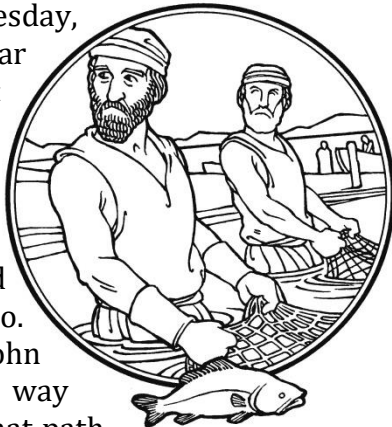


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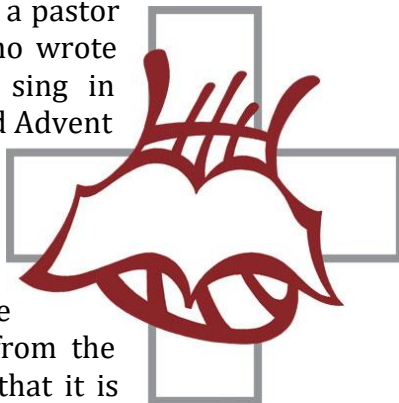
This Advent Season will bring another opportunity to prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Advent is a time of reflection and repentance as we hear about the preaching of John the Baptist during some of the weekend readings. We think about why it is necessary that Jesus be born in this sin-darkened world. He came to earth to bear our sin and die for us upon the cross. Thus we see that the way to prepare for Christmas is not with gift buying, baking, or parties; the way of preparation is the way of faith. Jesus calls us to faith and we have many examples to look to if we want to think about faith in Jesus.

Our mid-week Advent services this year will focus on four people whose commemoration dates falls in December and most of them on the specific Wednesday.

The first Wednesday, November 30th we will hear of Andrew, one of the first disciples of Jesus. He and his brother Peter were fishermen until the Lord called them to be fishers of men. God calls us to be disciples also. We hear the words of John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus and we follow that path of discipleship. We learn from Jesus and we know that the birth of Jesus is for our good and for the good of all people.

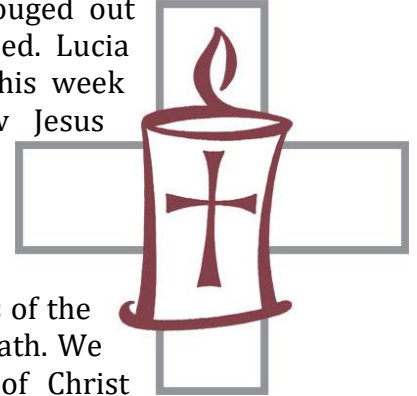


The second week we will hear about Ambrose of Milan. He was a pastor that lived in the 300's who wrote some of the hymns we sing in church. He wrote a beloved Advent and Christmas hymn, 332, *Savior of the Nations, Come*. Our time during that second week of Advent will glean the truth of the incarnation from the beautiful and poetic way that it is

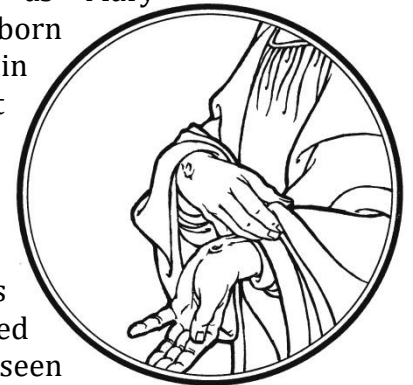


confessed in Ambrose's hymn.

The third week of Advent will be a time to consider the life of Lucia. She was a young virgin who lived in the late 200's and was killed for her faith in 304AD. She was found out to be a Christian and her eyes were gouged out and then she was killed. Lucia means "light". Thus, this week we think about how Jesus comes to the world to bring light to the darkness and illumine our lives so that we may be bold witnesses of the truth of his life and death. We also share the light of Christ with other people in our life.



The fourth and final week of Advent we will consider Thomas, another disciple of Jesus. Thomas is famous for doubting the resurrection of Jesus and wanting to see the nail-pierced hands and feet of Jesus before he would believe. The correlation is that you don't get to see the manger located in Bethlehem and hear as Mary soothes her crying, newborn Lord. And yet, faith in Jesus is not dependent on seeing the historical event, but knowing and believing that Jesus was born, lived, died, and rose again. Jesus says to Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."



The time of Advent and Christmas is a great opportunity to force yourself to pull back from the busyness of this world and focus on what truly matters: Jesus Christ. I pray that you would be prepared for Christmas by the hearing of God's Word which proclaims to you the birth of your Savior, Jesus Christ.

