

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

This October marks the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther posting the 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg. This will be the first of many celebrations of 500th anniversaries of events connected to the Reformation. You have been seeing some of the faces of those Reformers and others who were instrumental in that period of history in the church bulletin. The goal of this has been to give you a little bit of background to what is coming up this October.

While October 31st will be a big day, it is by no means the last celebration over the course of the next couple generations. In 2021 there will be the 500th anniversary of the Diet of Worms; in 2029 the Small Catechism; in 2030, the Augsburg Confession; in 2046, Luther's death; in 2080 the publication of the Book of Concord. That is only a few of the events between now and 2080.

However, what has prompted all this 500th anniversary talk is the 95 Theses. Luther's concern was about purgatory, indulgences, and other teachings of the church. Luther wished to debate his theses (statements) with other theologians and scholars. In 1517, Luther was very much still a Roman Catholic and follower of the Pope. Not every one of his 95 Theses would we agree with. That, perhaps is cause to remember that as Lutherans we don't follow the man Martin Luther, we follow the clear teachings of Holy Scripture; all of which point us to Jesus Christ and having faith in Him. Luther at times erred but as he studied Scripture more became more faithful in his later years.

The first thesis says, "When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, 'Repent,' he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance." This is a wonderful example of how the clear teaching of Jesus Christ would flow from the pen of Dr. Luther. The Lord Jesus Christ bestows forgiveness of sins upon the person who has faith in Jesus Christ. It is not necessary to buy an indulgence, or pray a certain way in order to merit that forgiveness.

Shortly after Luther posted the Theses they were copied and distributed with the aid of the

fairly recent invention, the printing press. This made news of Luther's thoughts spread quickly throughout Germany. He unexpectedly began a Reformation. He didn't start a new church. In fact, it was Luther's desire that the Pope would call a Church Council to discuss Scripture and Luther's teachings so

that the truth of God's Word could be expressed. That hope was never granted and yet the Reformation continues to bear fruit to this day.

In the coming months you will see news articles about the Reformation and Martin Luther. As you take that in, pay attention to how they cover the Reformation. Do they present the

Lutherans as antagonists (they weren't)? Do they make it seem like it was a nice, tidy bit of history (it wasn't)?

There is some fascinating history and great theological topics to discuss about this time period in the church. If you want to learn more about the Reformation, the Sunday Bible Class will begin studying this topic after Labor Day.

In the love of Christ,

-Pastor



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

CATECHISM MEETING

Students and parents should plan on attending a meeting on August 24th at 6:30pm. Schedules will be handed out along with all the events for Catechism students for the upcoming school year.

PRAYER PARTNERS

St. Jakobi will be starting a new ministry that will be a blessing for many in the congregation. We will be collecting names/phone numbers/email addresses of people who would like to be notified when there is a prayer request. After you receive notification you would prayer for that person/situation. You can sign up in the Narthex and there will be more information coming in the coming weeks.

CHURCH BUILDING LOAN BALANCE

The amount owed for the loan to build the new church at the start of the 2nd Quarter was \$169,800.55. After making our monthly payments, the balance at the end of the 2nd Quarter was \$143,935.11. Thanks be to God for His blessings.

UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

- August 6th:** Isaiah 55:1-5
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21
- August 13th:** Job 38:4-18
Romans 10:5-17
Matthew 14:22-33
- August 20th:** Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32
Matthew -15:21-28
- August 27th:** Isaiah 51:1-6
Romans 11:33-12:8
Matthew 16:13-20

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SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SOON

The first day for Sunday School is September 10th.

POTATO PANCAKE DINNER

The Potato Pancake Dinner will be held on September 24th. In the next month, be looking in your mailbox at church for your work assignment.

VOTER MEETING

The Quarterly Voter Meeting was held on July 23rd after the Sunday service. You can pick up minutes and reports on the same table as the bulletins in the Narthex.

DRIVERS WANTED

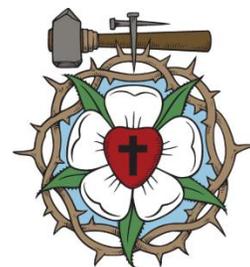
Would you be interested in driving people to church on Saturday night or Sunday morning? We have some individuals who would like to attend church but need rides to get here. If you could provide a ride, please talk to Pastor.

