

## *From Pastor Kleinschmidt*

This year there will be a new Easter service offered at St. Jakobi. Last year on the day before Easter I travelled to Embarrass and participated in Easter Vigil Service at Zion Lutheran Church in Embarrass. I assisted Pastor Jerabek in that service.

This year he will travel to St. Jakobi and we will host the Easter Vigil Service and the other LC-MS congregations in our area will be invited also.

You might ask, "What is an Easter Vigil Service?" It is a very old service of the church whose roots go back to the earliest Christians. The highlight of the entire year wasn't actually Easter morning for them; it was the Easter Vigil on Saturday night. The Easter Vigil is the true completion of the previous two days services. On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, the services don't conclude with a benediction because those services aren't done until we come with joy to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Then, at the end of the Easter Vigil service, the benediction is spoken and the service concludes. It really is a three-day long Church service!

A vigil service is typically held the evening before the actual holiday. Historically they begin after sundown.

Beginning in the dark is an important symbolism for the Vigil service. The people gather in the Narthex and don't enter into the sanctuary. The service begins in the Narthex with the Paschal Candle that is normally by the pulpit. The Paschal Candle represents the light of Jesus Christ and it is lit at various times of the church year including Easter, Christmas, Epiphany, and when there are Baptisms. The lit candle is carried into church and the pastors and the people follow the light of Christ into the darkness of the church. Then



candles are lit by everyone within the church to show that the light of Christ has come upon all people.

Following this portion of the service, there are a series of readings that focus on the Old Testament prophecies of the birth of Jesus along with his suffering and death and subsequent resurrection. They speak to the people and emphasize the great plan and work of God to bring salvation through the very Son of God.

Historically during the Easter Vigil service would be when people are baptized and/or confirmed. People went through as much as a year-long process of learning in preparation for an adult Baptism or to be confirmed. The process finds its culmination in the great joy of the Easter celebration. For the resurrected Lord is the one who calls all people to himself and brings them into the sheep-fold of the Good Shepherd.

We won't have any Baptisms or Confirmations at the Easter Vigil. However, the previous week, on Palm Sunday, we will be welcoming into our congregation new members. These are people who will make vows that they wish to be a part of this Body of Christ to which we belong also. They will confess before God and you that we are all one in Christ and believe the same things about what Holy Scripture teaches.

At the Easter Vigil service Holy Communion will be offered; for this is how the resurrected Lord continues to show His Body to us, even as he is still ascended into heaven. In Holy Communion we receive by our mouths the one who has conquered death and has promised to his people that death shall not overcome them either.

The Easter Vigil Service has a lot of history surrounding it, but that really isn't the reason for having it here at St. Jakobi. Primarily it is one more way to celebrate the victory of Jesus Christ over death.

In the Good News of the Resurrection of Jesus,

-Pastor Kleinschmidt

# ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

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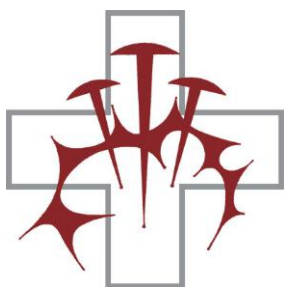
## LENT AND HOLY WEEK:

The last Mid-Week Lent Service is on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am and 6:30pm. The focus of the service will be on Psalm 143.

Holy Week is one of the most solemn and important times of the entire Church Year. It begins on **April 1<sup>st</sup>, Palm Sunday**. There we will hear of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem and how the people welcomed him with shouts of "Hosanna." The Sunday School children will be singing that day. Holy Week continues on **April 5<sup>th</sup>, Maundy Thursday**. At 10:30 and 6:30 we will celebrate the giving of



the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Then on **April 6<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday** the crucifixion of Jesus will be the focus of our attention. At 1:00pm and 6:30pm we will hear of the great love of God given to us in the death of



Jesus Christ upon the cross. Holy Week continues with a new service for St. Jakobi. On **Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** we will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus with an **Easter Vigil** service at 6:30pm. This service is the first Easter celebration of the year. The service begins in the dark and slowly the light of Christ illumines all those who are gathered. On **Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** is the culmination of the week. At **6:00am** will be the sunrise service followed by breakfast in the Parish Hall from 7:15-8:30. The second Easter service is at **9:00am**

Please consider being fed with the Word of Life during this Holy Week and follow our Lord to the Cross and then from the empty tomb with all Easter joy.

## FELLOWSHIP GROUP:

Fellowship will meet on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at The Launching Pad. Everyone is welcome to attend. Call Don & Joanne at 526-5315 to make a reservation.

