

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

The hymn printed in the inset column of this page is entitled *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*. It is number 394 in Lutheran Service Book. This popular Epiphany season hymn touches on lots of the themes that we hear from Holy Scripture during this forgotten church season. Epiphany is forgotten because it falls in between Christmas and Lent and isn't tied to a specific event of Christ's life so there isn't anything particularly memorable from Jesus' life that would cause you to remember.

However, there are a number of stories that are tied in with Epiphany and the one first mentioned in the hymn is the visit of the magi. Throughout the hymn, 'manifest' means 'reveal'. So, the sages from afar, Wisemen, knew about the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem because of the star. In addition, in this first verse you get a play on words as Jesus is referred to as the branch. Jesus is the offspring of King David. In 2 Samuel 7 the promise is made to David that his offspring would rule upon the throne forever. The one to rule is both the Son of David and the Son of God.

Verse two gives details about some titles for Jesus; Prophet, Priest, and King. Jesus speaks God's Word as a prophet, lays down the sacrifice of his own body as a priest, and is that promised King that is spoken of to David. This is revealed as he is in the Jordan River and is baptized by John. God the Father speaks and says, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him."

Another story of Epiphany is the wedding at Cana. In this event Jesus reveals his divinity by turning water into wine. This is the first miracle

when he begins to show his glory to people around him.

Verse three focuses on the healing miracles that Jesus does. He heals those who can't walk and brings about the healing that a fainting soul needs. It's interesting to note that tied in with this is the fight against the devil that Jesus undergoes. As Jesus is healing and revealing his glory to people, he is fighting against the devil. In our own physical infirmities we can see that we are not as God intended and as God provides healing to us it is a foreshadowing of the complete defeat of Satan that is delivered to us on the Day of the Resurrection.

Verse four takes a direction that you may not expect in an Epiphany hymn. It talks about that great and awesome day of the Lord when Jesus will return to judge both the quick and the dead. Some of the signs of the end times and last day are mentioned: sun and moon shall be darkened, stars falling. In the midst of the darkness Jesus will shine with his glorious light. We will hear the angel trumpets and we, God's people, will confess that Jesus is God in man.

The final verse speaks to us about how we wait for that final day. We pray for God's grace to see Jesus present in Scripture. That is, praying for the desire to study God's Word. We also ask

for the grace to imitate God. To be pure as He is and to walk in love as God in Christ has loved us. At the final great revealing of Jesus on the last day we will certainly be giving praise to our victorious King for Jesus is God in Man and he is manifest to us.

With Epiphany joy,
-Pastor Kleinschmidt

1. *Song of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem
In thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.*
2. *Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest
In Thy God-head manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine,
Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.*
3. *Manifest in making whole
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight,
Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will,
Ever bringing good from ill;
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.*
4. *Sun and moon shall darkened be,
Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine,
All will see His glorious sign;
All will then the trumpet hear,
All will see the Judge appear;
Thou by all wilt be confessed,
God in man made manifest.*
5. *Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord
Present in Thy holy Word—
Grace to imitate Thee now
And be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we might become like Thee
At Thy great epiphany
And may praise Thee, ever blest,
God in man made manifest.*

ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

ALTAR GUILD BAKE SALE

The Altar Guild will be having a bake sale after church on February 9th and 10th. There will be snacks, treats, cupcakes, and sweets. Proceeds benefit the Altar Guild.

VOTER MEETING

The regular January Voter Meeting will be held on **February 3rd** after Church. Watch the bulletin for an announcement of the agenda.

ST. JAKOBI CEMETERY ASSOC.

The cemetery association will hold its annual meeting after the annual church meeting held on **February 3rd**. We are looking for three new candidates for our association. If you are interested please contact Richard Raddant @ 715-851-2601 or Betty Szucs @ 715-851-9821.

WRLHS TRIVIA EVENT

Join in the fun! Wolf River Lutheran High School is hosting their **6th Annual Trivia Night** to benefit the school on **Sunday, March 10th at our new school W7467 River Bend Rd in Shawano at 1:00 pm sign in and 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 adults. Free drinks and popcorn will be provided, and free babysitting. 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. **A table of 8 is \$70 in advance or \$10/person at the door. Please call the WRLHS office at (715)745-2400 or email office@wrlhs.org to reserve your spot.**

CHURCH BUILDING LOAN BALANCE

The amount owed for the loan to build the new church at the start of 2018 was \$122,049.75. After making our monthly payments and some additional payments on the principal, the balance at the end of 2018 was \$76,795.61. If we continue to make just our regular payments we will completely pay off the loan by August 2020 (20 months).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held the week of **June 10th-14th** in the mornings. The theme this year is **Miraculous Mission**. John 3:16 is the theme verse: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." 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



USHER SCHEDULE

February 3rd: Marshal & Jim
February 10th: Dale & Jeff
February 17th: Mike & Troy
February 24th: Donna & Marshal

FELLOWSHIP

Our next get-together will be at Studio Lounge, February 8th at 6:30pm. Sign up by February 3rd.

