

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

On Easter evening Jesus appears in the locked upper room to ten of the disciples in John 20:19-31. They have locked the doors for fear of the Jews. They are scared that since they have killed Jesus that they will be next. Jesus, the leader, has been killed and now they are going to go after all the followers. It makes sense that they are scared. And yet, they know that Jesus had prophesied that he would be resurrected on the Third Day. Peter and John have seen the empty grave. There's a lot of confusion for the disciples on this day. They aren't sure what to think; but they do have fear.

Jesus appears to them in that room when there is no normal way into it. The resurrected Jesus will just appear different places without the need for walking and traveling. The first thing he says to the disciples is, "Peace be with you."

Jesus is not just saying to them that they should calm down. In the Old Testament, 'peace' was a deep word with lots of meaning. The Hebrew word 'Shalom' means 'Peace'.

When Jesus says, "Peace" he is telling the disciples that the sins they committed during the Passion and Crucifixion are forgiven. The denial, the abandonment, the faithlessness is all forgiven. He is also telling them that they need not fear the Jews. If they are fearing that that they will be killed next, the resurrection of Jesus shows them that death has no power over them.

When we think about peace, very often we think about not being at war as a country. Or to make it

more personally, we think about there being no issues or there is quietness in our life.

And those are certainly true, but the peace that Jesus brings is deeper, broader, and truer. In the midst of life that can be harried, out of control, and overwhelming; Jesus brings peace. He invites those who are weary and heavy laden to come to him. Trusting in Jesus and his peace for you reorients how interact with the world and think about it.

Especially in the context of Jesus saying this on Easter evening, the peace of Jesus is the certainty that the illnesses and death you know will come is not the final word. Jesus is the peace that shows there is life in him. He rises from the dead and

conquers the grave, sin, and death.

Even when life is crazy, deadly, or too much; when relationships are rocky, broken, or non-existent; when jobs and money are a cause of stress and anxiety; when the current state of politics, culture, education, or media worry you...in all of that Jesus is your peace. He understands you and he is intimately acquainted with all of your temptations. Jesus gives peace to you.

If you don't have unrest in your life, then the rest that Jesus gives is pointless at worst or unsatisfying at best. But you do need the peace, the

shalom of Jesus. Be satisfied in his gifts and be at peace with him.

In Christ,

-Pastor Kleinschmidt



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

LENT SERVICES

Lent services will continue on April 2nd & 9th at 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.

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

April 9th: Pastor Nehring from St. Paul, Town of Washington & Immanuel, White Clay Lake

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.

BAPTISMS

Gracie Jo Buntrock was baptized into Christ on March 9th. She is the daughter of Brandon & Alyson Buntrock. Her baptismal sponsors are Kendall Knope and Colton Olson.

Charles Durica Cumberland was baptized into Christ on March 16th. He is the son of Nathan and Lindsey Cumberland. His baptismal sponsors are Matthew Cumberland, Jessica Cumberland, and Katelyn Jashinsky.

Maverick Jerome Walby was baptized into Christ on March 30th. He is the son of Tyler & Lydia Walby. His baptismal sponsors are Justin Malueg and Megan Buntrock.

Everett John Walby was baptized into Christ on March 30th. He is the son of Tyler and Lydia Walby. His baptismal sponsors are Timothy & Christina Marien.

PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 13TH

At the Palm Sunday Service, the Sunday School children will sing and process into church with Pastor while they carry Palm branches. Be sure to have the children here early so they can get lined up to walk in and then sing.



HYMNAL RIBBONS

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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 17th is Maundy Thursday this year. We will recall how Christ has given to us the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar with a service at 10:30am and 6:30pm. April 18th is Good Friday when we recall the death of Jesus Christ. Services are at 1:00pm and 6:30pm. The Easter celebration begins with the Easter Vigil service on Saturday night, April 19th at 6:30pm at Grace Lutheran, Bear Creek. Jesus Christ rose on Sunday morning so we gather to worship the living Christ on April 20th with services at 6:30am and 9:00am. There is also an Easter breakfast beginning at 7:30am.



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.



EASTER BREAKFAST

On Easter morning there is breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, following the Sunrise Service. The breakfast will include egg casserole, fruit salad, and Kringles. Come between 7:30am and 8:15am for a great breakfast!

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Upcoming schedule at Sunday School:

- 4/6 The Land at Last (Joshua)
- 4/13 No Sunday School – Palm Sunday
- 4/20 No Sunday School – Easter
- 4/27 Judge Leads (Gideon)

READINGS AT CHURCH

April 6th:	Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:4b-14 Luke 20:9-20
April 13th:	Deuteronomy 32:36-39 Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 22:1-23:56
April 20th:	Isaiah 65:17-25 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 Luke 24:1-12
April 27th:	Acts 5:12-32 Revelation 1:4-18 John 20:19-31

LENT MEALS

Lent meals will be served at 5:00pm, before the evening service. The following groups will be in charge of the meal. If you would like to help, you can sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

April 2nd – Higher Things Youth

April 9th – Officers

LOOKING AHEAD

Confirmation Sunday is May 18th, Vacation Bible School is June 2nd-6th, the church picnic is June 8th.

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 April 8th – *The Spectacular* by Fiona Davis; May 6th – *Shelterwood* by Lisa Wingate. There will be no book club in June or July.

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.



FUNERAL

Tom Theis passed away on March 1st, 2025. His funeral was on March 15th.

COUNCIL

Council will meet on April 22nd at 5:30pm. All Boards should be represented at the meeting.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 - Kathy Anker
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 - Melody Bartz
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 - 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 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Elders: Sat: Tom Tuma Sun: Jon Wesenberg Mike Waldvogel Special: Darryl Prodel		1	2 3:45 Catechism 5:00 Lent Meal 6:30 Service Acolyte: Jace Bisterfeldt	3 1:00 Bible Study	4	5 9:00 Way of the Cross 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Reegan Clark
6 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Raelyn Krueger	7 6:15 Choir 7:00 Altar Guild	8 1:00 Book Club 5:15 Elders	9 3:45 Catechism 5:00 Lent Meal 6:30 Service Acolyte: Ayva Plaster	10 1:00 Bible Study	11	12 9:00 Spiritual Outreach 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Zoey Riesenber
13 Palm Sunday 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Ian Stuber	14 6:15 Choir	15	16	17 Maundy Thursday 10:30 Service (HC) 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Cooper Clark	18 Good Friday 1:00 Service 6:30 Service	19 6:30 Easter Vigil @ Grace Lutheran, Bear Creek
20 Easter Sunday 6:30 Sunrise Service (HC) Acolyte: Hailey Fischer 7:30 Easter Breakfast 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Blaze Ejnik	21	22 5:30 Council	23 3:45 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	24 1:00 Bible Study	25	26 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Layden Plaster
27 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Sunday School Voters Meeting after service Acolyte: Payton Skalitzky	28	29	30 3:45 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study			Altar Guild: Karleen Brei Joan Stoehr Judi Raddant Carol Magee Corrina Tuma

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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

