Nicene Creed. I think this study was of great value to those who attended because we learned in detail the many different parts of our Christian faith that are touched upon in the Creed. In addition, we had an opportunity to dive into the Bible and see why it is that we confess what we do.

The Nicene Creed was first written in 325AD at the Council of Nicaea and then it was updated in 381AD at the Council of Constantinople. The Creed as we confess it has been used by Christians for nearly 1,700 years. We truly are connected in Christ Jesus with those who have gone before us; even using the same words as them to say what we believe about God.

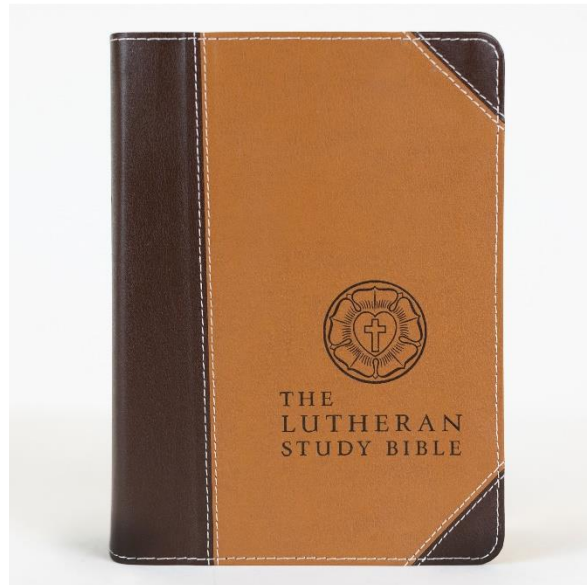
We confess the Creeds because we are listening to the words of Jesus. He says to the disciples, "But who do you say I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:15-16). Jesus invites us to use our mouths to confess who he is and what he has done for us. The tendency of American spirituality is to want a relationship with god or to want to talk about spirituality but not God. We must push back against that mindset that would take the confession of the faith out of our mouths. We are to confess who God is and what he does. We are to confess that Jesus is the Son of God and we know that he will confess us before his Father in heaven. Matthew 10:32 records Jesus saying, "So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven."

Because we are the Lord's instruments to spread the Gospel, He doesn't want us to simply have a relationship with him, but to be able to speak of God to others. In order to do that, we must know something about him. So, we come to church and hear God's Holy Word where the Lord reveals himself and his purposes to us. We then

dive into the deep waters in Bible Study and find out that the depth of God's Word is unimaginable. There is always something to learn.

We have had great attendance at the various Bible classes this past half year. Lots of new people have been coming and they have found great joy in diving into what the Lord has to say to us. This is one of the strengths of our congregation! Let's make use of the opportunities that are before us. I encourage you to come to one of the Bible classes. You won't be disappointed. You won't be embarrassed. You won't be intimidated. In fact, you will find that God's Word and the fellowship with your fellow Christians will cause your trust and faith in the Lord to grow by leaps and bounds. Consider this your personal invitation to Sunday morning Bible class after church or Thursday afternoon at 1pm. In the fall we'll pick up with our Wednesday night Bible class too.

We will keep confessing the truth about Jesus as it is revealed to us in God's Holy Word. And that truth that we confess will have daily impact on our lives as we marvel at his grace and love. It also impels us to live the holy life that Jesus has called us to. In the truth of Jesus Christ,  
-Pastor Kleinschmidt



# ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

5/7 Esther-the Rescuing Queen  
5/14 Ezra – Rebuilding the Temple  
5/21 Waiting for God’s Messenger

## CHURCH PICNIC

Our annual church picnic will be held on Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, following the outdoor service. We are looking for volunteers to serve on the picnic committee to help organize the meal and activities. If you are interested in helping, please sign up on the sheet located in the Narthex.

## ST. JAKOBI BOOK CLUB

Following is the list of books chosen for the upcoming months: June 6<sup>th</sup> – *The Choir Immortal*; August 1<sup>st</sup> – *The Harvest Raise*. There will be no book club in May and July.

