

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

Vacation Bible School is now over a month past but perhaps it is good to reflect on the importance of this ministry in our congregation.

When our Lord says "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven" he is encouraging us as Christians to not think of children as lesser people, but chosen children who have been created by God and given the precious gift of faith. They hold a special place in the heart of God because he has made them just as he has made all people.

As we reach out to the children and youth in our congregation we are fulfilling our Lord's command to teach children all things that Jesus has said.

VBS is an important part of this. Yes, it is only one week out of the year, but it is a memorable week for the children. The themes and lessons stick in their little minds and the excitement of the week is unsurpassed.

We have a great opportunity in our congregation that we have such great attendance at Vacation Bible School. The number of children who attend is comparable to that of much larger congregations. What this means is we have a

chance to reach out to families that we might otherwise not come into contact with. To spread the Gospel love of Jesus Christ is the chief goal of VBS every year. When we have children who only go to church during VBS, then we have a great opportunity to tell them about Jesus and plant the seed of faith that we pray will continue to grow through the years of their life.

One of the joys of being here during VBS is to see the excitement the kids have to be at church to learn about Jesus...and they like the playground too.

Yes, VBS is a lot of work, it costs money, people put a lot of effort into it, but Jesus never promises that working in the field preparing for the harvest of souls will be easy. He does promise to abide with us through every bit of it.

We are fulfilling the command of Jesus to make disciples of all nations every time we gather for VBS, Sunday School, and Catechism instruction.

I pray that we continue to support the Christian education of our own youth, but also reach out with the love of Christ to the children that are all around us too.

In the love of Christ,
Pastor Kleinschmidt



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

CHURCH PICNIC

The Outdoor service was on June 17th. The children from Vacation Bible School sang and afterwards we had the church picnic. There are pictures of the service and picnic on a later page.

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!

DID YOU KNOW?

There is a jar in the Narthex labeled "Food Pantry" Any donations put in that jar are used to buy gift certificates to Aldi's and then they are distributed to families who need financial support.

SCRIP PROGRAM NEWS

We began selling SCRIP cards May 19th and 20th. We have cards on hand after church for KwikTrip, Walmart, Shell, PickNSave, and Kmart. You can also place an order for other businesses that you can pick up the weekend after you order them. Purchasing these through the church provides a percentage of the proceeds for St. Jakobi.

SNAIL MAIL? EMAIL?

You can receive this newsletter in your mailbox at church or by email. Just send an email to stjakobi@frontiernet.net and you will be signed up for email delivery.

ASK THE PASTOR

In future newsletters Pastor will be answering questions you might have. You can write questions down and put them in the offering plate or ask him in person or by email (pastor@stjakobi.org) and he will provide the answer in the newsletter for all to read. Do you have questions about why we believe a certain thing? Do you have a question about a specific Bible passage you read? Do you have a question about something that we do in church? Do you have a question about our congregation? The sky's the limit, so ask away!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The second Saturday of every month, the men of the congregation are invited to have breakfast in the Parish Hall. We had a great breakfast in July and a good discussion about Scientology and evaluating it compared to what Holy Scripture teaches

WOMEN OF ST. JAKOBI!

Ladies Bible Study in July had great attendance! It was small enough that everyone could talk if they wished and large enough that you didn't have to if you wished. Plan on attending the first Wednesday of the month at 1pm in the Library at church.

UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

- August 5th:** Exodus 16:2-15
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:22-35
- August 12th:** 1 Kings 19:1-8
Ephesians 4:17-5:2
John 6:35-51
- August 19th:** Proverbs 9:1-10
Ephesians 5:6-21
John 6:51-69
- August 26th:** Isaiah 29:11-19
Ephesians 5:22-33
Mark 7:1-13

EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

You're cordially invited to Kyle Raddant's Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Sunday, August 5th at 1pm at St. Jakobi. There will be light refreshments after the ceremony.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the food donated for Dad's funeral. Our Dad was a lucky man to have a church family like yours. God's Blessings, Donna & Dottie (Wilbur Oppermann's daughters)

