

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

The stained glass windows in our church are meant to teach the faith and remind people what the Bible says. Art in the church is not meant to just look pretty, it is to be used for instruction in the faith and to aid in memory.

The window pictured is located in the middle of the West wall of the Sanctuary. Found in the center of each window is a picture that shows some aspect of our Christian faith. In this window there is a cross with a cloth draped over the horizontal bar with a crossed spear and branch.

First, the plaque above the cross says INRI. John 19:19-20 says, "Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.' Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek." What you see in the stained glass window you will also find in other depictions of the cross. INRI are the first letters of the Latin words *Iesus Nazarenus, Rex Iudaeorum* (*Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews*).

The cloth on the cross doesn't carry any special significance other than to perhaps emphasize the point that someone had been on the cross and they have now been taken down. Some might say it is a reference to the burial cloths that were used.

The spear is to remind us that the soldiers were ordered to take the bodies down off the cross before the Sabbath (Saturday) and so they broke the legs of the two criminals but Jesus was already

dead so instead of breaking his legs, they pierced his side with a spear. When the spear wounded him, John writes, "But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water" (John 19:34). The spear pictured reminds us of the water and blood which flowed from his side. From the side of Jesus flows out upon us the benefits of the cross. The water of Holy Baptism and the Blood of Jesus in Holy Communion give to us Jesus and all the blessings of his death upon the cross; which is life and salvation. Augustine writes, "From [Jesus' side] have flowed forth the sacraments of the Church, without which there is no entrance to the life which is the true life."

The stick with a sponge on the end is in reference to John 19:29, "A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth." Even upon the cross we are reminded that Jesus is God but yet he is human. So human, that he even thirsts. The cross would be raised up so high off the ground that the soldiers couldn't reach up to him without a ladder or stick. They would need the branch to even reach the mouth of Jesus.

In the months of March and April we will be celebrating that Jesus not only came down from the cross dead, but came forth from the tomb alive. The cross is part of the story but the story finds its completion in the Easter resurrection.

In our crucified and risen Lord,
-Pastor Kleinschmidt



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

SPECIAL VOTER MEETING

The Board of Elders of have called a Special Voter Meeting for Sunday, March 15th at 10:30am. The agenda items include: 1. The Call of a Part-time Assistant Pastor; 2. Decision in regard to the renovation of the upstairs bathroom of the parsonage. There is more information about the proposed call to Rev. Dr. Aric Fenske in the February Newsletter. Quotes and bids for the bathroom project will be shared in advance of the meeting.

LENT MEALS

Lent is fast approaching. We will again have a meal before the evening Lent services this year. It will be served from 5-6pm in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex to help with the meals. The following will be in charge of the meals:

March 4th -Choir

March 11th – Higher Things Youth

March 18th – Board of Ed

March 25th – Church Officers & Spiritual Outreach

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!

PALM SUNDAY – MARCH 29TH

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.



SPRING FORWARD!

Daylight Savings Time begins on March 8th. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour so you will be at church on time Sunday morning.

BAPTISM

Baptized into Christ on February 15th was **Liam Robert Matsche**. He is the son of Christopher and Kelly Matsche. His baptismal sponsors are Zachary Mc Keown and Jordyn Wavrunek.

LENT SERVICES

Lent services will continue Wednesday, March 4th; 11th, 18th, and 25th. 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.

March 4th Pastor Moon from St. Paul, Stony Hill/St. John, Hermansfort

March 11th: Pastor Fehrmann from St. Paul, Bonduel

March 18th: Pastor Nehring from Immanuel, White Clay Lake/St. Paul, Town of Washington

March 25th: Pastor Kleinschmidt

EASTER VIGIL

In the past we have been part of a rotation of congregations that hosts a special Easter Vigil service each year. This year the service will be held at St. Jakobi at 6:30pm on April 4th. Pastor Jerabek from Embarrass, Pastor Harris from Bear Creek, and Pastor Suehring from Caroline and Tigerton will assist with the service. This unique and special service is a reflection of how God made promises of a Savior in the Old Testament and with the Resurrection of Jesus they all come true.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 2nd 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 3rd 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 4th at 6:30pm at St. Jakobi. Jesus Christ rose on Sunday morning so we gather to worship the living Christ on April 5th with services at 6:30am and 9:00am. There is also an Easter breakfast beginning at 7:30am.



EASTER FLOWERS

Please feel free to bring a plant to beautify our church for Easter! It can be an Easter lily, hyacinths, tulips, a pot of bright daisies or hydrangea; whatever you would like. Bring them on Saturday April 4th and we will have them on display for Easter Sunday! Please be sure and have your name on the bottom of the plant. After the 9:00 service on Easter Sunday you may take your plant home or, you may leave them in church!

