## The Messenger

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JAKOBI LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SHAWANO, WI

## From Pastor Kleinschmidt

he Congregation gave to me a Chasuble as a gift for Pastor Appreciation month. I would like to take a bit of time to explain what it is and talk about the vestments that you see regularly during church.

The most recognizable vestment that is a sign of the pastoral office is the stole. It is the cloth that goes around my neck. It matches the liturgical color of the day. It is a sign that I am yoked to Christ and following his direction and Word in all that I say

and do. During the ordination rite when a man enters into the office of the Holy Ministry it is placed upon his neck as a sign of the continuance of the ministry that was handed down by Jesus to the apostles.

When it isn't communion service, I wear a black Cassock that goes to the ankles. It is the standard vestment of pastors back from centuries ago. Traditionally it has 33 buttons to signify the 33 years of Christ's life. Over that is the white surplice. It is a reminder that the pastor and all of God's people are covered in the grace and forgiveness of Christ.

During a Communion service I wear an alb. This is a white ankle length robe. Similar to a surplice, it covers me to show that even though I stand in front of you as a sinner that I am covered in the blood of Jesus. In Revelation 7 the people of God stand around the throne of God and they are wearing white robes that have been made white by the blood of the Lamb.

The chasuble is an historic garment that looks like a poncho. It goes over the alb and the stole. It is worn during the Communion service by the celebrant pastor. It is the same color as the liturgical color of the day. Lutherans had been using it at the time of the Reformation and there

has been a continued use of it throughout Germany and in parts of the United States. While it is new to our congregation, it is the typical vestment for communion in large parts of the Lutheran world.

A common thought about the chasuble is that it is Roman Catholic. Yes, Roman Catholics priests wear a chasuble but the doesn't mean it is only for Roman Catholics. We have a shared tradition and heritage with Roman Catholics. We share many parts of our worship service with them. They say

the Creed and there is no reason we shouldn't say the Creed in church just because the Roman Catholics do.

The way our church is decorated, the vestments that I wear, none of these things are commanded or forbidden by Scripture. We are to use our common sense and confess Christ and adorn the worship service to the glory of God. Our worship, our worship space, and what each one of us wears should that something completely different is going on. This is not a normal gathering of people in the world, rather it is the place and time when the creator of all that is seen and unseen is

coming to us with his Word and Sacrament. We should properly hold this place and time in great honor and treat it as such.

The chasuble that I have been given is white and I'll wear it during the Christmas and Easter seasons and a couple of other holidays throughout the year that use white as the color for the paraments. I look forward to wearing it not as a way to bring attention to myself, but to bring glory to God and emphasize that the Communion service is a great time of grace when Jesus comes to us with his Body and Blood for our forgiveness.

In Christ and with thankfulness.

-Pastor Kleinschmidt



## ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

# THANKSGIVING, ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

These are services in addition to normal Worship.

11/27	9:00 AM	Thanksgiving Worship (HC)
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12/3	6:30 PM	Advent Worship
12/10	6:30 PM	Advent Worship
12/17	6:30 PM	Advent Worship

12/21	3:00 PM	Children's Christmas Service
12/24	4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Worship (HC)
12/24	9:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight

12/25	9:00 AM	Worship (HC)
12/31	6:30 PM	Worship (HC)

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

11/2 Fishers Follow11/9 The Wine Sign

11/16 Mountain Message

11/23 Christmas Practice Begins

## **FALL BACK TIME CHANGE!**

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November  $2^{\rm rd}$  at 2am. Set your clocks one hour back before you go to bed or you will not be on time for church Sunday morning.

## THANKSGIVING SERVICE

There will be a Thanksgiving Service on Thanksgiving Day at 9am.

## HARVEST DISPLAY

We will be collecting non-perishable food



items for our Harvest Display here at St. Jakobi. You may bring your items to any of the church services and put them around the Harvest Display in the front of the church. The last day we will collect the food is November  $16^{\rm th}$  and then it will be distributed to a needy family or the Shawano Area Food Pantry.

## ADVENT SERVICES

Advent services will begin on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. They will be at 6:30pm and there will be a meal served in the Fellowship Hall from 5-6:10pm.