## FUNERALS

**Phyllis Olson** passed away on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Her funeral will be on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 pm. Visitation will be from noon until the time of the service.

**Matthew Van Buren** passed away on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. His funeral was on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. We give thanks to the Lord for the blessings he has given us through Phyllis and Matthew.

## BLOOD DRIVE

St. Jakobi, along with the American Red Cross, will be hosting a blood drive in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, from noon until 5:00 pm. If you are able, please consider being a donor. If you have any questions, please speak with Jeff Theis.

## SPRING CLEAN UP

Spring Clean-Up of the church grounds will take place on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:00 am. We will be raking the cemetery, fixing the divots in the lawn, cleaning out the flower gardens, and whatever else needs sprucing up. Bring your rakes and gloves. Many hands make light work.

## CEMETERY ASSOCIATION NEWS

The cemetery guidelines indicate that planters, vases, and decorations may be placed on or after May 1<sup>st</sup>. Keep in mind that these items must be removed by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## DISTRICT PASTOR CONFERENCE

St. Jakobi is hosting the North Wisconsin District Pastor Conference May 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. The entire congregation is invited to the Communion service on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. There will be about 100-120 pastors here from the District. The District is Wisconsin from Appleton North and also the Upper Peninsula. District President Lueck will be here, Dr. Erik Ankerberg, President of Concordia Wisconsin/Ann Arbor, and Dr. Gifford Grobien, professor at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne.

## SPIRITUAL OUTREACH

Our next meeting will be on May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am, in the Jerusalem (Bible Study) Room. We will be talking about the School Supply Drive, and begin planning the Craft and Bake Sale in November. All are invited to attend.

## SUNDAY SNACK SIGNUP

If you would like to bring a snack to share on Sunday after church, then you can sign up on the counter by the kitchenette in the Narthex.

## BRAT FRY

We will be working 2 brat fry’s this year. On May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be at Qualheim’s True Value. On May 25<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be at Charlie’s Red Barn. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex if you would like to help at either event.

## RUMMAGE SALE

The Wolf River Lutheran High School will be holding their annual rummage sale on June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. Items can be dropped off at the school Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup>, between 9:00 and 4:00, including Saturday and Sunday. If you need a different time, or you have a large item that you would like picked up, call or text Joan at 1-715-851-2741. If you are interested in helping with setup, the sale, or working the concession stand, please speak with Joan.

## GIVING OPTIONS

Contact the church office for a monthly direct giving form. You can also donate online at <http://bit.ly/DonateStJakobi>. This can be setup as a one-time donation or a recurring donation.

## READINGS AT CHURCH

- May 7<sup>th</sup>:** Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60  
1 Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14
- May 14<sup>th</sup>:** Acts 17:16-31  
1 Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:15-21
- May 21<sup>st</sup>:** Acts 1:12-26  
1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11
- May 28<sup>th</sup>:** Numbers 11:24-30  
Acts 2:1-21  
John 7:37-39

## LOOKING AHEAD

Examination of Confirmands will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup>, Confirmation Sunday is May 28<sup>th</sup> and the Outdoor service and church picnic is June 18<sup>th</sup>.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

You can register your children and grandchildren at <https://vbsmate.com/jakobiVBS>.

Volunteers can register at the same website. Start thinking about how you would like to help out. Do you want to guide children from station to station, help with crafts, work in the kitchen, make snacks, or something else?



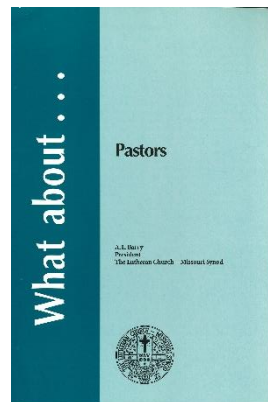
## NEW MEMBERS

New members welcomed into the congregation on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> were: Jim & Amy Fiskien; Terry & Pam Moede; Emily Raddant (pictured with Kyle) and Carson & Maria Watters (Ryatt) (Not pictured).



