

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

The assassination of Charlie Kirk on September 10th has rightly grabbed the attention of the whole country. Kirk was a political activist in addition to being very outspoken about his Christian faith. He would say that his conservative values could be defended from logic and data but they could also be defended from Scripture and his Christian faith.

I have a couple of thoughts that I want to share with you about this and then I also want to share something that Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer, a professor at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne wrote about this.

First, to be outspoken about what you believe is non-negotiable. Even I have some things to work on with this. I should seize opportunities that come to me and be direct and forthright about what Scripture says. There is a time for timidity, but not when it comes to the truth of Scripture. We are not living in a time for timidity but rather a time where we should be bold. The boldness of a martyr should be the flame within our heart. We fear not the reprisal of men or the attacks of the Evil One. Jesus has overcome the world and the promise of life everlasting is already ours.

Secondly, while hearing politicians confessing Jesus Christ as the one true God is good, we don't want to look to politicians as if they are our pastor or a Biblical scholar. Always weigh the words of a teacher according to the truth of Scripture. You should do the same with me as your pastor.

Finally, Kirk made advocacy for family, Biblical gender roles and Biblical marriage roles a hallmark of his teaching. There is a lot we can learn there about how to talk to people that disagree with you. There is a truth and God has ordered the world in a good and right way. We should be proclaiming the inherent goodness of God's creation into broken situations. There is biological male and female. Men and women are biologically different and think different. God has given them different roles in a marriage. Family is built into creation with the command given to Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply. We should at each and every opportunity lift up and help Christian fathers, mothers, and

children. We should support Christian husbands and wives in their God-given vocations.

Here are some words from Dr. Scaer. I would invite your conversation and questions about them.

"What does it mean to commemorate the martyrdom of St. Stephen if we cannot acknowledge a martyrdom in our own land? On the other hand, is not Charlie's death a fulfillment of our Lord's words in our midst? Blessed are you when men revile you and say all sorts of things falsely against me on account of me. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household?"

"For too long, our pastors have shied from "social issues." As St. Paul has shown us the way, preaching the truth about marriage goes hand in hand with preaching about Christ's love for his bride the church. Preaching against abortion goes hand in hand with preaching God as creator, and our Lord's incarnation. In this constellation, we include the transgender problem. These social issues are likewise Genesis issues, Revelation issues, gospel of Matthew and John, Luke and Mark too issues. And to preach of these things likewise shows love for the neighbor.

"But what of Charlie Kirk, our martyr? Maybe, it was ok not to have heard of him. But really, we all should have. Here was a Christian doing the job of an evangelist. He went into the belly of the beast, the place where young people are indoctrinated, and brought the gospel of Christ. In fact, he cut his teeth as a young man exposing liberal professors, and when we say liberal, we mean faith destroying. As time passed, he grew as a Christian, spoke more and more about Christ's death and resurrection. And he did so out of love for young people especially, out of love for the God who loved him even more."

Again, I would invite to you consider what you can learn from Charlie Kirk's murder. Yes, evil exists and God's people are daily attacked. But, personally, how are these events going to change how you speak to others and listen to others?

Inviting introspection and conversation,
-Pastor Kleinschmidt

ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Only 1 short month until the Bazaar on Nov. 1st. 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, they can be dropped off Friday October 31st in the morning. If you would like to help at the Bazaar we are looking for volunteers, please see Nancy Thelen or Marlene Weckwerth if interested in helping.

CATECHISM CLASS

The school year will be in full swing and that means Catechism class begins again. The first day of class was September 10th. The Catechism students (5th-8th 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.

CHURCH OFFICERS

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

WEDDING

Zach Clayton and Katherine Bartz were united in holy marriage on September 13, 2025. The Lord bless them in their life together.

BAPTISM

Malachi Martin Bedroske was baptized on September 7th. He is the Son of Lucas and Rachel Bedroske. His baptismal sponsors are Rev. Joshua & Amber Keinath.

