

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

The Christmas hymn, *What Child Is This?* is a favorite of many people. I'd like to take the time to explain some of the imagery that is used in the hymn and the beautiful Gospel that you sing. You will see the three verses of the hymn in the inset of the article.

The first two lines have been used to show the similarity between the birth and death of Jesus. Jesus is held by his mother Mary when he is born and she also is there when his body is taken down from the cross. She holds his sleeping (dead) body before it is laid into the grave.

The verse continues by describing the angels and shepherds greeting Jesus who is the king. A word used to describe the worship of the angels and shepherds is laud. They laud him who is the king.

Verse two focuses on the circumstances of his birth. They don't seem to fit the birth of a king; things like animals eating and rough (mean) circumstances. The appearances, though, are different that the unseen truth. We Christians know that Jesus is the Word made flesh dwelling with us (John 1:14). But he doesn't just dwell with us, he is pleading for us. While he lays in a manger as a quietly sleeping newborn, he is still bearing our flesh. He bears this flesh so that nails and spear can do their work on him. The little baby held in the arms of Mary will bleed for me, for you, for Mary, for all. We bring our praises to Jesus this Christmas because we know that it will lead to Good Friday and also to Easter. All the circumstances of the life of Jesus are tied together.

Now, with verse three you begin to hear some of the language of the wisemen coming to visit Jesus.

This event is recorded in Matthew 2. The wisemen, or magi, come from the East bringing incense, gold, and myrrh. We don't know how many there are, only that there are three gifts and more than one person. There might have been 3 or 10...we don't know. Regardless of whether you be a king or peasant you come to worship the King of kings. Jesus is the king

that reigns over all kings and over all the world. Having faith in Jesus, we acknowledge the truth of Jesus' kingship and that we live under him in his kingdom. Our hearts enthrone him. This means that Jesus reigns as king not only over the world but specifically, in our hearts. Jesus says that he abides in us and we in him.

Mary knows some of this. The angel Gabriel has come and announced to her that she would give birth to Immanuel, God with us. She doesn't know everything but she still sings her song on high. She sings praise of her son as any mother would but she also sings her lullaby to her Savior. She knows he's God because she remains a virgin. One of the great miracles of Christmas is not only that Jesus is born but that Jesus is born of a virgin.

We, the people of God sing joy, joy. We sing joy to the world and we announce the great joy that is ours because our Savior reigns among us and is born.

My prayer for all the people of St. Jakobi this year is that you hear these wonderful events from Scripture at church and join your voices with the all the others in singing praise to the babe, the Son of Mary, the Son of God.

Joyfully,
-Pastor Kleinschmidt

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!
2. Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary.
3. So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary!

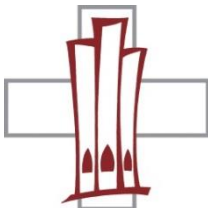
ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

ADVENT SERVICES

Midweek Advent Services will be on December 4th, 11th, and 18th. 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.

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 11th, 6:30pm. The program will include religious selections by the St. Jakobi "Voices of Praise", St James Lutheran school hand chime choirs, Bible readings of the Christmas story, individual musical selections, and congregational carols. There will be fellowship with refreshments and snacks after the service. Please join us in this celebration of Christ's birth.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:
12/1 Christmas Program Practice
12/8 Christmas Program Practice
12/14 Christmas Program Practice (Sat)
12/15 Christmas Program Practice
12/21 Christmas Program Practice (Sat)
12/22 Christmas Program
12/29 No Class



SCRIP PROGRAM NEWS

It is that time of year again! Scrip cards make a wonderful Christmas gift and also help out the church. In order to get them by Christmas the last day to order is Monday, December 16th. So, start thinking about what you may need. If you have any questions or do not know how to order on-line please call Dawn Wesenberg at 715-524-8617 and she will be more than happy to help you.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SCHEDULE

The New Year's Eve Schedule is as follows:
Dec. 28, Saturday: 6:30 Service
Dec. 29, Sunday: 9am Service
Dec. 31, Tuesday: 6:30 Service

