

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

St. Jakobi hosted a Continuing Education class for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne during July. Rev. Dr. John Nordling taught the class entitled 'Treasured Themes in Philippians'. Sixteen pastors attended the class. Thank you to the people who helped serve the lunches during the three days!

During the last day of the class, we focused upon the Christ hymn of Philippians from Chapter 2. I've included it in the center of this article. I want to share a couple of insights with you about this beautiful text of Holy Scripture.

First, even though it doesn't look like a hymn, because of how it is written in Greek and the theme pairings, it can be classified as a hymn. Most likely, Paul (the author of Philippians) knew this hymn and included it in his letter and added his own commentary to it. In this way we can see that Colossians 3:16 was certainly lived out by the early Christians. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."

Verses 6 through 8 show the state of humiliation of Jesus. This is what you learned in Catechism class; when Jesus took on human flesh and suffered for our sins. This is from his conception until his resurrection.

Verses 9 through 11 show Jesus' state of exaltation. This is when Jesus has human flesh and yet shows his victory over sin and death by his resurrection and ascension and sitting at the right hand of God in heaven.

Paul has added a little phrase right in the middle of the hymn that is his commentary on it. Perhaps

he put it in the middle to show that it is the most important thing to know. He adds to the hymn the end of verse 8, "Even death on a cross."

This, of course, makes sense when you consider the emphasis that Paul makes on the crucifixion throughout all of his epistles. In 1 Corinthians 1:23 we read, "We preach Christ crucified." 1 Corinthians 2:2 says, "For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." All of that is to make the point that the crucifixion of Jesus is the height of his humiliation. It is the very thing Jesus came to do and it is the pinnacle of our salvation as the sacrificial lamb is slain.

But of course, we also come to the name that is bestowed upon the Son of God. What is the name that is above every other name? It is 'Lord Jesus Christ.' Lord is the Old Testament word that points to the divine name of God, Yahweh. Jesus is the personal name that means, 'Yahweh saves'. Christ is the title that means anointed or messiah. Jesus is all of this and our tongues can't help but open to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. It's all true and we have been given this great connection to Jesus through faith. He is in us and we are in

him.

I had a great time diving into the book of Philippians with Dr. Nordling. God calls each one of us to be a student of Holy Scripture and grow in knowledge and faith. Even as I continue to be taught by others, I look forward to continuing to teach you about the glorious savior we have, the Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

-Pastor Kleinschmidt



⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5-11



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

ST. JAKOBI IS HIRING

Nancy Thelen is retiring and we are looking to hire an Administrative Assistant who would work about 12-15 hours per week. Ask Pastor for a job description. If you are interested in being considered, give a resume and cover letter to either Pastor or an Elder by August 15th.

ST. JAKOBI BOOK CLUB

The following books have been selected for future meetings: *We Are The Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter will be discussed in August. Marlene Weckwerth will be hosting that meeting at her home. For September, the book selected is *The Duzy House of Mourning* by K A Hancock. Barb Teetzen will be hosting this meeting at church. October's choice is *Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah, and will be hosted by Liz McDowell.

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.



CATECHISM MEETING

Students and parents should plan on attending a meeting on August 19th at 6:30pm. Schedules will be handed out along with all the events for Catechism students for the upcoming school year.

BAPTISM:

Baptized into Christ on July 6th was Joel Grzymalski. He is the son of Tyler & Gabrielle Grzymalski. His baptismal sponsors are Jesse Kurth and Caitlin Drews.

Baptized into Christ on July 20th was Benson Teetzen. He is the son of Will Teetzen and Karly Curtin. His baptismal sponsors are Mikayla Carroll, and Ken & Liz Schroeder.

HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE

Fourteen youth from our congregation attended the Higher Things Conference in Seward, Nebraska on the campus of Concordia University. The trip was a fun, faith-building adventure. Thank you to everyone who supported the kids throughout the year with their fundraising.



HOLIDAY BAZAAR

It's time to get your creative juices flowing. Spiritual Outreach will be hosting their Annual Bazaar on Saturday, November 1st. We will once again be offering homemade arts and crafts, along with baked goods for sale. Donations of these items allow us to continue our outreach work without having to ask the congregation for financial support to complete our projects throughout the year. If you would like to donate any baked goods, new arts or crafts, or if you have any questions regarding the sale, please speak with either Nancy Thelen or Marelene Weckwerth. And yes, fresh cinnamon rolls will be available again this year.

READINGS AT CHURCH

August 3rd:	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:113-21
August 10th:	Genesis 15:1-6 Hebrews 11:1-16 Luke 12:22-34
August 17th:	Jeremiah 23:16-29 Hebrews 11:17-12:3 Luke 12:49-56
August 24th:	Proverbs 3:1-8 2 Corinthians 4:7-10 Luke 22:24-30
August 31st:	Proverbs 25:2-10 Hebrews 13:1-17 Luke 14:1-14

POTATO PANCAKE DINNER

The Potato Pancake Dinner will be held on September 28th. Watch the bulletin for more information

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.

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!

RAISE RIGHT CARDS

Do you have an upcoming celebration for which you need a gift? Birthday, graduation or wedding? Check out the large selection of gift cards available through RAISE RIGHT!! Cards ordered on Monday arrive Friday afternoon.

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.

ST. JAKOBI ON FACEBOOK

St. Jakobi has a [Facebook page](#). Stay up to date on happenings at church by liking the page.



