

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

The hymn, *The Infant Priest Was Holy Born* (LSB 624) is found in the Communion section of the hymnal. We have been using it a lot in the Christmas season and the Epiphany season because it speaks of why Jesus was born and what he came to do.

In the first verse it says that Jesus, even as a small infant is our holy priest. That means he is born in order to offer a sacrifice. He was born of His mother, Mary, but yet he is from all of eternity.

In the second verse it says that Jesus is the priest that is a picture of the holiness and righteousness of God. He brought healing just by touching people. The gospels are full of accounts when Jesus touched people and they were healed of their impurities.

In the third verse there is a change. He is now called a Lamb. Previously He was called the priest and now he is called the lamb. The lamb is that which is sacrificed. The priest became the sacrifice and you have the beautiful imagery of angels hiding their eyes as Jesus travels to the cross.

In verse four Jesus has laid down his life but we know that he takes it up again in three days. He leads us forth from the grave to the eternity of heaven where we will be before God's face.

Verse five references the temple curtain that was torn in two when Jesus died on the cross. In the temple it separated God's presence from everyone else. Now, in the death of Jesus we have Communion with God. At the rail on bended knee we receive the fruits of the sacrifice, Jesus himself.

The next verse tells us that Jesus is sacrificed on the cross of Calvary and then gives of himself to his people to eat and drink. In the gift of Holy Communion Jesus gives to his people the benefits of what is won on the cross, forgiveness of sins. In the Old Testament sacrifices were made to make atonement for sins. And that is what the sacrifice of Jesus does. It makes atonement for sin, wins forgiveness. And this is given to us through Holy Communion in the Body and Blood of Jesus. Therefore, where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation. When we keep ourselves away from this holy meal we are denying ourselves that which our very souls need, forgiveness, life, and salvation.

The final verse highlights the reaction of heaven to what Jesus has done. Cherubim and Seraphim are types of angels. They sing the song that is found in Isaiah 6:2-3, "Holy, Holy, Holy."

We join in this hymn of the angels as we proceed with the Communion liturgy. I say, "With angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying..." Then the congregation responds by singing, "Holy,

holy, holy." We are in the presence of our God when we are preparing to receive Communion so it makes sense that we would join in the endless hymn of praise in honor of Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

Rejoicing in the gift of Jesus' Body and Blood
-Pastor Kleinschmidt

- 1. The infant Priest was holy born
For us unholy and forlorn;
From fleshly temple forth came He,
Anointed from eternity.*
- 2. This great High Priest in human flesh
Was icon of God's righteousness.
His hallowed touch brought sanctity;
His hand removed impurity.*
- 3. The holy Lamb undaunted came
To God's own altar lit with flame;
While weeping angels hid their eyes,
This Priest became a sacrifice.*
- 4. But death would not the victor be
Of Him who hung upon the tree.
He leads us to the Holy Place
Within the veil, before God's face.*
- 5. The veil is torn, our Priest we see,
As at the rail on bended knee
Our hungry mouths from Him receive
The bread of immortality.*
- 6. The body of God's Lamb we eat,
A priestly food and priestly meat;
On sin parched lips the chalice pours
His quenching blood that life restores.*
- 7. With cherubim and seraphim
Our voices join the endless hymn,
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing
To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.*

ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

CHURCH PICTURE DIRECTORY

Thank you to everyone who came to have their picture taken for the new directory. We had a great turnout and we hope to have the finished directory by Easter so we can begin distributing it then.

LADIES OF ST. JAKOBI!

The Ladies of the Congregation meet every month for Bible Study. We have great discussion about the Bible topic assigned. In February we will meet on the 5th at 1pm in the Church Library.

SCRIP PROGRAM NEWS

Have you signed up to purchase Scrip online? It couldn't be easier. Some retailers let you print out the certificate right away and others will be at church the following weekend if they are ordered by Monday night. Pick up instructions at the Scrip table after church and click www.shopwithscrip.com.

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!

CEMETERY LOTS

Sometime in 2014 the price of the cemetery lots at St. Jakobi will be increasing. It has not yet been determined what the new price will be. Currently they are \$15 per lot. This is far below any comparable cemeteries. If you would like to buy a lot at the current price, contact Warren Gueths at 715-526-5636

FELLOWSHIP

FELLOWSHIP CELEBRATION! On Friday, Feb. 14, we will celebrate Valentine's Day, friendship, and (we hope) no icy roads. Please join us. Diane at Studio Lounge is happy to have us try again. STUDIO LOUNGE, FRIDAY-FEB. 14, EAT AT 6:30. Let's all wear RED if we can.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

- 2/2/14 Esther
- 2/9/14 Transfiguration
- 2/16/14 Temptation of Jesus
- 2/23/14 Jesus teaches Nicodemus



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.

