

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

We will soon be starting an exciting new phase at St. Jakobi. Wolf River Lutheran High School is undergoing a Capital Fundraising Campaign to raise money for the construction of a new high school at the corner of 29 and 22 behind the Boarders Inn hotel. In doing this project they have hired



Cornerstone Ministries to work with area congregations that are a part of the High School association. This is where we come in. We have the opportunity to work with Cornerstone and raise money for our own projects here at St. Jakobi and also help support the Lutheran High School at no cost to us.

You're going to be hearing much in the coming months about how the process is going to work and how you can be involved in this. But first and foremost I want to say that we are not talking about this because we are short on money and not because things aren't looking good in the congregation. In fact, it's quite the opposite. **Because of how the Lord has blessed us we have some opportunities in the future to continue the work that He has begun among us.**

The current sanctuary, narthex, classroom, and office space was built in 2006. The cost of construction was \$824,000 but the building is worth about \$1.4 million because of the volunteer labor that so many members of the congregation put into it. We began with loan of about \$557,000 and after nine years of regular payments and some additional principal payments the balance is only about \$300,000. We are about 6 years ahead of our repayment plan and we only have about 7 years left of regular payments if things continue as they are.

The short of it is that we have made excellent progress in the loan and this is something we can give thanks to God for and give Him all the Glory.

Because of these previous blessings we can talk about trying to pay off the loan at an even quicker pace over the next three years and have it completely paid off. This would be a good thing to do because we have some needs to address.

First, we are in need of more classroom space in the Parish Hall for Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. We currently have about 45 kids in Sunday School every week and about 120

children for the week of Vacation Bible School. There are times that the children are packed quite tightly into the classrooms and it is not conducive to good learning of God's Word. **Secondly, it would be nice to have updates to the kitchen and a larger fellowship hall space.** Currently, there are some funeral dinners where people eat in

the classrooms and there was even a funeral dinner when people ate at the picnic tables outside. Of

course a larger eating area and kitchen would benefit the Potato Pancake Dinner too.

The committee working on this campaign is not suggesting how to fix these issues. We are only bringing them to people's attention. It is our thinking that if we pay off the loan on the church quicker, we can then address these issues sooner rather than later. Again, this is a wonderful problem to have. It means that we have many children that are using the classroom space and the congregation continues to bring new members into fellowship with Christ. **We can only talk about this direction of fixing the issues because the Lord has been so generous to us in the past nine years.**

I pray that as information begins to come to you in regard to this Capital Fundraising Campaign you will see the benefits it will bring and the needs that it will address. We can't talk about addressing the Parish

Hall until the church is fully paid for.

This program can enable us to do that. We could realistically pay off the loan in 3 years and be set up to move into the future as God's people here at St. Jakobi. I would encourage you to pray

for our congregation and for the Lutheran High School and look for more information to be coming to you in the future.

We certainly recall to mind Luther's explanation of the 1st Article of the Creed in the Small Catechism where he says after listing all the earthly things that God gives his people, "All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him."

I rejoice in the undeserved salvation given us in Jesus Christ and the temporal blessings that he bestows upon us.

In Christ,
Pastor Kleinschmidt

All for the Glory of God

A Higher Purpose

ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

LENT - HOLY WEEK - EASTER

Holy Week begins on March 29th, Palm Sunday. We will have Holy Thursday services with Communion at **10:30am and 6:30pm on April 2nd**. Good Friday services will be at **1pm and 6:30pm April 3rd**. The joint Easter Vigil service with Zion Lutheran, Embarrass will be at Zion on Saturday, **April 4th at 6:30pm**. This unique service highlights the light that is Jesus has been promised from long ago and is the first Easter celebration of the year.

On **Easter Sunday, April 5th**, there is a sunrise service with Communion at **6am** and another service at **9am** with Communion. The Easter breakfast is in the Parish Hall and we will begin serving that after the Sunrise Service.

Please consider being fed with the Word of Life during this Holy Week and follow our Lord to the Cross and then to the empty tomb with all Easter joy.

