

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

Six high school youth, Carol Magee, and I recently returned from Grand Rapids, Michigan where we attended the Higher Things Conference entitled “Te Deum”. Te Deum is the opening line of the canticle in the Matins service. It can be translated as “You, O God.” The theme hymn of the week was #941 in our hymnal, “We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”, which is a hymn version of the Te Deum.

What we saw and experienced this past week is nothing less than a miracle. We heard the Word of God in its truth and purity that convicted us of our sin and

the freeing Gospel of Jesus Christ that released us from our bondage to sin. We received the Lord’s Body and Blood twice which strengthened and nourished our

faith. We sang the hymns of the church that all came out of the hymnal and the kids blew the roof off of the chapel on the campus of Calvin College. There were over 900 kids and chaperones singing praises to God. We heard various instrumentation that went with the organ like tympani, trumpets, violin, cello, and others. You can listen to the worship services at <http://bit.ly/HTServices> and you will be amazed at the enthusiasm and faith of the kids as they sing praises to the Lord.

Not only did we attend worship 2 or 3 times per day, we also listened to Pastor George Borghardt teach us about worship of the law and worship of faith. Worship of the law tries to give to God and worship of faith receives the blessings that God willingly bestows. We are called upon to worship by faith and receive forgiveness, love, and mercy from our heavenly Father.

Pastor Mark Buetow taught us about the words of the Te Deum and showed us how it teaches about the work of Jesus Christ and the heavenly throng that now worships him in heaven and on earth. He then went through the Divine Service and explained why we say what we say and sing what we sing. His explanation of the service would be a great way to make your weekly worship more enriching. You can listen to Plenary 4 at the above website.

We also went to smaller breakaway sessions. Some of the topics that our youth enjoyed were about abusive relationships in regard to *50 Shades of Gray* and Addiction and Grace and how God gives grace even to those who struggle with many types of addiction. They also enjoyed topics about self-esteem, homosexuality in the culture around us

and a Godly response to it, what true love is, and many others. I taught a section on what Lutherans believe about the Lord’s Supper and how to respond to other Christians who have different beliefs about Holy Communion.

In all, the Higher Things Conference challenged our youth to *Dare to be Lutheran*. We live in a world where we are supposed to give in on our beliefs and just go with the flow. The dare was made to the youth that you can be a faithful Lutheran Christian and be a light in this dark world. It begins with hearing the Word of God and receiving the Lord’s Body and Blood. From there, faith is enlivened and we can be faithful to God’s Word because he gives us the strength. Perhaps we should all *Dare to be Lutheran* and live out our faith in relation to the people around us.

In Christ,
-Pastor Kleinschmidt



Grand Rapids Conference Information

Number attending: 914
Congregations attending: 60
States represented: 22
Countries represented: 3
First-Time congregations: 38
Pastors: 74

ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

SEMINARY PROFESSOR COMING TO ST. JAKOBI

On Saturday, September 12th, Rev. Prof. Jeffery Pulse will be at St. Jakobi to present a special Bible Study. His presentation will be at 4:00pm and conclude at about 5:45pm. Following his Bible Study there will be snacks, bars, and coffee in the Narthex. Then at 6:30 the Saturday



evening Service Pastor Pulse will be the guest preacher. Professor Pulse joined the Concordia Theological Seminary faculty in 2007. Following graduation from Concordia Teachers College in Seward, Nebraska, with a B.S. in Elementary Education (1980), he attended Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, completing his M.Div. in 1984. His 22 years in the parish were served in St. John's Lutheran Church, Burt, Iowa and Peace Lutheran, Bremerton, Washington. He completed his S.T.M. from CTS while in the parish in 1990. Professor Pulse is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Durham, England, in the area of Old Testament, specifically, Concepts of the Afterlife in the Old Testament and Second Temple Judaism. Plan on coming to this very special opportunity at St. Jakobi.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SOON

The first day for Sunday School is September 13th.

POTATO PANCAKE DINNER

The Potato Pancake Dinner will be held on September 27th. In the next month, be looking in your mailbox at church for your work assignment.

CATECHISM MEETING

Students and parents should plan on attending a meeting on August 20th at 6:30pm. Schedules will be handed out along with all the events for Catechism students for the upcoming school year.