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>

CHURCH BUILDING LOAN BALANCE

The amount owed for the loan to build the Fellowship Hall addition began the second quarter at \$1,345,666.56. After making our regular monthly payments, the balance at the end of the 2nd Quarter was \$1,342,386.39. Thanks be to God for His blessings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

The first day for Sunday School is September 7th. We are looking for substitute teachers. If you are willing to put your name on the list, please speak with one of the Board of Education members: Patti Samson, Rachelle Price, or Elizabeth Schroeder.

LUTHERAN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

In order to assist LCMS Lutherans and congregations, a new Credit Union



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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.

LUTHERAN EDUCATION

St. Jakobi has funds available to help pay for tuition at [St. James Lutheran School](#), [Wolf River Lutheran High School](#), or at 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. Talk to Pastor if you need assistance or have questions.

WRLHS AT THE COUNTY FAIR

Students, staff, supporters, and association congregation members volunteer to sell tickets and park cars at the Fair. Wolf River Lutheran High School depends on the volunteers to work at this great fund raiser. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Karen Baker at karbaker16@tds.net, or 715-853-9137; or Donna Klemens at 715-853-3127. If you volunteer you will get free admission and parking for the day(s) you work.

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.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 - Amy Casetta
1 - Nate Ejnik
1 - Dustin Fischer
1 - Dave Hoffman
1 - Debra Liadis
2 - Lena Johnson
2 - Makenzie Schroeder
3 - Cheryl Arthur
3 - Isabella Buettner
4 - Kris Avery Averoe
4 - Lorine Raddant
5 - Dave Betzig
5 - Colsyn Fischer
6 - Brantley Buettner
6 - Michael Cotter
6 - Lainey Peters
7 - Kerry Breitrick
8 - Scott Breitrick
8 - Letha Seering
9 - Natalie Sperberg
11 - Joshua Bahr
11 - Vicki Bahr
11 - Cooper Clark
11 - Joan Stoehr
11 - Nancy Thelen
11 - Josh Krueger
12 - Ryatt Watters
13 - Jim Wendorff
14 - Jim Darling
14 - Tim Teetzen
15 - Amy Kleinschmidt
15 - Corey Marcell
16 - Krystal Buettner
16 - Kenneth Murphy III
18 - Katie Horne
18 - Dylan Yorton
19 - Brandi Ejnik
19 - Colton Olson
19 - Korbin Price
19 - Cindy Winkler
20 - Tamra Buntrock
20 - Jeff Teske
21 - Lily Felckowski
21 - Lee Lindner
21 - Marion Ruhbusch
22 - Barbara Bubolz
22 - Linsey Carroll
22 - Hailey Hawkinson
22 - Rob McDowell
22 - Brooke Sperberg
23 - Diane Ireland
23 - Vicki Waldvogel
24 - Patti Samson
25 - Alicia Giese
26 - Julie Burr
26 - Jaklyn Sperberg
26 - Wanda Stueck
26 - Shawn Verstoppen
27 - Karter Westphal

28 - Marilyn Picard
28 - Teagen Thompson
29 - Chris Johnson
29 - Carrie Westphal
29 - Jana Yorton
30 - Chase Benser
30 - Janelle Lange
30 - Teresa Schuettpelz
31 - Kelsey Gast
31 - Terry Moede
31 - Barb Teetzen

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.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

01, 1998 - Terry & Pam Moede
03, 2019 - Lucas & Rachel Bedroske
06, 1983 - Mark & Kathy Kroenke
09, 1997 - Michael & Hope Peters
09, 2003 - Randy & Jennifer Schroeder
10, 2012 - Dan & Stephanie Laabs
11, 2012 - Josh & Corine Krueger
12, 2017 - Dylan & Sabrina Schmidt
14, 2004 - Jeremy & Sarah Benser
14, 2010 - Matt & Christie Hietpas
16, 2014 - Jay & Stephanie Schuettpelz
19, 2000 - Wade & Carrie Bohl
19, 2017 - Nick & Desirae Thiel
20, 2005 - Pete & Cheryl Arthur
20, 2005 - Bob & Kay Marquardt
20, 2005 - Ben & Amanda Reinke
21, 2010 - Trevor & Jennifer Murdock
24, 2002 - Bradley & Amanda Felckowski
25, 1990 - Jim & Katie Horne
26, 2006 - Brad & Jenni Sperberg
28, 2010 - Grant & Amy Riesenberg
31, 1968 - Dennis & Kathy Fonger

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



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.

AUGUST 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Elders: Sat: Darryl Prodel Sun: Mike Waldvogel Mark Schuster Special: Tom Tuma		Altar Guild: Kathy Fonger Cathy Hoffman Jayne Mott			1	2 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Lincoln Ejnik
3 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Raelyn Krueger	4	5	6	7 1:00 Bible Study 5:00 Elders	8	9 9:00 Spiritual Outreach 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Zoey Riesenber
10 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Jase Bisterfeldt	11	12	13	14 1:00 Bible Study	15	16 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Reegan Clark
17 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Raelyn Krueger	18	19 6:30 Catechism Meeting	20	21 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Men's Night	22	23 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Ayva Plaster
24 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Brielle Reinke	25	26	27	28 1:00 Bible Study	29	30 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Ian Stuber
31 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Lincoln Ejnik						

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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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