## POTATO PANCAKE DINNER

Thank you to all who made the Potato Pancake Dinner an enormous success. With your participation we served 650 people and had gross earning more than \$8,200. You once again did an absolute amazing job in feeding all these people in about 3 hours. There were so many very positive comments from people outside of our church family on what a wonderful congregation we have at St. Jakobi. We can all be very proud of what was accomplished last weekend. -Pancake Committee

### **MITTEN TREE**

Anyone wishing to donate children's mittens, hats or socks to our Mitten Tree project please bring them and put them on the tree in the Narthex. Right after Thanksgiving we will be collecting all of them and taking them to area schools to be given to needy children. We had a great response last year and this is a wonderful way to share God's love.

## **CHURCH BUILDING LOAN BALANCE**

The amount owed for the loan to build the new addition as of June 30<sup>th</sup> was \$1,342,386.39. After our regular payments, the balance at the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter is \$1,339,115.28. Thanks be to God for His blessings.

### **GIVING OPTIONS**

You can now give online by visiting <a href="http://bit.ly/DonateStJakobi">http://bit.ly/DonateStJakobi</a> 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.

## ISSUES, ETC

Issues, Etc. is an internet radio program hosted by LCMS pastor, Todd Wilken. They address topics in the news from an intentionally



Lutheran Christian perspective and interview guests about issues within the church. Recent programming features Arminianism, Looking forward to Sunday morning, Early Christian Creeds, the hymn A Mighty Fortress is our God; and Your unanswered Bible Questions. You can listen to what you want, when you want at <a href="https://www.issuesetc.org">www.issuesetc.org</a>. You can download the episodes to your Smart Phone or stream on any device.

## READINGS AT CHURCH

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Revelation 7:9-17

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

**November 9th:** Exodus 3:1–15

2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17

Luke 20:27-40

November 16th: Malachi 4:1-6

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-28

November 23<sup>rd</sup>: Malachi 3:13-18

Colossians 1:13-20

Luke 23:27-43

**November 30<sup>th</sup>:** Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 24:36-44

## **RAISE RIGHT CARDS**

Do you need a Christmas gift? Maybe you know someone who could use some help, and you'd like to give them a gift card. Check out the large selection of gift cards available through RAISE RIGHT!! Cards ordered on Monday arrive Friday afternoon.

### SPIRITUAL OUTREACH

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. We'll be discussing the results of the Bazaar, along with plans for the Cheer Boxes for the elderly and shut-ins that we'll deliver in December. All members of the congregation are welcome to join us for our meeting.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The last three Sundays in the Church Year are November 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>. These last three weeks of the church year focus on the return of Christ. We'll hear about how to be prepared for the coming of Jesus, what the last day will be like, and that we are to be watchful for Jesus' 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming.

# 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.

#### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

This year we will begin practice for the Christmas program on November  $23^{rd}$ . There will also be Saturday morning practices on December  $13^{th}$  and  $20^{th}$  from 9-11:30. The program will be held on Sunday, December  $21^{nd}$  at 3:00 p.m.

### **FUNERAL**

**Mark Wendorff** passed away on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025. His funeral was on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

### WEDDINGS

Jed Schuettpelz and Brittney Cotter were united in holy marriage on October 18, 2025. The Lord bless them in their life together.

Dan Hebert and Carrie Fink were united in holy marriage on October 24, 2025. The Lord bless them in their life together.

## MEN'S CAMPFIRE

All men of the congregation are invited to join us for a night of fun and fellowship on Thursday, November 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the campfire pit behind the parsonage. We plan on having a campfire and a devotion. Bring your own beverage and if you desire, a snack to share. If the weather is bad, we'll meet in the church and play bean bag toss. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Schuster at 920-362-4868. Bring a friend and/or invite others who haven't attended one of the Men's Nights. Hope to see you there!

## ST. JAKOBI BOOK CLUB

The following is the list of books chosen for the upcoming meetings: November 4<sup>th</sup> – Eddie Winston is Looking for Love by Marianne Cronin. Hosted by Joan Stoehr.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup>, and will need to be completed by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. This is for all youth who are beginning 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades.

