

## From Pastor Kleinschmidt

Ash Wednesday is on February 14<sup>th</sup>. This Lent season we will journey to the cross and Easter morning by hearing and learning about the journey from the Old Testament to the New Testament of Christ.

Lent is the journey we make as we travel with Christ from the Mount of Transfiguration to Jerusalem where He will face the cross and the grave for our sakes. It is a very sobering trip, a journey that often struggles to find joy. But there is Easter!

This year our theme for our Lenten worship will focus upon the journey, but perhaps not in the way we usually walk it. Our overall theme will be **“Return from Exile: A Lenten Journey.”** All journeys must have a starting point; and in the preaching and teaching this Lenten season, we will consider our starting point a land of exile.

The land of exile from which we begin our journey is the wilderness of sin and death. Sin came into the world when our first parents were unfaithful and disobedient, eating fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Adam and Eve sinned, and we have inherited from them not only the sin itself, but also the result of that sin—separation from our Lord and God. From the first sin in the first garden, we have been exiled into the wilderness where we have wandered without any ability to find our way out.

This is the **beginning of our journey: exile.** But every journey also has a destination, an ending point. Our **return from exile brings us into the Promised Land.** Our relationship with our God is restored by Christ’s sacrifice. Our destination, then, is the perfect place, the new garden, the courts of heaven—the ultimate destination which was

established for us by His death and resurrection. There is great joy in the journey as we see where our returning brings us; but there is also a somber attitude when we consider what Christ faced on account of our sin.

All journeys consist of many events that take place between the journey’s beginning and its end. Our Lenten journey is no different. **Each leg of our Lenten journey begins in the Old Testament and then continues into the New Testament, pointing us to the joy that is ours in Christ Jesus.** Do not be surprised to discover that from the very beginning, even outside the gates of the Garden of Eden, it is Christ who travels with us. He has always

been our guide, from the very beginning, and He will journey with us to the very end. Indeed, He has even gone before us to prepare a heavenly dwelling place.

Life is full of journeys. Life itself is a journey. We enter this Lenten season contemplating the reality of our earthly journey but with eyes fixed on its destination—the empty tomb and the open gates of everlasting life. What joy there is in knowing that we do not walk this way alone!

**To aid you in this journey the congregation has bought Lent devotions that are tied to our Lent theme.** They are on the table in the Narthex and by the guest book. I would encourage you to use them as a supplement to your Portals of Prayer devotions or if you don’t do Portals of Prayer, try them as a way to grow in faith the Lent season. I’ve read them and think you won’t be disappointed in them.

Sharing the journey with you,  
Pastor Kleinschmidt



# ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

## LENT SERVICES

Ash Wednesday is on February 14<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 Lent 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 in the Narthex to help with food, setup, or cleanup for any Wednesday and the group in charge will contact you for your help.

**February 14<sup>th</sup>:** Board of Evangelism

**February 21<sup>st</sup>:** Board of Education

**February 28<sup>th</sup>:** Board of Trustees

**March 7<sup>th</sup>:** Higher Things Youth

**March 14<sup>th</sup>:** Church Officers

**March 21<sup>st</sup>:** Board of Elders

## LENT – RETURN FROM EXILE

At the Wednesday Lent Services we will be hearing about the journey from exile to life. Each Wednesday a different pastor will be here to preach.

**February 14<sup>th</sup>:** Pastor Kleinschmidt

**February 21<sup>st</sup>:** Pastor Shoup or Palmer from Bonduel

**February 28<sup>th</sup>:** Pastor Conradt from Hermansfort

**March 7<sup>th</sup>:** Pastor Eyer from Stony Hill/Gresham

**March 14<sup>th</sup>:** Pastor Kleinschmidt

**March 21<sup>st</sup>:** Pastor Shoup or Palmer from Bonduel

## ANNUAL CONGREGATION REPORT

You can pick up the Annual Report of St. Jakobi that includes the 2017 Financial Statements in the Narthex at Church.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

2/4 God Creates Adam and Eve

2/11 Sin Enters the World

2/18 Cain and Abel

2/25 Noah and the Flood



## CHURCH BUILDING LOAN BALANCE

The amount owed for the loan to build the new church at the start of 2017 was \$180,037.34. After making our monthly payments and some additional payments on the principal, the balance at the end of 2017 was \$122,049.75. If we continue to make just our regular payments we will completely pay off the loan by September 2020 (2.75 years).

