

## From Pastor Kleinschmidt

Reformation Day is celebrated on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses on the church door on All Saints' Day Eve, 1517. All Saints' Day is November 1<sup>st</sup>. His theses dealt primarily with the sale of indulgences and the system of repentance that was used at that time. What Luther intended as a scholarly discussion become the beginning of the Lutheran Reformation. The Latin phrase, "Semper Reformanda" means "Always Reforming." This phrase acknowledges that in the life of the individual Christian and congregation there is always a need for a reformation. During this month of October we, as a congregation should consider how this is true for our community of believers.

If the Church is always reforming, then what are we being conformed to? When we try to make the church to be formed in our own image and turn the church to be more in line with our own opinions, then we are reforming the church in the wrong way. The church should always be moving towards the cross of Jesus Christ. The Church is the body of Christ and Jesus is the head of the church.

Instead of forming the church to look like ourselves we should be forming ourselves to look more like Jesus.

How can we more properly be the body of Christ in this place? This is the pertinent question. First and foremost we must acknowledge that we should always be striving to be more and more Christ-like. This means we are using the Holy Scripture as our guide of what it is to be the Body of Christ in this place. We are reforming ourselves to more properly reflect what the Bible says about us.

We don't want to change just for the sake of change because not all change is good. However, we

do want to change and be reformed so that we more closely reflect God's vision for ourselves.

Our first instinct is to think about change as a bad thing. Continuity and that which is known is much more comfortable. And yet, faithfulness to God and his Word means that there are big transitions and changes that happen.

In fact, we are always being transformed by Jesus. He takes a sinner and makes him into a child of God who gladly listens to the Word of God and conforms his life to that Word.

The work of Jesus in the church and in our life is a constant source of reform. Are we listening? As individuals and as a congregation are we allowing the work of the Spirit in the Word to form us into disciples of Christ who are a part of the flock of Christ?

Our congregation has gone through a lot of change in the last nine years. We have moved to Communion being offered at every weekend service. We have paid off our debt to build the church. We have taken on more debt in order to build the addition. We have navigated the give and take that comes with a building project. Our membership has grown and there are new faces even while familiar faces have gone to be with the Lord. What's next for our congregation?

I would invite you to consider that question in light of God's Word. How are we being invited to step outside of our comfort zone and be conformed to the image and will of Jesus Christ? The church will always have room to grow

into the image of Jesus Christ as we more closely resemble him more and more each day.

Being reformed by Christ,  
-Pastor

## Always Reforming

# Semper Reformanda



# ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

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## GOD MADE MARRIAGE GOOD

We are hosting a Joint Circuit Convocation on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Twenty-one congregations are invited to our church to hear a presentation by Rev. Rolf Preus entitled, "God Made Marriage Good." On that Saturday morning we'll start at 9am and end with lunch at 12:30. This promises to be an excellent presentation that will speak to the blessings of marriage and the state of marriage in our current culture.

## 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.

## MEN'S NIGHT

**BRING A FRIEND TO THE MEN'S CAMPFIRE!** All men at St. Jakobi are invited for an evening of fun and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Invite somebody that hasn't been at a Men's Night yet. Bring your own beverage, and a munchie to share if you wish. The fun begins at 6:30 p.m.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

10/6 Called Christian  
10/13 A Jail Bail  
10/20 On Your Feet  
10/27 The Gentile Cause

## BAPTISM

Baptized into Christ on September 8<sup>th</sup> was **Calen Michael Waldvogel**. He is the son of Jesse and Brittany Waldvogel. His baptismal sponsors are Jade Velicer and Taylor Zelhofer.

## POTATO PANCAKE DINNER

We had another successful Dinner this year, serving around 665, the most ever! We couldn't do this without the help of everyone; the committee of Jess VanBuren, Rich Raddant and Jeff Theis; all the workers; and those who generously donated food: Teetzen's Sugarbush, Marshal and Sue Giese, Chad & Lori Wendorff, and Staff of Life. We received many compliments on how well the food was prepared, the smoke free environment, nearly no waiting to be seated, and the happy, smiling faces working at the dinner. St. Jakobi members can be proud of their efforts.

## 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.



## CHURCH OFFICERS

We are looking for new officers to fill the following positions for our congregation in our upcoming election in October: President, Financial Secretary, 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.