NEWSLETTER IN COLOR

The pictures in the newsletter look great in color plus you can zoom in for more detail! You can receive a copy of the newsletter in color and save the church the printing cost by signing up for email delivery. You can sign up at <http://www.bit.ly/lakobisignup>

HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE

High School Youth will be going to the [Higher Things](#) Youth Conference on the campus of the Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN July 25th-28th. We have eight youth and three adults attending this year. The theme is *Here I Stand*. The speakers are Rev. George Borghardt and Rev. Matt Richard. There are also breakout sessions where the youth will be able to choose different topics about faith and life to learn about. There will be time for fun too. Please pray for these youth that they would have safe travels and deepen in their love for Jesus Christ.



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 11**. 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 11, 6:15 p.m.**

HOW DO SCRIP CARDS WORK?

You've heard the announcements and you know there's a table after church selling them, but how do they work and how do I use Scrip cards? We've heard this type of question recently so we're going to try and explain it. **The cards that are sold can be used at store just like you would use a gift card you have received.** The merchant swipes it just as they would a credit card. As an example, you know you are going to go to Kwik Trip in the coming week so you go to the table after church and write a check for \$100 and you will receive a Kwik Trip card for \$100. You can then use that card at the pump and it is worth \$100. The way the church receives a benefit is the church earns \$9 just for selling you that card. **It doesn't cost you a penny more than you would already spend** at these stores. If you know you will be spending money at a store or gas station, buy a Scrip Card the weekend before and earn the church money!

MISSIONARY VISIT

Pastor Matt Ruesch is a missionary to Puerto Rico in the Mayagüez area. Pastor Ruesch visited St. Jakobi in December of 2014, taught the Catechism class and preached at the Advent services. We have been financially supporting the work of the Lord through Pastor Ruesch in Puerto Rico. He will be at St. Jakobi again and will preach at both services on July 29th and 30th and will also make a presentation after the worship service during the Bible Study hour. Previously to being a missionary, Pastor Ruesch served two congregations in Bear Creek, WI.



PLANTING SEEDS

(Book Section 1, Mystery-Suspense)
After twenty years, psychology professor and part-time profiler Taylor Martin has a lead on her missing father's whereabouts-but someone doesn't want her to find him. Bradley weaves an exciting story of danger, mystery, and attraction.



LETTER FROM SEMINARIAN ANDREW TWIETMEYER

Dear Members of St. Jakobi,

Greetings from Fort Wayne! We house sat here for about two weeks before moving into our apartment. Living less than two miles from campus is awesome.

Elizabeth, Jane, and Eve join Andrew for chapel a few times a week. We have found that several of Andrew's



classmates and their families live in the same area, some within walking distance.

Greek class is going well and Andrew enjoys reading the New Testament in its original language. He is looking forward to starting different subjects next quarter. The rest of his classmates will also arrive in the fall. His class of about 50 is the biggest in years.

Churches near and far support the seminary, and we are thankful for them all. Local churches are assigned students who learn about congregational life and assist with worship. We will receive our assignment in late September. Some congregations opt to receive vicars who assist and learn from their pastor for a whole year. This experience is very formative for the vicar and his family. Finally, congregations send money and physical aid to the seminary. Some, like you, support a student directly. The rest help many other students in a big way.

Our family feels well taken care of and are thrilled to be here. Thank you for our continued support!

Sincerely,
Andrew, Elizabeth, Jane, and Eve.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 - Dustin Fischer
1 - Dave Hoffman
1 - Debra Booras
2 - Lena Johnson
3 - Cheryl Arthur
3 - Isabella Buettner
4 - Sommer McDowell
4 - Lorine Raddant
5 - Samuel Dick
6 - Michael Cotter
6 - Lainey Peters
6 - Brielle Arndt
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 Winkler
19 - Kathy Kroenke
19 - Colton Olson
21 - Marion Ruhbusch
21 - Lee Lindner
22 - Barbara Bubolz
22 - Erwin White
22 - Roxanne Fischer
22 - Brooke Sperberg
22 - Hailey Hawkinson
22 - Rob McDowell
22 - Linsey Gamroth
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
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, 2004 - Sarah & Jeremy Benser
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, 1990 - Jim & Katie Horne
26, 2006 - Bradley & Jennifer Sperberg
28, 2010 - Grant & Amy Riesenber
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 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guild: Tracie Popp Roxie Martzke Cindy Winkler Joanne Bublitz		1	2	3 1:00 Bible Study	4	5 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Ally Popp
6 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Brynlie Boyles	7	8	9	10 1:00 Bible Study	11	12 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Samuel Gueths
13 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Alli Johnson	14	15	16	17	18	19 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Braden Teetzen
20 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Rylee Trochil	21	22	23	24 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Catechism Meeting	25	26 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Isaiah Gueths
27 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Kloie Boyles	28	29	30	31	Elders: Sat: Don Bublitz Sun: Chuck Stoehr & Tom Tuma Spec: Mike Kroenke	

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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

