

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

Labor Day and the County Fair are quickly upon us. With these two things it starts to feel a lot like the fall. Then with school starting, life gets very busy for many people. One thing I would like to encourage over the course of the next school year is continued study of the Bible. We know that Holy Scripture is the foundation of how our Lord speaks to us, so we must be ready to open our Bibles and hear the voice of our Risen Lord speaking words of comfort and mercy.

We have many opportunities for Bible Study at church. First, on Sunday morning after Divine Service there is Adult Bible Class. Oftentimes people don't know how to live in their Christian faith. This comes up especially when you have disagreements with other people. We will be studying 1st Corinthians to show that Jesus Christ is the center of all that we say and do. This guides us as a congregation and as individuals.

Secondly, the Wednesday night class is restarting on September 10th. We will be studying 2nd Peter. Increasingly, the world and the culture are against Christian beliefs and morals. How do we deal with that in a way that is God-pleasing? This book of the Bible beautifully answers that question.

Thirdly, the Thursday afternoon Bible Class at 1pm studies the Lectionary. This means that we will look in-depth at the reading that will be preached on the coming Sunday. If you want to know in advance more details on the Sermon text then this would be the perfect Bible Study for you.

Even with the wealth of opportunity to study God's Word you may have reasons not to attend. Let me address a couple of those.

1. I don't know the Bible well enough. You're right, none of us do. But you will never be ridiculed for what you do or do not know. You will never feel the fool just because you don't know where something is to be found in the Bible. After all, this

is the whole reason we gather to learn the Word of God; to learn.

2. I go to church, that is enough. Is our Christian faith something where we want to barely get by, or is it something where we hunger and thirst for more Jesus? To think we can squeak by is not how Jesus would have us think. He says, "Come unto me all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest."

3. I don't have the time for that. Maybe you don't. But that really is a matter of priorities. What are the important things in your life? How do you figure out what you'll spend time on and what you won't? To let God speak to you through His Word should be a priority. In addition, there are many families that drop children off for Sunday School that can attend

Sunday morning Bible Study at the exact time their children are attending Sunday School and won't have to worry about childcare.

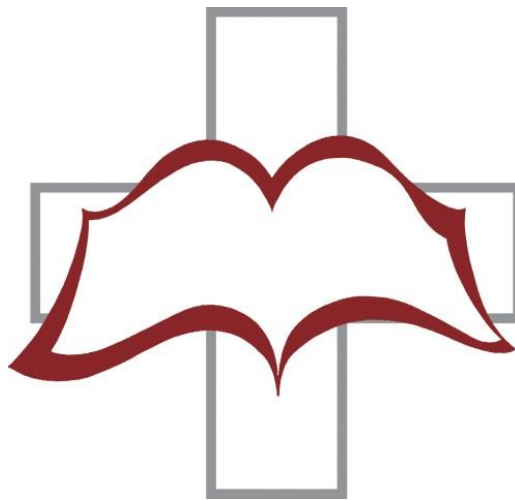
4. I learned enough in Confirmation class, I don't need to go to Bible Study now that I'm an adult. The study of God's Word is not confined to a certain number of years of your life or a certain time period of your life. Learning the things of God is a life-long experience that God continues to bless you through.

With all of this being said, I want to emphasize that studying God's Word is done not just at church with a group of people. It can also be done at home, but there isn't anyone to hold you accountable and that makes it harder.

Rejoice in God's Word. Our heavenly Father has given us this great gift. Just like the child who can't wait to play with their new toys on Christmas morning, we should have that same excitement over God's Word.

May our study of God's Word this school year be blessed by the Holy Spirit and may we grow in faith towards our Savior, Jesus Christ.

In Him,
Pastor Kleinschmidt



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

POTATO PANCAKE DINNER

The Potato Pancake Dinner will be held on September 24th. Please set this date aside to help or to eat pancakes. This is a congregation event that is a lot of fun. Watch the bulletin for more information.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

The first day for Sunday School is September 10th. Sunday School begins at 10:30 with opening in the Sanctuary. It concludes at 11:30. We are looking for just a couple of teachers. If you are willing to share your time and talents guiding our children, please speak with one of the Board of Education members: Jenny Stuber, Jenny Murdock, or Patti Samson.



ROOTED & BUILT UP IN CHRIST

Our three-year commitments for the building addition came to completion in July. We have plans to begin another 3-year commitment. You have received information about that this month. Commitment weekend will be September 9th and 10th. Please return your commitment that weekend at church or mail it in the envelop provided. Our building addition was completed and we contributed nearly \$500,000 towards the project. This new 3-year commitment to the Building Fund continues to go towards the monthly mortgage payments.

