

## From Pastor Kleinschmidt

There are a couple of holy days we will celebrate on the weekends at church in the month of September. Our pattern at St. Jakobi is that when a holy day falls on a Sunday, we will celebrate it and make it a part of the focus of the church service. On Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, the church celebrates Holy Cross Day. On September 21<sup>st</sup> the church remembers St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist.

I would like to spend some time teaching you about Holy Cross Day. Historically, the date of September 14 comes from the early 4<sup>th</sup> Century. St. Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine discovered the cross. Emperor Constantine famously converted to Christianity in 313 and shortly thereafter issued the Edict of Milan which made Christianity legal in the Roman Empire. Afterwards, Helena travelled to Jerusalem and she is said to have found the actual cross that Jesus died upon. She thought it was real when there was a miraculous healing attributed to the cross. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was built upon the site where Helena found the cross. That church was dedicated on September 13, 335 and the Holy Cross was shown the next day for the public to see.

With all that said, it's easy to see that 1700 years later we might be a little bit skeptical that Helena actually found the true cross of Jesus. For one, she was looking for it nearly 300 years after the death of Jesus. Martin Luther had some healthy skepticism about this event. "He saw ... the danger of superstition akin to the relic trafficking he so long had opposed. He once quipped that if all the alleged pieces of the 'true cross' were gathered together, it would be enough wood to rebuild Noah's Ark. Rather than fixating on the relics, he

directed attention to the crucified and risen Christ." (*Celebrating the Saints*, Weedon p. 168)

LCMS Pastor Will Weedon writes in his book about Holy Cross Day: "Still, many Lutheran Church orders intentionally chose to retain the festival, and 'Holy Cross' continues to be a popular name for Lutheran congregations to this day. What Lutherans celebrate on Holy Cross Day, however, is not primarily the history of a rediscovered relic attested by miracles. Rather, we celebrate the triumph of our Lord upon the indisputably real cross that once stood on Golgotha. There in love the Father's eternal Son and the Son of the blessed Virgin Mary poured out His life. His blood blotted out the sin of the world. His death proved death's

destruction, as His divine life and love were finally and gloriously indigestible. We celebrate on this festival the way God used and uses suffering to bring blessing; the way He worked and works so contrary to anything human reason could or would ever conceive or anticipate.

"Lutherans, of course, do not deny the possibility that the original cross was the one discovered by St. Helena. Yet, to us, whether that relic is authentic is

not of prime importance. What does matter is that many years ago, under Pontius Pilate, our Lord Jesus was nailed to a tree through His hands and His feet. He was lifted up just as He foretold He would be. And through this unfathomable act of divine love, He still draws all people to Himself through the redemption that is in His blood, the forgiveness of our sins according to the riches of His grace. Better than any relic is the living body and blood of which He imparts to us in the Lord's Supper as the lasting memorial of the holy cross."

In the Cross of Christ,  
-Pastor Kleinschmidt



# ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

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## NWD ADULT GATHERING

The gathering will take place on Saturday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Weston. Transportation will be available for those who will be attending, but don't wish to drive their own vehicle. St. Paul, Bonduel is providing a bus and offering rides to anyone who would like to attend. For more information look at the bulletin board in the Narthex.

## SENIOR CONNECTIONS LUNCHEON

St. Jakobi Spiritual Outreach will be hosting a Senior Connections Luncheon this year on September 19<sup>th</sup>. The menu includes soup, French Bread Sloppy Joe's, cheese, crackers, and tasty desserts. We'll be playing Bingo after the meal. If you're retired or semi-retired, please join us for some great fellowship. This will be the last Luncheon for 2025. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you will be attending.

## ST. JAKOBI BOOK CLUB

The following books have been selected for future meetings: 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. November's book is *Eddie Winston is Looking for Love* by Marianne Cronin.

## HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Only 2 short months until the Bazaar on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. We will once again be offering homemade arts and crafts, and 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, baked inhouse, will be available again this year.

## POTATO PANCAKE DINNER

The Potato Pancake Dinner will be held on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Please check the sign-up sheets in the Narthex regarding donations, which areas you would be willing to work at, or if you are unable to work. More information from the Committee will be placed in your mailbox in the near future.



## FUNERALS

**Doris Kroenke** passed away on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Her funeral was on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Norma Martzke** passed away on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. Her funeral was on 08/29/2025.

**Jason Ludolph** passed away on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. His service will be at a later date.

## FALL BIBLE CLASSES

Wednesday night Bible Class will begin the Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. We will begin our study by looking at a couple of notable Psalms and pull from them God's Divine truth and wisdom.

