

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

Once every two or three years our congregation hosts an Easter Vigil service. We rotate with Zion Lutheran Church in Embarrass and Trinity Lutheran Church in Bear Creek. This year we will be hosting this special service and members of those congregations will travel to St. Jakobi to join you in celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

You might ask, "What is an Easter Vigil Service?" It is a very old service of the church whose roots go back to the earliest Christians. The highlight of the entire year wasn't actually Easter morning for them; it was the Easter Vigil on Saturday night. The Easter Vigil is the true completion of the previous two days services. On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, the services don't conclude with a benediction because those services aren't done until we come with joy to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Then, at the end of the Easter Vigil service, the benediction is spoken and the service concludes. It really is a three-day long Church service!

A vigil service is typically held the evening before the actual holiday. Historically they begin after sundown.

Beginning in the dark is an important symbolism for the Vigil service. The people gather in the Narthex and don't enter into the sanctuary. The service begins in the Narthex with the Paschal Candle that is normally by the pulpit. The Paschal Candle represents the light of Jesus Christ and it is lit at various times of the church year including Easter, Christmas, Epiphany, and when there are Baptisms and Funerals. The lit candle is carried into church and the pastors and the people follow the light of Christ into the darkness of the church. Then candles are lit by everyone within the church to show that the light of Christ has come upon all people.

Following this portion of the service, there are a series of readings that focus on the Old Testament

prophecies of the birth of Jesus along with his suffering and death and subsequent resurrection. They speak to the people and emphasize the great plan and work of God to bring salvation through the very Son of God.

Historically during the Easter Vigil service would be when people are baptized and/or confirmed. People went through as much as a year-long process of learning in preparation for an adult Baptism or to be confirmed. The process finds its culmination in the great joy of the Easter celebration. For the resurrected Lord is the one who calls all people to himself and brings them into the sheep-fold of the Good Shepherd.

We won't have any Baptisms or Confirmations at the Easter Vigil. However, the previous week, on Palm Sunday, we will be welcoming into our congregation new members. These are people who will make vows that they wish to be a part of this Body of Christ to which we belong also. They will confess before God and you that we are all one in Christ and believe the same things about what Holy Scripture teaches.

At the Easter Vigil service Holy Communion will be offered; for this is how the resurrected Lord continues to show His Body to us, even as he is still ascended into heaven. In Holy Communion we receive by our mouths the one who has conquered death and has promised to his people that death shall not overcome them either.

The Easter Vigil Service has a lot of history surrounding it, but that really isn't the reason for having it here at St. Jakobi. Primarily it is one more way to celebrate the victory of Jesus Christ over death.

In the Good News of the Resurrection of Jesus,
-Pastor Kleinschmidt



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 18th 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 19th 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 21st with services at 6:30am and 9:00am. There is also an Easter breakfast beginning at 7:30am.



PICTURE DIRECTORY

Portraits will be taken for the new church directory during the week of April 29th. Times available and instructions on how to make your appointment will be in the church Bulletin starting the weekend of Palm Sunday, April 14th.

LENT – BEHOLD, THE MAN

At the Wednesday Lent Services we will be hearing about the humanity of Jesus and what God in the flesh means for us. Each Wednesday a different pastor will be here to preach.

April 3rd: Pastor Kleinschmidt

April 10th: Pastor Palmer from St. Paul, Bonduel

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.

April 3rd: Church Officers

April 10th: Board of Elders

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 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 20th. Pastor Jerabek from Embarrass and Pastor Fenske from Bear Creek 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.

EASTER BREAKFAST

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

PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 14TH

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.

SPRING CHURCH CLEANUP

The Spring cleanup will be on Saturday April 13th and the rain/snow date April 27th 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

USHER SCHEDULE

April 7 th :	Marshal & Troy
April 14 th :	Donna & Jim
April 18 th :	Marshal & Jeff
April 21 st :	Mike & Dale
April 21 st :	Marshal & Jim
April 28 th :	Troy & Donna

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship group will be meeting on Friday, April 12th. This time we will be gathering at El Tequila in Shawano, serving will be at 6:30pm. We'd like you to join us! Be sure to sign up by the Sunday before-April 7th.

