

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

This will be the beginning of multi-part series on the stained glass windows in our church. I plan on spending one newsletter article per window in our sanctuary. I wish to explain the windows and illustrate how art isn't just there to look pretty, but it is to be a teaching tool when used by the Church.

The window pictured is located in the middle of the West wall of the Sanctuary. Found in the center of each window is a picture that shows some aspect of our Christian faith. In this window there is a cross with a cloth draped over the horizontal bar with a crossed spear and branch.

First, the plaque above the cross says INRI. John 19:19-20 says, "Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.' Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek." What you see in the stained glass window you will also find in other depictions of the cross. INRI are the first letters of the Latin words *Iesus Nazarenus, Rex Iudaeorum* (*Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews*).

The cloth on the cross doesn't carry any special significance other than to perhaps emphasize the point that someone had been on the cross and they have now been taken down. Some might say it is a reference to the burial cloths that were used.

The spear is to remind us that the soldiers were ordered to take the bodies down off the cross before the Sabbath (Saturday) and so they

broke the legs of the two criminals but Jesus was already dead so instead of breaking his legs, they pierced his side with a spear. When the spear wounded him, John writes, "But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water" (John 19:34). The spear pictured reminds us of the water and blood which flowed from his side. From the side of Jesus flows out upon us the benefits of the cross. The water of Holy Baptism and the Blood of Jesus in Holy Communion give to us Jesus and all the blessings of his death upon the cross; which is life and salvation. Augustine writes, "From [Jesus' side] have flowed forth the sacraments of the Church, without which there is no entrance to the life which is the true life."

The stick with a sponge on the end is in reference to John 19:29, "A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth." Even upon the cross we are reminded that Jesus is God but yet he is human. So human, that he even thirsts. The cross would be raised up so high off the ground that the soldiers couldn't reach up to him without a ladder or stick. They would need the branch to even reach the mouth of Jesus.

In the month of April we will be celebrating that Jesus not only came down from the cross dead, but came forth from the tomb

alive. The cross is the story but the story finds its completion in the Easter resurrection.

In our crucified and risen Lord,
-Pastor Kleinschmidt



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

DID YOU KNOW?

The date of Easter is based on the Lunar and Solar calendars. The First Council of Nicea in 325AD established the date as the first Sunday after the full moon following the March equinox. The equinox occurs on March 21st. Thus the date of Easter can vary between March 22nd and April 25th.



EASTER BREAKFAST

On Easter morning there is breakfast in the Parish Hall of egg casserole, fruit, and buns. Come between 7am and 8:15am for a great breakfast!

UPCOMING SPAGHETTI DINNER:

The Spaghetti Dinner will be held April 21st 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 20th or the morning of the 21st.



VOTER MEETING

The Quarterly Voter Meeting of the congregation will be held on April 28th after the Sunday morning service. Please consider attending to be informed about the workings of the Congregation.

VOICES OF PRAISE

Voices of Praise will have a well-deserved rest on Monday, April 1. NO CHOIR PRACTICE! Thanks for all of your beautiful music during the Lent and Easter seasons. We appreciate your time and talent.

LENT DINNERS

Thank you to all the many people who prepared the meals and the desserts for the Lent Dinners. We had a great time each week sharing a meal together and enjoying each other's company. If you didn't attend a dinner this year, there's always next year.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The second Saturday of every month, the men of the congregation are invited to have breakfast in the Parish Hall. Each month we have a discussion of things going on the news and looking at them from a Christian perspective. This past month we discussed the first episode of *The Bible* mini-series that has been on History channel the last several weeks.

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship will be traveling to Caroline on Friday, April 12. We will be eating at Hidden Valley Supper Club at 6:30. If someone would like to car pool, please let Judi and Rich Raddant know. The car pool would leave their house at 5:30. If you would like to be included in the reservation, let Joanne or Don Bublitz know or put your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Let's keep a good thing going. We had lots of good food and fellowship in March.

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!



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 continues to study the Large Catechism.