CHURCH VOTER MEETING

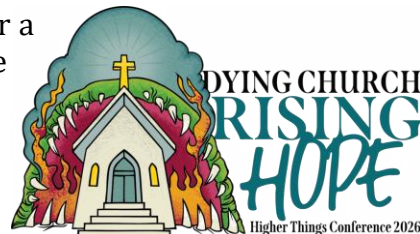
The Quarterly Voter meeting will be held on October 27th after church. Preliminary agenda items include the 2025 Budget and election of officers. There will be more agenda items to come.

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Amy Olson has been hired to replace Nancy Thelen who is retiring. Amy will be working each Monday and Friday from 8am-Noon. Please have information for the coming weekend's bulletin to her by Monday so she can have it ready to print later in the week.

HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE

We will begin planning for a Youth Group trip to the Higher Things Conference being held at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri next summer, June 23-26,



2026. The theme is *Dying Church, Rising Hope*. Registration will begin November 1st, and will need to be completed by December 1st, 2025. This is for all youth who are beginning 8th-12th grades. Stay tuned for more information.

TIME & TALENT SURVEY

Each of one God's people that the Lord has gathered here at St. Jakobi is treasured by God. We have a multitude of blessings that we can share with the Lord and with each other. We will be publishing a survey that we would like the congregation to fill out. It will enable us to expand our work together as a community as we identify the time and talents that people wish to share with the Lord and with the congregation. Be looking in the bulletin in the weeks to come for further information.

ST. JAKOBI BOOK CLUB

The following books have been selected for future meetings: 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

- 10/5 Homecoming Hopes
- 10/12 A Nativity Night
- 10/19 Wise Men Worship
- 10/26 Claimed and tested

READINGS AT CHURCH

October 5th: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:1-10

October 12th: Ruth 1:1-19a
2 Timothy 2:1-13
Luke 17:11-19

October 19th: Genesis 32:22-30
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 26th: Revelation 14:6-7
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36

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.

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!

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.

COUNCIL MEETING

Reminder that Council will meet on Thursday, Oct. 23rd, at 4:45pm. 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.

PORTALS OF PRAYER

The Portals of Prayer for October through December 2025 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.

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

Do you want the Small Catechism on your smartphone or tablet? There's an app for that. You can download the free Small Catechism for iOS at <http://bit.ly/iOSCatechism> or for Android at <http://bit.ly/AndroidCatechism>



CEMETERY ASSOCIATION NEWS

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

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 - Chris Matsche
10 - Matthew Horne
10 - Mark Kroenke
11 - Taylor Genke
11 - David Schoenike
12 - Roxy Martzke
12 - Mandi Reinke
12 - Jay Schuettpehlz
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 - Nathan & Brandi Ejnrik
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 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Elders: Sat: Mike Waldvogel Sun: Tom Tuma Darryl Prodell Special: Mike Daley			1 4:00 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	2 1:00 Bible Study	3	4 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Lincoln Ejnik
5 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Adam Kleinschmidt	6 6:00 Cemetery Assoc. 6:15 Choir 7:00 Altar Guild	7 1:00 Book Club	8 4:00 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	9 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Men's Night	10	11 9:00 Spiritual Outreach 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Brielle Reinke
12 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Jase Bisterfeldt	13 6:15 Choir	14 9:00 Adult Gathering @ Mount Olive	15 4:00 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	16 1:00 Bible Study 4:30 Elders	17	18 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Lexi Brady
19 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Zoey Riesenberg	20 6:15 Choir	21	22 4:00 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	23 1:00 Bible Study 4:45 Council	24 3:00 Wedding	25 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Raelyn Krueger
26 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Sunday School Voters Meeting After service Acolyte: Ayva Plaster	27 6:15 Choir	28	29 4:00 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	30 1:00 Bible Study	31	Altar Guild: Roxy Martzke Barb Teetzen Donna Lopez Mary Jung

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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

