

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

MIDWEEK SERVICES IN ADVENT AND LENT

In the seasons of the Church Year when the weight of sin and death are most emphasized and we are most poignantly called to penitence, the Church would have us receive even more of Christ and His gifts.

The question can be asked, “How much Jesus is too much Jesus?” It is the question that a seminary professor at Concordia Seminary is famous for asking. It is a question worthy of our consideration.

In Scripture, the Church is called the “Body of Christ.” Paul uses such imagery many times. And anyone who’s taken not more than a middle-school level biology class knows the basics of how all the parts and processes of the body are equally needed to keep the body healthy, strong and functional. They also know that if any part of the body is denied the nutrients that come from breathing and blood-flow, that part of the body will die. And when the body becomes sick, those systems which deliver such nutrients work all the harder in the areas affected by illness or injury in order to bring healing.

So it is that the Body of Christ, in seasons such as Lent and Advent, which are often called “The Penitential Seasons,” is right to keep the tradition of mid-week Church services as an extra dose of the holy-healing medicine of Christ and His Word.

Granted, there is no biblical mandate for midweek services in Advent or Lent, or any time for that matter. In fact, the tradition of holding midweek services is a very new practice which was inherited by Lutherans from American Protestants. But given that the penitential seasons are designed to remind us of our sickness in sin, it is indeed “good, right, and salutary” that the Church create more time for us to ponder the source of our healing.

Advent reflects upon the darkness of the world apart from Christ even as it looks back upon the

time of waiting for the Messiah’s first coming, and looks forward to Christ’s Second Advent. Thus, Advent themes are focused upon Scripture which point to Christ’s imminent arrival, both as a babe in Bethlehem two thousand years ago, and in glory on the last day for which we wait in joyful hope.

Lent reflects upon the darkness of our sin, and so Lenten themes tend to focus upon Christ’s Passion and move us toward the observance in Holy Week of his betrayal, suffering, and death. As a people sick with sin, Lent points us to the one by whose wounds we are healed (Isaiah 53:5). As the

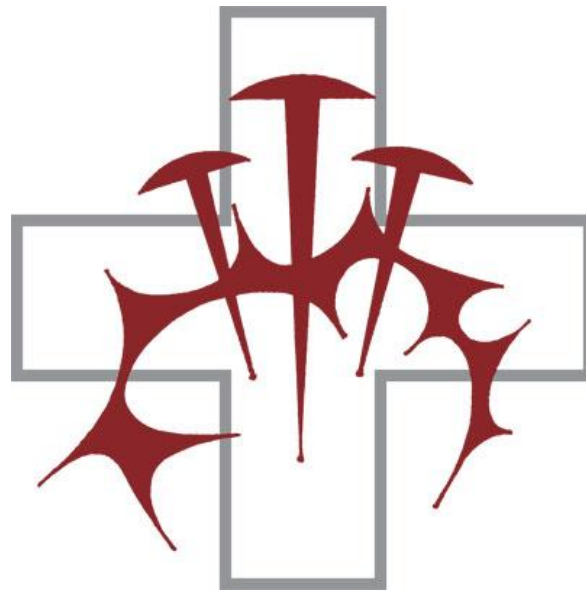
human body receives special medicines and activates certain processes (such as the work of white blood cells) to aid in healing when part or all of the body is ill or injured, so too it is good that the Church sees to it that the Body of Christ is given even more of the good gifts of Christ and His Word in such seasons of the Church year as Lent and Advent.

The question is often asked, “How often MUST I go to Church?” But this is a question asked from a desire to meet some minimum

requirement for being a Christian and misses the whole point of Christianity. It isn’t a formula for getting right with God. It is all about Christ for us who makes us right with God by His death and resurrection. So how often should the Christian go to Church? As often as he is able and as often as the opportunity is present. It goes back to that same great question, “How much Jesus is too much Jesus?” You can never receive too much Jesus.

I’m looking forward to seeing you at Church on Wednesdays this Lent season. **Ash Wednesday is March 5th.**

In Christ,
-Pastor Kleinschmidt



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

LENT SERVICES

Ash Wednesday is on March 5th. 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.



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.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Upcoming schedule at Sunday School:

- 3/2 A Promising Dream (Jacob)
- 3/9 Hope in Hardship (Joseph)
- 3/16 Fiery Directions (Moses)
- 3/23 The Egypt Exit (Exodus)
- 3/30 A Loving Law (Ten Commandments)

BAPTISM

Baptized into Christ on February 23rd was **Watson Dean Raddant**. He is the son of Kyle & Emily Raddant. His baptismal sponsors are Alec Raddant and Elexea Romanek.

HYMNAL RIBBONS

Please do not braid or pick at the end of the ribbons in the hymnals. We are trying to preserve them for as long as possible.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

The Way of the Cross on April 5th will build upon the New Testament Journey class in February. We will study the events of the two weeks leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus. We'll mine each of the four Gospels for the jewels of the Passion Narrative. At the end of the class, you will understand the events leading up to the crucifixion, the people involved, how Jesus fulfills Biblical prophecy, the significance of little details, and the timeline of what happened during Passion week. Snacks will be provided throughout the morning and childcare will be available if required. Lunch will be provided so please join us for fellowship afterwards. Please register at <https://bit.ly/StJakobiCross> or by scanning the QR code with your phone.



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Lent services will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5th; and will continue on March 12th, 19th, and 26th, April 2nd and 9th. 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.