Wednesday Night is held at 7pm and will be restarting after Easter on April 10th.

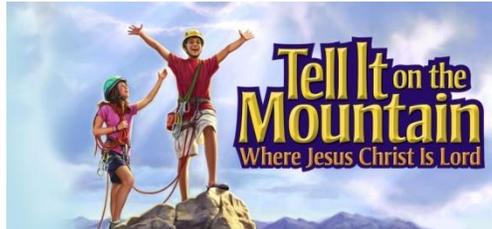
Thursday Afternoon is held at 1pm and studies the Bible readings for the coming weekend.

LADIES OF ST. JAKOBI!

If you haven't come to the Ladies Bible Study, put it on your calendar now! We have great discussion about the Bible topic assigned. In April we will meet on the 3rd at 1pm in the Church Library. We will be collecting the mite money for the LWML mission projects.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held the week of June 10th-14th in the mornings. The theme this year is **Tell It on the Mountain Where**



Jesus Christ is Lord! 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.

UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

- April 7th:** Acts 5:12-20
Revelation 1:4-18
John 20:19-31
- April 14th:** Acts 9:1-22
Revelation 5:8-14
John 21:1-14
- April 21st:** Acts 20:17-35
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30
- April 28th:** Acts 11:1-18
Revelation 21:1-7
John 16:12-22

CAMP LUTHER NEWS



SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION OPENED JANUARY 1!!

YOU CAN STILL REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP!! Visit

www.campluther.com to register online or to watch our NEW video. Camp Luther has an exciting summer planned for children K-12, and some for adults, too! This summer's theme is "LIVE LOVE[D]" and is based on 1 John 4:10-11. Register now to get the housing you want on the week you want. If you need information, please visit the website or call us for a brochure 1-877-264-CAMP. If there's a financial need, don't let that hold you back - ask about our Campership Program.

CAMP LUTHER GIFT CERTIFICATES!! Give a gift that your children or grandchildren will benefit from for their whole lives. These certificates can be purchased for any amount and may be used for Camp Luther programs and at our canteen. It's an easy gift and one that is always appreciated.

LIBRARY NEWS

PLANTING SEEDS



Willie Plummet. Who is this? Eighth-grader Willie Plummet seems to go from one crazy scheme to another. Wherever adventurous Willie goes, wacky disasters follow. Each book in the series finds the inventive Willie strategizing his way out of a new debacle with amazing inventions and hilarious results. But Willie learns that God always has the best answers to all his problems. There are 20 books in the series, and the suggested reading level is grades 3-6. You'll find the books in section C&D of the library, as well as on display on the top of the bookshelf. If you have a child who is looking for something new to read, check out a copy or two. Don't forget to pick up a bookmark as well.

CONFIRMATION

Mark your calendars now for Confirmation. Confirmation Day is Pentecost Sunday. That is May 19th this year. The Examination of the Confirmands will take place on Ascension Day, May 9th.

ARE YOU THINKING OF SENDING YOUR CHILD TO 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.



RIDDLE ME THIS

The names of Sixteen Books of the Bible are found in the below paragraph.

I once made some remarks about hidden books in the Bible. It was a lulu; kept some people looking so hard for the facts and to others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some real easy ones to spot. Others might require judges to determine. We will quickly admit it usually takes a pastor to find one, and there will be loud lamentations when you see how simple it is. A little lady says that if she brews tea, she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, there are sixteen in this paragraph.

If you have found them all, circle them and let Pastor know.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the many people who have given us gifts at the birth and baptism of Adam. He was born January 15th and reborn from above in Holy Baptism on January 20th. We give thanks to God for the blessings of this wonderful Church family that the Lord has given us at St. Jakobi.