In the coming Lord,
-Pastor

ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

ADVENT SERVICES

Midweek Advent Services will be on November 30th, December 7th, 14th, and 21st. They are at 10:30am and 6:30pm. Every week there will be a meal in the Parish Hall at 5:00pm. Different groups are providing the meal so you don't have to cook after work or school. You can come, eat, and then stay for worship.



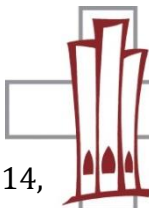
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Children's Christmas Service will be on the Sunday before Christmas, December 18th. It will be at the regular time of worship at 9am. Practice starts on November 27th during the Sunday School hour. It will continue every week on Sunday and also two Saturday mornings, December 10th and 17th. **If your child will be unable to participate, please call the church office at 715-524-4347** so we can plan appropriately.



MUSICAL GIFT TO THE CHRIST CHILD

A Musical Gift to the Christ Child will be given once again to enrich your real celebration of Christmas. It will be presented on Wednesday, December 14, 6:30pm. The program will include religious selections by the St. Jakobi "Voices of Praise", St James Lutheran school hand chime choirs, Wolf River Lutheran High School Choir and Band, Bible readings of the Christmas story, individual musical selections, and congregational carols. There will be fellowship with refreshments and snacks after the concert. Please join us in this annual celebration of Christ's birth.



THE LUTHERAN WITNESS

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to continue or be a new subscriber to *The Lutheran Witness* for 2017. Price for a 1 year subscription is \$22.01. Deadline to sign up is December 25th.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

There are two services on Christmas Eve. The early one at 4:00 will be a Communion Service and the Candlelight service at 11pm will emphasize the light of Jesus Christ who has come into this dark world. On Christmas Day there is one service, at 9am with Communion.



SCRIP PROGRAM NEWS

Are you looking to buy gift cards for Christmas presents? Then Scrip is your answer. You can look over the list of participating retailers at church. You will find great gift card ideas like Bath & Body Works, Target, Dick's, Home Depot, iTunes Store, Aeropostale, GameStop, Toys'R Us, Amazon, Gander Mountain, Cabela's and many more! You can see an entire list and shop online for cards at www.shopwithscrip.com. A portion of every gift card purchase goes to the church. The last day to order scrip cards for Christmas is December 13th. Don't wait till the very end and then not be able to get what you want; order early. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Donna Lopez at 715-584-7960

NEWLY ELECTED CHURCH OFFICERS

Vice-President: Darryl Prodell
Secretary: Judi Raddant
Board of Elders: Mike Kroenke & Chuck Stoehr
Board of Trustees: Jeff Buettner
Board of Christian Ed: Jamie Popp
Board of Stewardship: Dawn Wesenberg

The installation of new church officers will take place on Sunday, January 8th.

HARVEST DISPLAY

All the food that was collected was donated to the Shawano Area Food Pantry on Thanksgiving.



MITTEN TREE

All the mittens, hats, and scarves that were collected were donated to area schools. Thank you for your generosity!



LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible Study on the 1st Wednesday of the month will no longer meet since it is just as convenient for the women to attend the weekly Bible Study on Thursdays at the same time. The Word of the Lord Endures Forever!

HYMN SING

On two Saturdays in December, the 10th and 17th, there will be a hymn sing before church. You can request your favorite Advent or Christmas hymn from the hymnal and we will sing it before church. Come early to church on those nights and join in the joy of Advent and Christmas.

FELLOWSHIP

We all had a good time on Veteran's Day at Antlers. However, we always skip the month of December for our time together. So our next Fellowship will be on Friday, January 13, 2017. Sounds like a long time, doesn't it? That gives you time to plan so you can join us.

FUNERAL – JIM SCHROEDER

Jim Schroeder passed away on November 14th and his funeral was November 18th at St. Jakobi. We give thanks to God that He called him to faith and blessed him in his earthly life and that he now rests from his labors.

UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

- December 4th:** Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-22
- December 11th:** Isaiah 35: 1-10
James 5:7-11
Matthew 11:2-15
- December 18th:** Isaiah 7:10-17
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25
- December 25th :** Isaiah 52:7-10
Hebrews 1:1-6
John 1:1-14

NEW MEMBERS Welcome to St. Jakobi!



Jim & Joanne Bartz



Roger Piehl



Doris Zeuske

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 questions.