Thursday afternoon Bible Class studies the Bible text that Pastor will be preaching on the coming weekend. This Bible Study is a great way to receive more depth to the sermon and the Biblical background for what is preached.

The Sunday morning Bible Class is growing and we will be moving it to the Fellowship Hall beginning September 7<sup>th</sup>. We continue our study of the book of Hebrews. This letter gives insight into how Jesus fulfills the Old Testament and gives us the strength to endure this life with faith in Him.

The Fall is the perfect time to begin attending Bible Class. We are starting new topics and you will not feel behind. I would encourage you to put aside the excuses you have and you will grow in your faith. Parents, while your children are in Sunday School, you can learn too! If you're retired, the Thursday afternoon class is perfect. If you are free in the evenings; then Wednesday night is great. Please consider studying God's Word with us and make it a regular part of your week.

## READINGS AT CHURCH

**September 7<sup>th</sup>:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Philemon 1-21  
Luke 14:25-35

**September 14<sup>th</sup>:** Numbers 21:4-9  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
John 12:20-33

**September 21<sup>st</sup>:** Ezekiel 2:8-3:11  
Ephesians 4:7-16  
Matthew 9:9-13

**September 28<sup>th</sup>:** Amos 6:1-7  
1 Timothy 3:1-13  
Luke 16:19-31

## 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.



## 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.

## 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.

## SPIRITUAL OUTREACH MEETING

The meeting on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> is cancelled, due to a wedding at St. Jakobi. We will meet at 9:30am on Friday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, prior to the Senior Connections Luncheon.

## 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.

## 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!

## NEW SEMINARY STUDENT

St. Jakobi will be supporting a new seminary student starting in September. His name is Joseph Moore and he and his family are currently at Zion Lutheran Church in Mitchell, SD, where he is serving as a Vicar. For more information, see the newsletters from the Moore family on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

9/7 A Divided Kingdom  
9/14 Comfort in Captivity  
9/21 A Trap and a Release  
9/28 No Sunday School – Pancake Dinner

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

The first day for Sunday School is September 7<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School begins at 10:30 with opening in the Sanctuary. It concludes at 11:30.



## 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.

## EDUCATION SAVINGS ENCOURAGEMENT

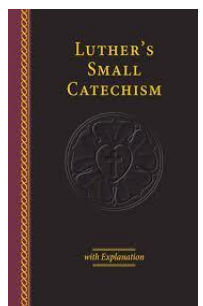
St. Jakobi received a gift that is to be distributed to the children of the congregation under the age of 18. This gift is meant to encourage parents and family to save for the education expenses of their children. St. Jakobi will give \$100 into a 529 Savings Account to encourage and give a jump start to education savings. Forms to apply are in the Narthex and church office.

## BAPTISM:

**Baptized into Christ** on August 31<sup>st</sup> was Tiller Krull. He is the son of Jared and Lisa Krull. His baptismal sponsors are James Teets and Jay Krull.

## CATECHISM CLASS

The school year will be in full swing and that means Catechism class begins again. The first day of class is September 10<sup>th</sup>. The Catechism students (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) will be attending class weekly and continuing their duties serving as Acolytes. May God bless them during their time of instruction in the Christian faith.



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Carol Paiser  
2 - Peter Carroll  
2 - Brenda Price  
3 - Krista Buettner  
3 - Amanda Gehnke  
3 - Austin Gueths  
3 - Brittany Nietzer  
3 - Corrina Tuma  
4 - Draxton Bartz  
4 - Mark Wendorff  
5 - Krew Cumberland  
6 - Jodi Angeli  
6 - Curt Wendorff  
7 - Paul Utecht  
8 - Jase Bisterfeldt  
8 - Kavion Franklin  
8 - Naomi Wendorff  
9 - Warren Gueths  
10 - Gary Felckowski  
10 - Alice Laabs  
11 - Steve Buettner  
11 - Dayton Davis  
11 - Amy Riesenberger  
12 - Bryan Teetzen  
13 - Andrew Giese  
13 - Darlene Hoffman  
14 - Eva Schroeder  
16 - Karleen Brei  
16 - Eileen Skalitzky  
16 - Janet Wendt  
17 - Shirley Popp  
18 - Parker Carroll  
19 - Desirae Thiel  
19 - Tom T. Tuma  
21 - Janice Grosskopf  
22 - Marvin Buettner  
22 - Daniel Moede  
24 - Brian Sperberg  
24 - Theresa Gueths  
25 - Kyle Raddant  
26 - Joshua Theis  
27 - Shirley Glock  
27 - Noël Kleinschmidt  
28 - Justin Engel  
29 - Jeremy Meyers  
30 - Jacob Burr  
30 - Martha Gebert  
30 - Emma Williams

