

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 13th 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 14th 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 16th with services at 6:30am and 9:00am. There is also an Easter breakfast beginning at 7:30am.



EASTER BREAKFAST

On Easter morning there is breakfast in the Parish Hall of egg casserole, fruit, breads and muffins. Come between 7:30am and 8:15am for a great breakfast!

LENT DINNERS

The Lent Dinners will be every Wednesday at 5pm during Lent. You can come anytime between 5 and 6 to eat. A free will offering will be collected. You can eat and then stay for the Lent Service at 6:30. If you are not a part of any of these groups, we would still love to have your help. You can sign up in the Narthex to help with food, setup, or cleanup for any Wednesday and the group in charge will contact you for your help. 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.

March 29th: Higher Things Youth

April 5th: Board of Elders

LENT – QUESTIONS OF THE PASSION

At the Wednesday Lent Services we will be hearing about some of the questions that are asked over the course of Matthew's Passion narrative. There will be a rotation of pastors who preach on Wednesday at St. Jakobi.

March 29th: Pastor Ted Andrada

April 5th: Pastor Travis Kleinschmidt

PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 9TH

At the Palm Sunday Service the Sunday School children will sing and process into church with Pastor while they are carrying Palm branches. They are singing hymn number 433, *Glory be to Jesus*. Be sure to have the children here early so they can get lined up to walk in and then sing.

In addition, the Palm Sunday Service will include the reception of New Members. Be sure to welcome those who are joining the congregation.



VOTER MEETING

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

SPRING CHURCH CLEANUP

The Spring cleanup will be on Saturday, April 22nd from 9-Noon. Bring your rakes and shovels and we will clean up the needles, branches and rocks that are littering the yard around the church property.

LWML MEMBERS AND GUESTS

You are cordially invited to attend the Spring Rally of Zone 13/14 LWML of the North Wisconsin District at Immanuel Lutheran Church, White Clay Lake, Cecil, WI on Saturday, April 29th, 2017. Registration @ 8:30am, Fellowship and coffee snacks. Registration Fee: \$5.00(includes lunch) Speaker: Orphan Grain Train-“Acts of Kindness” by Jim & Judy Oberstein.

PORTALS OF PRAYER

The Church purchases 125 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.

CHURCH CONSTITUTION CHANGES

For the past year the Constitution committee has been meeting and studying the current church constitution. They have proposed changes to the existing constitution and their proposed new constitution was handed out at the Council meeting, the Voter Meeting, and there are additional copies located in the Narthex. Please look at the proposals and consider the changes or any other possible changes. At the April Voter Meeting these changes will be considered.

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship in April will be on the 21st at 6:30pm at Studio Lounge. You can sign up on the pad of paper that is on the Bulletin Table. Please join us for a nice time of community and friendship.

UPCOMING SPAGHETTI DINNER:

The Spaghetti Dinner will be held **April 30th** from 11am-1pm. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex for donating desserts and for helping the day of the dinner.



We are in need of a minimum of 25 9x13 pans of desserts to serve at the dinner. Please bring them to the Parish Hall on the 29th or the morning of the 30th. We also still need some help serving and preparing the food.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

- 4/2 Jesus Appears to Thomas
- 4/9 No Class-Palm Sunday
- 4/16 No Class-Easter
- 4/23 Jesus Appears in Galilee
- 4/30 Jesus Ascends into Heaven



LUTHERAN EDUCATION

St. Jakobi has funds available to help pay or 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.

LOOKING AHEAD

Examination of Confirmands is on Ascension Day, May 25th, Confirmation Sunday is June 4th and the Outdoor service and church picnic is June 11th.

UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

- April 2nd:** Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:1-11
John 11:1-45
- April 9th:** Isaiah 50: 4-9a
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:1-27:66
- April 16th:** Acts 10:34-43
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10
- April 23rd:** Acts 5:29-42
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31
- April 30th:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41
1 Peter 1:17-25
Luke 24:13-35

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held the week of **June 5th-9th** in the mornings from 9am-Noon. The theme this year is **Mighty Fortress: In Jesus, the Victory is Won!** Using the



Reformation hymn, *A Mighty Fortress is our God*, we'll learn the Bible verse "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 15:57) 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 at <https://vbsmate.com/jakobiVBS>

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 Sat. April 15th 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.

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
4 - Dylan Genke
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
13 - Ben Reinke
14 - Jeff Hartmann
16 - Bruce Kunze
17 - Tatum Tonn
17 - Brandon Buntrock
17 - Leah Gebert
17 - Zackary Kroenke
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 - 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 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guild: Donna Ward Lorine Raddant Barb Bubolz Brenda Gast						1 6:30 Service(HC) Acolyte: Jacob Nevins
2 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Gabrielle Wendorff	3 6:15 Choir Practice 7:00 Altar Guild	4	5 10:30 Lent Service 3:30 Catechism 5:00 Supper 6:30 Lent Service Acolyte: Kloie Boyles	6 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Elders	7	8 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:30 Service(HC) Acolyte: Isaiah Gueths
9 <i>Palm Sunday/ New Members</i> 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Kaden Marcell	10 6:15 Choir Practice	11	12	13 <i>Holy Thursday</i> 10:30 Service(HC) 6:30 Service(HC) Acolyte: Payten Thompson	14 <i>Good Friday</i> 1:00 Service 6:30 Service	15 6:30 Easter Vigil Service @ Zion, Embarrass
16 <i>Easter</i> 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Ally Popp 7:30 Breakfast 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Kylie Teetzen	17	18 7:00 Council	19 3:30 Catechism	20 1:00 Bible Study	21 6:30 Fellowship @ Studio Lounge	22 9:00 Spring Cleanup 6:30 Service(HC) Acolyte: Kersten Stueck
23 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Carson Popp	24 6:15 Choir Practice	25	26 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	27 1:00 Bible Study	28	29 6:30 Service(HC) Acolyte: Jorden Thompsen
30 9:00 Service (HC) 10:15 Voter Meeting 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Chloe Bohl 11:00 Spaghetti Dinner	Elders: Sat: Chuck Stoehr Sun: Mike Kroenke, Jon Wesenberg Spec: Tom Tuma					

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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