## UPCOMING SPAGHETTI DINNER:

The Spaghetti Dinner will be held April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11am-2pm. There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex for donating bars/tortes and also for helping the day of the dinner. We are in need of a minimum of 25 9x13 pans of bars and tortes to serve at the dinner. Please bring them to the Parish Hall on the 21<sup>st</sup> or the morning of the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Martin Luther wrote a Small Catechism and a Large Catechism. In the Large Catechism he writes of Holy Communion, "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. Indeed, those who are true Christians and value the Sacrament [as] precious and holy will drive and move themselves to go to it." (Large Catechism V.42-43)

## MEN'S BREAKFAST:

The second Saturday of every month, the men of the congregation are invited to have breakfast in the Parish Hall. Good food and fellowship is followed by a discussion of a topic recently in the news and how Christians react to it. If you haven't come before, come see what it's like.

## WOMEN OF ST. JAKOBI!

Because the members of the Ladies Aid were up in years and our numbers dwindling, we decided to disband the Ladies Aid of St. Jakobi. However, many former members so enjoyed our Bible study topics and a little fellowship we decided we would invite other St. Jakobi women to join us. We plan to meet once monthly at 1pm on the first Wednesday of the month. The Bible study would last for about an hour and be led by Pastor. There will be no meeting or officers. This invitation goes to every woman in St. Jakobi to attend. Please join us as we grow together in our Christian faith.

## LWML SPRING RALLY

Women of St. Jakobi are all invited to attend the LWML Spring Rally at Zion Lutheran in Gresham on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Registration begins at 8:30am and the call to order at 9:00. The noon luncheon will follow the meeting. Registration and luncheon is \$4 and registration only is \$2.

The Christian Life topic will be "the Emperor's New Clothes." Gifts of the Heart will go to the King Veterans Home. They could use telephone calling cards, laundry and dish washing detergents, twin sheet sets, bath & hand towels, men's deodorant & socks and 1<sup>st</sup> Class postage stamps. Remember to bring along your used postage stamps for Stamps for Missions.

The speaker will be Rev. Douglas Fleischfresser. He is currently the Development Director of Lutheran Child and Family Services (LCFS). He will talk about how important this mission is today in Wisconsin. They get no financial help from the Federal or State government. There are six different thrift stores located around the state that help to support them. One of them is located in Shawano.

Many of our members will recall Pastor Doug used to be our pastor from 1990-1994.

## PARISH EDUCATION:

**Sunday School** is held weekly at 10:30am. The children meet in the Sanctuary for an Opening and then go to their classes in the Parish Hall.

**Adult Bible Class** meets Sunday morning at 10:30 and is concluding our study of different denominations by going through the Biblical foundations of the Nicene Creed.

**Thursday Afternoon** is held at 1pm and studies the Bible readings for the coming weekend.

## CAMP LUTHER NEWS

If your child has never been to Camp Luther, there may be a campership available which would reduce the cost of the camp. You can see opportunities to attend this camp run by the North Wisconsin District of the LC-MS. You can find more information at

[www.cاملuther.com](http://www.cاملuther.com) or calling 715-546-3647.



## UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH:

- April 1<sup>st</sup>:** Zechariah 9:9-12  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Mark 15:1-47
- April 8<sup>th</sup>:** Isaiah 25:6-9  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Mark 16:1-8
- April 15<sup>th</sup>:** Acts 4:32-35  
1 John 1:1-2:2  
John 20:19-31
- April 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Acts 3:11-21  
1 John 3:1-7  
Luke 24:36-49
- April 29<sup>th</sup>:** Acts 4:1-12  
1 John 3:1-24  
John 10:11-18

## LIBRARY INFORMATION

The Library has been reviewed, renewed, recycled. Our Library now includes books, as well as a small selection of family movies, audio books, and Music CD's. The purpose of the books found in the library is to encourage members of all ages to read and develop a taste for Christian literature, and to act as a counter balance to the many un-Christian books and materials available in many libraries and stores. The audio books are available for those who enjoy listening to a book rather than reading, and are available in CD format. The movies are in DVD format, following a Christian theme and content. We have included a small selection of Music CD's, which also are of a Christian theme and content. Donations will be accepted.

All items donated or purchased become the property of the Library. The Librarian will be responsible for accepting or rejecting items to ensure the content is consistent with and not objectionable to Christian teachings. If anyone feels that the contents of any library material should be further reviewed, they are encouraged to bring it to the attention of the Librarian. Suggestions for materials that anyone would like to see added to the library can be brought to the Librarian's attention for review. Books can be checked out by members of all ages. DVDs and CDs can be checked out by an adult member, and should be checked out for one week only.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