## 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.

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1, 1990 - Brian & Bonnie Sperberg  
5, 2015 - Mike & Cindy Winkler  
6, 2014 - Shawn & Allyssa Verstoppen  
7, 1996 - Greg & Patti Samson  
7, 2019 - Tyler & Lydia Walby  
8, 1984 - Steve & Lori Buettner  
8, 1990 - Russell & Bonnie Cotter  
9, 1978 - John & Susan Klemens  
9, 2006 - Darryl & Laura Prodel  
12, 2015 - Keegen & Casey Gast  
13, 2014 - Mike & Amber Schmidt  
14, 1996 - Andrew & Debra Schneider  
16, 2023 - Ken & Liz Schroeder  
16, 1967 - Jim & Betty Szucs  
18, 2021 - Justin & Tamra Buntrock  
18, 2004 - William Grab & Patti Burr  
19, 1970 - Gerald & Mary Ludolph  
19, 1965 - Paul & Marilyn Picard  
21, 2019 - Brandon & Alyson Buntrock  
22, 2002 - Bryan & Melissa Teetzen  
24, 1977 - Dave & Darlene Hoffman  
27, 1997 - John & Stephanie Boyles  
27, 1980 - Jerry & Debbie Fisher  
28, 2019 - Zach & Megan Pederson  
28, 2023 - Tom & Stacey Teetzen  
28, 2013 - Ben & Alison Sperberg  
28, 1996 - Jim & Vicky Szucs



## 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.*



# SEPTEMBER 2025

| SUNDAY                                                                                         | MONDAY                                                   | TUESDAY                           | WEDNESDAY                                                                           | THURSDAY                                                                            | FRIDAY                                                | SATURDAY                                                                                                                  |
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|                                                                                                | <b>1</b> <i>Labor Day</i>                                | <b>2</b>                          | <b>3</b>                                                                            | <b>4</b>                                                                            | <b>5</b>                                              | <b>6</b><br><b>6:30 Service (HC)</b><br>Acolyte: Brielle Reinke                                                           |
| <b>7</b><br><b>9:00 Service (HC)</b><br><b>10:30 Education Hour</b><br>Acolyte: Lincoln Ejnik  | <b>8</b><br><b>6:15 Choir</b><br><b>7:00 Altar Guild</b> | <b>9</b><br><b>1:00 Book Club</b> | <b>10</b><br><b>4:00 Catechism</b><br><b>6:30 Bible Study</b>                       | <b>11</b><br><b>1:00 Bible Study</b>                                                | <b>12</b>                                             | <b>13</b><br><b>1:00 Wedding</b><br><b>6:30 Service (HC)</b><br>Acolyte: Jase Bisterfeldt                                 |
| <b>14</b><br><b>9:00 Service (HC)</b><br><b>10:30 Education Hour</b><br>Acolyte: Reegan Clark  | <b>15</b><br><b>6:15 Choir</b>                           | <b>16</b>                         | <b>17</b><br><b>4:00 Catechism</b><br><b>5:15 Elders</b><br><b>6:30 Bible Study</b> | <b>18</b><br><b>1:00 Bible Study</b><br><b>6:30 Men's Night at Gary Weckwerth's</b> | <b>19</b><br><b>11:30 Senior Connections Luncheon</b> | <b>20</b><br><b>6:30 Service (HC)</b><br>Acolyte: Raelyn Krueger                                                          |
| <b>21</b><br><b>9:00 Service (HC)</b><br><b>10:30 Education Hour</b><br>Acolyte: Ayva Plaster  | <b>22</b><br><b>6:15 Choir</b>                           | <b>23</b>                         | <b>24</b><br><b>4:00 Catechism</b><br><b>6:30 Bible Study</b>                       | <b>25</b><br><b>1:00 Bible Study</b>                                                | <b>26</b>                                             | <b>27</b><br><b>6:30 Service (HC)</b><br>Acolyte: Ian Stuber                                                              |
| <b>28</b><br><b>9:00 Service (HC)</b><br><b>10:30 Pancake Dinner</b><br>Acolyte: Lincoln Ejnik | <b>29</b><br><b>6:15 Choir</b>                           | <b>30</b>                         |                                                                                     | <b>Altar Guild:</b><br>Cathy Hoffman<br>Lisa Evenson<br>Donna Ward<br>Jayne Mott    |                                                       | <b>Elders:</b><br><b>Sat:</b> Mike Daley<br><b>Sun:</b> Darryl Prodell<br>Mike Waldvogel<br><b>Special:</b> Mark Schuster |

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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

