

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

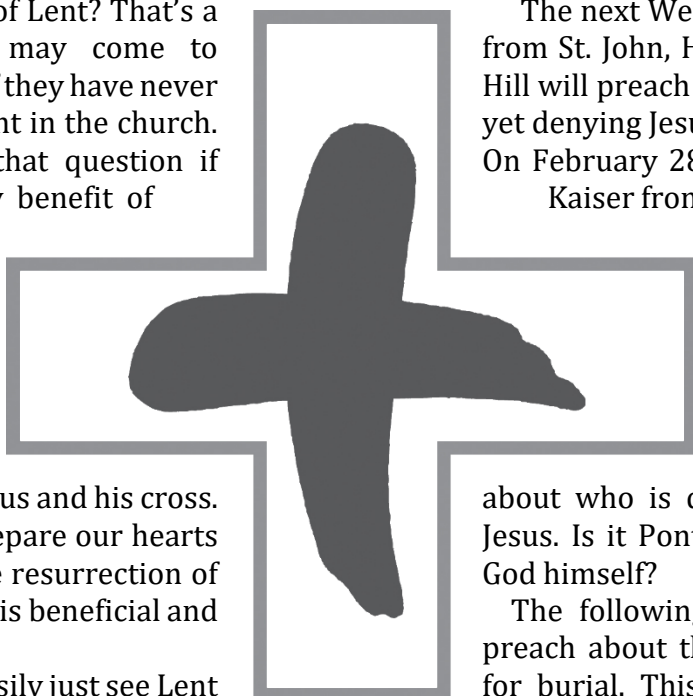
What's the point of Lent? That's a question that may come to people's mind if they have never heard of the season of Lent in the church. Or someone might ask that question if they don't really see any benefit of Lent each year as they journey through this season.

This year during our mid-week Lent services we will talk about the point of Lent and how the season points us to Jesus and his cross. The point of Lent is to prepare our hearts and souls to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ that is beneficial and uplifting in the faith.

Someone could very easily just see Lent as an extra requirement about going to church, or giving something up, or another obligation, or a depressing season. But rather, Lent is a time that we reflect on what the Lord Jesus has done, endured, and accomplished by his suffering and death.

The activities that we do should point us to the cross of Jesus and not to ourselves. We don't focus on what we do, but instead focus on the cross.

The Cross Points theme of Lent will point us to the verses in Mark's Gospel that in turn point us to the cross. We will be having a rotation of pastors that come to preach and lead service at St. Jakobi and I will be going to our other sister congregations to do the same there. On Ash Wednesday we'll hear about the reason for ashes, what is repentance and what is holiness.



The next Wednesday of Lent Pastor Conradt from St. John, Hermansfort and St. Paul, Stony Hill will preach about Peter following Jesus but yet denying Jesus.

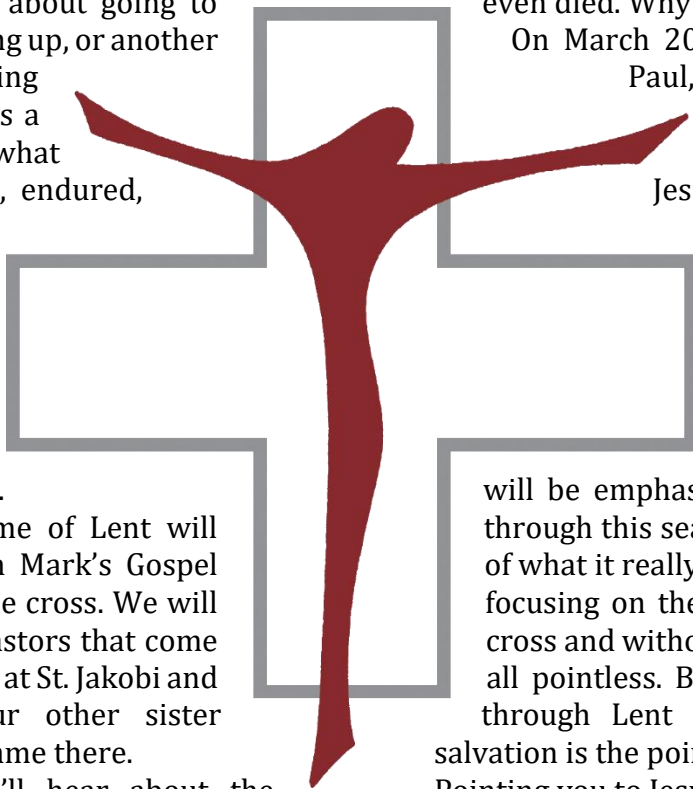
On February 28th either Pastor Zobel or Vicar Kaiser from St. James will preach about the cup of blessing that Jesus gives to his disciples that is his very blood for the forgiveness of sins.