- 1 - Patrick Tuma
- 1 - Carl Montoure
- 2 - Michelle Teetzen
- 3 - Brenda Gast
- 3 - Lori Opperman
- 3 - Molly Buettner
- 3 - Brynlie Boyles
- 4 - Marlyn Teetzen
- 4 - Kendra Westphal
- 4 - Vicky Wagner
- 5 - Mary Ludolph
- 5 - Kim Wendorff
- 6 - Jim Horne
- 6 - Virgil Gueths II
- 7 - Gabrielle Wendorff
- 7 - Sarah Engel
- 9 - Dennis Wendorff
- 11 - David Kroenke
- 11 - Sharlene Bork
- 14 - Jeff Hartmann
- 16 - Bruce Kunze
- 17 - Brandon Buntrock
- 17 - Leah Gebert
- 17 - Zackary Kroenke
- 18 - Mackenzie Boyles
- 18 - Katie Buettner
- 20 - Tristan Szucs
- 20 - Timothy Benser
- 21 - Hunter Hawkinson
- 21 - Christian Lindner
- 23 - Larry Lindner
- 23 - Brad Raddant
- 24 - Don Bublitz
- 25 - Leland Habeck
- 25 - Blaze Ejnik
- 27 - Darlene Ross
- 28 - Corissa Kroenke
- 28 - Vicky Szucs
- 28 - John Gishkowsky
- 29 - Tia Hein
- 30 - Josie Gueths

## A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

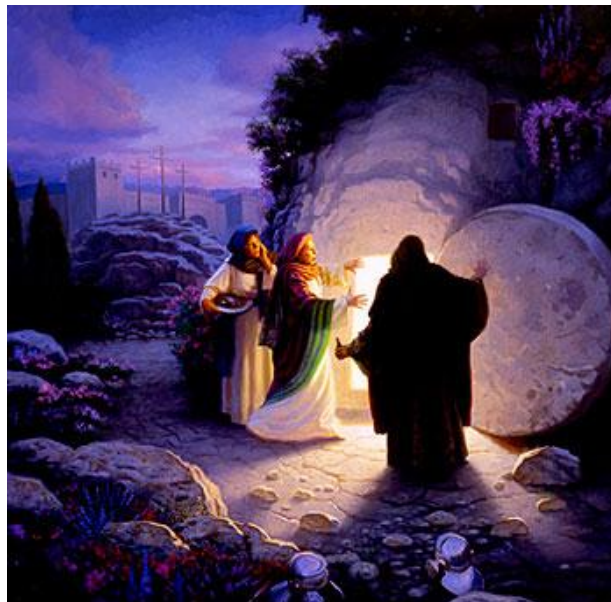
Heavenly Father, our times are in Your hands. Look with favor on name as he/she celebrates his/her birthday. Grant that he/she may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. Strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness and bless him/her with Your abiding love all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ,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

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES:

- 04, 1998 - Jeff & Becky West
- 13, 1985 - Scott & Ann Fischer
- 15, 1961 - Donald & Nancy Griesmer
- 17, 1999 - Curt & Jodi Angeli
- 17, 1999 - Dana & Brenda Price
- 18, 1987 - Arvin & Vicki Bahr
- 27, 1986 - Bruce & Connie Kunze

## 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.





# April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Palm Sunday</b> 9:00 Service(HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Kayla Szucs	<b>2</b> 6:15 Choir Practice	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 1:00 Ladies Bible Study	<b>5 Maundy Thursday</b> 10:30 Service (HC) 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Kaci Wendorff	<b>6 Good Friday</b> 1:00 Service Acolyte: Lucas Schoenike 6:30 Service Acolyte: Brandi Gueths	<b>7</b> 6:30 Easter Vigil(HC)
<b>8 Easter</b> 6:00 Sunrise (HC) Service Acolyte: Callie Boyles 7:00 Breakfast 9:00 Service(HC) Acolyte: Will Teetzen	<b>9</b> 6:30 Elders Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 3:30 Catechism 7:00 Bible Study	<b>12</b> 1:00 Bible Study	<b>13</b> 6:30 Fellowship @ The Launching Pad	<b>14</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast 8:45 LWML Rally 6:30 Service Acolyte: Megan Gebert
<b>15</b> 9:00 Service(HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Kaitlyn West	<b>16</b> 6:15 Choir Practice 7:00 Council Meeting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 3:30 Catechism 7:00 Bible Study	<b>19</b> 1:00 Bible Study 7:00 Bell Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6:30 Service(HC) Acolyte: Kelsey Gast
<b>22</b> 9:00 Service Spaghetti Dinner Acolyte: Will Teetzen	<b>23</b> 6:15 Choir Practice	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 3:30 Catechism 7:00 Bible Study	<b>26</b> 1:00 Bible Study	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:30 Service Acolyte:
<b>29</b> 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Quarterly Meeting after service	<b>30</b> 6:15 Choir Practice	<b>Notes:</b> Elders: Sat: Darryl Prodell    Sun: Rich Raddant    Spec: Don Bublitz Altar Guild: Barb Teetzen, Pam Anderson Lorine Raddant				

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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 7:00pm, Thursday at 1:00pm, and Sunday at 10:30am.

## **Sunday School:**

Sunday at 10:30am

