

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

Father's Day is June 17th this year. On this Hallmark holiday, we are reminded that we should thank our dads for being our dads and show them how much we appreciate all they do for us. But this secular holiday also gives an opportunity to reflect on what it means that God is our Father.

Jesus tells us that we should call the 1st Person of the Holy Trinity Father. And because Jesus tells us to do this, we do this. God the Father is the perfect Father who also shows the love and compassion that his children need. He provides all that this body needs for daily living and sustenance. In God the Father, all earthly fathers have someone from whom they can learn what fatherhood is.

Our earthly fathers will sometimes fail us. They can fail us by not being there, by not properly caring for us or even not giving loving and kind words to us.

But even as our earthly fathers may not be perfect, we do have the perfect Father who does everything perfectly and loves us as His beloved children.

Jesus says in Luke 11:11-13, "What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg,

will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the

Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The point of what Jesus says is that for the most part our earthly fathers are good fathers. And we can think about our own fathers and the good things they do for children and then conclude that of course our heavenly Father will give us even greater gifts.

The greatest gift the Father gives us is faith in his dearly beloved Son by the working of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit creates faith in us and we believe that Jesus is the true Son of God and our very own Savior. Without the gift of the Son from the Father to us, we wouldn't have the courage or the right to call God our Father. But by the work of Jesus, we can call God our Father.

The parable that Jesus teaches of the Prodigal Son tells us much of the undeserved love that God the Father has for us children. Luke records the



words of Jesus' parable, "I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him." (Luke 15:18-20)

The Father has been waiting, looking off into the distance hoping to catch a glimpse of his son who has returned. While the son is still far off, the father sees his son returning. He is so eager to have his son back that he has put other things off so that he can be waiting for that first sign of his son's return. Our heavenly Father certainly is looking down to earth ready to shower his compassion and love upon his.

To thank God that he is our Father reminds us that we should absolutely also thank our fathers for being there for us and thanking God that he has put them in our lives.

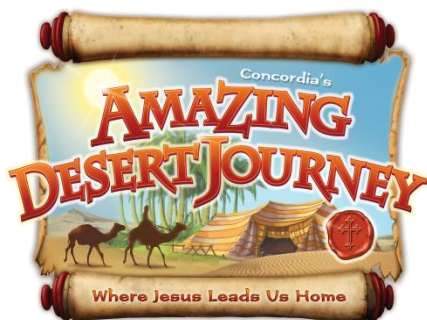
In the Fatherly love of God,
Pastor Kleinschmidt



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VBS

Vacation Bible School will be held **June 11th-15th** from 9am-11:30am each weekday. On Sunday June 17th there will be an outdoor service and the VBS children will sing. **The service will be followed by the annual Church picnic.**



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.

GROWING IN CHRIST!

We had 17 children attend more than 80% of the Sunday School classes this year! They have grown in their faith as they were instructed in the love and mercies of Jesus Christ.

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.

PARISH EDUCATION

Sunday School is done for the school year and will begin again the weekend after Labor Day. We will continue to have Adult Bible Class on Sundays after church along with the Thursday afternoon class that studies the Bible readings for the upcoming weekend.

SCRIP PROGRAM NEWS

We began selling SCRIP cards May 19th and 20th. We will have cards on hand for KwikTrip and Walmart. You can also place an order for other businesses that you can pick up the weekend after you order them.

WOMEN OF ST. JAKOBI!

Bible study for St. Jakobi women has been meeting for several months now. We have lots of room for more to join us. Write on your calendar that you'll attend June 6th at 1pm. Even though we have disbanded as a Ladies Aid, we plan to remain a part of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). In 1942 the LWML was organized and continues strong today. Each district and our national group meet every other year in convention and adopt mission projects not being funded by our Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod mission program. Project monies from our national organization and all districts this year total over \$100,000,000 (yes, one hundred million dollars). Our League women talk of giving our mites for missions and God has truly blessed our efforts. Only in eternity will we know how God extended His Kingdom through our prayers and mites for missions. No one needs to join us in these efforts but we invite others to participate with us in this worthwhile cause. Any member of St. Jakobi may receive a mite box and become involved in our goal of praying for and giving special gifts for extending God's Kingdom while He gives us time and opportunity to do so. Join us on June 6 as we women gather around God's Word.

DID YOU KNOW?

Christians confess three historical, ecumenical Creeds. They are the Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed. We say the Apostles' Creed at Non-Communion Services, the Nicene when there is Communion, and we say the Athanasian Creed once a year on Trinity Sunday. This year that will be on June 3rd. The Creeds summarize what the Holy Scriptures teach about who God is and what He has done and is doing.

NEW MEMBERS

Have you met the most recent new members? They are Sharon Krueger; Robert & Clarice Juds; Chris & Jamie Popp and children Carson & Allyson; Doreen Gipp and son Dylan Wolff; Joe Vetter; Mike & Tia Hein and children Hannah & Gunnar; Bobbi Jo Herrmann; and Al & Peggy Lange.

CAMP LUTHER NEWS

If your child has never been to Camp Luther, there may be a campership available which would reduce the cost of the camp. You can see opportunities to attend this camp run by the North Wisconsin District of the LC-MS.



You can find more information at www.campluther.com or calling 715-546-3647.

UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

June 3rd: Isaiah 6:1-8
Acts 2:14a, 22-36
John 3:1-17

June 10th: Genesis 3:8-15
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

June 17th: Ezekiel 17:22-24
2 Corinthians 5:1-10
Mark 4:26-34

June 24th: Isaiah 40:1-5
Acts 13:13-26
Luke 1:57-80

BUILDING FUND COMMITMENTS

On the weekend of May 19th and 20th, the president of our congregation, Jeff Theis, addressed the members and told the story of the building program to build our new church. You should have also received in the mail a letter, pamphlet, and commitment card. It has been six years since we did our initial commitments and we are looking forward to every one sacrificially giving in thanks to God. Please pray about how you and your family can further the kingdom of God in this way. For all that we have comes from Him alone. You can return your 3-year commitment cards and put them in the box in the Narthex up until the time of Service on June 10th.

LIBRARY NEWS



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Seen or Scene?

Have you seen it? Have you checked out the Library? Whether you're looking for fiction,

devotions, inspiration, or bible study, we've got just what you are looking for. We have a selection of books for preschool through adults.

Have you 'scene' it? Are you looking for a movie that includes morals and values that are often missing in the selection you find at the video store? Have you gone to rent a movie, and find dozens of copies of the latest releases; but only one copy for just a handful of movies that can be considered Christian? Check out the scenes in the small selection available in our library. Here's an example of what you will find:

- To Save a Life –deals with peer pressure and the results. This movie addresses the many challenges and problems school age children face today and the tragedies that we hear about in the news. Your eyes will be opened as to how one act on the part of one person can escalate to tragedy, or, avert tragedy from taking place.
- Courageous – Four police officers face challenges in their lives. See how they choose to deal with them, and the results of their decisions. You'll laugh and you'll cry, guaranteed.
- Facing the Giants – a Christian High School Football team is losing every game. The coach is on his way out the door. Is it possible that things can turn around, for both the coach and the team?

Watch for **Planting Seeds**, the new theme of the St. Jakobi Library. Reading, Watching and listening will result in: *Growing Minds* and *Growing Knowledge*. There will be a display in the narthex one weekend per month. All featured items, along with others found in the library, are available for check-out. Simply fill out the check-out sheet. The DVD's can be checked out for a week at a time. Other items do not have a time limit. You can find a list of new items added in 2012 on a clipboard in the library. When you have finished watching, listening, or reading, simply return the book, CD or DVD to the bin in the library and mark your name off of the sheet.

If you have any suggestions, questions or concerns regarding the library, please let me know. If I'm not available, drop a note in the library mail box. Thank you. *Nancy Thelen*

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

1 - Debra Schneider
2 - Terri Teetzen
2 - Kristi Skalitzky
2 - Callie Boyles
3 - Dan Krueger
3 - Joshua Berkhahn
4 - Miranda Fink
6 - Ryan Cotter
7 - Wendy Kroenke
8 - Steven Verstoppen Jr
8 - Debbie Laehn
9 - Darryl Prodell
10 - Howard Popp
13 - Russell Cotter
14 - Chad Wendorff
17 - Betty Szucs
17 - Duwane Pieper
17 - Bobbi Jo Hermann
19 - Landon Lindner
19 - Dana Price
20 - Fred Lemke
20 - Kaitlyn West
21 - Becky West
21 - Joseph Tadych
21 - Jerele Westphal
23 - Jeff Buettner
25 - Joanne Bublitz
25 - Rachel Fischer
26 - Chuck Stoehr
26 - Brandi Gueths
26 - Tucker Steinke
27 - Emily Teetzen
27 - Derek Drake
27 - Samuel Gueths
30 - Mary Jung
30 - Carrie Fink

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.

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES:

3, 2000 - Robin & Karen Ross
7, 1980 - Jeff & Mary Theis
9, 1984 - Eugene & Kathy Hanke
11, 1977 - Thomas & Pamela Anderson
14, 1969 - Marshal & Susan Giese
15, 1968 - Albert & Elaine Schroeder
16, 1987 - James & Lisa VanScoik
18, 2005 - Faron & Kristi Skalitzky
20, 1970 - John & Iris Ottman
21, 1980 - Jeff & Teresa Schuettpelz
23, 1962 - Lawrence & Nancy Schroeder
28, 1947 - Barney & Phyllis Olson
30, 1990 - Michael & Vicki Waldvogel
30, 2007 - Cory & Rachel Neville

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.

June 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Elders: Sat: Rich Raddant Sun: Darryl Prodell Spec: Tom Tuma	Altar Guild: Noël Kleinschmidt Sue Giese Joanne Bublitz				1	2 6:30 Service Acolyte: Callie Boyles
3 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Eli Magee	4	5	6 1:00 Ladies Bible Study	7 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Elders Mtg	8	9 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Sommer McDowell
10 9:00 Service 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Hannah Hein	11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16
	<i>Vacation Bible School 9:00 – 11:30</i>					
				1:00 Bible Study		6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Dylan Wolff
17 9:00 Outdoor Service Church Picnic	18	19	20	21 1:00 Bible Study	22	23 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Kayla Vetter
24 9:00 Service 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Abby Owen	25	26	27	28 1:00 Bible Study	29	30 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Emma Magee

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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

