

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

The center of the Christian's year is found in the events of Holy Week. We order our time around many things. The calendars in our purses, on our phones, in our heads have lots of events in them about where we need to be and when we need to be there. Our calendars fill up with sports and school activities, church activities, work meetings and trips out of town.

Time is a gift from God but when we order our time around things that are a drain on our time, then we are misusing the gift that God has given to us.

When our time and our year is ordered around the events of Holy Week, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter, then the rest of our weeks and year are properly ordered.

Let me explain what I mean. We believe the events of Holy Week and the Passion of Jesus Christ happened and are rooted in the historical events of our world. The fact that Jesus rose from the dead is the foundation of what we believe. For if Easter is a hoax then nothing else about the Christian religion matters. Thus, we can point to Easter and say that without that day, our faith would be pointless. An Easter hymn we will sing, (LSB 486) says,

"If Christ had not been raised from death our faith would be in vain, our preaching but a waste of breath, our sin and guilt remain. But now the Lord is ris'n indeed; He rules in earth and heav'n: His Gospel meets a world of need—In Christ we are forgiv'n."

Since Jesus is raised from the dead, the rest of our life is ordered around that day. Thus, our weeks begin on Sunday, the day of the Resurrection when new life comes to us from Jesus. Every time we gather to worship it is a celebration of a mini-Easter. Each time we go to work or school we do it

with the knowledge that we do it as God's redeemed people who are forgiven. Each time we make time to spend at leisure activity, we do it only because in Christ we are free to relax as our Lord would have us do according to the Third Commandment.

It's interesting that people can "despise preaching and God's Word" (3rd Commandment Explanation from Small Catechism) the whole year but yet on Easter they are sure to be in the pews. But yet, Easter is not about one day. The Resurrection of Jesus should permeate all the days of the year and our time should be ordered around the weekly celebration of Christ's resurrection by attending church every weekend.

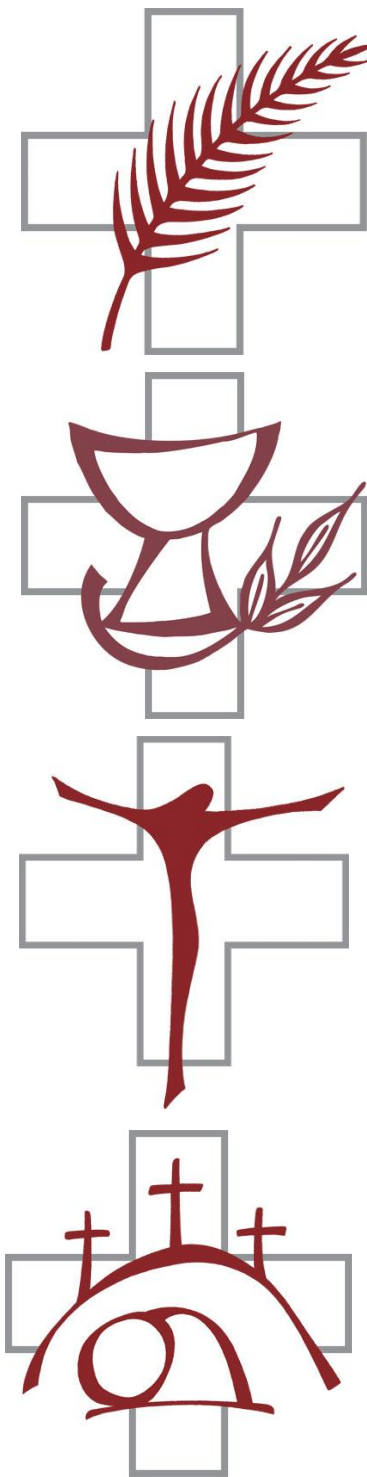
This year as we approach Holy Week, slow down. Make the time to hear what Jesus has done for you. Listen as the people shout, "Hosanna to the Son of David." Listen as Jesus says on Holy Thursday, "Take, eat, this is my body." Listen as Jesus speaks from the cross, "It is finished." Listen as the angels speak from within the empty tomb, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has arisen."