LENT DINNERS

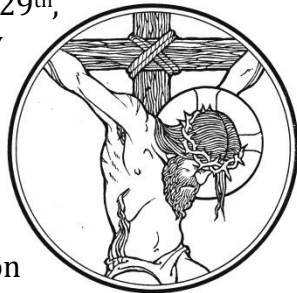
Thank you to all the many people who prepared the meals and the desserts for the Lent Dinners. We had a great time each week sharing a meal together and enjoying each other's company.

EASTER BREAKFAST

On Easter morning there is breakfast in the Parish Hall of egg casserole, fruit, and buns. Come between 7:15am and 8:15am for a great breakfast!

UPCOMING SPAGHETTI DINNER:

The Spaghetti Dinner will be held April 19th from 11am-2pm. There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex for donating bars/tortes and also for helping the day of the dinner. We are in need of a minimum of 25 9x13 pans of bars and tortes to serve at the dinner. Please bring them to the Parish Hall on the 20th or the morning of the 19th. We do still need some help serving and preparing the food. You can also sign up for that in the Narthex.



VOTER MEETING

The Quarterly Voter Meeting of the congregation will be held on April 26th after the Sunday morning service. Please consider attending to be informed about the workings of the Congregation.

LWML SPRING RALLY

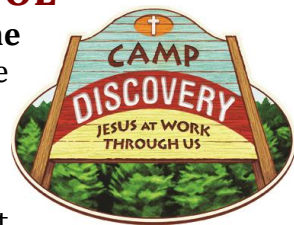
St. Paul LWML (Mission Circle) of Bonduel extends a heartfelt invitation for you to join us for the LWML Spring Rally of Zone 13 North Wisconsin District. When: Saturday, April 18th @ St Paul Lutheran Church. Registration 8:30am-9:00am, Rally 9:00, Lunch at noon. Cost is \$5.00(rally and lunch); \$3.00(rally only). Speaker Allen Kohn "Trip to El Salvador". The Christian Life Topic: "God's Fitness Plan-How to Stay Fit Spiritually" "Gifts of the Heart" ingathering will be designated to Safe Haven in Shawano, WI. Items in needs are: soups, pastas, etc. Flashlights, batteries, paper towels, hygiene and health care products, twin size sheets, bath towels and wash cloths. Call Karen Baker @ 715-853-9137 by April 12th if you plan on attending.

FELLOWSHIP

The 10th year of Fellowship is quickly coming to a close. If you have always wanted to join us please make plans now. We will be meeting at the Washington Inn in Cecil on Friday, April 17. Eating will start at 6:30 PM, but fellowship will begin sooner and continue on. Write it on your calendar now for something to look forward to. Make your reservation by signing up on the sheet found in the Narthex at church.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held the week of **June 8th-12th** from 9:00 to Noon. The theme this year is **Camp Discovery: Jesus at work through us**. 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. You can register your children for VBS at <http://bit.ly/StJakobiVBS>



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 19th will be incorporated into the Parish Hall kitchen or donated to a charity.**

UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

April 5th: Isaiah 25:6-9
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8

April 12th: Acts 4:32-35
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

April 19th: Acts 3:11-21
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36-49

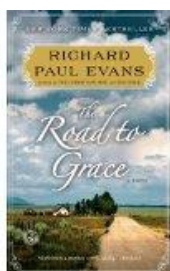
April 26th: Acts 4:1-12
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

LIBRARY NEWS

PLANTING SEEDS

“The Road to Grace” – Book 3 of Richard Paul Evans ‘The Walk’ Series.

Book three continues to follow Alan Christoffersen’s journey from Seattle to Key West. Alan isn’t driving, he’s walking. As he treks the nearly 1000 miles



between South Dakota and St. Louis on foot, it’s the people he meets along the way who give the journey its true meaning. Evans continues to write a compelling series, with his chapters anywhere from 1 page to several. There are numerous life lessons that make you stop and think, ‘what

would I do if confronted with this circumstance?’ The books are filled with comments and quotes that prompt you to take out a pad of paper and pen and jot them down. A copy of the book can be found in the church library.★★★★★

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

4/5/15	No Class
4/12/15	Paul and Timothy
4/19/15	Lydia
4/26/15	Paul and Silas in Prison



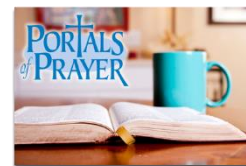
LUTHERAN EDUCATION?