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for all the work you did for John's funeral. I feel so blessed with all of you and so did John. Always, Diane Ireland

LIBRARY NEWS

PLANTING SEEDS

Peer Pressure, Bullying and Judgment

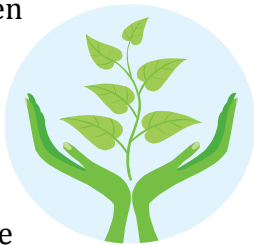
In just a few short weeks, children will be going back to school. They may meet up with old friends, move to a different school, make new friends, or face unexpected challenges. When we think of peer pressure and bullying, we think about children. If they wear clothing that doesn't reflect the current fad, they're made fun of. Perhaps their hair is too long, or too short, and doesn't fit the trend that the popular class members feel is acceptable. Then there are those who want to be the leader of the pack. They threaten and bully others into thinking their way. And some may be exceptionally smart, spending all their time with their noses inside of their books. They are called nerds, and ridiculed. They aren't part of the 'in' crowd or the sports jocks. They are teased, laughed at, made fun of, or simply shunned. They are judged. They may even become afraid. They don't want to go to school. They don't make friends easily. They fear life outside of their home.

We hear in the news about those who rebel, hurting the ones who have judged them. Others withdraw inside of themselves; to the point that they feel there is no reason to continue living. These problems can start at a very early age, and don't stop when a child graduates from high school or college. Unfortunately, the problems may continue into adulthood, or even until the end of a person's life. These problems exist no matter how large or small the school is, or where you live.

Check out what our library has to offer on these subjects. "Sometimes I'm Afraid" and "The Trouble with Trevor" can be found in the children's section. Michael W. Smith's "Old Enough to Know" is found in the teenage section.

"A Walk to Remember" is a movie about teenage peer pressure. "To Save a Life" addresses peer pressure, teen age drinking, teenage sexuality, and the results. This movie deals not only with children, but also their parents.

We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.... Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. Romans 15: 1-2, 7

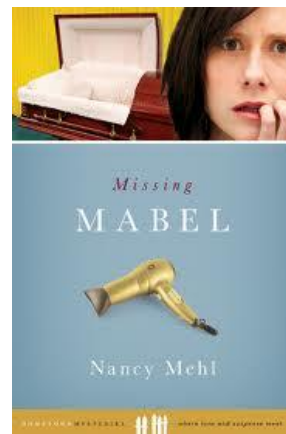


BOOK REPORT

"Missing Mabel"

by Nancy Mehl

Hilde Higgins, who is a beautician, discovers the hair on her client doesn't match that of the person originally identified as Mabel Winnemaker. While she attempts to make the funeral home director acknowledge the mix-up he thinks she is creating a distraction to cover up for stealing Mabel's diamond ring. She then realizes her reputation and career are on the line and feels the only way to salvage her future is to find the missing Mabel. Of course an old boyfriend is added into the mix and she wonders if he will be a help or add to the complications in her tangled life. While this is all going on Hilde meets the mysterious neighbor and also tries to make amends with her mother and they try to come to terms with their past.



This was a quick read and kept you wondering what was going to happen next. I enjoyed it and recommend you read it.

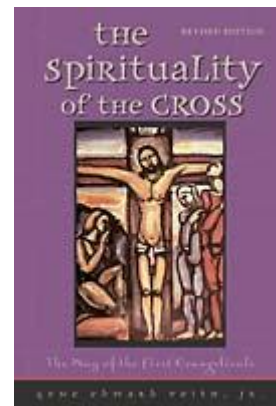
Judi Raddant

BOOK REVIEW

The Spirituality of the Cross: The Way of the first Eveangelicals by Gene Edward Veith, Jr.

In this book Veith walks the reader through the distinctiveness of Lutherans and how Lutherans have an opportunity to speak to the culture around us. The chapters deal with Sin & Grace, Presence of God, Hiddenness of God, Spirituality of Ordinary Life, Sacred & Secular, and Worshiping God. I can't recommend this book highly enough for a good, short read to open your eyes to the beauty of God's grace in your life. You can find the book in the church library or purchase it from www.cph.org or 800.325.3040

- Pastor Kleinschmidt



WRLHS NEEDS YOU!

