

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

Men who feel called to serve as Pastors typically go to Seminary in either St. Louis at Concordia Seminary or in Fort Wayne at Concordia Theological Seminary. The men who attend already have their four-year bachelor's degree and then Seminary will give them a four-year Master's Degree. The first two years are spent on campus studying Biblical languages, Pastoral Theology, Preaching, Doctrine, Church History, and Exegesis (Interpreting Scripture). At the end of two years they are assigned to a Vicarage Congregation where they will be a Vicar under the supervision of another pastor. This is an opportunity to gain first-hand experience and learn daily from another pastor. Then for their fourth year they return to campus to complete their coursework. At the end of the fourth year they are assigned their first congregation where they will serve as a pastor.

The Seminary student we support is Alex Lange. I met him when he was a Senior in High School. His Father was my Vicarage Supervisor and I taught him in High School Sunday School. Below is a letter that we received this past week detailing what's going on at Seminary and with his life. Please keep Alex in your prayers that the Lord would continue to be with him as he prepares for the Office of the Ministry.

*Dear members of St. Jakobi,
I have wonderful news to share with you! On Christmas Eve, I proposed to my girlfriend, Rachel Eckert, and she accepted. We are planning on getting married this summer on August 3rd, so that we can move to the vicarage congregation after our honeymoon. This is an exciting time and I knew that you would want to celebrate with me during this time.*

Rachel's family and my family have been friends for quite some time. Rachel's father was a pastor out in the Northwest, but then moved to Oklahoma. Our families stayed in touch. I got to know Rachel through Higher Things Youth

Conferences and family vacations. We also kept in touch through Facebook and phone calls. I asked if she wanted to date in the spring of senior year of college. I knew we were right for each other when I realized how supportive she has always been to me and how comfortable we are with each other.

So, we are now in the long (and sometimes stressful) process of wedding planning. Meanwhile, life goes on. I am still enjoying my classes for the most part. Some of the classes have been a bit frustrating because a couple of my professors keep changing their schedule and are unclear about what they want. Nevertheless, I'm learning a lot and manage to find time to relax with friends.

I have been preparing for vicarage as the year continues. Occasionally we have a vicarage meeting where the staff gives us information about what to expect on our vicarage. Later this month Rachel and I will be interviewed by Dr. Nielson, who is the director of the vicarage program. He will ask us about our needs and desires, so that he can find us a congregation that is good for the both of us.

This Christmas was very exciting. After proposing to Rachel, we spent the rest of the break planning for the wedding and spending quality time together. We went to see The Hobbit and Les Miserables. We also went out to Joe's Crab Shack because we have not enjoyed sea food for a while. I hope your holidays were just as exciting and fun as mine.

Continue to keep me in your prayers. Also, pray for Rachel and for the upcoming wedding and our vicarage. I hope everything is going well with you and that you are having a blessed Epiphany!

*In Christ,
Alexander J. Lange.*



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

LENT SERVICES

Ash Wednesday is on February 13th. There will be two Communion Services on that day, at 10:30am and 6:30pm. There is also a Lent Dinner at 5pm. Every Wednesday in Lent we will have Service at those times with the dinner too. Make a habit of coming and growing in your faith in preparation for the celebration of Easter.



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 in the news and looking at them from a Christian perspective. This past month we discussed the seriousness of the Pro-Life Issue.

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship will be on Friday, February 8th. We eat at 6:30, but come early for drinks and socializing. We will go to Washington Inn in Cecil. Call Joanne Bublitz (526-5315) if you plan on coming so she can make the appropriate reservations. You can also sign up on the sheet found in the Narthex at church.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Baptismal font has eight sides for a reason. God created all things in 6 days and on the 7th day (Saturday) He rested. Jesus was raised from the dead on Sunday (8th day). We are a new creation in Baptism so eight sides reminds us of the eighth day when Jesus was raised from the dead and the new life we are given in Him.



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 February we will meet on the 6th at 1pm in the Church Library.

ANNUAL CONGREGATION REPORT

You can pick up the Annual Report of St. Jakobi in the Narthex at Church that includes the 2012 Financial Statements.

LENT DINNERS

The Lent Dinners will be every Wednesday at 5pm during Lent. You can come anytime between 5 and 6 and there will be a meal already prepared and you can put an offering in the basket if you wish. You can eat and then stay for Lent Service at 6:30.

February 13th: Board of Education and Officers

February 20th: Board of Elders

February 27th: Board of Stewardship

March 6th: Altar Guild

March 13th: Board of Trustees

March 20th: Choir

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:



Thanks to the eligible members that received Thrivent Choice Dollars and designated them to St. Jakobi and other Lutheran organizations. We have received \$4,537 in 2012. 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, 2013 to designate your 2012 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". Remember this is "your money, free money" and if not designated by March 31 it is no longer available.

BAPTISM

Adam Robert Kleinschmidt was baptized on January 20th. He was born on January 15th and his parents are Travis and Noel Kleinschmidt. His baptismal sponsors are his grandmothers, Rita Kleinschmidt and Lisa Evenson.

CHURCH BUILDING LOAN BALANCE:

The amount owed for the loan to build the new church at the start of 2012 was \$418,161.61. After making our monthly payments plus some extra on principal, the balance at the end of 2012 was \$380,280.15. Thanks be to God for His blessings.