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

The Christmas Schedule is as follows:
Dec. 22, Sunday: 9am Children's Christmas Service
Dec. 24, Tuesday: 4pm Service
Dec. 24, Tuesday: 11pm Service
Dec. 25, Wednesday: 9am Service

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Children's Christmas Service will be on the Sunday before Christmas, December 22nd. It will be at the regular time of worship at 9am. Practice starts on December 1st during the Sunday School hour. It will continue every week on Sunday and also two Saturday mornings, December 14th and 21nd. **If your child will be unable to participate, please call the church office at 715-524-4347 so we can plan appropriately.**

READINGS AT CHURCH

December 1st: Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 21:1-11
December 8th: Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12
December 15th: Isaiah 35:1-10
James 5:7-11
Matthew 11:2-15
December 21st: Isaiah 7:10-17
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25
December 29th: Isaiah 63:7-14
Galatians 4:4-7
Matthew 2:13-23

FELLOWSHIP

We always take a break in December because it's a very busy month. January is our next get-together. Have a Blessed Christmas!

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 at <http://www.bit.ly/Jakobisignup>

USHER SCHEDULE

December 1st: Donna & Jim
December 8th: Dale & Mark
December 15th: Jeff & Mike D.
December 22nd: Donna & Marshal
December 24th: Dale & Jim
December 25th: Mike W & Mark
December 29th: Mike D & Jeff

If you are interested in ushering, please talk to Don Bublitz or call him at 715-526-5315 by Dec. 3rd.

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 2020. The renewal is March 2020. Price for a 1-year subscription is \$22.56. Please sign up by Dec. 25th.

HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE

We will begin planning for a Youth Group trip to the Higher Things Conference being held at Calvin University, Grand Rapids Michigan next summer, July 21st – 24th, 2020. The theme is *Watermarked*. Registration forms need to be given to Pastor by December 1st. **All 8th graders and high schoolers should have received a registration form.** If you are concerned about what your kids learn from the world and culture, then make sure they learn of the Word of God at the Higher Things Conference. You can get more information at www.Watermarked2020.org.

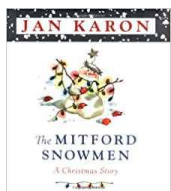


NEWLY ELECTED CHURCH OFFICERS

Vice President: Darryl Prodell
Recording Secretary: Judi Raddant
Board of Elders: Mark Schuster & Mike Kroenke
Board of Trustees: Tyler Hoyer
Board of Christian Education: Kim Wendorff
Board of Evangelism: Dawn Wesenberg

The installation of new church officers will take place on Sunday, January 12th.

PLANTING SEEDS LIBRARY NOTES:



(Book Section 1) It's Christmastime in Mitford, and everyone's favorite characters are filled with holiday spirit. In *The Mitford Snowmen*, a swirling snowfall brings them to Main Street for a snowman-building contest complete with doughnuts, hot chocolate, and contagious good cheer.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Join in with fellow Christians in singing the joy of Christmas. We will meet to go caroling on Saturday, December 14th at 1pm. We will meet at church and then go to nursing homes and the homes of some members of St. Jakobi

LETTER FROM SEMINARIAN:

Dear Friends of St. Jakobi:

Zion is the "partner church" of LCMS students attending Ohio State University. We have a handful of students who join us on Sundays and Andrew leads a Bible Study on campus weekly. Every month during the school year, there is lunch after the late Sunday service for anyone under 40. We all enjoy those!

Andrew still loves being a vicar, and we are all grateful for an awesome pastor and congregation. Many of our friends say the same about their vicarages.

We did not expect to enjoy living so close to a big city, but we are finding the perks. For example, Andrew has found some disc golf courses, parks, and hunting land. In Columbus, anything one could want to buy is nearby too. Andrew has visited the local Greek Orthodox book store, Elizabeth found a stationery store, and we all explored a Lego Store and IKEA for the first time.

The kids are looking forward to trick-or-treating this year. Jane is going to dress up as Snow White and Eve is Cinderella. At church, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday with Divine Service and lunch catered by one of the German restaurants nearby. Since Zion is located in the "German Village" area of Columbus, the food ought to be delicious.