VOTER MEETING

The Quarterly Voter Meeting was held on July 26th after the Sunday service. You can pick up minutes and reports on the same table as the bulletins in the Narthex.

CHURCH BUILDING LOAN BALANCE:

The amount owed for the loan to build the new church at the start of the 2nd Quarter was \$302,195.34. After making our monthly payments, the balance at the end of the 2nd Quarter was \$293,347.73. Under \$300,000! The current rate is 3.875%. Thanks be to God for His blessings.

CHURCH CONSTITUTION

A committee is being formed to evaluate our church constitution and bylaws. Would you be interested in helping this group? Then please contact Pastor. This committee will have their first meeting soon.

ASK THE PASTOR

In future newsletters Pastor will be answering questions you might have. You can write questions down and put them in the offering plate or ask him in person or by email (pastor@stjakobi.org) and he will provide the answer in the newsletter for all to read. Do you have questions about why we believe a certain thing? Do you have a question about a specific Bible passage you read? Do you have a question about something that we do in church? Do you have a question about our congregation? The sky's the limit, so ask away!

FUNERAL – MELISSA SZUCS

Melissa Szucs passed away on June 18th and her funeral was June 26th. We give thanks to God that He called her to faith and blessed her in her earthly life and that she now rests from her labors.

THANK YOU

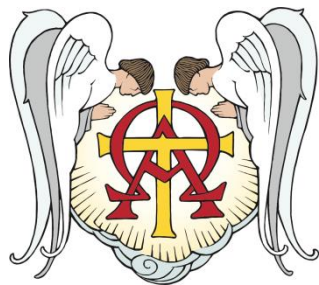
Dear St. Jakobi Church, We would like to give a heartfelt thank you to all our family, friends, and brothers and sisters in Christ for all the help and support we received the past few weeks. We also would like to thank everyone who helped with Melissa's funeral; whether it was food, setup, cleanup, or prayers and support. We believe Melissa brought out the best in all of us and hope her memory will continue to inspire us all to see the best in everything. –Jim & Vicky Szucs (*You can read this card on the bulletin board in the hallway*)

UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

- August 2nd:** Exodus 16:2-15
Ephesians 42:1-16
John 6:22-35
- August 9th:** 1 Kings 19:1-8
Ephesians 4:17-5:2
John 6:35-51
- August 16th:** Proverbs 9:1-10
Ephesians 5:6-21
John 6:51-69
- August 23rd:** Isaiah 29:11-19
Ephesians 5:22-33
Mark 7:1-13
- August 30th:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9
Ephesians 6:10-20
Mark 7:14-23

HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE

Six High School Youth went to the [Higher Things](#) Youth Conference on the campus of Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI July 21st-24th. The theme was the Te Deum, hymn #941 in our hymnal. The speakers were Rev. George Borghardt and Rev. Mark Buetow. There were a total of 10 worship services and they were a highlight of the week for several of the youth. There were also breakout sessions where the youth chose different topics about faith and life to learn about. They enjoyed ones on abusive relationships, Jesus in a gay world, and addiction and grace. Please pray for these youth as they continue to grow in the faith that they had built up during the week.



LIBRARY NEWS

PLANTING SEEDS

Buried Secrets is the first book of Men of Valor series. When a skeleton is found at a construction site, police chief Lisa Grant works with detective Mac McGregor to determine what happened, and who it was that had been buried beneath the tree. As always, Irene Hannon tells a compelling tale that holds your interest right to the very end. Books by this author have never been a disappointment, and entice the reader to want more. ★★★★★



FELLOWSHIP

It's time to get together again and share all of our great vacation stories-like trips to Alaska, Iceland, Australia.....or our own back yard. The first Fellowship get-together will be **Friday, September 11**. The location hasn't been determined-just the date so you can save it. And you don't have to be **old** to join us. We would love to have some **new** people to visit with. So save the date: **Friday, September 11**. The sign-up sheet will be out in about a month. Talk to Joanne or Don with suggestions.