-Pastor and Noël Kleinschmidt



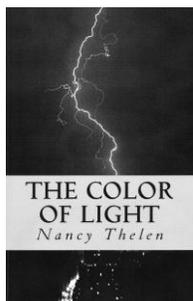
PORTALS OF PRAYER

The Church purchases 100 Portals of Prayer and 5 copies that are in Large Print. They are free for you to take. This little daily devotional book has a Bible reading and Psalm with a devotion that ties to the reading. There are also prayers in the back



that are tied to the Church Year and for each day of the week. You can pick up your copy by the Guest Book or on the Bulletin table. Your old Portals of Prayer can be placed in the basket and they will be donated to Christians who need devotional material.

BOOK SIGNING



Nancy Thelen will be available after the services on April 6th and 7th to sign copies of her book, *The Color of Light*. If you wish to purchase a copy, the cost is \$9.99. \$1.50 of each book sold will be given to the church building fund "All for the Glory of God".

WITNESSING PROGRAM

Attend a Dynamic Witnessing Program

The Mission U witnessing program at St. Paul Lutheran Church – Bonduel on April 13th will feature professionally led sessions to train and encourage God's people to be mission-minded witnesses for Jesus Christ. Consider joining St. Paul, Bonduel and St. James in this local opportunity to participate. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. The cost is \$10. It will go from 9am-2pm.

WOLF RIVER LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS!

Wolf River Lutheran High School will hold its 1st Annual Student Open House on April 5, 2013 from 8am to 3pm. Any student in grades 8-11 interested in learning more about WRLHS is encouraged to attend this special event to discover what makes Lutheran High a great place to attend school. There is no cost and transportation, if needed, may be available via the school's shuttle bus. A free lunch will also be provided. To RSVP, please contact the school office at [\(715\) 745-2400](tel:7157452400) or via email at office@wrlhs.org.

Please mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual Evening of Dinner & Music with friends of Wolf River Lutheran High School. The event will be held Friday, April 5th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Bonduel. Please join friends of WRLHS for a delicious dinner and relaxing musical entertainment. A freewill offering will be taken to support Wolf River Lutheran High School. To make a reservation, please call at (715) 745-2400 or email rsvp@wrlhs.org.

THE BIBLE MINI-SERIES

Many people have asked me about *The Bible* Mini-series that has been on History Channel. It is running



from March 3rd to March 31st on Sunday evenings. A TV show that is devoting 10 hours to present the entire Bible will by necessity not cover the entire Bible but will do their best to cover the big stories that have much meaning. The TV show has done a marvelous job of presenting the Biblical stories as the history that they are and not some type of myth. The TV show has also done a great job of presenting the people in the Bible as real people with real emotions that struggle with real problems in life.

Where the TV show has fallen short is the message they are trying to give. In the first episode after the flood subsides the narrator says, "there is a new beginning for Noah's descendants, and a chance [for them] to restore the relationship between God and humanity." That will be a theme that is found in at least the next 2 episodes and I presume in the last two episodes also. It shows that there is a broken relationship between God and Man and it is restored not by God, but by Man. This denies the original sin of all people and it negates the work of Jesus Christ. For Jesus is God in the flesh and he is the one who restores the relationship between God and Man. He does this by taking the sins of the world upon himself and paying the death price for them. God restores us to Himself through the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

I would suggest as you watch or re-watch this series, have your Bible open. Compare what they portray to what your Bible says. For God's Word is the definitive way that God speaks to us, not through a TV show.

If this show causes people to open their Bibles and delve more deeply into God's Word, then that would be wonderful. If it causes people to think they can do something to earn God's favor, then that would be tragic. May it be the former and not the latter.

LETTER FROM SEMINARIAN

Dear members of St. Jakobi Lutheran Church, Greetings from St. Louis! I just began my spring quarter a couple of weeks ago. I am sure that you are interested to know that I am taking several fascinating classes. I am taking Systematics III, which covers the Holy Spirit, good works, baptism, the Lord's Supper, the Lord's return and our resurrection from the dead. I have been learning a lot from that class, especially about things we Lutherans never seem to talk about. For example, I

often hear Lutherans go on and on about heaven. Heaven is great, but did you know that Christ will raise us from the dead? Did you know that he will restore the earth? This is wonderful news! The Lord saves us, both soul and body, and he saves his whole creation! We will live, not in a cloud city called "heaven", but here on earth for all eternity, just as God first intended. If you are as interested in this topic as I am, I recommend the book "Surprised by Hope" by N.T. Wright. He is very easy to read and quite insightful (perfect for a Bible study).