## ST. JAKOBI CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The cemetery association has updated and revised the St. Jakobi Cemetery Guidelines. Copies of the proposed guidelines will be available in the narthex of the church for you to review. They are Tom Anderson, Joanne Bublitz, Warren Gueths, Rich Raddant, Betty Szucs, Marlyn Teetzen and Curt Wendorff.

## USHER SCHEDULE

February 4<sup>th</sup>: Jamison & Dale

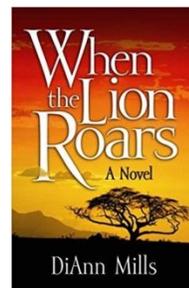
February 11<sup>th</sup>: Jeff & Donna

February 18<sup>th</sup>: Mike & Jim

February 25<sup>th</sup>: Marshal & Jamison

## PLANTING SEEDS

(Book Section 1) An American female doctor, an Arab Christian man, and an officer of the Sudanese Liberation Army must work together to find and liberate a young girl who's been abducted into slavery by the Northern Sudanese. These unlikely partners face the reality of a nation in turmoil, and the rampant hostility that exists between Christians and Muslims. When the Lion Roars addresses issues of prejudice and the injustices inflicted upon Southern Sudanese citizens. Will romance emerge despite the difficult situations? Redemptive resolutions reveal the heart of God toward all people.



## COMMUNION WARE

Altar Guild is looking at replacing the Communion Ware for our church. If you would like to donate to this project, please mark an envelope with the note *Communion Ware* and put it in the Offering plate.

## UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

- February 4<sup>th</sup>:** Isaiah 40:21-31  
1 Corinthians 9:16-27  
Mark 1:29-39
- February 11<sup>th</sup>:** 2 Kings 2:1-12  
2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 4:1-6  
Mark 9:2-9
- February 18<sup>th</sup>:** Genesis 22:1-18  
James 1:12-18  
Mark 1:9-15
- February 25<sup>th</sup>:** Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Romans 5:1-11  
Mark 8:27-38

## SLEIGH PARTY

The Board of Evangelism invites you to our **Sleigh Party**, Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Plan to meet at St. Jakobi around 8:00 to watch the teams of large draft horses hitched and harnessed to the sleighs. Rides will be available from 9am to 1pm. Horse-drawn carriage rides will be available if the weather is too warm. If you wish to wait inside the Parish Hall for your turn, indoor games will be played. After our sleigh rides, join us for sloppy joes, hot dogs, hot chocolate, and delicious apple cider. This event is will put a smile on your face! A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. Question? Please contact Dennis Fonger, Dawn Wesenberg, or Cindy Winkler. Hope you can join us!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held the week of **June 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>** in the mornings. The theme this year is **Splash Canyon: God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride**. 2 Corinthians 1:20 is the theme verse: "For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him." 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.



## CHURCH CONSTITUTION

You can pick up a new copy of the constitution later in the Narthex or if you would like an electronic copy please let the church office know.

## FELLOWSHIP

We will be getting together on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm at The Studio Lounge. Be sure to sign up so you can join us!

## ALTAR GUILD BAKE SALE

The Altar Guild will be having a bake sale after church on February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be snacks, treats, cupcakes, and sweets. Proceeds benefit the Altar Guild.

## WRLHS TRIVIA EVENT

**Join in the fun! Wolf River Lutheran High School** is hosting their **5th Annual Trivia Night** to benefit the school on **Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at our new school W7467 River Bend Rd in Shawano at 1:00 pm sign in and event to start at 1:30pm.** Prizes will be given for best St. Patrick's Day attire and best decorated table. Trivia nights are informal, fun, competitions where teams battle to see who has the greatest knowledge of trivia. Teams can have up to eight adults. Free drinks and popcorn will be provided, and free babysitting. There will be also be a bake sale. Participants are encouraged to bring a snack item to share at your table too. You don't have to have a full team to sign up. **The cost is \$10 per person in advance or \$12 at the door. Please call the WRLHS office at (715)745-2400 or email [office@wrlhs.org](mailto:office@wrlhs.org) to reserve your spot.**

## LETTER FROM MISSIONARY PASTOR GAUGERT 11/23/17

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ of St. Jakobi,

Lord's blessings to you as we begin a new church year and prepare to celebrate our Savior's birth on Christmas.

