

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

The most basic way that you interact with the congregation of St. Jakobi is through the regular Saturday night or Sunday morning worship service. You may have been attending worship services at St. Jakobi for nearly 80 years or maybe you are very new to St. Jakobi or even to the way that we worship our risen Lord. Often, very little thought goes into what we do on Sunday morning. However, that doesn't mean we do things thoughtlessly when we worship. In fact, the things we say and do are very deliberate and they are planned with great care and concern that God's Word and the presence of

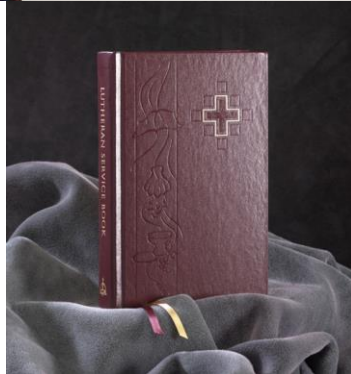


Jesus Christ would be with the people who gather for worship.

In order to shed some light on why we worship the way we do, why we say the things we do, why the order of service is what it is, and many other questions people have, we are going to start a Sunday morning Bible Study to study these topics.

We will be watching a video series featuring Rev. Dr. Arthur Just, professor of New Testament at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN. The class is entitled *Liturgy: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow*. In this class we will learn about the Jewish origins of Christian worship, the changes that were made over the course of centuries, the basic structure of the service, why parts of the service change and others are the same, the church year, and how God's Word permeates everything we do.

When you understand the background of the liturgy and the reasons we say and do certain things, then when you come to church you will be prepared to more fully engage in the service. Also you will understand how God's Word works and you will find that you get more out of the service. You won't be tuned out to the miraculous way that the Lord speaks to you.



Liturgy:

Yesterday, Today,
Tomorrow

Now a word of encouragement and answers to some reasons not to attend Bible Class:

1. **I don't know the Bible well enough.** You're right, none of us do. But you will never be ridiculed for what you do or do not know. You will never feel the fool just because you don't know where something is to be found in the Bible. After all, this is the whole reason we gather to learn the Word of God; to learn.

2. **I go to church, that is enough.** Is our Christian faith something where we want to barely get by, or is it something where we hunger and thirst for more Jesus? To think we can

squeak by is not how Jesus would have us think. He says, "Come unto me all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest."

3. **I don't have the time for that.** Maybe you don't. But that really is a matter of priorities. What are the important things in your life? How do you figure out what you'll spend time on and what you won't? To let God speak to you through His Word should be a priority.

4. **I learned enough in Confirmation class, I don't need to go to Bible Study now that I'm an adult.** The study of God's Word is not confined to a certain number of years of your life or a certain time period of your life. Learning the things of God is a life-long experience that God continues to bless you through.

With all of this being said, I want to emphasize that studying God's Word is done not just at church with a group of people. It can also be done at home, but there isn't anyone to hold you accountable and that makes it harder.

Rejoice in God's Word. Our heavenly Father has given us this great gift. Just like the child who can't wait to play with their new toys on Christmas morning, we should have that same excitement over God's Word.

Excited to share the Good News of Christ's resurrection with you,

-Pastor Kleinschmidt

ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 29th 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. March 30th 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 1st with services at 6:30am and 9:00am. There is also an Easter breakfast beginning at 7:30am.



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.

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 March 31st 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! Thank You! St. Jakobi Altar Guild.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

- 4/1 No Class-Easter
- 4/8 Isaac and Rebekah
- 4/15 Jacob and Esau
- 4/22 Jacob's Dream
- 4/29 Jacob's Family



USHER SCHEDULE

- April 1st: Jeff & Mike
- April 8th: Donna & Jim
- April 15th: Marshal & Dale
- April 22nd: Jeff & Donna
- April 29th: Jamison & Mike

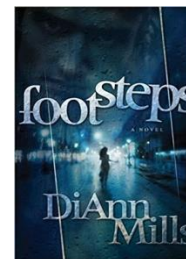
SPAGHETTI DINNER:

The Spaghetti Dinner will be held April 22, 2018 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 21st or the morning of the 22nd. We also still need some help serving and preparing the food.



PLANTING SEEDS

(Book Section 1) Every parent's nightmare comes true for Debra Patterson, whose children disappear from the entrance to a Houston mall when she dashes into the pouring rain to get their car. When Debra learns that her husband is also missing, apparently having taking the children with him, she feels her whole world is collapsing. Suddenly out from under her husband's iron fist, but very much along, she must find new strength...and the path that will bring her children back to her arms. Author DiAnn Mills's chilling story follows Debra's downward spiral and ultimate reliance on God for support.



COMMUNION WARE

Altar Guild is looking at replacing the Communion Ware for our church. If you would like to donate to this project, please mark an envelope with the note *Communion Ware* and put it in the Offering plate.

