

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

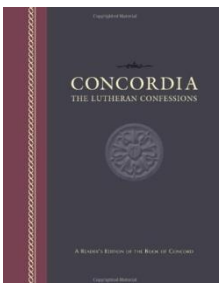
The previous two Newsletter articles have been about the frequency, benefits and early church practice of Holy Communion. This month we will look at the church's practice of Communion in the years leading up to the Lutheran Reformation and how Martin Luther and the other reformers sought to reform the practice of the Lord's Supper.

Within the Roman Catholic Church in the years leading to the Reformation in the 16th Century Holy Communion was for the most part only received by the priests. The participation of the laity was only to look upon the priest offering the sacrifice of the Mass. And even when the laity did receive Communion it was only the Body of Christ and not the Blood of Christ. The theology behind this was that Communion was something the priest was doing on behalf of the people of God instead of it being a way that the Lord blesses his people. In short, the direction was from earth to God instead of the Biblical understanding of from God to earth.

The Reformers taught about the great benefit of the Lord's Supper, that it should be received by the laity in both kinds (Body and Blood) and that it should be received more frequently. In particular, Luther's concern was offering the Sacrament more frequently but not requiring people to receive it. Luther understood that compelling someone to receive Communion was not a benefit for people and introduced unnecessary laws into the church.

In 1528 Luther wrote a letter, "One or two masses (Lord's Supper) should be celebrated on Sundays or on the days of the saints in the two parish churches." This letter is instruction about how to offer Communion to the people in the newly reformed territories.

One of the official documents of the Lutheran Church, written in 1531, is called *The Apology of the Augsburg Confession*. Here, the word apology means defense. Our own church constitution says of the *Apology*, "This congregation... acknowledges and accepts all the Confessional writings of The Evangelical Lutheran Church,

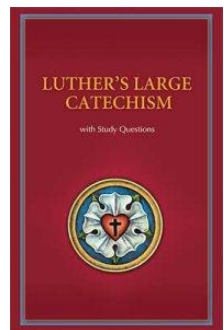


contained in the Book of Concord of the year 1580, to be the true and genuine exposition of the doctrines of the Bible. These Confessional writings are... the Apology of the Augsburg Confession." Our congregation has bound itself to this document because it clearly explains Scripture. In Article XXIV of the Apology it says, "At the outset, we must again make this preliminary statement: we do not abolish the Mass (Lord's Supper), but religiously keep and defend it. Masses (Communion) are celebrated among us every Lord's Day and on the other festivals. The Sacrament is offered to those who wish to use it, after they have been examined and absolved. And the usual public ceremonies are observed, the series of lessons, of prayers, vestments, and other such things." It is quite clear that the Reformers held the Sacrament of the Altar in high regard and offered it to the people every Sunday (Lord's Day) and other days of the week if they were festivals of the church. Frequent offering of the Sacrament was something that was not embraced among the early Lutherans right away but they slowly and steadily taught people that this is the Lord's desire, that the people receive the Body and Blood of Jesus.

Luther writes in the Large Catechism, "Now it is true, as we have said, that no one should by any means be forced or compelled to go to the Sacrament, lest we institute a new murdering of souls. Nevertheless, it must be known that people who deprive themselves of and withdraw from the Sacrament for such a long time are not to be considered Christians. For Christ has not instituted it to be treated as show. Instead, He has commanded His Christians to eat it, drink it, and remember Him by it. Indeed, those who are true Christians and value the Sacrament precious and holy will drive and move themselves to go to it."

The next month I will answer some common objections to more frequent offering of Holy Communion.

In Christ,
-Pastor Kleinschmidt



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

LENT SERVICES

Ash Wednesday is on February 18th. 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 Lent Service at 6:30.

February 18th: Altar Guild

February 25th: Choir

March 4th: Board of Stewardship & Trustees

March 11th: Board of Education

March 18th: Board of Elders

March 25th: Church Officers

LENT – TAUGHT BY OUR LORD

At the Wednesday Lent Services we will be hearing God's Word as it is presented in the Catechism. There will be a rotation of pastors who preach on those Wednesdays.

February 18th: Pastor Kleinschmidt

February 25th: Pastor Eyer

March 4th: Pastor Conradt

March 11th: Pastor Shoup

March 18th: Pastor Andrada

March 25th: Pastor Kleinschmidt

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship will be on Friday, February 20th. We eat at 6:30, but come early for drinks and socializing. We will go to the Launching Pad. Make your reservation by signing up on the sheet found in the Narthex at church.

VOICES OF PRAISE - CHOIR

There will be no choir practice on February 2nd, 9th, and 16th. The choir will sing on Ash Wednesday, February 18th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

2/1/15 Jesus Clears the Temple

2/8/15 Jesus Walks on Water

2/15/15 The Widow's Mite

2/22/15 Peter Denies Jesus



The Hearts for Jesus offering for the month of February will go to Pastor Matt Ruesch who is beginning his missionary work in Puerto Rico. He preached at St. Jakobi during an Advent Service this past year.

