

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

This month our congregation marks the beginning of an important, annual journey. **Ash Wednesday is February 26th 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.

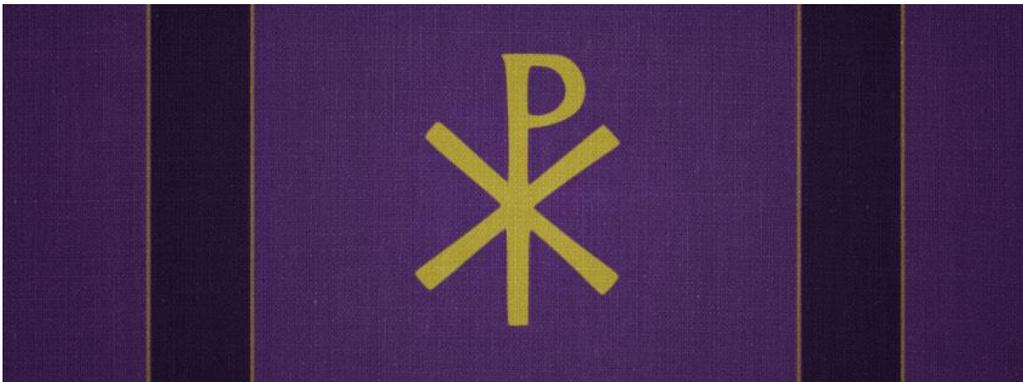
There are so many things in life that pull people different directions. You may have lots of activities at school, with family, work commitments, or volunteer opportunities. But with all of those activities, there is a place of rest and solace. It is where the Lord speaks to you. In the Divine Service 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

ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

LENT SERVICES

Ash Wednesday is on February 26th. 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 – EYES ON JESUS

At the Wednesday Lent Services we will be hearing about how we judge each other and Jesus. Each Wednesday a different pastor will be here to preach.

- March 4th:** Pastor Kleinschmidt
March 11th: Pastor Eyer from Stony Hill/ Gresham
March 18th: Pastor Conradt from Hermansfort
March 25th: Pastor Palmer from St. Paul, Bonduel
April 1st: Pastor Eyer from Stony Hill/ Gresham

LENTEN MEALS

Lent is fast approaching. We will again have a meal before the evening Lenten services this year. Following is the schedule of who will be responsible for the meal each week:

- February 26th: Church Officers
March 4th: Elders
March 11th: Board of Evangelism
March 18th: Higher Things Youth
March 25th: Board of Education
April 1st: Board of Trustees

CHURCH BUILDING LOAN BALANCE

The amount owed for the loan to build the new church at the start of 2019 was \$76,795.61. After making our monthly payments and some additional payments on the principal, the balance at the end of 2019 was \$32,057.17. If we continue to make just our regular payments, we will completely pay off the loan by August 2020 (8 months!!).

LWML CONVENTION

The convention will be held at the Radisson Inn and Convention Center in Green Bay, June 14th – 16th. You can find more information about the convention at nwdlwml.org. Registration forms are on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

PARSONAGE OPEN HOUSE

The kitchen remodel is completed so Pastor and Noël gladly invite you to an open house at the parsonage to see the updated kitchen and share in fellowship. You are welcome to stop by anytime from 1pm-4pm on Saturday, February 8th.

USHER SCHEDULE

- February 2nd: Troy & Jim
February 9th: Marshal & Jeff
February 16th: Donna & Mike W
February 23rd: Dale & Mike D

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:
2/2 God's Servant Stephen
2/9 Philip and the Ethiopian
2/16 Conversation of Paul
2/23 Dorcus



READINGS AT CHURCH

- February 2nd:** 1 Samuel 1:21-28
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-32
February 9th: Isaiah 58:3-9a
1 Corinthians 2:1-12
Matthew 5:13-20
February 16th: Deuteronomy 30:15-20
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37
February 23rd: Exodus 24:8-18
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

ANNUAL CONGREGATION REPORT

You can pick up the Annual Report of St. Jakobi that includes the 2019 Financial Statements in the Narthex at Church.

FELLOWSHIP

You are being given a chance to plan your own fellowship activities for Valentine's Day. Make sure it's fun, and be able to share about it when Fellowship meets in March.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PARTNERS

NEW IN THE PEW: Prayer Request Cards. Write your prayer requests on the card and place it in the offering plate or hand to an usher or Pastor. Pastor Kleinschmidt will receive the prayer cards and forward to Prayer Partners if indicated.

PRAYER PARTNERS: As a gift of God, prayer is the very air we breathe as children of God. Prayer is needed in stressful situations and is our go-to source for life. It is the lifeline which our Lord is on the other end.

