

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

Rarely do we think of ourselves as enslaved. After all, we live in the land of the free and the home of the brave. Freedom is something we value very highly. If someone attempts to take our freedom then we respond with ferocity to impinging freedoms and the loss of something we feel is God given.



But is freedom God given? If we peruse the pages of Holy Scripture we don't find freedom, but instead we find slavery. Hebrews 2:14-16 says, **"Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, [Jesus] himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery."** We are born enslaved to sin. It is a lifelong bondage that begins at conception and ends in death. Slavery to sin leads to death.



We may proclaim our freedom and extol the liberty we have, but none of us are truly free without Jesus Christ.

In Jesus Christ there is freedom from sin and our bondage of death because he has defeated slavery and delivered us from our captivity. Paul writes in Romans 8, **"For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba, Father!'"**

We who are in Christ Jesus are no longer enslaved, we are now free. Writing to the Galatians, **"For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery."** (5:1) And this is the key.

We are free not because of our own doing, but by the work of Jesus Christ. So if he has set us free then there is something we must stand firm on. We stand firm on the solid rock of Jesus Christ. We should go back to the yoke of slavery. Why do we fall back into sin when we know God wants us to lead holy and pure lives in accord with His Word? The Holy Spirit's encouragement to us Christians is to rely not upon ourselves and our good works, but instead upon Jesus.

"For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." (Gal. 5:16) We are not yoked to slavery, but instead we are free to love one another.

We love as Christ has loved us. We are free to help our neighbor in need. We are



free to give of ourselves for the good and betterment of others. We see this in husbands and wives, in parents and children, in grandparents. A sacrificial love that puts the other person before ourselves. We are free to love this way because we know we do it not for our own brownie-points with God, but because this is the holiness God has called us too.

Yes, freedom is God-given. But not necessarily the freedom we have in this country. What is God-given is our freedom from the bondage of sin and death. From this we have freedom from God.

So, we are called to freedom so that we may serve our neighbors. And this is freedom we should rightly value highly and with ferocity defend it because it was won with the blood of Jesus, our Lord.

In the free love of Jesus Christ,
Pastor Kleinschmidt

ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

VBS WAS GREAT!

Vacation Bible School was June 11th-15th and the theme was "Amazing Desert Journey." We had between 70 and 80 children here every day. Then on Sunday the children sang some songs during the outdoor service. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time or brought snacks for the children. Thanks be to God that so many children had an opportunity to grow in their faith and continue in their amazing journey with Jesus.



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?

On the inside cover of the hymnal there are prayers that can be prayed during the service. They are entitled, "On entering a church", "Before worship", "After worship", "Before Confession and Absolution", "Before communing", "Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament", and "For blessing on the Word." Please make use of these as you see fit.

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.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

The Wisconsin Lutherans for Life 2012 Conference will be held on July 21 at St. John Lutheran Church in Tigerton. The theme is "Trust God; Choose Life." The program starts with registration from 9am-10am. Speakers include Trish Kagerbauer from A Place of Refuge, Anthony Horvath, President of Lutherans for Life of WI, Rev. Jody Walter, Pastoral Advisor of LFLWI, and Heather Ruesch, Musician and Pro-Life Advocate. The cost is \$20 per adult, \$10 per child; 5 & under free, or \$50 for an entire family. See www.lfl-wi.org for more information.



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!

The North Wisconsin District Lutheran Women's Missionary League met in convention June 14-16 in Appleton. 510 delegates and guests attended. "Be Fruitful in Season" was the convention theme.



A mission grant total of \$150,000 was adopted for the next biennium. Of that total, \$55,000+ will come from the estate of a member and the balance will be raised by our giving of mites. The delegates chose 14 different mission projects for this biennium.

During the past 2 years, 9 mission projects were completed for a total of \$92,500. St. Jakobi women of the Altar Guild and Ladies Aid contributed \$1,065 towards the work of the LWML. To God be the glory, great things He has done!

