

## From Pastor Kleinschmidt

On the Sunday before Ash Wednesday (February 26<sup>th</sup> this year) the church celebrates and remembers the Transfiguration of Jesus. This miraculous event only had three witnesses yet the importance of it is testified in that all four Gospel writers include it in their gospels. Jesus is up on the mountain with Peter, James, and John and his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. This shows that Jesus is divine and the glory of God is upon him. Jesus is talking with two other people, Moses and Elijah. They are talking about Jesus' coming exodus. This means they are discussing Jesus' upcoming passion, suffering, and death. The writings and ministries of Moses and Elijah are fulfilled in Christ's sacrifice and resurrection on the third day.

As with other church holy days, there are some wonderful hymns associated with the Transfiguration. The hymn, *O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair* (LSB 413) has an engaging melody and is a great example of putting Scriptural truths into beautiful poetic form. As you look at the hymn notice that the last word in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> line rhyme along with the last word of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> lines. Besides the beauty of the structure, the rhyming aides in memorization. It is easier to memorize hymns and poetry that rhyme. This is one of the advantages to memorizing Scriptural hymns.

Perhaps the most famous type in Scripture is the bronze serpent on a pole that corresponds to the anti-type Jesus when he is lifted up on the cross. You learn of what the death of Jesus means when

you study how the bronze serpent saved people in Numbers 21. In the hymn, Jesus is a type of heaven. Just as Jesus glows with the glory of God, so we will share in that glory of heaven.

In the second verse Moses and Elijah are talking with Jesus and how their words in the Old Testament "bear record to the only Son."

The third verse focuses on the glory of God being with us today. When we receive Jesus with joy, God's glory will be ours forever.

The next verse is about your response to this glorious vision. We raise our hearts and voices in joyful strains because of the great mystery revealed in the glory of Jesus Christ.

Finally, the fifth verse is marked with a  $\Delta$  which denotes that it is a doxological verse. It praises all three persons of the Trinity by name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The connection to all three persons of the Trinity is that we receive God's grace in order to see the glory of God face to face. What Peter, James, and John, witnessed and experienced is not reserved only for them. We will see the glory of God in everlasting life.

You notice in this hymn the emphasis on Jesus' glory in the Transfiguration being a looking forward to the glory we will experience and be a part of in everlasting life. The first line of the hymn finds its completion in the last. The glory of Jesus in the Transfiguration finds its fulfillment in your eternal bliss and happiness in heaven.

In the glorified Lord,  
-Pastor Kleinschmidt

### *O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair* LSB 413

1. O wondrous type! O vision fair  
Of glory that the Church may share,  
Which Christ upon the mountain shows,  
Where brighter than the sun He glows!
2. With Moses and Elijah nigh  
The incarnate Lord holds converse high;  
And from the cloud the Holy One  
Bears record to the only Son.
3. With shining face and bright array  
Christ deigns to manifest today  
What glory shall be theirs above  
Who joy in God with perfect love.
4. And faithful hearts are raised on high  
By this great vision's mystery,  
For which in joyful strains we raise  
The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
5.  $\Delta$  O Father, with the eternal Son  
And Holy Spirit ever one,  
We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace  
To see Thy glory face to face.

# ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

## CHURCH CONSTITUTION CHANGES

For the past year the Constitution committee has been meeting and studying the current church constitution. They have proposed changes to the existing constitution and their proposed new constitution was handed out at the Council meeting, the Voter Meeting, and there are additional copies located in the Narthex. Please look at the proposals and consider the changes or any other possible changes. At the April Voter Meeting these changes will be considered.

## LENT

Ash Wednesday is March 1<sup>st</sup> and we will begin our Wednesday Lent Services on that day.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to sign up to provide flowers for the Altar, you can do so on the bulletin board in the hallway at church. The flowers should be here before church on Saturday evening. You can provide them in memory of someone, in honor of someone or some event, or just because. Thanks for beautifying church in this way!

## CHURCH BUILDING LOAN BALANCE:

The amount owed at the start of 2016 for the loan to build the new church was \$274,631.51. After making our monthly payments and some extra towards principal the balance at the end of 2016 was \$180,037.34. We are on track to pay off the loan in 4 years; over 5.5 years ahead of schedule. Thanks be to God for His blessings.

## ANNUAL CONGREGATION REPORT

You can pick up the Annual Report of St. Jakobi in the Narthex at Church that includes the 2016 Financial Statements.

## FELLOWSHIP

Next month we will be getting together on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. We'll eat at The Main Event in Cecil at 12 noon. Be sure to sign up so you can join us!

## FUNERAL – CAROL OPPERMAN

Carol Opperman passed away on December 27<sup>th</sup> and her funeral was January 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Jakobi. 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.