PACKER WATCH PARTY

A Congregation afternoon of Fellowship will take place on September 10th in the afternoon. We will watch the Packers-Bears game at 3pm in the Fellowship Hall on the big screen. Bring some snacks and drinks to share if you would like and invite a friend!

FALL BIBLE CLASSES

Wednesday night Bible Class will begin the Wednesday after Labor Day, September 6th at 6:30pm. We will be studying the book of 2 Peter. This book of Scripture gives wonderful insight into living a Christian life in the midst of persecution and false teachers.

Thursday afternoon Bible Class studies the Bible text that Pastor will be preaching on the coming weekend. This Bible Study is a great way to receive more depth to the sermon and the Biblical background for what is preached.

The Sunday morning Bible Class is growing and we will be moving it to the Fellowship Hall beginning September 10th. We will begin a study of 1 Corinthians. This letter of Paul was written to a Christian congregation that was struggling with remaining faithful and how to handle the sin that was among them. It gives great insight into how a Christian lives with Jesus in the center of all that they say and do.

The Fall is the perfect time to begin attending Bible Class. We are starting new topics and you will not feel behind. I would encourage you to put aside the excuses you have and you will grow in your faith. Parents, while your children are in Sunday School, you can learn too! If you're retired, the Thursday afternoon class is perfect. If you are free in the evenings; then Wednesday night is great. Please consider studying God's Word with us and make it a regular part of your week.

YOUTH GROUP

We are going to try something a bit different with Youth group this year. Beginning on October 11th we will meet monthly on a Wednesday night. We'll have a meal at 5:30 followed by a devotion with Pastor and then an activity at church. There will be more information as we get closer to October 11th.

CHARLIE'S RED BARN BRAT FRY

St. Jakobi will be working the Red Barn one more time this year, Sept. 25th – 27th. If you are able to help, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

ANNUAL CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

The Spiritual Outreach team will be sponsoring the Craft and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 4th. All proceeds are used to continue our outreach projects, including school supply donations to surrounding school districts; Buckets of Sunshine for Safe Haven and Sam 25; Christmas Cheer Boxes for the shut-ins and elderly; and gifts for those who are facing difficult times in their lives. By holding the sale, we can continue our work without having to come to the congregation requesting door offerings and other donations. This year for the sale we will be looking for donations of baked goods, home-canned goods, and new craft items. If you would like to contribute, we would be most appreciative of your generosity. We're also looking for volunteers to help on the day of the sale. If you have any questions, please speak with Nancy Thelen.

ST. JAKOBI BOOK CLUB

Following is the list of books chosen for the upcoming months: *September 5th – Educated*; *October 3rd – The Unlikely Yarn of the Dragon Lady*; *November 7th – Orphan Train*; *December 5th – Catching Christmas*.

WRLHS FUNDRAISER

It's time for Indian Tacos again. Wolf River Lutheran High School will be selling tacos on September 10th, from 10:30 – 1:00. Menu includes tacos with all the trimmings, desserts and beverage. There will also be a bake sale. Dine in or Take Out. Hope to see you at the High School.

BAPTISM

Baptized into Christ on August 20th was **Grace Kay Adelbush**. She is the daughter of Wesley Adelbush and Brittney Gueths. Her baptismal sponsors are Rose Adelbush and Gage Wainio.

Baptized into Christ on August 27th was **Jaelyn Jeannie Ciancio**. She is the daughter of Mike and Stephanie Ciancio. Her baptismal sponsors are Jadyn Pieper and Corine Krueger.

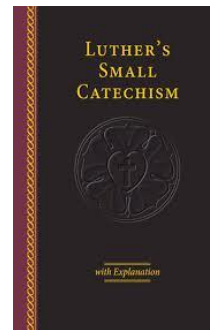
SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

- 9/10 Jesus' Birth Foretold
- 9/17 A Son John Is Born
- 9/24 No Sunday School

CATECHISM CLASS

The school year will be in full swing and that means Catechism class begins again. The first day of class is September 6th. The Catechism students (5th-8th grade) will be attending class weekly and continuing their duties serving as Acolytes. May God bless them during their time of instruction in the Christian faith.



CHURCH OFFICERS

We are looking for new officers to fill the following positions for our congregation in our upcoming election in October: Treasurer, Elder (2), Trustee, Boards of Education and Evangelism. If you are interested in serving the Lord, please take a form in the narthex to be filled out and place in the Elders box when completed.

WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE

St. Jakobi will be hosting a Walk Thru the Bible seminar on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024. This is a fun and dynamic, half-day seminar that will chronologically walk us through the Old Testament. We are looking for volunteers to help organize the event. We need people to chair or serve on the following committees: Prayer, Attendance Building (marketing), registration, facilities, Hospitality (greeters), Food services (probably catered), Childcare and Finance. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Mark Schuster at 715-823-4393, or see the sign-up sheet in back of church. For more information or to watch a promotional video please go the www.walkthru.org, and click on "Host an Event" on the right side.

GIVING OPTIONS

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.



SUNDAY SNACK SIGNUP

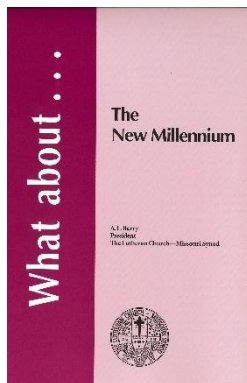
If you would like to bring a snack to share on Sunday after church, then you can sign up on the counter by the kitchenette in the Narthex.

MEN'S CAMPFIRE

All men from St. Jakobi are invited to an evening of fun and fellowship at Rich Raddant's house on Thursday, September 14th. Also, Judi thought it would be nice to invite the ladies of the congregation to a Wine Tasting on the same evening at their home. If anyone is interested, please contact Judi at 715-851-6578 (phone or text).

WHAT ABOUT...

Each month we'll be highlighting a tract that can be picked up in the narthex by the guest book. This 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 **The New Millennium**. This was written before the year 2000 and address the change of millenniums. However, in so doing it addresses end of time issues that are still relevant. What are the signs of Christ's return? Will Christ return soon? Please take a copy and begin learning about what God has to say and not just what the world has to say.



READINGS AT CHURCH

- September 3rd:** Jeremiah 15:15-21
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28
- September 10th:** Ezekiel 33:7-9
Romans 13:1-10
Matthew 18:1-20
- September 17th:** Genesis 50:15-21
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35
- September 24th:** Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30
Matthew 20:1-16

SPRITUAL OUTREACH

Our next meeting will be on September 9th at 9:00 am. All church members are welcome to attend. We are finalizing details regarding the craft and bake sale in November.

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>

CHOIR

It's that time again to get ready for another chance to sing praise to the lord. The first practice is Monday, September 11th, at 6:15 pm. It's important for us to get off with a running start because we agreed to be a part of the city-wide Christmas Program on Sunday Dec. 10th, at 2:00 pm. We have music to learn for that event, along with our own church service music. We'll need everyone to start practice on Sept. 11th and then attend Mondays faithfully. Hope to see all of you at practice. It will be fun.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross will be holding a blood drive in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, September 19th, from 12:00-5:00.

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
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ISSUES, ETC

Issues, Etc. is an internet radio program hosted by LCMS pastor, Todd Wilken. They address topics in the news from an intentionally Lutheran Christian perspective and interview guests about other issues within the church. It is a great learning tool. **Upcoming programming features: Biblical Archeology, From Calvinism to Lutheranism, Biblical Masculinity, Evangelism and more.** You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or your favorite podcast provider.

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LUTHERAN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

In order to assist LCMS Lutherans and



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congregations, a new Credit Union has been started. This credit union is for members of LCMS congregations and offers a full-range of banking products. They offer online and mobile banking with a network of over 5,000 ATMs. This no-cost banking option may be just what you are looking for with the service you desire. You can find out more at www.lutheranfcu.org.

ASK THE PASTOR

In future newsletters Pastor will be answering questions you might have. You can write questions down and put them in the offering plate or ask him in person or by email (pastor@stjakobi.org) and he will provide the answer in the newsletter for all to read. Do you have questions about why we believe a certain thing? Do you have a question about a specific Bible passage you read? Do you have a question about something that we do in church? Do you have a question about our congregation? The sky's the limit, so ask away!

Question: Jesus says in John 13:34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." Why then, do we not have 11 Commandments and but only 10 Commandments?

Answer: In Exodus 20 the Commandments aren't numbered and in fact they aren't called the 10 Commandments. Later on in the Old Testament they would be called "The 10 Words." Our numbering system follows the traditional Jewish numbering and is shared by Roman Catholics also. When Jesus talks about a new commandment he is summarizing the commandments. In Matthew 22:36-40 it says, "'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?' And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.'" Jesus says the Commandments are summarized with love towards God and love towards neighbor. In John 13:34 he is summarizing the 2nd Table of the Law (Love your neighbor). The numbering of the commandments isn't as important

as what the actual words are and understanding them properly.