CHURCH BUILDING LOAN BALANCE:

The amount owed at the start of 2014 for the loan to build the new church was \$349,314.90. After making our monthly payments the balance at the end of 2014 was \$310,957.79. Thanks be to God for His blessings.

FUNERAL – DOROTHY KROENKE

Dorothy Kroenke passed away on January 21st and her funeral is January 31st at 11am. 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.

UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

February 1st: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

February 8th: Isaiah 40:21-31

1 Corinthians 9:16-27

Mark 1:29-39

February 15th: 2 Kings 2:1-12

2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6

Mark 9:2-9

February 22nd: Genesis 22:1-18

James 1:12-18

Mark 1:9-15

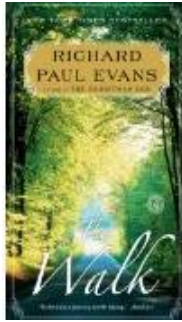
ANNUAL CONGREGATION REPORT

You can pick up the Annual Report of St. Jakobi in the Narthex at Church that includes the 2014 Financial Statements.

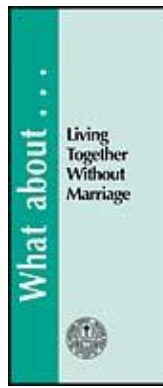
LIBRARY NEWS

PLANTING SEEDS

New to the Library is Richard Paul Evans 'The Walk' series. In the first book, Alan Christoffersen loses everything; his job, his home, his wife. Tempted by his darkest thoughts, he decides to walk from Seattle to Key West, Florida. His encounters with people, and the lessons that they share with him, save his life-and will inspire yours. This book is a good read; one which makes you want to pick up the next book and continue with the story. ★★★★★



WHAT ABOUT...



Each month we'll be highlighting a tract that can be picked up in the narthex. There is a series that was written by the former President of the LCMS, Rev. A. L. Barry. They cover a multitude of topics. This month we look at **Living Together Without Marriage**.

Increasingly, men and women choose to live as husband and wife without being married. This pamphlet will answer some questions asked about living together. They are free for the taking by the guest book in the Narthex of church.

WRLHS TRIVIA NIGHT

Join in the fun! Wolf River Lutheran High School is hosting their 3rd Annual Trivia Night to benefit the school on Sunday, March 1st from 2:30pm to 4:30pm at St. Paul in Bonduel. 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 rsvp@wrlhs.org.

ARE YOU THINKING OF SENDING YOUR CHILD TO 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.



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: Jesus and the Little Children, Infant Communion, Repentance, The Supreme Court & Same-Sex Marriage and more. You can listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org.

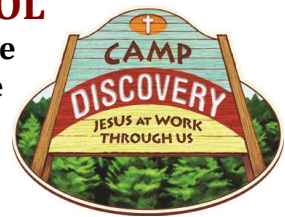
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held the week of **June 8th-12th** in the mornings. The theme this year is **Camp Discovery: Jesus at work through us**. 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.



ST. JAMES WINTER CARNIVAL

Please mark your calendars for the St James Winter Carnival on Saturday, February 21st from 11:00am - 2:00pm. There will be carnival games, food, face painting, pie throwing contest at teachers and a cake walk. Volunteers are needed for the various booths so please contact Jamie Gajewski or anyone on the St James PTL for any donations or to volunteer your time.

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 Kroenke
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
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
27 – Jeff Theis
27 – Melissa Teetzen
28 – Justin Opperman
28 – Sarah Magee
28 – Isaac Buettner

A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

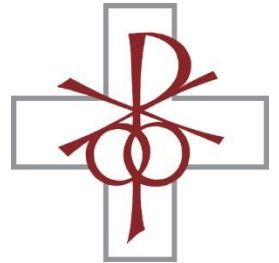
Heavenly Father, our times are in Your hands. Look with favor on name as he/she celebrates his/her birthday. Grant that he/she may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. Strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness and bless him/her with Your abiding love all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ, 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 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Isaiah Gueths	2 7:00 Altar Guild	3	4 1:00 Ladies Bible Study 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	5 1:00 Bible Study	6	7 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Kaden Marcell
8 9:00 Service 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Ally Popp	9	10 7:00 Elder Meeting	11 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	12 1:00 Bible Study	13	14 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:30 Service Acolyte: Carson Popp
15 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Jacob Nevins	16	17	18 Ash Wednesday 10:30 Service (HC) 3:30 Catechism 5:00 Supper 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Kersten Stueck	19 1:00 Bible Study	20 6:30 Fellowship @ Launching Pad	21 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Kylie Teetzen
22 9:00 Service 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Jordan Thompson	23 6:15 Choir Practice	24 4:00 Board of Ed.	25 10:30 Service 3:30 Catechism 5:00 Supper 6:30 Service Acolyte: Bryce Bohl	26 1:00 Bible Study	27	28 6:30 Service Acolyte: Megan Gebert
Elders: Sat: Don Bublitz Sun: Tom Tuma Spec: Brian Sperberg	Altar Guild: Betty Szucs Pam Anderson Roxy Martzke					

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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