Although the highs still linger in the 60's and 70's, we are enjoying autumn. The leaves are changing and it's time to start baking yummy apple goods.

Sincerely: The Twietmeyers

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!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Greg Stezenski
3 - Eric Wendorff
3 - Lori Wendorff (Chad)
4 - Cienna Kuhn
5 - DeLila Clark
5 - Garrett Wendorff
6 - Dan Bahr
6 - Maria Kriewaldt
7 - Judy Betzig
7 - Mike Wendorff
8 - Connor Buening
8 - Deana Edelberg
9 - Jessy Clark
9 - Gabrielle Tuma
10 - Kathy Buettner
10 - Reegan Clark
11 - Art Nelson
12 - Bradley Felckowski
12 - Madeline Pyatskowitz
12 - Rich Teetzen
13 - Samantha Cotter
14 - Finley Ladwig
14 - Kennedi Meyers
14 - Tracie Popp
15 - Carol Cieslak
16 - Carol Magee
16 - Jacob Tonn
17 - Nora Stuber
17 - Carol Verstoppen
18 - Dawn Giese
18 - Tyler Hoyer
19 - Noelle Buettner
19 - Emmali McDowell
19 - Alyxis Paiser
20 - Vicki Buettner
20 - Brad Sperberg
21 - Shirley Krueger
21 - Dorothea Lindner
23 - Andrew Schneider
24 - Donna Hawkinson
25 - Lisa Lange
25 - Albert Schroeder Jr.
26 - Tina Hartmann
27 - Dale Hawkinson
27 - Michael Peters
27 - Karen Ross
27 - Jon Wesenberg
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
9, 2006 - Troy & Danielle Kuhn
13, 2014 - David & Judy Betzig
14, 1974 - John & Tracie Popp
18, 2004 - Randy & Lynn Trochil
20, 2003 - Jeremy and Heather Pyatskowitz
23, 1967 - Rich & Faith Teetzen
26, 1996 - Jamison & Jana Yorton
27, 2001 - Michael & Sabrina Kriewaldt
29, 2001 - Virgil & Jacqueline Gueths
29, 1973 - Bill & Deb Laehn
30, 1978 - Chuck & Joan Stoehr
31, 2015 - Steve & Ashley Damveld
31, 2006 - Randy & Dawn Giese
31, 2015 - Matt & Jessica VanBuren



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 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Joe Kleinschmidt	2 6:15 Choir Practice 7:00 Altar Guild Christmas Party	3	4 10:30 Advent Service 4:15 Catechism 5:00 Advent Supper 6:30 Advent Service Acolyte: Cienna Kuhn	5 1:00 Bible Study	6	7 10:00 Building Committee 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Kadence Meyers
8 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: James Lange	9 6:15 Choir Practice 7:00 Elders	10	11 10:30 Advent Service 4:15 Catechism 5:00 Advent Supper 6:30 Choral Service Acolyte: Emmali McDowell	12 1:00 Bible Study	13	14 9:00-11:30 Christmas Practice 1:00 Christmas Caroling 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Joshua Lange
15 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Henry Pleshek	16 6:15 Choir Practice	17	18 10:30 Advent Service 4:15 Catechism 5:00 Advent Supper 6:30 Advent Service Acolyte: Madeline Pyatskowitz	19 1:00 Bible Study	20	21 9:00-11:30 Christmas Practice 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Josie Gueths
22 9:00 Children's Christmas Service	23	24 Christmas Eve 4:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Lily Felckowki 11:00 Service Acolyte: Levi Wendorff	25 Christmas 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Josh Trochil	26	27	28 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Kelsie Wendorff
29 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Jai Bisterfeldt	30	31 New Year's Eve 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Noah Wendorff		Elders: Sat: Bob Behrens Sun: Rich Raddant Jon Wesenberg Spec: Jamison Yorton		Altar Guild: Joan Stoehr Mary Theis Carol Magee Bab Bubolz Betty Szucs

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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