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Katelyn Jashinsky
- 2 Colbie Reinke
- 3 Skye Breitrick
- 3 Debra Daley
- 3 Kersten Stueck
- 4 Stacie Robbins
- 5 Marshal Giese
- 7 Lily Matsche
- 7 Layden Plaster
- 8 Jim Oberstein
- 9 John Boyles
- 9 Scott Wendorff
- 10 Judi Raddant
- 10 Jessica Van Buren
- 11 Randy Burr
- 11 Cathy Hoffman
- 12 John Brady
- 13 Lucas Bedroske
- 13 Mckenzi Kuhn
- 13 Alec Raddant
- 14 Lillien Murdock
- 15 Rylee Trochil
- 16 Michael Daley
- 16 Rebecca Wendorff
- 16 Bob Ritter
- 17 Brittney Angeli
- 17 Connor Angeli
- 17 Jed Schuettpelz
- 17 Kayla Szucs
- 18 Elliot Clark
- 18 Hope Peters
- 18 Henry Pleshek
- 18 Brielle Reinke
- 18 Bruce Teetzen
- 19 Barbara Berkhahn
- 19 Dale Magee
- 19 Jonathan Riesenberg
- 19 Morgan Riesenberg
- 20 Travis Kleinschmidt
- 21 Daniel Buettner
- 21 Gerald Ludolph
- 22 Nicole Horne
- 23 Jacob Berkhahn
- 23 SueAnn Danley
- 23 Jennifer Utecht
- 24 Randy Giese
- 24 Ian Stuber
- 24 Lori Buettner (Robbie)
- 25 Bonnie Cotter
- 25 Jamie Massey
- 25 Ashlee Pethke

- 26 Rhet Pedersen
- 26 Zach Pedersen
- 26 Noah Wendorff
- 26 Shania Skalitzky
- 28 Georgia Ladwig
- 29 Tom McGahan
- 29 Steve Verstoppen

#### A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, our times are in Your hands. Look with favor on <u>name</u> as <u>he/she</u> celebrates <u>his/her</u> birthday. Grant that <u>he/she</u> may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. Strengthen <u>his/her</u> trust in Your goodness and bless <u>him/her</u> with Your abiding love all the days of <u>his/her</u> life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

02, 1969 - Bob & Chris Johnson

05, 2022 - Chris & Kelly Matsche

05, 2022 - Taylor & Ashlee Pethke

06, 2021 - Joshua & Brinlee Gueths

06, 1971 - Curt & Margie Wendorff

10, 1973 - Bill & Darlene Ross

13, 2021 - Nate & Lindsey Cumberland

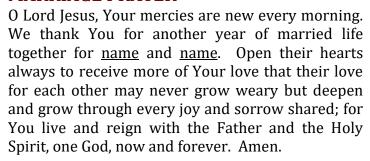
14, 2014 - John & Jennifer Kriewaldt

15, 1986 - Doug & Barbara Berkhahn

26, 1994 - Doug & Brenda Gast

26, 1966 - Dale & Carol Magee

## AN ANNIVERSARY OF MARRIAGE PRAYER



Contact the Church Office if you find anything in need of correction to the Birthdays and Anniversaries.

## **NOVEMBER 2025**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Elders: Sat: Jon Wesenberg Sun: Tom Tuma Mike Daley Special: Mike Waldvogel						9:00 Craft Fair 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Reegan Clark
2 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Ian Stuber	3 6:15 Choir 7:00 Altar Guild	4 1:00 Book Club	5 4:00 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	6 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Men's Night	7 6:00 Wedding	8 9:00 Spiritual Outreach 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Isabel Thoma
9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Harper Ejnik	10 6:15 Choir	11	12 4:00 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	13 1:00 Bible Study	14	15 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Zoey Bartz
16 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Carson Hietpas	17 5:00 Elders 6:15 Choir	18	19 4:00 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	20 1:00 Bible Study	21	22 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Emma Ladwig
23 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Kinlee Meyers	24 6:15 Choir	25	26	27 Thanksgiving 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte:	28	29 9:00 Christmas Decorating 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Adam Kleinschmidt
30 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Hailey Wendorff						Altar Guild: Donna Lopez Judi Raddant Barb Bubolz Chris Johnson

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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