As we seek to order our days around the life and death and resurrection of Jesus we live out the mystery of our salvation and the unimaginable way that God loves us by sending his only begotten Son to die for us.

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it (Psalm 118:24). Every day belongs to God and every day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and live as his redeemed and forgiven people.

In our Risen Lord,

-Pastor Kleinschmidt



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 6th is Maundy Thursday this year. We will recall how Christ has given to us the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar with services at 10:30am and 6:30pm. April 7th is Good Friday when we recall the death of Jesus Christ. Services are at 1:00pm and 6:30pm. We will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter morning, April 9th with services at 6:30am and 9:00am. There is also an Easter breakfast beginning at 7:30am.

EASTER VIGIL

We won't have service on the night before Easter, but you can still attend a special service. The Easter Vigil will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, Embarass. Nine area congregations will be represented by their pastors. The service will begin at 6:30pm on April 8th. You are invited to attend.

EASTER BREAKFAST

We will be having the Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, following the sunrise service on Sunday, April 9th. The menu will include egg bake, muffins, kringle, fruit and a beverage.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

4/2 No class – Palm Sunday
4/9 No class - Easter
4/16 King Josiah
4/23 Three Men in the Fiery Furnace
4/30 The Lord Leaves the Temple

CHURCH PICNIC

Our annual church picnic will be held on Sunday, June 18th, following the outdoor service. We are looking for volunteers to serve on the picnic committee to help organize the meal and activities. If you are interested in helping, please sign up on the sheet located in the Narthex.

ST. JAKOBI BOOK CLUB

Book Club: Following is the list of books chosen for the upcoming months: April 4th – *House of the Living Stones*; May 2nd – *The Choir Immortal*; August 1st – *The Harvest Raise*. There will be no book club in June and July.

EASTER FLOWERS

Let's Celebrate! 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 8th 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, if you like, you may leave them in church! Thank You! St. Jakobi Altar Guild.



SPIRITUAL OUTREACH CRAFT DAY

Spiritual Outreach will be hosting another craft day on Saturday, April 15th from 9-11 in the Fellowship Hall. Marlene Weckwerth will be hosting and will provide the supplies. All are invited to attend as we work on crafts that we will sell at the November sale. Join us for some great fellowship, a lot of laughs, and some tasty snacks.

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.

LENT DINNERS – THANKS!

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare, serve, or clean at the Lent dinners. We had great turnouts and it was wonderful to have time for fellowship and a shared meal.

BRAT FRY

We will be working 2 brat fry's this year. On May 19th & 20th, we will be at Qualheim's True Value. On May 25th & 27th, we will be at Charlie's Red Barn. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex if you would like to help at either event.

LOOKING AHEAD

Examination of Confirmands will be held on May 18th, Confirmation Sunday is May 28th and the Outdoor service and church picnic is June 18th.

READINGS AT CHURCH

April 2nd:	Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:1-27:66
April 9th:	Acts 21:34-43 Colossians 3:1-4 Matthew 28:1-10
April 16th:	Acts 5:29-42 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31
April 23rd:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Peter 1:17-25 Luke 24:13-35
April 30th:	Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10

GIVING OPTIONS

Contact the church office for a monthly direct giving form. You can also donate online at <http://bit.ly/DonateStJakobi>. This can be setup as a one-time donation or a recurring donation.

PORTALS OF PRAYER

Copies of the Portals of Prayer for April through June are available in the Narthex. They are free for you to take. This little daily devotional book has a Bible reading and Psalm with a devotion that ties to the reading. There are also prayers in the back that are tied to the Church Year and for each day of the week.

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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.

VOTER MEETING

The Quarterly Voter Meeting of the congregation will be held on April 30th in the Fellowship Hall after the Sunday morning service. Please consider attending to be informed about the workings of the Congregation.