March 6th will have Pastor Shoup or Pastor Palmer from St. Paul, Bonduel preaching about who is directing the entire passion of Jesus. Is it Pontius Pilate, the chief priests, or God himself?

The following Wednesday I will return to preach about the woman who anointed Jesus for burial. This takes place before Jesus has even died. Why is that?

On March 20th one of the Pastors from St. Paul, Bonduel will return to St. Jakobi to preach about the release of either Barabbas or Jesus by Pontius Pilate. Who is satisfied by what happened?

Then following that we will move into Holy Week with Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and finally Easter. In each of these services the point of the cross will be emphasized. We don't just blindly go through this season of Lent with no realization of what it really means. Instead, we go forward focusing on the point of all of it. Without the cross and without the resurrection of Jesus it is all pointless. But since Jesus is raised, we go through Lent knowing that Jesus' work of salvation is the point of it all. Pointing you to Jesus,
-Pastor



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

LENT – CROSS POINTS

Lent begins on February 14th with Ash Wednesday. We'll have a 10:30 and 6:30 service that day. The remaining Wednesdays will only have a 6:30 service. There will be a rotation of pastors preaching at our Lent Services.

Ash Wednesday: Pastor Kleinschmidt

February 21st: Pastor Conradt – *What's a Safe Distance*

February 28th: Pastor Zobel – *What's in the Cup*

March 6th: Pastor Shoup – *Who Struck the Shepherd*

March 13th: Pastor Kleinschmidt – *She has Done What She Could*

March 20th: Pastor Shoup – *The Worst Substitution*

LENT SERVICES

Ash Wednesday is on February 14th. There will be two Communion Services on that day, at 10:30am and 6:30pm. There is also a Lent Dinner at 5pm. Make a habit of coming and growing in your faith in preparation for the celebration of Easter. The remaining Wednesdays in Lent will have just a single service at 6:30pm.

EDUCATION SAVINGS ENCOURAGEMENT

St. Jakobi received a gift that is to be distributed to the children of the congregation under the age of 18. This gift is meant to encourage parents and family to save for the education expenses of their children. St. Jakobi will give \$100 into a 529 Savings Account to encourage and give a jump start to education savings. Forms to apply are in the Narthex and church office.

ST. JAKOBI BOOK CLUB

The following is the list of books chosen for the upcoming February 6th - *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*; March 5th – *The Echo of Old Books* by Barbara Davis.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will meet again on Sunday, March 17th after Sunday School. There will be more information coming. This is for youth in grades 5th-12th.

WALK THRU THE BIBLE

We have about 170 people registered to Walk thru the Old Testament on February 3rd. Even if you haven't registered, we will still have material and room for you to attend. Registration and fellowship begin at 8:30am. Teaching begins at 9:00 and we'll finish by noon and then a lunch of Luigi's pizza will be served. Be sure to plan to stay for lunch!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men of the congregation are invited to a Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, February 9th at 7:30am.

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.

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>

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

2/4 A Welcome Truth
2/11 Lost-and-Found Wonders
2/18 The Seeing Sign
2/25 A Resurrection Sign

LOOKING AHEAD

Palm Sunday is March 24th, Easter is March 31st, Confirmation Sunday is May 26th and the Outdoor service and church picnic is planned for June 16th.

LUTHERAN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

In order to assist LCMS Lutherans and 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.



READINGS AT CHURCH

- February 4th:** Isaiah 40:21-31
1 Corinthians 9:16-27
Mark 1:29-39
- February 11th:** 2 Kings 2:1-12
2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6
Mark 9:2-9
- February 18th:** Genesis 22:1-18
James 1:12-18
Mark 1:9-15
- February 25th:** Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Romans 5:1-11
Mark 8:27-38

ANNUAL CONGREGATION REPORT

If you were not able to attend the meeting on January 28th, you can pick up the Annual Report of St. Jakobi that includes the 2023 Financial Statements in the Narthex at church.


DID YOU KNOW?

The ashes that are used on Ash Wednesday are from the palm branches that were used on previous Palm Sundays. The palms that were used to proclaim the entry of our King into Jerusalem are then used to remind us of our own mortality and need for the King who comes to Jerusalem to die for us. Church.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your offering envelopes for 2024 are in your mailbox in the Narthex. Please be sure to pick them up, and if you use envelopes in the offering plate, be sure to use the correct year's envelopes. Your envelope number may be different than it was for 2023, due to membership changes in the congregation.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

If you are a Thrivent Member,  *Thrivent Financial for Lutherans* **Let's thrive:** you may have choice dollars that you can designate to be given to St. Jakobi, or Wolf River Lutheran High School. You can designate by calling 800-847-4836 (Mon-Thur 7:00am—8:00pm, Fri 7:00am—5:00pm, best to call between 5pm—8pm) or go on line to www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to make your designations.