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

Do you want the Small Catechism on your smartphone or tablet? There's an app for that. You can download the free Small Catechism for iOS at <http://bit.ly/iOSCatechism> or for Android at <http://bit.ly/AndroidCatechism>



ST. JAKOBI ON FACEBOOK

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

HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE

We will begin planning for a Youth Group trip to the Higher Things Conference being held at Concordia University, Mequon, WI next summer, June 25-28, 2024. The theme is *Who am I?* Registration will be completed by January 2024. This is for all youth who are beginning 8th-12th grades. Stay tuned for more information.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Carol Paiser
2 - Peter Carroll
2 - Brenda Price
3 - Krista Buettner
3 - Amanda Gehnke
3 - Austin Gueths
3 - Brittany Opperman
3 - Corrina Tuma
4 - Mark Wendorff
5 - Krew Cumberland
5 - Gavin Prodel
6 - Jodi Angeli
6 - Curt Wendorff
7 - Paul Utecht
8 - Jase Bisterfeldt
8 - Kavion Franklin
8 - Naomi Wendorff
9 - Warren Gueths
9 - Dominick Thorson
10 - Gary Felckowski
10 - Alice Laabs
11 - Steve Buettner
11 - Dayton Davis
11 - Amy Riesenberg
12 - Bryan Teetzen
13 - Tylena Bohl
13 - Andrew Giese
13 - Darlene Hoffman
14 - Eva Teetzen
15 - Faith Teetzen
16 - Karleen Brei
16 - Eileen Skalitzky
16 - Janet Wendt
17 - Shirley Popp
18 - Parker Carroll
19 - Desirae Thiel
19 - Tom T. Tuma
21 - Janice Grosskopf
22 - Marvin Buettner
22 - Daniel Moede
24 - Brian Sperberg
24 - Theresa Gueths
25 - Kyle Raddant
26 - Joshua Theis
27 - Shirley Glock
27 - Noël Kleinschmidt
28 - Justin Engel
29 - Jeremy Meyers
30 - Jacob Burr
30 - Martha Gebert
30 - Emma Magee

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.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1, 1990 - Brian & Bonnie Sperberg
5, 2015 - Mike & Cindy Winkler
6, 2017 - Casey & Linsey Carroll
6, 2014 - Shawn & Allyssa Verstoppen
7, 1996 - Greg & Patti Samson
7, 2019 - Tyler & Lydia Walby
8, 1984 - Steve & Lori Buettner
8, 1990 - Russell & Bonnie Cotter
9, 1978 - John & Susan Klemens
9, 2006 - Darryl & Laura Prodel
12, 2015 - Keegen & Casey Gast
13, 2014 - Mike & Amber Schmidt
14, 1996 - Andrew & Debra Schneider
16, 1967 - Jim & Betty Szucs
18, 2021 - Justin & Tamra Buntrock
18, 2004 - William Grab & Patti Burr
19, 1953 - Marvin & Elfrieda Buettner
19, 1970 - Gerald & Mary Ludolph
19, 1965 - Paul & Marilyn Picard
20, 1958 - Thomas & Nancy Theis
21, 2019 - Brandon & Alyson Buntrock
22, 2001 - Corey & Nancy Marcell
22, 2002 - Bryan & Melissa Teetzen
24, 1977 - Dave & Darlene Hoffman
27, 1997 - John & Stephanie Boyles
28, 2019 - Zach & Megan Pederson
28, 2013 - Ben & Alison Sperberg
28, 1996 - Jim & Vicky Szucs

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.

SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elders: Sat: Rich Raddant Sun: Jamison Yorton Mark Schuster Special: Jon Wesenberg		Altar Guild: Cathy Hoffman Mary Theis Roxy Martzke Kathy Fonger			1	2 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Jaelyn Hietpas
3 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Kavion Franklin	4 <i>Labor Day</i>	5 1:00 Book Club 1:00 Outreach Craft Class	6 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	7 1:00 Bible Study	8	9 9:00 Spiritual Outreach 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Payton Skalitzky
10 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Nolan Kleinschmidt 3:00 Packer Watch Party in Fellowship Hall	11 5:00 Elders 6:15 Choir 7:00 Altar Guild	12	13 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	14 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Men's Night	15	16 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Layden Plaster
17 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Hailey Fischer	18 6:15 Choir	19 12:00 -5:00 Blood Drive	20 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	21 1:00 Bible Study	22	23 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Blaze Enjik
24 9:00 Service (HC) 10:00 Pancake Dinner Acolyte: Cooper Clark	25 6:15 Choir	26	27 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	28 1:00 Bible Study	29	30 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte:
	Charlie's Red Barn Brat Fry					

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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