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 20th 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 SCHEDULE

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

4/7	Palm Sunday Lesson
4/14	No Class
4/21	No Class
4/28	Easter Lesson



SPAGHETTI DINNER:

The Spaghetti Dinner will be held May 5th, 2019 from 11am-1pm. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex for donating desserts, for helping the day of the dinner, and for donating items for the bake sale. If you have any questions, please contact Darryl Prodell at 715-853-2208.



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

PLANTING SEEDS

Karen Kingsbury, #1 New York Times bestselling novelist, is America's favorite inspirational storyteller, with more than twenty-five million copies of her award-winning books in print. Her last dozen titles have topped bestseller lists and many of her novels are under development with Hallmark Films and as major motion pictures. Her Baxter Family books are being developed into a TV series slated for major network viewing sometime in the next year. Karen is also an adjunct professor of writing at Liberty University. In 2001 she and her husband, Don, adopted three boys from Haiti, doubling their family in a matter of months. Today the couple has joined the ranks of empty-nesters, living in Tennessee near five of their adult children. You can find over 50 of her books in the St. Jakobi Library



VOTER MEETING

The Quarterly Voter Meeting of the congregation will be held on April 28th after the Sunday morning service. Please consider attending to be informed about the workings of the Congregation.

READINGS AT CHURCH

April 7th:	Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:8-14 Luke 20:9-20
April 14th:	Deuteronomy 32:36-39 Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 23:1-56
April 21st:	Isaiah 65:17-25 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 Luke 24:1-12
April 28th:	Acts 5:12-20 Revelation 1:4-18 John 20:19-31

DISHES CALLING YOUR NAME

Have you remembered to pick up your Lent meal 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 14th will be incorporated into the Parish Hall kitchen or donated to a charity.**

CONSIDERING A LUTHERAN SCHOOL?

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 question



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.

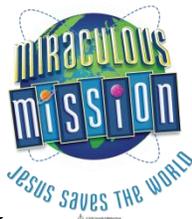
Adult Bible Class meets Sunday morning at 10:30. We will soon be finishing up our study of the Holy Spirit and then we will study a book of the Bible.

Wednesday Night is held at 6:30pm and will be restarting in the fall after Labor Day.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held the week of **June 10th-14th** in the mornings. The theme this year is Miraculous Mission. John 3:16 is the theme verse: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." 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 next month.



LOOKING AHEAD

Examination of Confirmands will be held on June 5th, Confirmation Sunday is June 9th and the Outdoor service and church picnic is June 16th.

DID YOU KNOW?

In most depictions of the crucifixion there is a plaque above Jesus that has the letters INRI. John 18:19-20 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." In Latin this phrase is **I**esus **N**azarenus **R**ex **I**udaeorum; this is why it says INRI above the Jesus' head.

WRLHS DAY AT CULVER'S

Wolf River Lutheran High School Day at Culver's is on Wednesday, April 10th at the Shawano



location. There are printed coupons available in the Narthex. Please present the coupon when you order and WRLHS will receive 10% of your order. Happy eating!

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.

ISSUES, ETC

SANCTIFYING YOUR COMMUTE WITH THE WORD OF GOD...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The History Channel's "Jesus: His Life," Reformation Artists Lucas Cranach and Albrecht Durer, The Close of the Ten Commandments, Jesus Calls Disciples and more. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

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LETTER FROM SEMINARIAN ANDREW TWIETMEYER

Dear Friends at St. Jakobi,

As promised in our last letter, this note will tell you all about vicarage. Most M. Div. students and deaconess students leave campus their third year - the men go on vicarage and the ladies complete an internship. It's a highly anticipated time for Andrew's whole class. Whenever second year families get together, vicarage usually comes up in conversation. The time has gone so quickly, by and large, and we are all excited to see where we'll be dispersed this summer!