Plans are underway for Wolf River Lutheran High School's third annual Family Fair and Auction.



The event is set for Sunday, August 12, 2012, with free admission. A major change is the location. This year the fundraiser will be held at Comfort Inn & Suites in Shawano. There will be a worship service at 10AM followed by a Pulled Pork Dinner with Pie and Ice Cream. Throughout the day there will be children's activities and a silent auction. The live auction will begin at 1PM. Donation of items for the silent and/or live auctions will be greatly appreciated. These could include themed baskets, antiques, quilts, fishing trips, cords of wood, hunting land permit, side of beef/pork, household items and decorations, crafts, etc. The ideas are limitless. If you have something you wish to donate or questions about the event, please call the school at 715-745-2400. A donation of pies will be requested as the event gets closer. Watch for updated bulletin articles and posters. Your support of this event is vital to its success and will be appreciated by the students, staff, and board. Your attendance will also give you a chance to meet the school's new principal, Jay Lindsey.

ISSUES, ETC

HISTORIC, AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN RADIO... Do any of these topics interest you?: Simultaneously Saint & Sinner, Jesus Walks on the Water, The Parable of the Good Samaritan, James the Apostle, Johann Sebastian Bach and more. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org.



WHERE IS THE MISSION FIELD?

Some years ago I was working with a small congregation in a small town during a vacancy in the pastoral office. The congregation, never large, had been declining in recent years. The previous pastor had left for a more attractive position in another state.

When I asked them why they had no Sunday School, they told me there were no children in the congregation. When I asked them what their mission was, they insisted that just about everyone in town already had a church. They thought there was no mission field.

I decided to challenge them. "Go to every other church in town and find out what their average church attendance is, then add up those numbers for all the churches in town." Several weeks later I heard their discovery. On any given Sunday less than half the population of the town was in any church, and many of the congregations also drew from the surrounding country-side. "There's your mission field," we said.

Every one of our congregations is surrounded by a mission field – even yours! I do not know of a single county in the USA where more than half of the population is found in church, and in many, many locales the percentage is far less than half or even 25%.

No, this is not the time for blame! Don't be saying, "Well if these people were more welcoming or if our members were truly Lutheran, or whatever, we'd be able to do more." Don't be thinking, "Well, if our pastor were a better preacher, or more with the times, or whatever, then we'd..."

Instead, here are some other questions, some basic "Witness, Mercy, Life Together" questions, to ask together, and with God's guidance seek positive answers, TOGETHER:

Witness: Who are the people around us who do not know Jesus? Or have become disconnected from Him? How might we connect with some of them? Where are they? Who among us meets them as part of our various vocations? How might we get to know them so that we have the opportunity to confess the name of Christ? How might we find ways to baptize and teach them?

And we have seen and testify (witness!) that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him and he in God (1 John 4:14-15).

Mercy: What are the needs in this community? Who are the "invisible" people in the community? The people no one else notices? How many folks in your community are hurting? Why? Who are they and what are their needs? What do we have



to offer them in the name of Christ? How can we be the arms of Christ's mercy for them? How can we find them?

We love because he first loved us. If any one says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen (1 John 4:19-20).

Life Together: What is the health of our fellowship? How are we connected to one another? More importantly, how are we connected to Jesus Christ? Are we regularly in the Word of God, remembering our Baptism, receiving our Lord's body and blood, in which He gives life? How many of our people are? Does our congregation live in love with one another as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us?

If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1:6-7).

In other words, the things we do as the body of Christ in "Witness, Mercy and Life Together" are part of sanctification. That is, they grow from our justification. Christ has made us His own, forgiven our sins in the blood of His cross, and declared us righteous by His resurrection. Receiving these gifts by faith, we can revel in them, knowing our connection to Christ is sure. Living as His forgiven people, witness, mercy and life together are simply what we do as the body.