HOLY COMMUNION PROCEDURES

It's always good to review what you may have learned in Catechism class; even the practical things, like how to receive our Lord's Body and Blood. When receiving the Body of Christ from Pastor, hold your palm out flat so he



can place it into your hand. If you choose to take the Common Cup, then hold your hand out palm up so Pastor knows to distribute the Common Cup to you. When you take the Chalice hold the bottom with one hand and tilt it into your mouth. If you choose to take the Individual cup, then place it into an empty spot in the acolyte's tray. Don't stack the empty cups on top of one another because then the trays won't stack properly.

LIBRARY NEWS

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Something to think about

Q: What is a missionary?

A: A member of a religious group sent into an area to do evangelism or ministries of service. A missionary shares the gospel with others.

Q: What does it take to be a missionary?

A: Bob and Lois Kroenke, members of our congregation, were missionaries in New Guinea. They published a book, titled 'Letters from New Guinea'. We are blessed to have a copy in our library, available for anyone interested in their story.

Q: Are you and I missionaries, or do we push that task off on others? Do we feel that we are not qualified for the job? Do we think that missionaries only work in foreign countries?

A: *We are all missionaries. In some people's lives, the only Jesus they will see is the Jesus they see in you. (Unknown)*

Looking for a book reviewers

Are you interested in reading a book or two from our church library, and writing a short, one paragraph review or book report on it? If so, feel free to check one out, and drop your book report in the library mailbox. You can also review a movie,

audio book, or music CD. Are you creative? Would you be interested in helping create a rating chart, similar to those found on the websites where books and movies are sold? Is this something you would like to see used in the future 'Planting Seeds' displays? I'm open to your suggestions. *Nancy Thelen*

BUILDING FUND COMMITMENTS

On June 24th we brought our Commitment Cards to the Altar. Thank you to everyone who filled them out and made a commitment to continue providing for the building fund. Remember, if things change in your situation you can make changes as you go and don't need to notify anyone. You can begin fulfilling your commitment right away. All for the Glory of God!

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.

NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT NEWS

At the District Convention held on June 10th and 11th in Wausau, Rev. Dwayne Lueck was elected as our new District President. He takes over for Rev. Paul Weber who had completed the term of Rev. Joel Hoelter who resigned last summer. You can read more about the Convention by visiting the [LCMS Reporter](http://LCMS_Reporter) website, reporter.lcms.org and searching for North Wisconsin.

UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

- July 1st:** Lamentations 3:22-33
2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15
Mark 5:21-43
- July 8th:** Ezekiel 2:1-5
2 Corinthians 12:1-10
Mark 6:1-13
- July 15th:** Amos 7:7-15
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29
- July 22nd:** Jeremiah 23:1-6
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-44
- July 29th:** Genesis 9:8-17
Ephesians 3:14-21
Mark 6:45-56

QUARTERLY VOTER MEETING

Mark your calendars for the Quarterly Voter Meeting which will be held after Service on July 29th.

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE TRACTS

There are tracts about Same-Sex Marriage and looking at this timely issue from a Biblical perspective. When the Biblical understanding of marriage is under attack, then we must know what the Bible says. The tracts can be found in the Narthex on the same table where the bulletins are. It not only shows what the Bible says about marriage, but also how to respond to common arguments in favor of Same-Sex marriage. Please feel free to take one for yourself or someone who might be

interested.



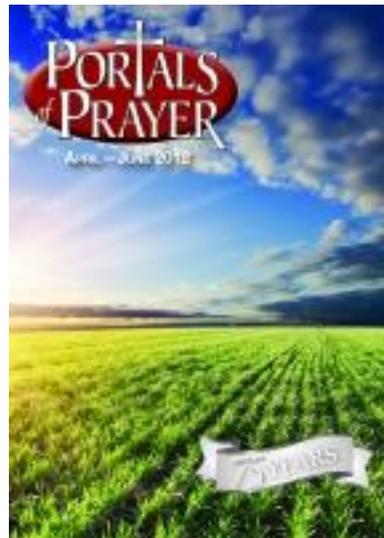
ISSUES, ETC

HISTORIC, AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN RADIO... You can listen to teachings on topics like: The Augsburg Confession, 2nd Century Bishop of Lyons Irenaeus, 5th Century Bishop of Alexandria Cyril, St. Peter & Paul, Jeremiah and more. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen on-demand at www.issuesetc.org.