LIBRARY NEWS

PLANTING SEEDS



Stop by and check out the 4 new movies, "Ring The Bell", "As I Stand", "Unconditional", and "This Is Our Time", which are available in the library. All DVD's are available to be checked out for one week at a time. Please be sure to list your name, the item you are borrowing, and the date that you are checking it out, on the Sign-Out sheet. We are asking that when you place it the Return Bucket, please place a check on the sheet to show that you have returned the item. As we are monitoring the items that are being checked out, you may find a reminder in your mailbox if you've checked out something and it hasn't been returned in a reasonable amount time. Please don't be offended. We are working hard to provide media that will be attractive to all members of the congregation, and we want to make sure that anyone who is interested, will have a fair chance at reading it, viewing it, or listening to it.



RECENT BAPTISMS

Ian Anthony Stuber was baptized on December 29th. He was born on November 24th and his parents are Tony and Jennifer Stuber. His baptismal sponsors are Kristin Paulson and Jay Schuettpelez.

Reegan David Clark was baptized on January 5th. He was born on December 10th and his parents are Brandon and Jessy Clark. His baptismal sponsors are Mike Weatherwax, Gina Damveld, and Ryan Engels.

Anna Mae Laabs was baptized on January 11th. She was born on November 3rd and her parents are Dan and Stephanie Laabs. Her baptismal sponsors are Shawn Verstoppen and Jenny Bystol.

Connor Michael Buenning was baptized on January 12th. He was born on December 8th and his parents are Jeremy and Melanie Buenning. His baptismal sponsors are Lisa Fickel and Aaron Mendoza.



CAMP LUTHER NEWS

CAMP LUTHER SUMMER
REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

An exciting summer is planned for ALL AGES at Camp Luther.

There are a few special camps designed for even preschoolers and kindergartners. KinderCamp and GrandKids Camp are special weekend opportunities for a parent, grandparent, or another special adult to experience Camp Luther with their child. Our staff will lead activities designed for the adult and child to enjoy together. (Both of these camps are open to 4 and 5 year-olds and those who have completed kindergarten.) We are now accepting registrations at www.campluther.com. Check out our website to register or to see our entire list of summer camps.



TUITION TAX DEDUCTION

Are you aware that there is a new Tuition Tax Deduction which allows parents, beginning in 2014, to deduct private and religious school tuition in an amount up to \$4,000 for each child in grades K-8, and up to \$10,000 for each child in grades 9-12? Be sure to keep this in mind as you move forward with your taxes.

UPCOMING 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: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
1 Corinthians 3:10-23
Matthew 5:38-48

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.



WRLHS TRIVIA NIGHT

Join in the fun! Wolf River Lutheran High School is hosting their 2nd Annual Trivia Night to benefit the school on Sunday, February 9th 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 at your table 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.

CHURCH BUILDING LOAN BALANCE:

The amount owed at the start of 2013 for the loan to build the new church was \$380,280.15. After making our monthly payments the balance at the end of 2013 was \$349,314.90. Thanks be to God for His blessings.

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 - Nicki Meyers
9 - Casey Kroenke
10 - Alexander Owen
10 - Andy Popp
11 - Chloe Bohl
13 - Jade Waldvogel
13 - John Popp
15 - Doris Kroenke
16 - John Kriewaldt
17 - Steve Laude
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

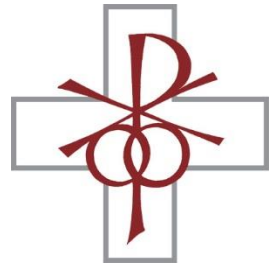
Heavenly Father, our times are in Your hands. Look with favor on name as he/she celebrates his/her birthday. Grant that he/she may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. Strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness and bless him/her with Your abiding love all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ,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

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

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 2014

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Elders: Sat: Chuck Stoehr Sun: Brian Sperberg Spec: Rich Raddant | Altar Guild: Donna Lopez Betty Szucs Roxy Martzke | | | | | 1 6:30 Service Acolyte: Gabriella Wendorff |
| 2 9:00 Service(HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Connor Angeli | 3 6:15 Choir Practice 7:00 Altar Guild | 4 | 5 1:00 Ladies Bible Study 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study | 6 1:00 Bible Study 7:00 Elders Meeting | 7 | 8 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:30 Service(HC) Acolyte: Kaci Wendorff |
| 9 9:00 Service 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte Callie Boyles 3:00 WRLHS Trivia Event | 10 9:30-5:00 Volunteer @ LCFS Thrift Store 6:15 Choir Practice | 11 | 12 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study | 13 1:00 Bible Study | 14 6:30 Fellowship @ Studio Lounge | 15 6:30 Service Acolyte: Dayton Davis |
| 16 9:00 Service(HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Abby Owen | 17 6:15 Choir Practice | 18 | 19 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study | 20 1:00 Bible Study | 21 | 22 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Lucas Schoenike |
| 23 9:00 Service 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Alyxis Paiser | 24 6:15 Choir Practice | 25 | 26 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study | 27 1:00 Bible Study | 28 | |

For weather related cancellations listen to WTCH AM960 or check www.stjakobi.org or www.facebook.com/lcmsjakobi.

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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 6:30pm, Thursday at 1:00pm, and Sunday at 10:30am.

Sunday School:

Sunday at 10:30am