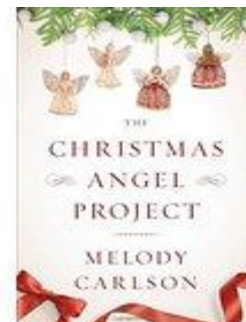
LIBRARY NEWS

PLANTING SEEDS

(Book Section 1) Five women from different walks of life have become close friends through their book club--enjoying one another's company even more than they enjoy the books. So when the leader of the book club unexpectedly passes away on the cusp of the Christmas season, the four remaining friends are stunned. They relied on Abby for inspiration and motivation. She was the glue that held them together, and they're sure that without her the group can't continue.



When the group gathers "one last time" to open a bag Abby's husband gives them, they find Abby had made each of them an angel ornament for Christmas, crafted especially for each woman and accompanied by a sweet and personal note. Inspired by their beloved friend, together Cassidy, Louisa, Grace, and Belinda decide to commit themselves to becoming Christmas Angels to others in need. Each woman will use her life situation and talents to reach out and help others in her own unique way--little knowing that her own life and her relationships will be changed forever.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

1 - Greg Stezenski
1 - Mark Hartmann
2 - Gretchen Russell
3 - Eric Wendorff
3 - Lori Wendorff (Chad)
5 - Garrett Wendorff
5 - DeLila Clark
6 - Dan Bahr
6 - Fred Opperman
6 - Maria Kriewaldt
7 - Jeff Ludolph
7 - Mike Wendorff
8 - Deana Edelberg
8 - Connor Buenning
9 - Jessy Clark
9 - Gabrielle Tuma
10 - Kathy Buettner
10 - Reegan Clark
11 - Art Nelson
12 - Rich Teetzen
12 - Madeline Pyatskowitz
13 - Samatha Cotter
13 - Scott Steinke
14 - Tracie Popp
14 - Kennedi Meyers
15 - Carol Cieslak
16 - Jacob Tonn
16 - Carol Magee
17 - Carol Verstoppen
17 - Alyxis Paiser
17 - Nora Stuber
18 - Dawn Giese
19 - Emmali McDowell
19 - Noelle Buettner
20 - Bradley Sperberg
20 - Vicki Buettner
21 - Gladys Schroeder
21 - Dorothea Lindner
21 - Shirley Krueger
22 - Reynold Buettner
23 - Andrew Schneider
25 - Albert Schroeder Jr.
25 - Lisa Lange
26 - Tina Hartman
27 - Dale Hawkinson
27 - Karen Ross
27 - Michael Peters
27 - Jon Wesenberg
29 - Terry Watzlawick
28 - Kay Marquardt
30 - Bonnie Sperberg
31 - Ashley Teetzen

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.

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

8, 1991 - Jeff & Kathy Buettner
14, 1974 - John & Tracie Popp
20, 2003 - Jeremy and Heather Pyatskowitz
23, 1967 - Rich & Faith Teetzen
26, 1996 - Jamison & Jana Yorton
27, 2001 - Michael & Sabrina Kriewaldt
28, 1957 - James & Joanne Bartz
29, 2001 - Virgil & Jacqueline Gueths
29, 1973 - Bill & Deb Laehn
30, 1978 - Charles & Joan Stoehr
31, 2006 - Randy & Dawn Giese
31, 2015 - Matt & Jessica VanBuren
31, 2015 - Steven & Ashley Damveld

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.

December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elders: Sat: Jon Wesenberg Sun: Tom Tuma Spec: Don Bublitz	Altar Guild Donna Ward Deb Laehn Joan Stoehr Brenda Gast Judi Raddant			1 1:00 Bible Study	2	3 6:30 Service(HC) Acolyte: Colton Olson
4 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Rylee Trochil	5 6:15Choir Practice 7:00 Altar Guild	6	7 10:30 Advent Service 3:30 Catechism 5:00 Supper 6:30 Advent Service Acolyte: Ethan Pleshek	8 1:00 Bible Study	9	10 9:00-11:30 Christmas Program Practice 6:30 Service(HC) Acolyte: Tucker Pyatskowitz
11 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Brynlie Boyles	12 6:15Choir Practice	13	14 10:30 Advent Service 3:30 Catechism 5:00 Supper 6:30 Choral Service Acolyte: Samuel Gueths	15 1:00 Bible Study	16	17 9:00-11:30 Christmas Program Practice 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Alli Johnson
18 9:00 Children's Christmas Program	19 6:15Choir Practice	20	21 10:30 Advent Service 3:30 Catechism 5:00 Supper 6:30 Advent Service Acolyte: Braden Teetzen	22 1:00 Bible Study	23	24 Christmas Eve 4:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Isaiah McDowell 11:00 Candlelight Service Acolyte: Hunter Hawkinson
25 Christmas Day 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Taylor Johnson	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Alex Owen

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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