PARISH EDUCATION:

Sunday School is held weekly at 10:30am. The children meet in the Sanctuary for an Opening and then go to their classes in the Parish Hall.

Adult Bible Class meets Sunday morning at 10:30. The Sunday after Easter we will begin a new video Bible Study series on the Liturgy (Worship Service) of the church.

Wednesday Night is held at 6:30pm and will be restarting after Easter on April 4th. We will begin a new 6-week study on 1 John.

Thursday Afternoon is held at 1pm and studies the Bible readings for the coming weekend.

DID YOU KNOW?

The date of Easter is based on the Lunar and Solar calendars. The First Council of Nicea in 325AD established the date as the first Sunday after the full moon following the March equinox. The equinox occurs on March 21st. Thus the date of Easter can vary between March 22nd and April 25th.

READINGS AT CHURCH

April 1st:	Isaiah 25:6-9 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8
April 8th:	Acts 4:32-35 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31
April 15th:	Acts 3:11-21 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36-49
April 22nd:	Acts 4:1-12 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18
April 29th:	Acts 8:26-40 1 John 4:1-11 John 15:1-8

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held the week of **June 11th-15th** in the mornings. The theme this year is **Splash Canyon: God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride**. 2 Corinthians 1:20 is the theme verse: "For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him." 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 www.vbsmate.com/JakobiVBS.



CHURCH CONSTITUTION

You can pick up a new copy of the constitution later in the Narthex or if you would like an electronic copy please email the church at church@stjakobi.org.

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship will be at the regular day this coming month. We will be meeting on Friday, April 13th. Eating is scheduled for 6:30 at the Boarding House in Suring. There is a limit to 20 people so be sure to sign up in the Narthex.

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.

LWML MEMBERS AND GUESTS

You are cordially invited to attend the Spring Rally of Zone 13/14 LWML of the North Wisconsin District at Faith United Lutheran Church, Gillett, WI on Saturday, April 14th, 2018. Registration @ 8:30am, Fellowship and coffee snacks. Registration Fee: \$5.00(includes lunch) Speaker: Jen Bisterfeldt of SAM25. There is more information on the bulletin board at church.

WOLF RIVER LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

WRLHS Now Enrolling: Wolf River Lutheran High School is enrolling now for grades 9-12. Hurry! Seats are limited and filling fast. Enrollment link can be found on the school's Facebook page or by calling the school office at 715-745-2400. We are now a choice school! Fill out a voucher at DPI school choice today! This helps cover your child's tuition. Applications must be submitted by April 20th. Questions? Contact the school office today.



SPRING CHURCH CLEANUP

The Spring cleanup will be on Saturday, April 14th or rain/snow date April 21st 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



LOOKING AHEAD

Examination of Confirmands is on Ascension Day, May 10th, Confirmation Sunday is May 20th and the Outdoor service and church picnic is June 17th.

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
5 - Ainsley Jashinsky
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
25 - Leland Habeck
25 - Blaze Ejnik
27 - Darlene Ross
28 - Corissa Kroenke
28 - Vicky Szucs
28 - Clarice Juds
29 - Tia Hein
30 - Josie Gueths
30 - Casey Carroll
30 - Stephen 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

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 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter 6:30 Easter Sunrise(HC) <small>Acolyte: Isaiah Gueths</small> 7:30 Easter Breakfast 9:00 Service (HC) <small>Acolyte: Kaden Marcell</small>	2 7:00 Altar Guild	3	4 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	5 1:00 Bible Study	6	7 6:30 Service (HC) <small>Acolyte: Jacob Nevins</small>
8 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour <small>Acolyte: Ally Popp</small>	9 6:15 Choir Practice	10	11 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	12 1:00 Bible Study 7:00 Elders	13 6:30 Fellowship @Boarding House	14 8:00 Men's Breakfast 9:00 Spring Cleanup 6:30 Service (HC) <small>Acolyte: Kersten Stueck</small>
15 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour <small>Acolyte: Kylie Teetzen</small>	16 6:15 Choir Practice	17	18 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	19 1:00 Bible Study	20	21 6:30 Service (HC) <small>Acolyte: Carson Popp</small>
22 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour <small>Acolyte: Jorden Thompson</small> 11-1 Spaghetti Dinner	23 6:15 Choir Practice	24	25 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	26 1:00 Bible Study	27	28 6:30 Service (HC) <small>Acolyte: Chloe Bohl</small>
29 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour 10:30 Voter Meeting <small>Acolyte: Isaac Buettner</small>	30 6:15 Choir Practice			Altar Guild: Judi Raddant Barb Teetzen Carrie Westphal Barb Bubolz	Elders: Sat: Mike Kroenke Sun: Bob Behrens & Jon Wesenberg Spec: Chuck Stoehr	Ushers 1st: Jeff & Mike 8th: Donna & Jim 15th: Marshal & Dale 22nd: Jeff & Donna 29th: Jamison & Mike

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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