Here at St. Jakobi Lutheran Church, we have a ministry called Prayer Partners. At this time we have ten Prayer Partners who are ready, willing and able to join with you to pray for your needs or the needs of others. Our God is always ready to listen to us with an endless supply of grace.

New contact information: To access this ministry, please use the Prayer Request Cards in the pews, call the Church Office at (715) 524-4347 or email to church@stjakobi.org. Your prayer requests will be kept confidential.

Looking for a place to serve in our church? Consider becoming a Prayer Partner by calling or text to Marlene Weckwerth at 920-400-0013. Just a few minutes of your time makes a difference for others. Thanks be to God for the gift of prayer.

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 a 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. Also available for students enrolled at Wolf River Lutheran High School is a \$1000 discount for each student. Talk to Pastor if you need assistance or have questions.

NO CHOIR PRACTICE

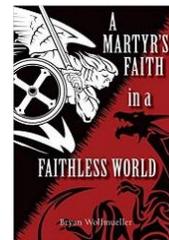
There will be no choir practice February 3rd and February 10th. Please be sure to come to practice on February 17th, as the choir will be singing on February 23rd.

ALTAR GUILD BAKE SALE

The Altar Guild will be having a bake sale after church on February 8th and 9th. There will be snacks, treats, cupcakes, and sweets. Proceeds benefit the Altar Guild.

PLANTING SEEDS LIBRARY NOTES

(Section 3) Lutheran theology is glorious and mysterious. It is relatable and applicable. It is for everyone, in any time, in any place. But it also can be intimidating. *A Martyr's Faith in a Faithless World* serves as a starting point for those looking to start reading theological works and deepen their understanding of Lutheran theology.



Short, poignant chapters show the practical side of Lutheran theology and extol the doctrine of the catechism and the Lutheran Church as true, good, and beautiful. Ultimately, readers will come away with a desire for more theology and a renewed confidence and comfort in God's Word.

The budding theologian, the newly catechized, the curious college student, and the inquiring visitor will all be at home in this book. *A Martyr's Faith in a Faithless World* serves as a great next step for those who have just finished adult confirmation classes and are looking to continue growing in their understanding of Lutheran theology.

LETTER FROM SEMINARIAN:

Dear Friends at St. Jakobi:

Andrew harvested his first Ohio buck last month thanks to our pastor and a member at church. We are all thrilled to have venison again! Our little freezer doesn't even have room for ice anymore. Pastor wants to teach Andrew to call turkeys, so they are looking forward to spring.

Jane is about halfway through kindergarten at home. She can read most consonant-vowel-consonant words and enjoys reading short stories. Eve has been brave enough to attend Sunday School most weeks. Both have been enjoying building with legos and pretending to be ballerinas by dancing around the apartment.

Andrew was honored to preach on Christmas morning, and we had fun opening gifts in the afternoon. Pastor and his family invited us over for supper. The weather was so nice that we had a campfire and grilled. Winter has been rather mild here!

At Zion, Andrew has had some great teaching opportunities. He is the kindergarten Sunday School teacher and has led Sunday adult Bible Study twice. Classes are in session at Ohio State, so he is there weekly. Another study is about to start at church on Wednesdays, which he is leading. He loves to teach and his background as a teacher has really been beneficial!

You were one of many who showered us with kindness this Christmas, and we feel very loved. Thank you for caring for our family in 2020!

Sincerely: Andrew, Elizabeth, Jane and Eve Twietmeyer

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Jai Bisterfeldt
2 - Breanna Brodhagen
2 - Ken Damveld
2 - Lucas Gast
2 - Abigael Owen
2 - Laci Sperberg
3 - Joseph Kleinschmidt
5 - Lawrence Schroeder
6 - Patti Bohm
6 - Barb Lindner
7 - Jesse Buntrock
7 - Isaiah Gueths
8 - Dale Buettner
8 - Troy Kuhn
8 - Nicki Meyers
9 - Casey Gast
9 - August Vorpahl
10 - Alexandar Owen
10 - Andy Popp
11 - Chloe Bohl
13 - John Popp
13 - Jade Velicer
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 - Melissa Teetzen
27 - Jeff Theis
28 - Betty Booras
28 - Isaac Buettner
28 - Sarah Magee
28 - Justin Opperman

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, 1972 - Mike & Karen Cotter
26, 1994 - Thomas & Corrina Tuma

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.

ROOTED & BUILT UP IN CHRIST

Exciting progress has been made on our building project to add on to the church and replace the Parish Hall. The building plans are coming together and the Capital Campaign team has been hard at work to prepare the congregation for the next stages of the project.

