

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

Lots of people feel anxious or depressed in this world that we live in. They feel as if there is nothing around them that is good, they are being attacked constantly, or things won't get better. Maybe you can fill in the blanks with how it is that you feel that falls into those categories of anxious or depressed. There are biological reasons for these feelings but there is also a spiritual malady going on too.

Perhaps it's ok to feel these ways. If you think about what is going on in the spiritual battle all around you, maybe anxiety and depression make sense. The devil is prowling around like a roaring lion seeking to devour you. He is seeking your eternal death. Doesn't it make sense that you would be anxious about that? Sure, it does.

When you look around you see problems with no solutions. You see sin with no repentance. Wouldn't it make sense to get despondent about a terrible situation all around you? Sure. The devil is at work in this world and in other people. And more often than not, it seems like he is winning.

What's the answer to what we experience and see? Well, it might be easy to say you should be anxious or depressed. But that isn't an answer we can abide by forever. For we know another truth as well. The Lord Jesus endured the agony and death of sin. Whereas the devil has rebelled against God, Jesus remained faithful to the task that his heavenly Father had given to him.

Jesus lays down his life on that cross and rests in the tomb. On the Third Day he breaks forth from the grave and from death. This is the answer that we need when we feel overwhelmed. When we're drowning, Jesus has risen above all that would pull

us down under the water. Jesus lives and the victory has been won.

Since he lives, never to die again, we have life in his name. You belong to him and his resurrection life is yours. The answer to anxiety or depression is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Even when all seemed lost, Jesus won. The same is true for you. Even if all seems lost, remember that Jesus rose from the grave for you.

Don't let the accusations of Satan have more power over you than the truth of what Jesus has done for you. There is no reason to give up when Jesus hasn't given up on you.

He has given you his Holy Spirit and you are a temple of that Spirit. You are a testament to the love that Jesus has for all people. Because of the life you have; as broken as it may be; Jesus loves you with a living, resurrection love.

The spiritual battle for your soul is real. And I know how it turns out. Romans 8 says, "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?...Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?...No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Jesus has won and we turn to him when the world is dark because he is the light of the world.

In Christ,
-Pastor



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

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.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will meet on Wednesday, April 10th at 5:30pm; after Catechism Class. This is for youth in grades 5th-12th.

MEN'S NIGHT

All men of the congregation are invited to a Men's Night at Rich Raddant's home on Thursday, April 11th at 6:30pm. We'll enjoy a campfire, weather permitting. Bring a snack to share and join us!

ST. JAKOBI BOOK CLUB

The following is the list of books chosen for the upcoming meetings: May 7th - *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown; and August 6th - *Raft of Stars* by Andrew J Graff. The Book Club will not meet in June and July.

LENT DINNERS - THANKS!

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare, serve, or clean at the Lent dinners. We had great turnouts and it was wonderful to have time for fellowship and a shared meal.

LWML RALLY

The LWML Spring Rally of one 13-14 will be held on Saturday, April 20th, at Faith United Lutheran Church, Gillet, WI. Registration is from 8:15-8:45am. Cost is \$5. Special speaker will be Lynne Johnson of Almond, WI. She will be speaking about the Mission Trip to the Orphan Grain Train in Norfolk, NB and Mission Central in Iowa. See the letter on the bulletin board for more information.

SENIOR CONNECTIONS

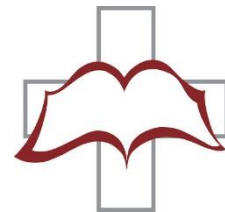
St. Jakobi Spiritual Outreach will be hosting a Luncheon for retired members of the congregation. There are no age restrictions, and it doesn't matter if you're fully or partially retired. You're invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30am on Friday, April 19th for a devotion, a tasty meal, and fellowship. Outreach members will be providing the main course. You can bring a dish to pass if you would like, but are not required to do so. For planning purposes, if you will be attending, we ask that you please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex by April 12th. If you have any questions, please speak with Nancy Thelen.

A NIGHT WITH THE AUTHOR

The St. Jakobi Book Club will be hosting an 'A Night with the Author' event on Tuesday, April 9th. There will be a potluck meal starting at 5:30 pm, followed by an opportunity to talk with Tammy Borden, author of "Waltrud". The book is based on her mother's life growing up in Nazi Germany during WWII. To help plan the event, if you will be attending please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Copies of the book are available to be checked out from the church library. If you have any questions, please contact Marlene Weckwerth at 1-920-400-0013.

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

And the Story Continues....In an effort to keep the momentum going after the Walk thru the Old Testament and Pastor's event summarizing the books of the OT, we've set up a schedule to read the whole OT from Easter to Christmas. There are yellow reading schedules that can be picked up in the Narthex. The schedule is set up to read just a few chapters per day along with a chapter from Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes or Song of Songs. The pages are half sheet size to easily fit in your Bible and include a column for your notes. Note that there are no readings on Sundays to give you a chance to catch up on any days you missed during the week. May the Holy Spirit bless us and help us grow in Christ as we read through His word together!