I am also taking a class on pastoral counseling and a class on the Gospel of John. Finally, I am taking a German class. This is definitely the most challenging course this quarter. The S.T.M. program I am in requires a working knowledge of German, so I will be quite busy for the next 10 weeks. Hopefully I can find time to do it along with my regular responsibilities.

I really enjoyed my spring break (Feb. 15-March 3). I spent it with my family. My mom and I went to this place to begin making some wine for this summer. My family also got a new Burmese Mountain puppy. It is so fluffy and cute! My fiancé is so jealous. She never had pets growing up because some in her family have allergies.

I don't know if I mentioned this in previous letters, but I never got my driver's license in high school or college. I just never needed a car or the expenses that come with it. Unfortunately, with vicarage coming up, I do need a license and a car. I took the test during break, but failed pretty miserably. I think I was too nervous. Please pray for me. I am a bit worried that I won't find time to practice driving between now and August.

Overall I am really excited for my vicarage starting in late August. I won't know where I'm going until early May. I am eager to practice preaching, teaching, listening, and serving for an entire year. It will also be nice to earn a paycheck and not accumulate more debt for a year. I am certain God will bring me many great experiences.

Thank you again for your gift and prayers! I'll let you know how the rest of this quarter goes. Have a reflective, repentant Lent and an expectant, joyful Easter. May God bless you until our Lord Jesus returns in glory!

In Christ,

Alexander J. Lange

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

1 - Patrick Tuma
1 - Carl Montoure
2 - Michelle Teetzen
3 - Brenda Gast
3 - Lori Opperman
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 - Sarah Engel
8 - Libby Buettner
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 Bosnich
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
28 - Clarice Juds
29 - Tia Hein
30 - Josie Gueths

A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

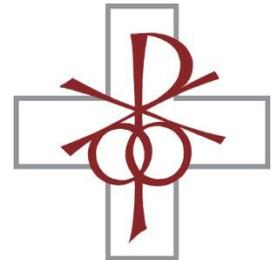
Heavenly Father, our times are in Your hands. Look with favor on name as he/she celebrates his/her birthday. Grant that he/she may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. Strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness and bless him/her with Your abiding love all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ,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



Contact the Church Office if you find anything in need of correction to the Birthdays and Anniversaries.



April 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 1:00 Ladies Bible Study 3:30 Catechism	4 1:00 Bible Study	5	6 6:30 Service Acolyte: Brandi Gueths
7 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Abby Owen	8 6:15 Choir Practice 7:00 Elder Meeting	9	10 3:30 Catechism 7:00 Bible Study	11 1:00 Bible Study	12 6:30 Fellowship @ Hidden Valley	13 8:00 Men's Brkfst 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Lucas Schoenike
14 9:00 Service 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Kayla Szucs	15 6:15 Choir Practice 7:00 Council Meeting	16	17 3:30 Catechism 7:00 Bible Study	18 1:00 Bible Study	19	20 6:30 Service Acolyte: Alyxis Paiser
21 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Brittney Angeli 11-2 Spaghetti Dinner	22 6:15 Choir Practice	23	24 3:30 Catechism 7:00 Bible Study	25 1:00 Bible Study	26	27 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Megan Gebert
28 9:00 Service Voter mtg after service Acolyte: Sommer McDowell	29 6:15 Choir Practice	30	Notes: Elders: Sat: Chuck Stoehr Sun: Tom Tuma Spec: Rich Raddant Altar Guild: Donna Lopez, Pam Anderson, Lorine Raddant			

Listen to WTCH 960AM or check www.stjakobi.org for weather related cancellations.

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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

