

## From Pastor Kleinschmidt

This month our congregation marks the beginning of an important, annual journey. **Ash Wednesday is February 10<sup>th</sup> and it will be another**



**opportunity to examine our own lives, call on the name of the Lord, and receive the forgiveness of sins.** This is something that Jesus calls us to do every day, but it is certainly an emphasis during the season of Lent, of which Ash Wednesday is the first day of.

There are so many things in life that pull people different directions. You may have lots of activities at school, with family, work commitments, or volunteer opportunities. But with all of those activities, there is a place of rest and solace. It is where the Lord speaks to you. In the Divine Service at Church, God speaks through the words of Holy Scripture. It's a personal word addressed to each and every believer.

For this reason the people of God slow down a bit during Lent. We focus on God and the great mercy that God the Father has had upon us by sending His Son, Jesus Christ to earth to pay the penalty for our sinfulness. **Lent is a time of reflection and repentance.**

Reflection means study of God's Word. **The Lutheran Church has historically used the time of Lent to study God's Word through the Small Catechism.** Like previous years, we will be reciting portions of the Small Catechism in all mid-week and weekend services. I would encourage you to begin your reflection with God's Word and from there consider how it is that God speaks to you through that Word and

how he speaks to different aspects of your life. He comforts you in your sorrow. He helps you in your trouble. He strengthens you in your weakness. Let God speak to you

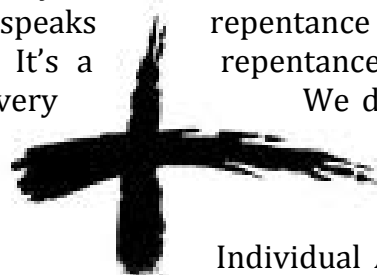
the words you need to hear and listen well to Him during this coming Lent season.

**After reflection, repentance is another important emphasis of Lent.** We are to look at our lives as we measure them against the 10 Commandments. Where we have failed to live by God's Word, we are to confess our sins and receive the abundant and never-ending grace of God. Repentance is a turning away from sin and a turning towards the cross of Jesus and the free and abundant forgiveness won there by our Lord and Savior. Going right along with repentance is how God responds to your repentance. He speaks a word of forgiveness.

We don't just say, "I'm sorry." and then God ignores it. No, God says, "I forgive you." On Ash Wednesday we will have an opportunity for Individual Absolution. You can come forward and have a personal Word of forgiveness given to you. We will confess our sins together and after receiving ashes you will also hear that life-giving Word of forgiveness that was won by Jesus upon the cross.

May the Lord bestow upon you his grace as you journey to the cross this Lent season and rejoice in the resurrection from the dead as Jesus defeats the great enemy, death.

In Christ,  
Pastor Kleinschmidt

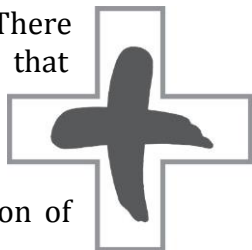


**ASH  
WEDNESDAY**

# ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

## LENT SERVICES

Ash Wednesday is on February 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be two Communion Services on that day, at 10:30am and 6:30pm. There is also a Lent Dinner at 5pm. Make a habit of coming and growing in your faith in preparation for the celebration of Easter.



## 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 Lenten 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 to help with food, setup, or cleanup for any Wednesday in the Narthex and the group in charge will contact you for your help.

**February 10<sup>th</sup>:** Church Officers

**February 17<sup>th</sup>:** Board of Elders

**February 24<sup>th</sup>:** Higher Things Youth

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Board of Trustees

**March 9<sup>th</sup>:** Board of Education

**March 16<sup>th</sup>:** Board of Stewardship

## LENT – PLACES OF THE PASSION

At the Wednesday Lent Services we will be hearing of the places that Jesus went in order to bring you salvation. There will be a rotation of pastors who preach on those Wednesdays.