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.

CHURCH PICNIC

Our annual church picnic will be held on Sunday, June 16th, following the outdoor service.

LOOKING AHEAD

Examination of Confirmands will be held on May 16th, Confirmation Sunday is May 26th and the Outdoor service and church picnic is June 16th.

PORTALS OF PRAYER

Copies of the Portals of Prayer for April through June are available in the Narthex. They are free for you to take. This little daily devotional book has a Bible reading and Psalm with a devotion that ties to the reading. There are also prayers in the back that are tied to the Church Year and for each day of the week.

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 SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- 4/7 The King Arrives
- 4/14 A Trusting Widow
- 4/21 Forever Food
- 4/28 Betrayed and Arrested



SPIRITUAL OUTREACH

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, April 13th, at 9:00 am in the Jerusalem Room. All members are invited to attend. We will be finalizing the details for the Senior Connections Luncheon being held on Friday, April 19th.

CHARLIE'S RED BARN & QUALHEIM'S

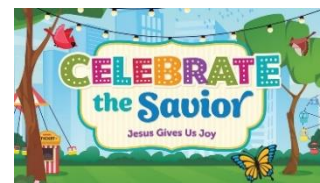
This year we have 3 scheduled brat sales at Charlie's Red Barn. They are June 6, 7, & 8; July 22, 23, & 24; and August 8, 9, & 10. We are also working a brat fry at Qualheim's May 17 & 18.

READINGS AT CHURCH

- April 7th:** Acts 4:32-35
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31
- April 14th:** Acts 3:11-21
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36-49
- April 21st:** Acts 4:1-12
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18
- April 28th:** Acts 8:26-40
1 John 4:1-11
John 15:1-8

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.



VOTER MEETING

The Quarterly Voter Meeting of the congregation will be held on April 28th in the Fellowship Hall after the Sunday morning service. Please consider attending to be informed about the workings of the Congregation.

ISSUES, ETC

SANCTIFYING YOUR COMMUTE WITH THE WORD OF GOD...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Resurrection of Jesus, Easter hymns, topics in politics and the news, and more. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

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Christ-Centered Cross-Focused Talk Radio

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 - Carl Montoure
1 - Patrick Tuma
2 - Michelle Teetzen
3 - Brynlie Boyles
3 - Brenda Gast
3 - Lori Opperman
3 - Harper Rettke
4 - Dylan Genke
4 - Nancy Marcell
4 - Marlyn Teetzen
4 - Kendra Westphal
5 - Ainsley Jashinsky
5 - Mary Ludolph
5 - Kim Wendorff
6 - Virgil Gueths II
6 - Jim Horne
7 - Sarah Engel
7 - Gabriella Wendorff
8 - Alyson Buntrock
8 - Ashley Scray
8 - Dawn Wesenberg
11 - Ross Fischer
11 - Aspen Gast
11 - David Kroenke
13 - Ben Reinke
14 - Jeff Hartmann
16 - Bruce Kunze
17 - Brandon Buntrock
17 - Leah Gebert
18 - Mackenzie Boyles
20 - Timothy Benser
20 - Rachel Feivor
20 - Tristan Szucs
21 - Hunter Hawkinson
21 - Christian Lindner
22 - Jennifer Bisterfeldt
23 - Larry Lindner
23 - Brad Raddant
24 - Don Bublitz
24 - Ashley Weishoff
25 - Blaze Ejnik
25 - Matt Hietpas
27 - Darlene Ross
28 - Vicky Szucs
29 - Amber Fischer
29 - Tia Hein
29 - Pyper Meloy
30 - Casey Carroll
30 - Josie Gueths
30 - Steve Koenig

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.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

17, 1999 - Dana & Brenda Price
18, 1987 - Arvin & Vicki Bahr
27, 1986 - Bruce & Connie Kunze
29, 2016 - Brennan & Rachelle Price
30, 1983 - Jon & Dawn Wesenberg

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.

APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elders: Sat: Darryl Prodel Sun: Brian Sperberg Mike Daley Special: Jamison Yorton	1	2	3 6:30 Bible Study	4 1:00 Bible Study	5	6 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Jaelyn Hietpas
7 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Nolan Kleinschmidt	8 6:30 Elders	9 5:30 A Night with the Author	10 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	11 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Men's Night	12	13 9:00 Spiritual Outreach 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Brooklyn Krueger
14 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: McKenzie Kuhn	15 6:15 Choir	16 6:30 Council	17 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	18 1:00 Bible Study	19 11:30 Senior Connections Luncheon	20 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Colton Peters
21 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Connor Stuber	22 6:15 Choir	23	24 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	25 1:00 Bible Study	26	27 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Khloe Wendorff
28 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Sunday School Voters Meeting after service Acolyte: Connor Stuber	29 6:15 Choir	30				Altar Guild: Mary Theis Judi Raddant Karleen Brei Kathy Fonger

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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