St. Jakobi has funds available to help pay for tuition at [St. James Elementary 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.



PORTALS OF PRAYER

The Church purchases 100 Portals of Prayer and 5 copies that are in Large Print. 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. You can pick up your copy by the Guest Book or on the Bulletin table. Your old Portals of Prayer can be placed in the basket and they will be donated to Christians who need devotional material. If you would like to try a different type of devotion or augment Portals of Prayer, look up www.whatdoesthismean.org/devotions.



NEW(ER) HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES

We have had hearing assistance devices the past year 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 so far. 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)

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Day is Pentecost Sunday which is May 24th. The Examination of the Confirmands will take place on Ascension Day, May 14th.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

1 - Carl Montoure
1 - Patrick Tuma
2 - Michelle Teetzen
3 - Brenda Gast
3 - Lori Opperman
3 - Brynlie Boyles
4 - Marlyn Teetzen
4 - Kendra Westphal
4 - Vicky Wagner
4 - Nancy Marcell
5 - Mary Ludolph
5 - Kim Wendorff
6 - Jim Horne
6 - Virgil Gueths II
7 - Sarah Engel
7 - Gabrielle Wendorff
8 - Libby Buettner
8 - Dawn Wesenberg
9 - Dennis Wendorff
11 - David Kroenke
11 - Sharlene Bork
14 - Jeff Hartmann
16 - Bruce Kunze
17 - Tatum Tonn
17 - Brandon Buntrock
17 - Leah Gebert
18 - Mackenzie Boyles
20 - Tristan Szucs
20 - Timothy Benser
21 - Hunter Hawkinson
21 - Christian Lindner
22 - Jennifer Bisterfeldt
23 - Larry Lindner
23 - Brad Raddant
24 - Don Bublitz
24 - Huxley Klug
25 - Leland Habeck
25 - Blaze Ejnik
27 - Darlene Ross
28 - Corissa Kroenke
28 - Vicky Szucs
28 - John Gishkowsky
28 - Clarice Juds
29 - Tia Hein
30 - Josie Gueths

A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

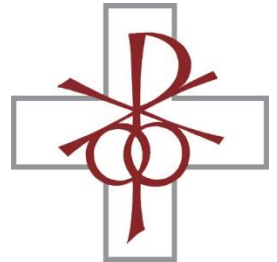
Heavenly Father, our times are in Your hands. Look with favor on name as he/she celebrates his/her birthday. Grant that he/she may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. Strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness and bless him/her with Your abiding love all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ,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

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES:

04, 1998 - Jeff & Becky West
15, 1961 - Donald & Nancy Griesmer
17, 1999 - Curt & Jodi Angeli
17, 1999 - Dana & Brenda Price
18, 1987 - Arvin & Vicki Bahr
27, 1986 - Bruce & Connie Kunze

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 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Maundy Thursday 10:30 Service (HC) 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Gabriella Wendorff	3 Good Friday 1:00 Service 6:30 Service	4
5 Easter 6:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Kaden Marcell 7:15 Easter Breakfast 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Eli Magee	6	7	8 1:00 Ladies Bible Study 3:30 Catechism	9 1:00 Bible Study 7:00 Elders Meeting	10	11 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Ally Popp
12 9:00 Service 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Kylie Teetzen	13 6:15 Choir practice 7:00 Council Meeting	14	15 3:30 Catechism	16 1:00 Bible Study 6:00 Partners in Ministry Meeting	17 6:30 Fellowship @ Washington Inn	18 9:00 LWML Rally 6:30 Service Acolyte: Kersten Stueck
19 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Carson Popp 11-2 Spaghetti Dinner	20 6:15 Choir practice	21	22 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	23 1:00 Bible Study	24	25 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Jorden Thompson
26 9:00 Service Voter Meeting after service Acolyte: Bryce Bohl	27 6:15 Choir practice	28	29 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	30 1:00 Bible Study	Elders: Sat: Tom Tuma Sun: Don Bublitz Spec: Chuck Stoehr	Altar Guild Pam Anderson Carrie Westphal Tracie Popp Carol Magee

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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