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, **rooted and built up in him** and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.
Colossians 2:6-7



You will be receiving a letter inviting you to an Inform Forum. These events are designed to answer your questions, give you an overview of the project, and solicit your thoughts. We have five events planned at various times. Our prayer is that everyone in the congregation is able to attend one of them.

Probably the most common question people have is, "When are we going to break ground?" Currently the plan is to break ground sometime in July or August and before next winter rolls in to have all the site preparation done and the foundation complete. Then, next spring (2021) we will be able to build up from the foundation with a target completion date of October 2021.

We are undergoing this big project because of the space needs we have in the Parish Hall. Some of our classrooms are full; VBS bursts the building at the seams; funeral meals are split between the gym and classrooms; and the potato pancake dinner fills up the gym with people and grease smoke. In regards to the Narthex, after large services there is barely room to navigate to the snack/drink table, let alone talk with people and build relationships.

Ultimately, our current buildings and the new addition are tools in order to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We want our members to continue to hear the Word of the Lord and we want to have the space to bring others from outside our congregation into the fellowship of Jesus Christ. The Lord has given us many great tools to do this and we trust that the new building will be full of God's people that rejoice in His abundant blessings.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. *What would this project include?*

We would renovate the Narthex of Church and make it bigger by moving a storage/utility closet. We would also add on to the North of the church and add classrooms, a youth room, a kitchen, bathrooms, and a large Fellowship Hall.

2. *What will be new that we don't have now?*

In the Narthex there will be a new kitchenette with a counter for expanding fellowship after church. An updated kitchen and the capacity to host large numbers of people. Another new space will be a dedicated youth room.

3. *How many people could eat in the new Fellowship Hall?*

Currently we can seat about 109 in the Parish Hall with narrow aisles between the tables and the design shows comfortable seating for about 216 people.

4. *When will the debt on the church construction from 2006 be paid off?*

We borrowed \$685,000 in 2006. We currently owe \$32,000 and we will have that paid off this coming August.

5. *How much is the expected cost?*

We have an estimate from a commercial contractor for \$1.4-1.6 million. With the utilization of Laborers for Christ we expect the project to be less than that.

6. *Will I be asked to give money?*

The Capital Campaign will be to inform the entire congregation about the project, the needs and the desired outcomes. The campaign will also teach about stewardship, about vocation, and about giving. Yes, you will be asked to contribute financially to this project. We want to give everyone the opportunity to be a part of helping this congregation for generations to come.

LEARN MORE

Join us to learn more, ask questions, and share your thoughts!

- Saturday, February 15th at 5pm (Before Church)
- Sunday, February 16th at 10:15am (After Church)
- Wednesday, February 19th at 6pm (After Catechism class with a light meal served 5:30-6. Childcare will be provided)
- Thursday, February 20th at 1pm
- Saturday, February 22nd at 10am

In order to best plan for these forums, PLEASE RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, email church at church@stjakobi.org or by calling Dawn Wesenberg at (715) 524-8617.

Looking Ahead

Inform Forums – February 15-22

Prayer Service – March 4th

Bible Studies – March 5th & 10th

Commitment Sunday – April 5th

Tentative Mortgage Burning/
Ground Breaking – August 2nd

FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elders: Sat: Jamison Yorton Sun: Jon Wesenberg Bob Beherns Special: Mike Kroenke	Altar Guild: Carrie Westphal Laura Prodell Roxy Martzke Lorine Raddant					1 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Braden Teetzen
2 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed Hour Acolyte: Rylee Trochil	3 7:00 Altar Guild	4 7:30 Elders	5 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Class	6 1:00 Bible Study	7	8 8:00 Men's Breakfast 1-4 Parsonage Open House 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Lily Felckowski
9 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed Hour Acolyte: Kennedy Meyers	10	11	12 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Class	13 1:00 Bible Study	14	15 5:00 Inform Forum 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Ella Stuber
16 9:00 Service (HC) 10:15 Inform Forum 10:30 Ed Hour Acolyte: Tucker Reinke	17 6:15 Choir Practice	18 6:30 Capital Campaign Meeting	19 4:15 Catechism 5:30 Meal 6:00 Inform Forum	20 1:00 Inform Forum	21	22 10:00 Inform Forum 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Laci Sperberg
23 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed Hour Acolyte: Lainey Peters	24 6:15 Choir Practice	25	26 Ash Wednesday 10:30 Service (HC) 4:15 Catechism 5:00 Supper 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Teagen Thompson	27 1:00 Bible Study	28	29 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Levi Wendorff

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

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***Check inside for information
about the Church expansion and building project!***

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