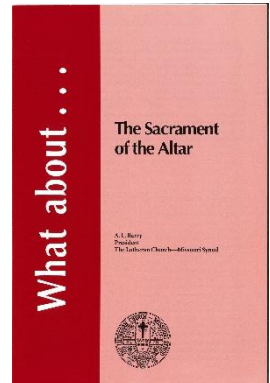
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Plans are being made for VBS to be held the week of **June 12th – 16th** in the mornings. The theme this year is God's Living Water; Covered in Jesus' Grace. 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 in the coming months.



WHAT ABOUT...

Each month we'll be highlighting a tract that can be picked up in the narthex by the guest book. There is a series that was written by the former President of the LCMS, Rev. A. L. Barry. They cover a multitude of topics. This month we look at **The Sacrament of the Altar**. The pamphlet answers questions about Communion; what it is, what's the benefit, and who should receive it.



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.

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 Nancy Thelen, 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 Nancy Thelen. Payment should be made prior to the date you are renting the hall.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 - Carl Montoure
1 - Patrick Tuma
2 - Michelle Teetzen
3 - Brynlie Boyles
3 - Brenda Gast
3 - Lori Opperman
3 - Harper Rettke
4 - Dylan Genke
4 - Nancy Marcell
4 - Marlyn Teetzen
4 - Kendra Westphal
5 - Ainsley Jashinsky
5 - Mary Ludolph
5 - Kim Wendorff
6 - Virgil Gueths II
6 - Jim Horne
7 - Sarah Engel
7 - Gabriella Wendorff
8 - Alyson Buntrock
8 - Ashley Scray
8 - Dawn Wesenberg
11 - Ross Fischer
11 - Aspen Gast
11 - David Kroenke
13 - Ben Reinke
14 - Jeff Hartmann
16 - Bruce Kunze
17 - Brandon Buntrock
17 - Leah Gebert
18 - Mackenzie Boyles
20 - Timothy Benser
20 - Tristan Szucs
21 - Hunter Hawkinson
21 - Christian Lindner
22 - Jennifer Bisterfeldt
23 - Larry Lindner
23 - Brad Raddant
24 - Don Publitz
24 - Ashley Weishoff
25 - Blaze Ejnik
25 - Matt Hietpas
27 - Darlene Ross
28 - John Gishkowsky
28 - Vicky Szucs
29 - Amber Fischer
29 - Tia Hein
29 - Pyper Meloy
30 - Casey Carroll
30 - Josie Gueths
30 - Steve Koenig

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.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

17, 1999 - Dana & Brenda Price
18, 1987 - Arvin & Vicki Bahr
27, 1986 - Bruce & Connie Kunze
30, 1983 - Jon & Dawn Wesenberg

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.

APRIL 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elders: Sat: Rich Raddant Sun: Brian Sperberg Bob Behrens Special: Jamison Yorton						1 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Cooper Clark
2 Palm Sunday 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Blaze Ejnik	3 6:15 Choir 7:00 Altar Guild	4 1:00 Book Club	5	6 Maundy Thursday 10:30 Service (HC) 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Hailey Fischer	7 Good Friday 1:00 Service 6:30 Service	8
9 Easter Sunday 6:30 Sunrise Service (HC) Acolyte: Addison Fischer 7:30 Easter Breakfast 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Kavion Franklin	10 6:15 Choir	11 5:00 Elders	12 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	13 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Men's Night	14	15 9:00 Spiritual Outreach 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Paige Bedroske
16 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Brooklyn Krueger	17 6:15 Choir	18 6:30 Council	19 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	20 1:00 Bible Study	21	22 9:00 LWML Rally, St. Paul, Bonduel 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Hailey Hawkinson
23 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Layden Plaster	24 6:15 Choir	25	26 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	27 1:00 Bible Study	28	29 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Colbie Reinke
30 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Sunday School Quarterly Voter's Meeting Acolyte: Harper Rettke						Altar Guild: Donna Ward Carol Magee Judi Raddant Laura Prodell Karleen Brei

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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