Our congregations are all outwardly different. The communities we serve vary significantly. The specific answers to these questions may also look different on the surface. But the purpose is the same – drawing people, by the Spirit's work in Word and Sacrament, into the worship of the Holy Trinity, the only worship that gives life. We witness so that the Spirit might connect some to Jesus. We show mercy that hurting people may receive the love of Jesus. We live together in Christ's Word, because

God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 1:9).

Well, what happened to the congregation I was visiting? The Lord sent them a pastor who helped them discover children in the community who needed a place to go after school. Their Sunday School never really revived, but their three hour program for kids Wednesdays after school regularly drew dozens, and even brought parents and families. People were connected to Jesus, and the Spirit grew the congregation.

How will you prayerfully ask these questions in your congregation?

+ Herbert Mueller

LCMS First Vice President



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

1 - Dustin Fischer
1 - Dave Hoffman
2 - Lena Stuber
3 - Cheryl Arthur
3 - Isabella Buettner
4 - Sommer McDowell
4 - Lorine Raddant
5 - Samuel Dick
6 - Michael Cotter
6 - Lainey Peters
9 - Miguel Kriewaldt
11 - Vicki Bahr
11 - Joshua Bahr
11 - Joan Stoehr
11 - Nancy Thelen
11 - Cooper Clark
13 - Ethan Opperman
13 - Jim Wendorff
13 - Dorothy Kroenke
14 - Tim Teetzen
14 - Kathy Jo Hanke
15 - Raymond Heinritz
16 - Krystal Buettner
16 - Parker Papiernik
18 - Gavin Klose
18 - Katie Horne
19 - Cindy Craig
19 - Kathy Kroenke
21 - Marion Ruhbusch
21 - Lee Lindner
22 - Rob McDowell
22 - Erwin White
22 - Roxanne Fischer
22 - Brooke Sperberg
23 - Vicki Waldvogel
23 - Diane Ireland
24 - Patti Samson
25 - Alicia Giese
26 - Shawn Verstoppen
26 - Wanda Stueck
27 - Karter Westphal
29 - Carrie Westphal
30 - Teresa Schuettpehlz
30 - Chase Benser
31 - Barb Teetzen
31 - Ann Opperman
31 - Kelsey Gast

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.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:

02, 1986 - Larry & Kristi Lindner
02, 1975 - James & Carlene Felmer
04, 1990 - Pam & Mike Tadych
06, 1983 - Mark & Kathy Kroenke
06, 1966 - Howard & Shirley Popp
09, 1997 - Michael & Hope Peters
10, 1958 - Don & Joanne Bublitz
14, 1999 - Scott & Rebecca Blumreich
14, 2004 - Sarah & Jeremy Benser
18, 1962 - Marlyn & Kathy Teetzen
20, 2005 - Bob & Kay Marquardt
20, 2005 - Pete & Cheryl Arthur
25, 1973 - Dave & Patti Bohm
25, 1990 - Jim & Katie Horne
26, 2006 - Bradley & Jennifer Sperberg
31, 1968 - Dennis & Kathy Fonger

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.



August 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Elders: Sat: Darryl Prodell Sun: Rich Raddant Spec: Don Bublitz	Altar Guild: Diane Ireland Kathy Fonger		1 1:00 Ladies Bible Study	2 1:00 Bible Study	3	4 6:30 Service Acolyte: Eli Magee
5 9:00 Service(HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Sommer McDowell 1:00 Eagle Scouts	6	7	8 6:00 Board of Christian Ed	9 1:00 Bible Study	10	11 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Megan Gebert
12 9:00 Service 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Dylan Wolff	13	14	15 7:00 Elders Mtg	16 1:00 Bible Study	17	18 6:30 Service Acolyte: Hannah Hein
19 9:00 Service(HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Kayla Vetter	20	21	22	23 1:00 Bible Study	24	25 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Kaci Wendorff
26 9:00 Service 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Kayla Szucs	27 7:00 Altar Guild	28	29	30 1:00 Bible Study	31	Notes:

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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