READINGS AT CHURCH

March 1st:	Genesis 12:1-9 Romans 4:1-8, 13-17 John 3:1-17
March 8th:	Exodus 17:1-7 Romans 5:1-8 John 4:5-26
March 15th:	Isaiah 42:14-21 Ephesians 5::8-14 John 9:1-41
March 22nd:	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Romans 8:1--11 John 11:1-45
March 29th:	Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:1-27, 66

DID YOU KNOW?

The ashes that are used on Ash Wednesday are from the palm branches that were used on previous Palm Sundays. The palms that were used to proclaim the entry of our King into Jerusalem are then used to remind us of our own mortality and need for the King who comes to Jerusalem to die for us.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Upcoming schedule at Sunday School:

3/1	A Crushing Truth
3/8	A Living Truth
3/15	A Revealing Truth
3/22	An Ascending Truth
3/29	No Class Palm Sunday

HYMNAL RIBBONS

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Palm Sunday is March 29th, Easter is April 5th.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES

We have had hearing assistance devices the past several years that can help those people who have trouble hearing at church. These small devices fit in a pocket and there are three different options for how they transmit the sound to you. They can have (1) an in-ear speaker, (2) an over the ear speaker (this works on the outside of a hearing aid), (3) or a hearing loop system. The hearing loop system is worn around your neck and transmits the sound directly to the t-coil of your hearing aid. We've had great reviews of these devices. **They work!** Talk to an usher before church and he will help you get acquainted with these new devices. *Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ.* (Romans 10:17)

TALK RADIO THE THINKING CHRISTIAN

SACRED MUSIC FOR THE SEASON OF LENT..."When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," "My Song Is Love Unknown," "Glory Be to Jesus," "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth." You can listen to sacred music for the Lenten season 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

Issues, Etc.



Christ-Centered Cross-Focused Talk Radio

HOLY COMMUNION PROCEDURES

It's always good to review what you may have learned in Catechism class; even the practical things, like how to receive our Lord's Body and Blood. When receiving the Body of Christ from Pastor, hold your palm out flat so he can place it into your hand. If you choose to take the Common Cup, then hold your hand out palm up so Pastor or the Elder knows to distribute the Common Cup to you. When you take the Chalice hold the bottom with one hand and tilt it into your mouth. If you choose to take the Individual cup, then place it into an empty spot in the acolyte's tray. Don't stack the empty cups on top of one another because then the trays won't stack properly.



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.

FUNERAL

Carol Popelka passed away on January 26th, 2026. Her funeral was on January 30th. Blessed are those who die in the Lord.

GIVING OPTIONS

You can now give online by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/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

There will be no book club this month.

LUTHERAN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

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



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.



ST. JAKOBI ON FACEBOOK

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

SPIRITUAL OUTREACH

SAVE THE DATE! You may have seen them on the local TV channels. Perhaps you follow them on social media. Who are they? Ed Bieber and Christie Barlament, aka Ed the Diver and his Mermaid; and they will be the speakers at our next Senior Connections Luncheon. **ALL MEMBERS** of St. Jakobi are invited to attend. The program will begin at 11:00 am on Friday, May 1st, with a potluck following. Join us as we hear how these 2 are cleaning up the local waterways that God has blessed us with. For planning purposes, if you will be attending, please sign the sheet in the Narthex by April 19th. Bring a dish to pass, and enjoy some great Fellowship. For more information on what they do, you can find Ed the Diver on both Facebook and YouTube. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, March 14th, at 9:00 am in the Jerusalem Room. All members of the congregation are invited to attend.

WALK THROUGH THE HYMNAL

We held this event on January 31st in the Fellowship Hall. We had about 140 people attend and many from neighboring sister congregations. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success. We had great comments about the meal, facilities and teaching. Thank you to North Wisconsin District President Timothy Shoup for being here as well to present about how to read hymns devotionally.

FELLOWSHIP HALL RENTAL

The Fellowship Hall is available for rent by members of St. Jakobi. If you are interested in renting it, you can speak with Pastor or the church office (Amy Olson), and they will check the calendar for available dates. The cost to rent the hall is \$50. We ask that that you place the money in an envelope and add your name and the date you are renting. The envelope can be placed in the collection plate or given to Amy Olson. Payment should be made prior to the date you are renting the hall.

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 1st-5th** in the mornings. The theme this year is Tropical Trek: Jesus comes to Seek and Save. 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 at the end of March.



ASK THE PASTOR

Q: How do you pick out the hymns that we sing each week?

A: The Scripture readings are part of a set lectionary that I don't choose. But I choose hymns that connect to the three Scripture readings.