PORTALS OF PRAYER

You can pick the new Portals of Prayer in the Narthex. They are found next to the guestbook and by the bulletins. If you have never used this before, it is a daily devotional book with some suggested Bible Readings and then a short devotion. St.



Jakobi provides these for free, so please make use of this great resource. You can donate your old Portals of Prayer and put them in the basket in the Narthex. They will be collected and used by other Christians who wouldn't otherwise have access to this wonderful resource.



S'more about Camp Luther

LABOR DAY WEEKEND FAMILY RETREAT!!

August 31-September 3- Plan now for a meaningful and relaxing weekend with your family at summer's end. You can join with other families with the weekend's fun activities or open your own trails to fun and bonding as a family. There will be adult and child age-appropriate Bible study sessions to add faith growth to your new family tradition!

GRANDPARENTS!! When was the last time you had meaningful one-on-one time with your grandchild? Spend that special time away at Camp Luther this summer at GrandKids Camp, **August 10-12**. Register online at www.campluther.com.

LIVE, LAUGH, AND LOVE LADIES RETREAT!!

Oct 5-7 - Refuel in God's Word and the company of other awesome women at this "just for ladies" retreat. The schedule is designed to draw you closer to God and to each other through a variety of individual, large group and small group activities. There will also be trips to Cranberry Fest in Eagle River, a Ladies night out, plus walking, biking or canoeing amid the beautiful fall colors!

BRICKS FOR MORTGAGE REDUCTION!! Leave your mark as part of the legacy that is the ministry of Camp Luther. You can support the effort to reduce and remove the mortgage and also leave a remembrance on a brick in Camp's beautiful courtyard. Your gift of \$500 or more makes a difference!! Go to www.campluther.com to learn more.

SCRAP, CRAFT AND QUILT! Oct 26-28 - Women of all ages and crafting levels, bring your supplies and enjoy time to craft, share and fellowship together! There will be attendees from novice to expert so there will be much to learn and to teach. There will be spiritual growth time as the days begin and end and throughout the day while you craft. Go to www.campluther.com to learn more.

WE STILL HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU!! Summer Camp Spots Still Available! We still have spots available in almost every camp. Registration has been fantastic but we still have openings!! **KinderCamp, GrandKids and Explorer Camps** have openings in all sessions. **Pathfinder and Trailblazer** have varied spaces available. **IMPACT** has openings in all sessions and so does **Xtreme Teen**. **Quest** has just a few left in the July 15-20 session. Go to www.campluther.com to explore your options to experience "Witness" at Camp Luther this summer!!

COUPLES RETREAT!! Sept 21-23- Couples of every age can benefit from time well spent together. Here is a great weekend to do just that! Enjoy camp or local activities, take part in guest speaker Bible study and learning, enjoy devotions offered by camp staff and cap it all off with a candlelit dinner!! Grow, bond and recharge at the Camp Luther Couples Retreat.

FATHER/SON AND MOTHER/DAUGHTER CANOE ADVENTURES!

Relish some one on one time with your child this summer and experience an adventure together in the process. Camping, devotions, fun and fellowship plus time away from the distractions of life. Join the canoe adventures August 9-12. Register at www.campluther.com. **There is still room for YOU!!**

EXPLORER SUMMER CAMP FOR GRADES 1-3!! Explorer Camp is designed to ease the transition for campers who have completed grades 1, 2 or 3 to come to Camp Luther on their own before they are ready to stay for a whole week. This weekend program includes activities like: parachute games, swimming, arts and crafts, songs, Christian Growth, campfire devotions, and more! Register them today at www.campluther.com

CHOOSE CAMP LUTHER WITH YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS!!