## WHAT ABOUT...

Each month we'll be highlighting a tract that can be picked up in the narthex by the guest book. There is a series that was written by the former President of the LCMS, Rev. A. L. Barry. They cover a multitude of topics. This month we look at **Pastors**. The pamphlet explains why God gives pastors, how he gives them, what to expect from them, what their duties are.



## FELLOWSHIP HALL RENTAL

The Fellowship Hall is available for rent by members of St. Jakobi. If you are interested in renting it, you can speak with Pastor or Nancy Thelen, and they will check the calendar for available dates. The cost to rent the hall is \$50. We ask that that you place the money in an envelope and add your name and the date you are renting. The envelope can be placed in the collection plate or given to Nancy Thelen. Payment should be made prior to the date you are renting the hall.

## MEN'S NIGHT

All men of the congregation are invited to join us for a night of fun and fellowship on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm at the church. We are planning on having a campfire in Pastor's fire pit. However, if the weather is bad, we will go into the Fellowship Hall and play bean bag toss. Bring your own beverage and if you desire, a snack to share. Any questions, please contact Mark Schuster at 715-823-4393. Hope to see you there.

## 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  
7 - Lisa Otto  
8 - Chase Erickson  
8 - Aspen Gehnke  
8 - Kris Johnson  
8 - Kayden Price  
9 - Steve Gueths  
10 - Kevin Herrmann  
10 - Amber Schmidt  
10 - Janell Wesenberg  
11 - Bryce Bohl  
12 - Natineal Kunze  
12 - Danny Otto  
12 - Andrew Theis  
12 - Marlene Weckwerth  
12 - Jamison Yorton  
13 - Jim Fiskens  
13 - Sawyer Schuettpelz  
14 - Tom Teetzen  
14 - Hailey Weishoff  
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  
20 - Everly Gueths  
21 - MaryJane Kucksdorf  
22 - Darlene Drake  
22 - Megan Pederson  
23 - Kloie Boyles  
23 - Abby Parilek  
24 - Luke Kleinschmidt  
25 - Susan Giese  
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  
12, 2012 - Justin & Ashley Weishoff  
13, 1989 - Craig & Karleen Brei  
15, 2004 - Jeff & Tina Hartmann  
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 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Elders:</b> <b>Sat:</b> Jamison Yorton <b>Sun:</b> Bob Behrens Rich Raddant <b>Special:</b> Jon Wesenberg	<b>1</b> <b>6:15 Choir</b> <b>7:00 Altar Guild</b>	<b>2</b> <b>12:00-5pm</b> <b>Blood Drive</b> <b>1:00 Phyllis</b> <b>Olson Funeral</b>	<b>3</b> <b>4:15 Catechism</b>	<b>4</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>9:00 Spring Clean-Up</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Noah Wendorff
<b>7</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Education</b> <b>Hour</b> Acolyte: Tristan West	<b>8</b> <b>5:00 District</b> <b>Pastor Conference</b> <b>Worship</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>4:15 Catechism</b>	<b>11</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b> <b>5:00 Elders</b> <b>6:30 Men's Night</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>9:00 Spiritual</b> <b>Outreach</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Payton Skalitzky
<b>14</b> <i>Mother's Day</i> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Education</b> <b>Hour</b> Acolyte: Jaelyn Hietpas	<b>15</b> <b>6:15 Choir</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <i>Ascension Day</i> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b> <b>6:30 Ascension</b> <b>Day Service with</b> <b>Examination</b>	<b>19</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <b>Brat Fry-Qualheim's</b> </div>	<b>20</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Brooklyn Krueger
<b>21</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Last Day of</b> <b>Sunday School</b> Acolyte: McKenzi Kuhn	<b>22</b> <b>6:15 Choir</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <b>Brat Fry</b>  <b>Charlie's Red Barn</b> </div>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Colton Peters <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <b>Brat Fry</b>  <b>Charlie's Red Barn</b> </div>
<b>28</b> <i>Confirmation</i> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Connor Stuber	<b>29</b> <i>Memorial Day</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			<b>Altar Guild:</b> Joanne Bublitz Sally Kroenke Cindy Winkler Barb Bubolz Jayne Mott

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

“We Preach Christ Crucified”



## **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