## READINGS AT CHURCH

**October 6<sup>th</sup>:** Genesis 2:18-25  
Hebrews 2:1-13  
Mark 10:2-16

**October 13<sup>th</sup>:** Amos 5:6-7, 10-15  
Hebrews 3:12-19  
Mark 10:17-22

**October 20<sup>th</sup>:** Ecclesiastes 5:10-20  
Hebrews 4:1-13  
Mark 10:23-31

**October 27<sup>th</sup>:** Revelation 14:6-7  
Romans 3:19-28  
John 8:31-36

## RAISE RIGHT CARDS

Do you need a Wedding gift; birthday gift; Christmas gifts? Maybe you know someone who could use some help, and you'd like to give them a gift card. Check out the large selection of gift cards available through RAISE RIGHT!! Cards ordered on Monday arrive Friday afternoon.

## SENIOR CONNECTIONS

For the Senior Connections Luncheon on October 18<sup>th</sup>, we will have a guest speaker from the Shawano Sheriff's Department who will talk about scams and fraud, what to watch for, and how to avoid them. The luncheon will begin at 11:00am with the speaker, followed by a lunch of soup, sandwiches and dessert served at 11:30. If you are retired, or semi-retired, and plan on attending, please sign up on the sheet located in the Narthex. For planning purposes, we ask that you sign up by October 13<sup>th</sup>.

## ANNUAL CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

The Spiritual Outreach team will be sponsoring the Craft and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. This year for the sale we will be looking for donations of baked goods, home-canned goods, and new craft items. Items can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, from noon to 2:00pm. We're also looking for volunteers to help on the day of the sale. If you have any questions, please speak with Nancy Thelen or Marlene Weckwerth.

## CHURCH VOTER MEETING

The Quarterly Voter meeting will be held on October 27<sup>th</sup> after church. Preliminary agenda items include the 2025 Budget and election of officers. There will be more agenda items to come.

## ST. JAKOBI BOOK CLUB

The following is the list of books chosen for the upcoming meetings: October 1<sup>st</sup>-*The Wish* by Nicholas Sparks; November 5<sup>th</sup> - *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger; Dec 10<sup>th</sup> - *The 13<sup>th</sup> Gift* by Joanne Huist Smith.

## CATECHISM LOCK-IN

The kids in Catechism class (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) will be having a lock-in at the church on Friday night, October 25<sup>th</sup>. They will have a Bible Study, play, worship at midnight, do a service project and grow in friendship.

## ALUMINIUM CAN RECYCLING

You can turn your aluminum cans in south of the church. Put the cans in closed bags and then place the bags inside the fence. The youth group will receive the proceeds of the recycling. Thank you!

## COUNCIL MEETING

Reminder that Council will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm. All boards should be represented at the meeting. We will be reviewing the 2025 budget that will be voted on at the 10/27 Voter's Meeting.

## SPIRITUAL OUTREACH

Our next meeting will be on Friday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be meeting before the Senior Connections Luncheon. We'll be discussing all final plans for the Craft Sale on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. All members of the congregation are welcome to join us for our meeting.

## PORTALS OF PRAYER

The Portals of Prayer for October through December 2024 are available in the Narthex. There are a few extra-large print copies for those who would like them. When you have finished with September, you can bring your Portals of Prayer back and place it in the basket beneath the bulletin table, if you wish. These copies are passed on to others to help spread God's word.

## CEMETERY ASSOCIATION NEWS

Help us prepare for Veteran's Day on November 11<sup>th</sup>. The cemetery guidelines indicate that planters, vases, and decorations placed on or after May 1<sup>st</sup> must be removed by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Items not removed may be removed or discarded. Winter or Veteran's Day decorations may be placed November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE

We will begin planning for a Youth Group trip to the Higher Things Conference being held at Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska next summer, July 8-11, 2025. The theme is *All Things New*. Registration will begin November 1<sup>st</sup>, and will need to be completed by January 2025. This is for all youth who are beginning 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Stay tuned for more information.