March 12th: Pastor Kleinschmidt

March 19th: Vicar Kaiser from St. James

March 26th: Pastor Conradt from Hermansfort

April 2nd: Pastor Fehrmann from St. Paul, Bonduel

April 9th: Pastor Nehring from St. Paul, Town of Washington

READINGS AT CHURCH

March 2nd: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Hebrews 3:1-6

Luke 9:26-36

March 9th: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

March 16th: Jeremiah 26:8-15

Philippians 17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

March 23rd: Ezekiel 33:7-20

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

March 30th: Isaiah 12:1-6

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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 Fellowship Hall. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex to help with the meals. The following will be in charge of the meals:

March 5th -Elders

March 12th – Board of Ed

March 19th – Trustees

March 26th - Evangelism

April 2nd – Higher Things Youth

April 9th - Officers

LOOKING AHEAD

Palm Sunday is April 13th, Easter is April 20th and Confirmation Sunday is May 18th.

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.



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!

ST. JAKOBI BOOK CLUB

The following is the list of books chosen for the upcoming meetings March 4th – *The Keeper of Hidden Books* by Madeline Martin; April 8th – *The Spectacular* by Fiona Davis; May 6th – *Shelterwood* by Lisa Wingate. There will be no book club in June or July.

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.



SPIRITUAL OUTREACH

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, March 8th, at 9:00 am in the Jerusalem Room. All members of the congregation are invited to attend.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men from the congregation are invited to the Men's Breakfast on Saturday, March 15th, at 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

If you are a Thrivent Member, 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.



CONSIDERING A LUTHERAN SCHOOL?

St. Jakobi has funds available to help pay for tuition at [St. James Elementary School](#), [Wolf River Lutheran High School](#), or a Concordia University if your student is majoring in a church-work field. Don't let tuition be a stumbling block to a Lutheran school education. Also available for students enrolled at Wolf River Lutheran High School is a \$1000 discount for each student. Talk to Pastor if you need assistance or have questions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Plans are being made for VBS to be held the week of **June 2nd-6th** in the mornings. The theme this year is Epic Australian Adventure; An Unforgettable Journey with Jesus. The week of VBS is the week after school gets out and the week before Summer School begins. 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.



SPRING FORWARD!

Daylight Savings Time begins on March 9th. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour so you will be at church on time Sunday morning.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2 - Marcia Buettner
2 - Mark Buettner
2 - Michael Waldvogel
4 - Darlene Wendorff
6 - Jennifer Murdock
6 - Sabrina Schmidt
7 - Oliver Buntrock
8 - Elizabeth Buettner
8 - Grayson Schmidt
8 - Allyssa Verstoppen
9 - David Buettner
9 - Grant Riesenberg
10 - Ethan Pleshek
10 - Lucas Schoenike
11 - Tabb Magee
11 - Ella Stuber
11 - Cassius Tuma
12 - Robert Behrens
12 - Kadence Meyers
12 - Lynn Trochil
12 - Jesse Waldvogel
13 - Joel Buettner
13 - Jessica McDowell
14 - Patti Burr
14 - Sandy Wendorff
15 - Darwin Drake
15 - Josh Ladwig
15 - Kaden Marcell
15 - Payten Thompson
15 - Kelsie Wendorff
17 - Payton Skalitzky
17 - Braden Teetzen
18 - Robert Buettner
19 - Allyson Popp
19 - Carson Popp
20 - Lindsey Cumberland
20 - Betty Lemke
20 - Ethan Magee
21 - Doug Berkahn
21 - Oaklynd Gast
22 - Randy Schroeder
23 - Emily Pleshek
24 - Emma Prodell
24 - Josh Trochil
25 - Connor Stuber
26 - Westin Buntrock
27 - AJ Bedroske
27 - Revin Buntrock
27 - Luke Lindner
28 - James Felckowski
28 - Danielle Kuhn
28 - Zoey Riesenberg
29 - Michael Bohm

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.

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

01, 2008 - Justin & Sarah Engel
02, 1996 - Chris & Jamie Popp
03, 2014 - Bruce & Lena Johnson
03, 2023 - Kyle & Emily Raddant
03, 1973 - Wilbur & Connie Steinke
08, 1997 - Jason & Janelle Lange
11, 1994 - Carl & Holly Montoure
19, 2010 - Michael & Debra Daley
25, 1995 - Scott & Kerry Breitrick

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.

MARCH 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Elders: Sat: Darryl Prodell Sun: Mike Waldvogel Tom Tuma Special: Mike Daley	Altar Guild: Betty Szucs Kathy Fonger Mary Theis Cindy Winkler					1 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Jace Bisterfeldt
2 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Payton Skalitzky	3 6:15 Choir 7:00 Altar Guild	4 1:00 Book Club	5 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 10:30 Service (HC) 3:45 Catechism 5:00 Lent Meal 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Raelyn Krueger	6 1:00 Bible Study	7	8 9:00 Spiritual Outreach 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Ayva Plaster
9 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i> 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Brielle Reinke	10 6:15 Choir	11 5:00 Elders	12 3:45 Catechism 5:00 Lent Meal 6:30 Lent Service Acolyte: Ian Stuber	13 1:00 Bible Study	14	15 7:30 Men's Breakfast 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Cooper Clark
16 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Blaze Ejnik	17 6:15 Choir	18	19 3:45 Catechism 5:00 Lent Meal 6:30 Lent Service Acolyte: Lincoln Ejnik	20 1:00 Bible Study	21	22 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Layden Plaster
23 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Payton Skalitzky	24 6:15 Choir	25	26 5:00 Lent Meal 6:30 Lent Service Acolyte: Hailey Fischer	27 1:00 Bible Study	28	29 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Adam Kleinschmidt
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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