CAMP LUTHER NEWS



SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION OPENED JANUARY 1!!

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 village you want on the week you want. Summer brochures were mailed to households at the end of December and to churches/schools in January. If you need information, please visit the website or call us for a brochure 1-877-264-CAMP. If there's a 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.

UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

- February 3rd:** Jeremiah 1:4-10
1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13
Luke 4:31-44
- February 10th:** Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Hebrews 3:1-6
Luke 9:28-36
- February 17th:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13
- February 24th:** Jeremiah 26:8-15
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35

CATECHISM LOCK-IN

On February 15th, the Catechism students will have a Lock-In at the Parish Hall. It will begin at 7pm. We will be playing various games, having a midnight service, doing a service project, and studying a Catechism topic in-depth.

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!

LIBRARY NEWS

PLANTING SEEDS

Do you like to play Bingo? Did you know that the library has Bible Bingo? Everyone is a winner when they play, and it's a great way to listen to and learn Bible verses.

New Items in the library

- October Baby - DVD
Christmas Angel - DVD
The Heart of Christmas - DVD
The Half Stitched Amish Quilting Club - Fiction
The five people you meet in heaven-fiction
The Whispers of Angels - Inspirational
Horse Tales From Heaven - Inspirational
A Song in Every Silence - Inspirational
Mere Christianity - Religion
One Heartbeat Away - Inspirational



LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT

What is added to a dish to make it 'Florentine'? Join in the fun! **Wolf River Lutheran High School** is hosting a **Trivia Night** to benefit the school on **Sunday, February 17th from 3:00pm to 5:00pm at St. Paul in Bonduel**. Trivia nights are informal, fun, competitions where teams battle to see who has the greatest knowledge of trivia. Teams can have up to eight (8) adults. Free drinks and popcorn will be provided. Participants are encouraged to bring a snack item to share too...sort of a snack potluck. You don't have to have a full team to sign up. Free babysitting will be available. The **cost is \$10 per person. Please call the WRLHS office at (715)745-2400 or email rsvp@wrlhs.org.** *(The answer is: spinach.)*

ST. JAMES KINDERGARTEN

There is an Open House at St. James School for anyone who is considering St. James for their child's Kindergarten. It will be held Feb. 28th at 6:30pm at St. James. Stay tuned for further information about St. James Open House for the rest of the grades in early part of March. Remember, St. Jakobi continues to support Lutheran education by providing \$1,000 per year towards the tuition of member children.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

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 - Nickiann Meyers
9 - Casey Kroenke
10 - Alexander Owen
10 - Andy Popp
13 - Jade Waldvogel
13 - John Popp
14 - Adam Theis
15 - Doris Kroenke
16 - John Kriewaldt
18 - Joanne Ackermann
19 - Tara Bohm
20 - Judy Buettner
21 - Stephanie Boyles
22 - Hannah Hein
23 - Alyssa Wendorff
24 - Nancy Schroeder
24 - James VanScoik
25 - Andrew Gueths
26 - Wendy Gueths
26 - Curt Angeli
26 - Jacob Nevins
27 - Jeff Theis
27 - Melissa Teetzen
28 - Justin Opperman
28 - Sarah Magee
28 - Isaac Buettner

A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

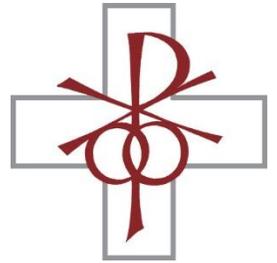
Heavenly Father, our times are in Your hands. Look with favor on name as he/she celebrates his/her birthday. Grant that he/she may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. Strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness and bless him/her with Your abiding love all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ,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

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

07, 1952 - Erwin & Bev White
13, 1943 - Irvin & Dorothy Kroenke
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 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guild: Betty Szucs Roxy Martzke Mary Theis					1	2 6:30 Service Acolyte: Dylan Wolff
3 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Connor Angeli	4 6:15 Choir Practice 7:00 Altar Guild	5	6 1:00 Ladies Bible Study 3:30 Catechism 7:00 Bible Study	7 1:00 Bible Study	8 6:30 Fellowship @ Washington Inn	9 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Dayton Davis
10 9:00 Service 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Brittney Angeli	11 6:15 Choir Practice	12	13 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 10:30 Service (HC) 3:30 Catechism 5:00 Supper 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Brandi Gueths	14 1:00 Bible Study	15 7:00 Catechism Lock-in	16 6:30 Service Acolyte: Lucas Schoenike
17 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Abby Owen 3:00 WRLHS Trivia Night	18 6:15 Choir Practice	19	20 10:30 Service 3:30 Catechism 5:00 Supper 6:30 Service Acolyte: Kayla Szucs	21 1:00 Bible Study	22	23 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Kaci Wendorff
24 9:00 Service 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Megan Gebert	25 6:15 Choir Practice	26	27 10:30 Service 3:30 Catechism 5:00 Supper 6:30 Service Acolyte: Sommer McDowell	28 1:00 Bible Study	Notes: Elders: Sat: Tom Tuma Sun: Chuck Stoehr Spec: Darryl Prodel	

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