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAY

1 - Huntleigh Buettner  
1 - Keegan Gast  
2 - Brandon Clark  
2 - Mike Hein  
4 - Tristan Buntrock  
6 - Ellie Buntrock  
6 - Elizabeth McDowell  
7 - Barbara Bahr  
7 - Audrey Sperberg  
8 - Gavin Opperman  
8 - Shirley Ritch  
10 - Garrett Giese  
10 - Gunnar Hein  
10 - Matthew Horne  
10 - Mark Kroenke  
11 - Taylor Genke  
11 - David Schoenike  
12 - Roxy Martzke  
12 - Mandi Reinke  
12 - Jay Schuettpelz  
12 - Mollie Schuster  
13 - Wade Bohl  
14 - Brad Teetzen  
15 - Will Teetzen  
16 - Carl Gebert  
18 - Liam Buntrock  
19 - Donna Lopez  
20 - Austin Hartmann  
21 - Emelia Gueths  
22 - Nolan Kleinschmidt  
22 - Seth Schroeder  
22 - Tom Tuma  
25 - Laura Prodel  
26 - Rehn Schmidt  
27 - Justin Cotter  
29 - Josh Krueger  
30 - Lisa Evenson  
31 - Winstyn Carroll  
31 - Jameson Sperberg

## 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.

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

02, 1993 - Tabb & Sarah Magee  
02, 1999 - Gregg & Emily Pleshek  
02, 1999 - Shawn & Wanda Stueck  
03, 1959 - Lewis & Carol Popelka  
04, 2008 - Nate & Brandi Ejnik  
04, 2014 - Derek & Courtney Drake  
05, 2019 - Tyler & Miranda Hoyer  
06, 1967 - Jim & Judy Oberstein  
08, 2005 - Jeremy & Nicki Meyers  
10, 2003 - Danny & Lisa Otto  
11, 1986 - Bruce & Michelle Teetzen  
13, 2012 - Josh & Bobbi Jo Ladwig  
16, 1971 - Virgil & Cindy Gueths  
16, 2004 - Mike & Holly Weatherwax  
16, 1999 - Scott & Lori Wendorff  
17, 1987 - Robert & Lori Buettner  
19, 1974 - Richard & Judi Raddant  
20, 2018 - Daniel & Elizabeth Buettner  
20, 1979 - Joe & Vicki Buettner  
25, 1975 - Gary & Marlene Weckwerth  
26, 1985 - Brad & Heidi Teetzen  
28, 1989 - Brad & Lorine Raddant  
28, 2017 - Jordan & Stacie Robbins

## 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.*

# OCTOBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Elders:</b> <b>Sat:</b> Jamison Yorton <b>Sun:</b> Brian Sperberg Darryl Prodell <b>Special:</b> Jon Wesenberg		<b>1</b> <b>1:00 Book Club</b>	<b>2</b> <b>3:45 Catechism</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>3</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>9:00 Circuit Convocation</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> <i>Acolyte: Cooper Clark</i>
<b>6</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Education Hour</b> <i>Acolyte: Blaze Ejnik</i>	<b>7</b> <b>6:15 Choir</b> <b>7:00 Altar Guild</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>3:45 Catechism</b> <b>5:00 Elders</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>10</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b> <b>6:30 Men's Night @ church</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>2:00 Wedding</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> <i>Acolyte: Hailey Fischer</i>
<b>13</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Education Hour</b> <i>Acolyte: Layden Plaster</i>	<b>14</b> <b>6:15 Choir</b>	<b>15</b> <b>7:00 Council</b>	<b>16</b> <b>3:45 Catechism</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>17</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>18</b> <b>11:00 Senior Connections Luncheon</b>	<b>19</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> <i>Acolyte: Payton Skalitzky</i>
<b>20</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Education Hour</b> <i>Acolyte: Lincoln Ejnik</i>	<b>21</b> <b>6:15 Choir</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>3:45 Catechism</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>24</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>25</b> <b>7pm Catechism Lock-in</b>	<b>26</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> <i>Acolyte: Adam Kleinschmidt</i>
<b>27</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Sunday School</b> <b>Voter Meeting</b> <b>After service</b> <i>Acolyte: Brielle Reinke</i>	<b>28</b> <b>6:15 Choir</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>3:45 Catechism</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>31</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>		<b>Altar Guild:</b> Mary Jung Roxy Martzke Donna Ward Barb Teetzen

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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