Things are going rather well for me and the fellow LCMS missionaries here in Dapong. We will all be together this evening to celebrate an American Thanksgiving. The students and faculty at the CLET are also doing well. The construction at the new dorm is almost completed and so the students and their families should be moving into the dorm soon. We also just drilled a new water well on the grounds at the dorms so that the students and their wives do not have to walk far to get water for cooking and bathing.

I thank you for your continued support through prayer and support pledges of financial gifts. Thank you for sharing a portion of your blessings to support the Lord's work through this ministry to train faithful pastors for francophone Africa.

I will be stateside in your area next fall and I look forward to seeing you again to share an update on the impact of your gifts to the mission. In Christ, Missionary Pastor Jacob Gaugert.



## **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  
8 - Troy Kuhn  
9 - Casey Gast  
9 - August Vorpahl  
10 - Alexander Owen  
10 - Andy Popp  
11 - Chloe Bohl  
13 - Jade Waldvogel  
13 - John Popp  
14 - Jim Hoffman  
15 - Doris Kroenke  
16 - John Kriewaldt  
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.*

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

Palm Sunday is March 25<sup>th</sup>, Easter is April 1<sup>st</sup>, Confirmation Sunday is May 20<sup>th</sup> and the Outdoor service and church picnic is June 10<sup>th</sup>.

# February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Elders:</b> <b>Sat: Jon Wesenberg</b> <b>Sun: Chuck Stoehr &amp; Bob Behrens</b> <b>Spec: Mike Kroenke</b>	<b>Altar Guild:</b> <b>Laura Prodell</b> <b>Brenda Gast</b> <b>Joan Stoehr</b> <b>Barb Bubolz</b>			<b>1</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>6:30 Service(HC)</b> Acolyte: Alli Johnson
<b>4</b> <b>9:00 Service(HC)</b> <b>10:30 Ed. Hour</b> Acolyte: Chloe Bohl	<b>5</b> <b>6:15 Choir Practice</b> <b>7:00 Altar Guild</b>	<b>6</b> <b>7:15 Planning Committee</b>	<b>7</b> <b>3:30 Catechism</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>8</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>8-1 Sleigh Party</b> <b>6:30 Service(HC)</b> Acolyte: Hannah Hoffman
<b>11</b> <b>9:00 Service(HC)</b> <b>10:30 Ed. Hour</b> Acolyte: Blake Hartmann <b>5:00 Fellowship @ Studio Lounge</b>	<b>12</b> <b>6:15 Choir Practice</b>	<b>13</b> <b>7:00 Elders</b>	<b>14 Ash Wednesday</b> <b>10:30 Service(HC)</b> <b>3:30 Catechism</b> <b>5:00 Supper</b> <b>6:30 Service(HC)</b> Acolyte: Isaiah McDowell	<b>15</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>6:30 Service(HC)</b> Acolyte: Colton Olson
<b>18</b> <b>9:00 Service(HC)</b> <b>10:30 Ed. Hour</b> Acolyte: Ethan Pleshek	<b>19</b> <b>6:15 Choir Practice</b>	<b>20</b> <b>7:15 Planning Committee</b>	<b>21</b> <b>10:30 Service</b> <b>3:30 Catechism</b> <b>5:00 Supper</b> <b>6:30 Service</b> Acolyte: Tucker Pyatskowit	<b>22</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>6:30 Service(HC)</b> Acolyte: Samuel Gueths
<b>25</b> <b>9:00 Service(HC)</b> <b>10:30 Ed. Hour</b> Acolyte: Brynlie Boyles	<b>26</b> <b>6:15 Choir Practice</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>10:30 Service</b> <b>3:30 Catechism</b> <b>5:00 Supper</b> <b>6:30 Service</b> Acolyte: Darius Kelley			

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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