Andrew applied for vicarage back in September and we learned much about what to

expect then. In November, Andrew and Elizabeth met with the Dean of Students and vicarage placement director to discuss our wants and needs for the year. For example, some students prefer a geographic location due to family; some request a placement offering specific housing, education, or medical care nearby for themselves or family members.

The churches who accept vicars are exceptionally kind. They provide a lot of their pastor's time to the vicar, not to mention housing and a stipend. Most of the churches are in the Midwest, we are told; some congregations have a tradition of welcoming a vicar every year.

You are welcome (and encouraged!) to watch the placement service online at callday.ctsfw.edu on Monday, April 29th starting at 6 pm Central Time. During the placement portion of the service, you'll see a picture of each student on the live stream. Enclosed is the same picture that you'll see of us. Watch for Andrew alphabetically near the end. Then, on Tuesday, April 30th, you can watch the fourth-year seminarians receive their calls too!

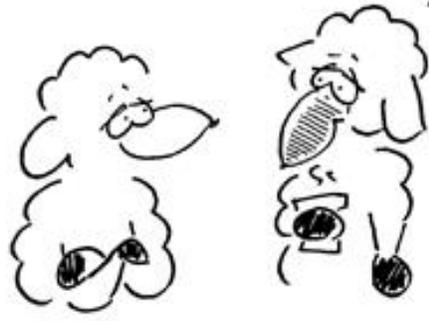
The next time we write, we'll be able to tell you about our placement and moving plans! Pray for Andrew and his classmates as they move into their third year this summer.

Sincerely,
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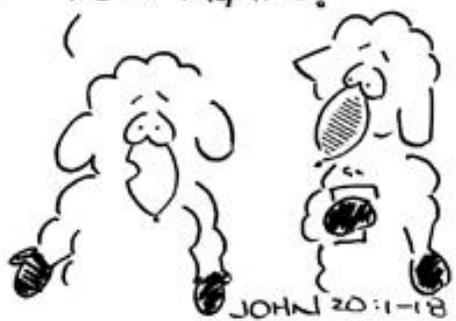
IT'S FUNNY THAT SO MUCH ATTENTION IS GIVEN TO THE GRAVE LINENS.



THEY'RE EVIDENCE OF THE RESURRECTION. IT'S THE RIGHT TOMB AND THE BODY HASN'T BEEN STOLEN.



WOW! — THE SON OF GOD MAKES HIS BED EVEN IF HE'S NOT GOING TO SLEEP IN IT AGAIN!



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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
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 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:15 Choir Practice 7:00 Altar Guild	2	3 10:30 Service 4:15 Catechism 5:00 Supper 6:30 Service Acolyte: James Lange	4 1:00 Bible Study	5	6 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Josh Lange
7 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Emmali McDowell	8 6:15 Choir Practice	9	10 10:30 Service 4:15 Catechism 5:00 Supper 6:30 Service Acolyte: Kadence Meyers	11 1:00 Bible Study 7:00 Elders	12 6:30 Fellowship @ El Tequila	13 8:00 Men's Breakfast 9-12 Spring cleanup 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Chloe Bohl
14 Palm Sunday 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Alli Johnson	15 6:15 Choir Practice	16 7:00 Council	17	18 Maundy Thursday 10:30 Service (HC) 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Madisyn Skalitzky	19 Good Friday 1:00 Service 6:30 Service	20 6:30 Easter Vigil HC Acolyte: Henry Pleshek
21 Easter 6:30 Easter Sunrise HC Acolyte: Isaac Buettner 9:00 Easter Service HC Acolyte: Blake Hartmann	22	23	24 4:15 Catechism	25 1:00 Bible Study	26	27 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Isaiah McDowell
28 9:00 Service (HC) 10:15 Voter Meeting 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Colton Olson	29 6:15 Choir Practice	30		Altar Guild: Barb Bubolz, Liz McDowell, Mary Theis, Judi Raddant, Betty Szucs	Elders: Sat: Jamison Yorton Sun: Chuck Stoehr Mike Kroenke Spec: Rich Raddant	
Picture Directory Sittings						

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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