## BAPTISM

Georgia Claire Ladwig was baptized on January 8<sup>th</sup>. She is the daughter of Josh and Bobbi Jo Ladwig. She was born November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and her baptismal sponsors are Travis Herrmann and Megan Gillis.

## BAPTISM

Lillian Sue Murdock was baptized on January 15<sup>th</sup>. She is the daughter of Trevor and Jennifer Murdock. She was born November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and her baptismal sponsors are Lesli Krueger and Jeremy Meyers.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:  
2/5 The Triumphal Entry  
2/12 The Widow's Offering  
2/19 The Lord's Supper  
2/26 Peter Denies Jesus



## ALTAR GUILD BAKE SALE

The Altar Guild will be having a bake sale after church on February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be snacks, treats, cupcakes, and sweets. Proceeds benefit the Altar guild.

## UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

**February 5<sup>th</sup>:** Isaiah 58:3-9a  
1 Corinthians 2:1-12  
Matthew 5:13-20

**February 12<sup>th</sup>:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
Matthew 5:21-37

**February 19<sup>th</sup>:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18  
1 Corinthians 3:10-23  
Matthew 5:38-48

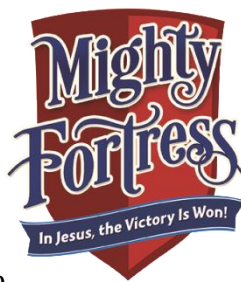
**February 26<sup>th</sup>:** Exodus 24:8-18  
2 Peter 1:16-21  
Matthew 17:1-9

## 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.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held the week of **June 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>** in the mornings. The theme this year is **Mighty Fortress: In Jesus, the Victory is Won!** Using the Reformation hymn, *A Mighty Fortress is our God*, we'll learn the Bible verse "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 15:57) 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.



## THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:



Thanks to the eligible members that received Thrivent Choice Dollars and designated them to St. Jakobi and other Lutheran organizations. We received \$2,832 in 2016. This money was previously designated to go to our building fund (new church).

There are a number of eligible members that have not designated their funds. You have until March 31, 2017 to designate your 2016 funds. If you have questions on how to designate them you may contact your Financial Representative or call the Thrivent home office at 800-847-4836 and state "Thrivent Choice". Remember this is "your money, free money" and if not designated by March 31 it is no longer available.

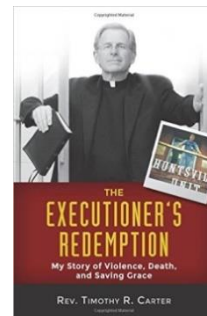
## LIBRARY NEWS

### PLANTING SEEDS

(Book Section 3) The wrenching account of one man's journey from executioner to pastor.



When young Tim Carter started working at a prison to make money for college, he didn't realize that he was signing away his life, his heart, and his very self to a career of brutal violence and routine executions. In the midst of the darkness of prison life, the light of God's Word shone in front of him. Condemned inmates were brought to faith and given eternal life. Families of inmates and victims took immense comfort in God's justice and redemption. But inside Carter's heart, a fierce battle raged. Was he carrying out God's will by wielding the sword of the state? Or was he actually doing more harm than good?



In these pages, you'll walk with Tim into the violence and through death row. You'll stumble with him through God's crushing judgment and into His tender love. And you'll learn that even in the darkest places, God is still there.

## ISSUES, ETC

TALK RADIO FOR THE THINKING CHRISTIAN...You can listen to teachings on: The Inside Story of Roe v. Wade, Embryonic Autonomy, Physician-Assisted Suicide, Contraception, Embryonic Stem Cell Research and more. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. You can listen at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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## LOOKING AHEAD

Easter is April 16<sup>th</sup>, Confirmation Sunday is June 4<sup>th</sup> and the Outdoor service and church picnic is June 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **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 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	2 1:00 Bible Study	3	4 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Carson Popp
5 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Kersten Stueck	6 6:15 Choir Practice 7:00 Altar Guild	7	8 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	9 1:00 Bible Study	10	11 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Isaac Buettner
12 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Jorden Thompson 12:00 Fellowship @ Main Event, Cecil	13 6:15 Choir Practice	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	16 1:00 Bible Study	17	18 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Chloe Bohl
19 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Kylie Teetzen	20 <i>President's Day</i> 6:15 Choir Practice 7:00 Elders	21	22 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	23 1:00 Bible Study	24	25 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Blake Hartmann
26 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Isaiah McDowell	27 6:15 Choir Practice	28	<b>Elders:</b> Sat: Jon Wesenberg Sun: Don Bublitz Mike Kroenke Spec: Chuck Stoehr		<b>Altar Guild:</b> Carrie Westphal Lorine Raddant Barb Bubolz Brenda Gast	

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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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