**February 10<sup>th</sup>:** Pastor Travis Kleinschmidt

**February 17<sup>th</sup>:** Pastor John Eyer

**February 24<sup>th</sup>:** Pastor Steve Conradt

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Pastor Mark Palmer

**March 9<sup>th</sup>:** Pastor Ted Andrada

**March 16<sup>th</sup>:** Pastor Travis Kleinschmidt

## CHURCH BUILDING LOAN BALANCE:

The amount owed at the start of 2015 for the loan to build the new church was \$310,957.79. After making our monthly payments and some extra towards principal the balance at the end of 2015 was \$274,631.51. After paying down some principal at the beginning of 2016 we are on track to pay off the loan in 5.5 years; nearly 5 years ahead of schedule. Thanks be to God for His blessings.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Beginning the weekend of January 24<sup>th</sup> we have begun using Service One in the hymnal which begins on page 151. This order of service includes the Hymn of Praise, *This is the Feast*. As we begin to learn this service, listen for voices around you that know the music well. In addition, the page numbers are all printed on the inside cover of the bulletin. As with all things we do during the church service, this new service should be for the strengthening of your faith and the glory of God.

## FELLOWSHIP

On February 12<sup>th</sup> Fellowship will be held at Seasons Restaurant on Airport Rd. We will meet at 6:00 for drinks and will eat at 6:30. We'd love to have you join us! It's Valentine's Day weekend...maybe you want to wear red?? Make your reservation by signing up on the sheet found in the Narthex at church.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

2/7 Jesus is Anointed

2/14 Jesus Feeds Five Thousand

2/21 The Transfiguration

2/28 Jesus Sends the Seventy-Two



## BAPTISM

Nora Lee Stuber was baptized on January 17<sup>th</sup>. She is the daughter of Tony and Jenny Stuber. She was born December 17, 2015 and her baptismal sponsors are Bruce Johnson, Rachel Sheldon, and Sarah Sheldon.

## UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

**February 7<sup>th</sup>:** Deuteronomy 34: 1-12  
Hebrews 3: 1-6  
Luke 9:28-36

**February 14<sup>th</sup>:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
Romans 10:8b-13  
Luke 4:4-13

**February 21<sup>st</sup>:** Jeremiah 26:8-15  
Philippians 3: 17-4:1  
Luke 13:31-35

**February 28<sup>th</sup>:** Ezekiel 33:7-20  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
Luke 13:1-9

## ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild Looking for New Members: If you would like to get more involved in the church, think about joining the Altar Guild. What does the Altar Guild do? We prepare the Altar for every church service...changing paraments when needed, set up communion, display flowers and plants. We also set up and serve the Easter Breakfast and set up the Harvest Display for Thanksgiving Day and the Mitten tree before Christmas. Join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. for our monthly meetings and join in on all the fun! *"Serve the Lord with Gladness!" Psalm 100:2*

## ANNUAL CONGREGATION REPORT

You can pick up the Annual Report of St. Jakobi in the Narthex at Church that includes the 2015 Financial Statements.

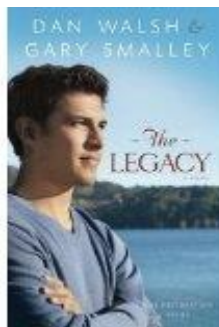
## CONSIDERING A LUTHERAN SCHOOL?

St. Jakobi has funds available to help pay for 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

A young man on his own for the first time faces temptations that test his faith and worry his family-and his decisions will cost him more than he thinks. Only the love of a good woman will be the key to his future happiness. (Book 4 of the Restoration Series)



## DID YOU KNOW?

The ashes that are used on Ash Wednesday are from the palm branches that were used on previous Palm Sundays. The palms that were used to proclaim the entry of our King into Jerusalem are then used to remind us of our own mortality and need for the King who comes to Jerusalem to die for us.

## WRLHS TRIVIA NIGHT

Wolf River Lutheran High School is hosting their 4th Annual Trivia Night to benefit the school on Sunday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held at St. James, Shawano. Sign-in will begin at 1:00 pm with the event to start at 1:30pm. Trivia nights are informal, fun, competitions where teams battle to see who has the greatest knowledge of trivia. Teams can have up to eight (8) adults. Free drinks and popcorn will be provided. Participants are encouraged to bring a snack item to share at your table too...sort of a snack potluck. You don't have to have a full team to sign up. Free babysitting will be available. The cost is \$10 per person. Please call the WRLHS office at (715)745-2400 or email [office@wrlhs.org](mailto:office@wrlhs.org)

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held the week of **June 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>** in the mornings. The theme this year is **Barnyard Roundup: Jesus gathers us together**. Psalm 23 will be the theme verses. 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 in the coming months.