Additionally, I take into account the season of the church year. I also consider the hymns that we know as a congregation and choose those. However, I will also periodically stretch the congregation and choose hymns we don't know so we can learn them over time. I keep track of all the hymns we sing and when we have sung them in the past. This way I can be sure that we don't sing a hymn too often or too infrequent.



DISHES CALLING YOUR NAME

Have you remembered to pick up your funeral or Lent dish? If not, your dish is calling your name. They are located above the coat rack to the right of the mailboxes in the Narthex. **Any dishes not picked up by April 12th will be incorporated into the Fellowship Hall kitchen or donated to a charity.**

WHAT LUTHER SAYS ABOUT PARENTING

The best thing in married life, for the sake of which everything ought to be suffered and done, is the fact that God gives children and commands us to bring them up to serve Him. To do this is the noblest and most precious work on earth, because nothing may be done which pleases God more than saving souls. If the need were to arise, all of us should be ready to die in order to bring a soul to God. So you see how rich in good works the estate of marriage is. God lays souls into the lap of married people, souls begotten from their own body, on which they may practice all Christian works. For when they teach their children the Gospel, parents are certainly their apostles, bishops, and ministers.

Martin Luther (quoted from *What Luther Says*, 907)

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this ... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"



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LUKE 19:28-40

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2 - Marcia Buettner
2 - Mark Buettner
2 - Michael Waldvogel
4 - Darlene Wendorff
6 - Jennifer Murdock
6 - Sabrina Schmidt
7 - Oliver Buntrock
8 - Elizabeth Buettner
8 - Grayson Schmidt
8 - Allyssa Verstoppen
9 - David Buettner
9 - Grant Riesenberg
10 - Ethan Pleshek
10 - Lucas Schoenike
10 - Torvi Thoma
11 - Tabb Magee
11 - Ella Stuber
11 - Cassius Tuma
12 - Robert Behrens
12 - Kadence Meyers
12 - Lynn Trochil
12 - Jesse Waldvogel
13 - Joel Buettner
13 - Jessica McDowell
14 - Patti Burr
14 - Sandy Wendorff
15 - Darwin Drake
15 - Josh Ladwig
15 - Kaden Marcell
15 - Payten Thompson
15 - Kelsie Wendorff
17 - Payton Skalitzky
17 - Braden Teetzen
18 - Robert Buettner
19 - Allyson Popp
19 - Carson Popp
20 - Lindsey Cumberland
20 - Betty Lemke
20 - Ethan Magee
21 - Doug Berkhahn
21 - Jennifer Brady
21 - Oaklynd Gast
22 - Randy Schroeder
23 - Emily Pleshek
24 - Emma Prodel
24 - Josh Trochil
25 - Connor Stuber
26 - Westin Buntrock
27 - AJ Bedroske
27 - Revin Buntrock
27 - Luke Lindner

28 - James Felckowski
28 - Danielle Kuhn
28 - Zoey Riesenberg
29 - Michael Bohm

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.

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

01, 2008 - Justin & Sarah Engel
02, 1996 - Chris & Jamie Popp
03, 2014 - Bruce & Lena Johnson
03, 2023 - Kyle & Emily Raddant
03, 1973 - Wilbur & Connie Steinke
08, 1997 - Jason & Janelle Lange
11, 1994 - Carl & Holly Montoure
14, 1963 - Glen & Letha Seering
19, 2010 - Michael & Debra Daley
25, 1995 - Scott & Kerry Breitrick

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.

MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Emma Ladwig	2 6:15 Choir 7:00 Altar Guild	3	4 4:00 Catechism 5:00 Lent Meal 6:30 Lent Service Acolyte: Kinlee Meyers	5 1:00 Bible Study	6	7 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Brysen Halvorson
8 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i> 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Lincoln Ejnik	9 6:15 Choir	10 4:30 Elders	11 4:00 Catechism 5:00 Lent Meal 6:30 Lent Service Acolyte: Adam Kleinschmidt	12 1:00 Bible Study	13	14 9:00 Spiritual Outreach 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Brielle Reinke
15 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Voter Meeting 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Jase Bisterfeldt	16 6:15 Choir	17	18 4:00 Catechism 5:00 Lent Meal 6:30 Lent Service Acolyte: Lexi Brady	19 1:00 Bible Study	20	21 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Lincoln Ejnik
22 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Raelyn Krueger	23 6:15 Choir	24	25 4:00 Catechism 5:00 Lent Meal 6:30 Lent Service Acolyte: Ayva Plaster	26 1:00 Bible Study	27	28 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Zoey Riesenberg
29 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 HT Youth Bake Sale Acolyte: Ian Stuber	30 6:15 Choir	31			Elders: Sat: Jeff Buettner Sun: Tim Massey Mike Waldvogel Special: Darryl Prodel	Altar Guild: Mary Jung Barb Bubolz Chris Johnson Mary Theis

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“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