CHOIR - VOICES OF PRAISE

I know that you have just been waiting for our first practice because we always have so much fun. It is set for **Monday, September 14**. I would like to mention that I have heard a lot of good voices in the congregational singing this summer, so I'd like to encourage others to join us in choir. It's only 45 minutes on a Monday evening, and it is a way to thank God for all He does for us and also to beautify His services. If you have any questions, contact Joanne Bublitz at 715-526-5315. Hope to see you **Monday, September 14, 6:45 p.m.**

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

We had a great response to our Stewardship Campaign to support our congregation financially and also help Wolf River Lutheran High School. To date, we had 61 promise sheets returned and \$167,245 promised to the congregation over the next three years. All for the Glory of God!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

1 – Dustin Fischer
1 – Dave Hoffman
2 – Lena Johnson
3 – Cheryl Arthur
3 – Isabella Buettner
4 – Sommer McDowell
4 – Lorine Raddant
5 – Samuel Dick
6 – Michael Cotter
6 – Lainey Peters
9 – Miguel Kriewaldt
11 – Vicki Bahr
11 – Joshua Bahr
11 – Joan Stoehr
11 – Nancy Thelen
11 – Cooper Clark
11 – Josh Krueger
13 – Jim Hanson
13 – Ethan Opperman
13 – Jim Wendorff
14 – Tim Teetzen
15 – Raymond Heinritz
15 – Corey Marcell
16 – Krystal Buettner
16 – Parker Papiernik
18 – Katie Horne
18 – Dylan Yorton
19 – Cindy Craig
19 – Kathy Kroenke
21 – Marion Ruhbusch
21 – Lee Lindner
22 – Barbara Bubolz
22 – Erwin White
22 – Roxanne Fischer
22 – Brooke Sperberg
22 – Hailey Hawkinson
22 – Rob McDowell
23 – Vicki Waldvogel
23 – Diane Ireland
24 – Patti Samson
25 – Alicia Giese
26 – Shawn Verstoppen
26 – Wanda Stueck
27 – Karter Westphal
28 – Teagen Thompson
28 – Marilyn Picard
29 – Carrie Westphal
29 – Jana Yorton
30 – Teresa Schuettpelz
30 – Chase Benser
30 – Janelle Lange
31 – Barb Teetzen
31 – Kelsey Gast

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.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:

02, 1986 – Larry & Kristi Lindner
02, 1975 – James & Carlene Felmer
06, 1983 – Mark & Kathy Kroenke
06, 1966 – Howard & Shirley Popp
09, 1997 – Michael & Hope Peters
10, 1958 – Don & Joanne Bublitz
11, 2012 – Josh & Corine Krueger
14, 1999 – Scott & Rebecca Blumreich
14, 2004 – Sarah & Jeremy Benser
16, 2014 – Chase & Kourtney Erickson
18, 1962 – Marlyn & Kathy Teetzen
18, 1956 – Elmer & Joanne Ackermann
19, 2000 – Carrie & Wade Bohl
20, 2005 – Bob & Kay Marquardt
20, 2005 – Pete & Cheryl Arthur
25, 1973 – Dave & Patti Bohm
25, 1990 – Jim & Katie Horne
26, 2006 – Bradley & Jennifer Sperberg
28, 2010 – Grant & Amy Riesenberg
29, 1953 – Roy & Phyllis Habeck
31, 1968 – Dennis & Kathy Fonger
31, 1974 – Jim & Pam Hansen

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.



AUGUST 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elders: Sat: Tom Tuma Sun: Don Bublitz Spec: Chuck Stoehr	Altar Guild: Tracie Popp Donna Lopez Cindy Craig					1 6:30 Service Acolyte: Gunnar Hein
2 9:00 Service (HC) 10: Bible Study Acolyte: Keonna Lindner	3	4	5 1:00 Ladies Bible Study	6 1:00 Bible Study	7	8 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Gunnar Hein
9 9:00 Service 10: Bible Study Acolyte: Taylor Johnson	10	11	12	13	14	15 6:30 Service Acolyte: Hunter Hawkinson
16 9:00 Service (HC) 10: Bible Study Acolyte: Alex Owen	17	18	19	20 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Catechism Meeting	21	22 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Alec Raddant
23 9:00 Service 10: Bible Study Acolyte: Tristan Szucs	24	25	26	27 1:00 Bible Study	28	29 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Payten Thompson
30 9:00 Service (HC) 10: Bible Study Acolyte: Gabriella Wendorff	31					

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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