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!

BAPTISM

Finley Randall Ladwig was baptized on January 13th. He is the son of Josh and Bobbi Jo Ladwig. He was born December 14th, 2018 and his baptismal sponsors are Cory Ladwig and Rachel Herrmann.

ANNUAL CONGREGATION REPORT

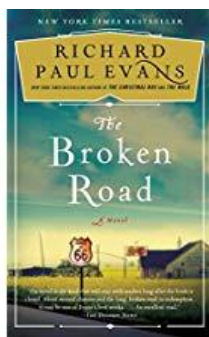
You can pick up the Annual Report of St. Jakobi that includes the 2018 Financial Statements in the Narthex at Church.

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>

PLANTING SEEDS

(Book Section 1) From the author of The Walk Series - Chicago celebrity Charles James can't shake the nightmare that wakes him each night. He sees himself walking down a long, broken highway lined in flames. Where is he going? Why is he walking? What is the wailing he hears around him? By day, he wonders why he's so haunted and unhappy when he has all he ever wanted—fame, fans, and fortune and the lavish lifestyle it affords him. Coming from a childhood of poverty and pain, this is what he's dreamed of. But now, at the pinnacle of his career, he's started to wonder if he's wanted the wrong things. His wealth has come legally, but questionably, from the power of his personality, seducing people out of their hard-earned money. When he learns that one of his customers has committed suicide because of financial ruin, Charles is shaken. The cracks in his façade start to break down, spurring him to question everything: his choices, his relationships, his future, and the type of man he's become. Then a twist of fate changes everything. Charles is granted something very remarkable: a second chance. The question is: What will he do with it?



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

- 2/3 Jesus Is Anointed
- 2/10 Jesus Feeds Five Thousand
- 2/17 The Transfiguration
- 2/24 Jesus Sends the Seventy



CAMP LUTHER NEWS

CAMP LUTHER SUMMER REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Greetings from Camp Luther!

Registration for Summer 2019 is open! Are you ready for the Best. Summer. Ever!? You can learn about all our summer programs, including session dates and prices, on our NEW website, www.campluther.com/register. Additionally, brochures were mailed right after Christmas.



SCRIP NEWS!

More local retailer cards are now available for purchase. Stop after the service and check them out! For those who attend Saturday evening services, please contact a team member for your SCRIP needs. Dawn Wesenberg and Dennis Fonger have volunteered to be the new program coordinators. They will attempt to answer any questions you may have. Card sales team members include: Dawn Wesenberg, Dennis Fonger, Cindy Winkler, and Elizabeth McDowell.

READINGS AT CHURCH

- February 3rd:** Jeremiah 1:4-10
1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13
Luke 4:31-44
- February 10th:** Isaiah 6:1-8
1 Corinthians 14:12b-20
Luke 5:1-11
- February 17th:** Jeremiah 17:5-8
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26
- February 24th:** Genesis 45:3-15
1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 30-42
Luke 6:27-38

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.



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 \$3,801 in 2018. 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, 2019 to designate your 2018 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". You can also visit www.thrivent.com. Remember this is "your money, free money" and if not designated by March 31 it is no longer available.

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
21 - Kaitie Gueths
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
28 - Betty Booras

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 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elders: Sat: Chuck Stoehr Sun: Jon Wesenberg & Bob Behrens Spec: Mike Kroenke	Altar Guild: Laura Prodell Liz McDowell Barb Teetzen Brenda Gast				1	2 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Ethan Pleshek
3 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour 10:30 Voter Meeting Acolyte: Tucker Pyatskowitz	4 6:15 Choir Practice 7:00 Altar Guild	5 7:00 Elders	6 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	7 1:00 Bible Study	8 6:30 Fellowship @ Studio Lounge	9 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Brynlie Boyles
10 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Samuel Gueths	11 6:15 Choir Practice	12	13 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	14 St. Valentine's Day 1:00 Bible Study	15	16 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Darius Kelley
17 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Alli Johnson	18 President's Day 6:15 Choir Practice	19	20 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	21 1:00 Bible Study	22	23 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Braden Teetzen
24 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Rylee Trochil	25 6:15 Choir Practice	26	27 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	28 1:00 Bible Study		

Listen to WTCH 960AM for weather cancellations or check <http://www.stjakobi.org> or www.facebook.com/lcmsjakobi

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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