## SNAIL MAIL? EMAIL?

You can receive this newsletter in your mailbox at church or by email. You can sign up for email delivery at <http://www.bit.ly/jakobisignup>

## TALK RADIO THE THINKING CHRISTIAN

EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Exorcism, The Diet of Worms, The Conversion of Paul, The Boy Jesus at the Temple and more. You can listen to what you want when you want at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org).

## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:**

1 - Jai Bisterfeldt  
2 - Ken Damveld  
2 - Lucas Gast  
2 - Breanna Brodhagen  
2 - Laci Sperberg  
2 - Abigael Owen  
3 - Joseph Kleinschmidt  
5 - Lawrence Schroeder  
5 - Jamie Steinke  
6 - Patti Bohm  
6 - Barb Lindner  
7 - Jesse Buntrock  
7 - Isaiah Gueths  
8 - Dale Buettner  
8 - Nicki Meyers  
9 - Casey Gast  
9 - August Vorpahl  
10 - Alexander Owen  
10 - Andy Popp  
11 - Chloe Bohl  
13 - Jade Waldvogel  
13 - John Popp  
15 - Doris Kroenke  
16 - John Kriewaldt  
17 - Steve Laude  
18 - Joanne Ackermann  
18 - Gary Weckwerth  
19 - Tara Bohm  
20 - Judy Buettner  
21 - Stephanie Boyles  
22 - Hannah Hein  
23 - Alyssa Wendorff  
24 - Nancy Schroeder  
24 - James VanScoik  
25 - Andrew Gueths  
26 - Curt Angeli  
26 - Jacob Nevins  
26 - Nancy Theis  
27 - Jeff Theis  
27 - Melissa Teetzen  
28 - Justin Opperman  
28 - Sarah Magee  
28 - Isaac Buettner

## **A BIRTHDAY PRAYER**

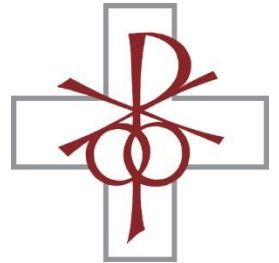
Heavenly Father, our times are in Your hands. Look with favor on name as he/she celebrates his/her birthday. Grant that he/she may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. Strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness and bless him/her with Your abiding love all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:**

16, 1957 - Marvin & Barbara Bahr  
26, 1994 - Thomas & Corrina Tuma  
26, 1972 - Mike & Karen Cotter

## **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.*

# February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 6:15 Choir Practice 7:00 Altar Guild	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 1:00 Ladies Bible Study 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	<b>4</b> 1:00 Bible Study	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:30 Service(HC) Acolyte: Jacob Nevins
<b>7</b> 9:00 Service(HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Ally Popp	<b>8</b> 6:15 Choir Practice	<b>9</b> 6:30 Elders	<b>10 Ash Wednesday</b> 10:30 Service (HC) 3:30 Catechism 5:00 Supper 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Carson Popp	<b>11</b> 1:00 Bible Study	<b>12</b> 6:30 Fellowship @ Seasons	<b>13</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:30 Service(HC) Acolyte: Kersten Stueck
<b>14</b> 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Kylie Teetzen 1:30 WRLHS Trivia Contest	<b>15</b> 6:15 Choir Practice	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:30 Service 3:30 Catechism 5:00 Supper 6:30 Service Acolyte: Jorden Thompson	<b>18</b> 1:00 Bible Study	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:30 Service(HC) Acolyte: Chloe Bohl
<b>21</b> 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Isaac Buettner	<b>22</b> 6:15 Choir Practice	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10:30 Service 3:30 Catechism 5:00 Supper 6:30 Service Acolyte: Blake Hartmann	<b>25</b> 1:00 Bible Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:30 Service(HC) Acolyte: Isaiah McDowell
<b>28</b> 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Ethan Pleshek	<b>29</b> 6:15 Choir Practice		Elders: Sat: Tom Tuma Sun: Jon Wesenberg Spec: Brian Sperberg	Altar Guild: Cindy Winkler Barb Teetzen Betty Szucs Carrie Westphal		

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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