It's easy and it benefits Camp Luther and Every Kid to Camp! Log on to www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and get started TODAY!! Eligibility is established by Thrivent and by your premiums, account values and volunteer leadership! You simply go online and they do the rest. THANK YOU for giving to Camp Luther!!

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!!

We now have over 1850 likes on Facebook, so join us there to hear what's happening at Camp, to share memories and to spread the word about the ministry and joy that is Camp Luther.



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JULY BIRTHDAYS:

1 - Austin Buntrock
3 - Arthur Bahr
3 - Heather Pyatskowitz
3 - Allen Lange
6 - Ashley Bennett
6 - Rick Opperman
9 - Derek Hartman
9 - Faron Skalitzky
10 - Holly Weatherwax
10 - Michael Kriewaldt
10 - Michael Winkler
11 - Steven Damveld
12 - Jacob Schoenike
13 - Karen Cotter
13 - Pamela Tadych
14 - Dawn Buntrock
15 - Marcus Kriewaldt
17 - Kadu Kunze
17 - Elizabeth Teetzen
18 - Linda Bohm
19 - Eli Magee
19 - Megan Gebert
19 - James Lange
19 - Joshua Lange
19 - Carol Opperman
20 - Lance Lindner
20 - Sara VanScoik
21 - Dennis Fonger
21 - John Ottman
24 - Blake Hartmann
25 - Jim Szucs, Sr.
26 - Lois Kroenke
26 - Cindy Gueths
27 - Audrina Klose
28 - Virgil Gueths
28 - Mary Theis
28 - William Lee Hanke
30 - Donald Griesmer
30 - Tristan West
30 - Kylie Teetzen
30 - Shayla Kroenke
31 - Jeff Habeck

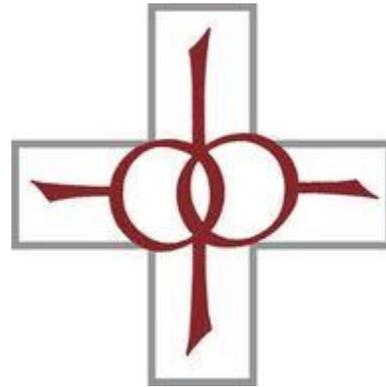


A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

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.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES:

09, 2005 - Mike & Catherine Opperman
11, 1987 - Jerele & Carrie Westphal
14, 1984 - Rick & Lori Opperman
19, 2003 - Lance & Sundi Lindner
20, 1991 - Jesse & Dawn Buntrock
22, 1951 - Robert & Lois Kroenke
26, 1983 - Steve & Carol Verstoppen
31, 2004 - Travis & Noël Kleinschmidt



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.

July 2012

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Mackenzie Boyles | 2 | 3 | 4 Independence Day | 5 1:00 Bible Study | 6 | 7 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Dayton Davis |
| 8 9:00 Service 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Brittney Angeli | 9 | 10 | 11 1:00 Ladies Bible Study | 12 1:00 Bible Study | 13 | 14 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:30 Service Acolyte: Connor Angeli |
| 15 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Kaci Wendorff | 16 7:00 Council Mtg | 17 | 18 | 19 1:00 Bible Study | 20 | 21 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Kayla Szucs <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"><i>Pastor on Vacation</i></div> |
| 22 9:00 Service Acolyte: Lucas Schoenike | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 6:30 Service Acolyte: Brandi Gueths <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"><i>Pastor on Vacation</i></div> |
| 29 9:00 Service (HC) Quarterly Mtg after service Acolyte: Callie Boyles | 30 | 31 | Notes: Elders: Sat: Tom Tuma Sun: Don Bublitz Spec: Darryl Prodell Altar Guild: Noël Kleinschmidt, Sue Giese, Joanne Bublitz | | | |

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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