SPIRITUAL OUTREACH

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, February 10th, at 9:00 am in the Jerusalem Room. We will be discussing expanding our outreach with more projects. We will also be reviewing the annual financial statement for 2023. All members of the congregation are invited to attend.

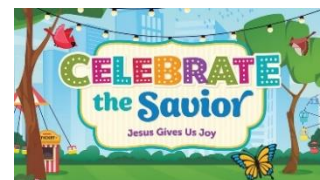
LENT MEALS

Lent is fast approaching. We will again have a meal before the evening Lent services this year. It will be served from 5-6pm in the new Fellowship Hall. The following will be in charge of the meals:

- Feb. 14th - Elders
- Feb. 21st - Trustees
- Feb. 28th - Church Officers
- March 6th - Evangelism
- March 13th - Higher Things Youth
- March 20th - Board of Education

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Plans are being made for VBS to be held the week of **June 10th - 14th** in the mornings. The theme this year is Celebrate the Savior. The week of VBS is the week after school gets out. Make plans now to have your children attend, help, or tell your grandkids and friends about this great opportunity to learn about Jesus. Look for registration material in the coming months.



ROOTED AND BUILT UP IN CHRIST

The 2023 4th Quarter started with a loan balance of \$1,405,325 and the year finished with a balance of \$1,396,502. In the first 12 months we paid the principal down through monthly payments \$95,470.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Jai Bisterfeldt
2 - Ken Damveld
2 - Lucas Gast
2 - Abigael Owen
2 - Laci Sperberg
3 - Joseph Kleinschmidt
3 - Ayva Plaster
6 - Patti Bohm
6 - Barb Lindner
7 - Jesse Buntrock
7 - Isaiah Gueths
8 - Troy Kuhn
8 - Nicki Meyers
8 - Ann Wollangk
9 - Casey Gast
9 - August Vorpahl
10 - Alexandar Owen
10 - Andy Popp
10 - Chris Popp
11 - Chloe Bohl
13 - John Popp
13 - Jade Velicer
13 - Justin Weishoff
14 - Jim Hoffman
15 - Doris Kroenke
16 - John Kriewaldt
16 - Hadley Rettke
18 - Pam Moede
18 - Gary Weckwerth
19 - Tara Bohm
21 - Stephanie Boyles
21 - Kaitie Gueths
22 - Noah Bedroske
22 - Hannah Hein
22 - Jaelyn Hietpas
23 - Alyssa Wendorff
24 - Nancy Schroeder
25 - Andrew Gueths
26 - Curt Angeli
26 - Jacob Nevins
26 - Nancy Theis
27 - Melissa Teetzen
27 - Jeff Theis
28 - Betty Booras
28 - Isaac Buettner
28 - Michael Danley
28 - Sarah Magee
28 - Justin Opperman

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.

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

18, 2022 - Dale & Lisa Hawkinson
26, 1972 - Mike & Karen Cotter
26, 1994 - Thomas & Corrina Tuma

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.

FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elders: Sat: Brian Sperberg Sun: Jon Wesenberg Mark Schuster Special: Mike Daley				1 1:00 Bible Study	2	3 9-12 Walk Thru the Bible 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Cooper Clark
4 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Blaze Ejnik	5 6:15 Choir 7:00 Altar Guild	6 1:00 Book Club	7 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	8 1:00 Bible Study	9 7:30 Men's Breakfast	10 9:00 Spiritual Outreach 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Payton Skalitzky
11 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Hailey Fischer	12 6:15 Choir	13 6:30 Elders	14 Ash Wednesday 10:30 Service (HC) 4:15 Catechism 5:00 Lent Meal 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: McKenzi Kuhn	15 1:00 Bible Study	16	17 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Adam Kleinschmidt
18 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Layden Plaster	19 6:15 Choir	20	21 4:15 Catechism 5:00 Lent Meal 6:30 Lent Service Acolyte: Brielle Reinke	22 1:00 Bible Study	23	24 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Jaelyn Hietpas
25 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Kavion Franklin	26 6:15 Choir	27	28 4:15 Catechism 5:00 Lent Meal 6:30 Lent Service Acolyte: Nolan Kleinschmidt	29 1:00 Bible Study		Altar Guild: Lorine Raddant Donna Lopez Liz McDowell Brenda Gast

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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

