

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

We continue our series on the Stained Glass windows that are located in the Sanctuary. This window pictured is located on west side of the sanctuary, furthest North.

In Matthew 28:16, Jesus says, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." Authority has been given to Jesus from His heavenly Father. The authority that Jesus exercises is to teach the Gospel and administer the Sacraments. Jesus gives this authority to His Church on earth.

On Easter evening Jesus appears to the 10 disciples and says, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld" (John 20:23). Jesus grants the disciples the authority to forgive sins. As they forgive sins or don't forgive sins, it is with the authority of God.

Earlier Peter had confessed his faith in Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). Then Jesus says to Peter and all the disciples, "I will give you the **keys** of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:19).

This authority to forgive and retain sins has been given to the church and the church has conferred that authority to pastors. When I, as your pastor, speak the words of Absolution, "In the stead, and by the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins" this is the use of the keys. **The pastoral office is sometimes referred to as the Office of the Keys.** The Small

Catechism says it this way, "I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

In the window you will also notice that above the keys is the symbol to the right. In that symbol is the Greek letters Alpha (A) and Omega (Ω). This is in reference to Jesus being the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end (Revelation 21:6). There are also two more Greek letters, Chi (X) and Rho (P). Those are the first two Greek letters of the name *Christ*. From those letters, representing Christ, flows two beams of light that go down to the keys. This shows that the authority to forgive and retain sins comes from Jesus himself and he gives it to his Church to use in accord with the Word of God.

We rejoice that we have the opportunity to hear the Word of forgiveness spoken to us and that the sins we feel guilty over are completely forgiven. To know it is one thing. To hear it spoken into

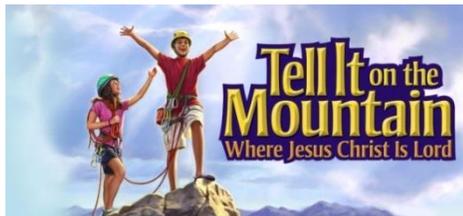
our ears makes it all the sweeter. In our forgiving Savior,
Pastor



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held the week of **June 10th-14th** in the mornings from **9 to Noon**. The theme this year is **Tell It on the**



Mountain Where Jesus Christ is Lord! The week of VBS is the week after school gets out and the week before Summer School begins. Make plans now to have your children attend, help, or tell your grandkids and friends about this great opportunity to learn about Jesus. Ages are 3 years-old to 5th Grade. Children should bring a black or navy blue shirt with no pockets if possible. Registration forms can be found in the Narthex. There is also a signup sheet for helpers.

FELLOWSHIP

We had an amazing turn-out for the May Fellowship time together. We decided everyone must like apple pie. (Maybe that's the only one we need to serve for the Potato Pancake Dinner!?) Anyway, it's always lots of fun to get together. We will take time off for the summer since it's a busy time with reunions and vacations. Our next meeting will be on the second Friday in September--Sept. 19th. So everyone can start saving up their jokes for then. (Maybe you want to try them out this summer on relatives first....) See you at the church picnic and then on Sept. 19th! Don and Joanne Bublitz

VOICES OF PRAISE

You are an amazing group of people! Most of you have 100% for an attendance record. You also are willing to try new things....and SUCCEED! Your dedication and hard work are both talents from the Lord, which you gladly return to him. Have a great time off from choir-scheduling---until Monday, Sept. 9th, the Monday after Labor Day. Well done, thou good and faithfull servants :)

ST. JAKOBI ON FACEBOOK

St. Jakobi has a [Facebook page](#). Stay up to date on happenings at church by liking the page.



OUTDOOR SERVICE AND CHURCH PICNIC

The Sunday after VBS, **June 16th** will be an outdoor church service between the Parish Hall and church. Bring your lawn chairs! After the service will be the church picnic. We will have socializing, games, a bounce house for the kids, and a great meal to share. The church will provide pulled pork sandwiches, barbeque, hotdogs, chips, pickles, and drinks. If your last name starts with A-N, bring a side dish to share and O-Z, bring a dessert to share. Plan on staying after church and enjoying great fellowship with our congregation and visitors. (wear casual clothes!)

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Day was on Pentecost Sunday which was May 19th this year. Those confirmed this year were (pictured left to right): Alyssa Wendorff, Emma Magee, Hannah Hein, and Mackenzie Boyles.



UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

- June 2nd:** 1 Kings 8:22-24, 27-29, 41-43
Galatians 1:1-12
Luke 7:1-10
- June 9th:** 1 Kings 17:17-24
Galatians 1:11-24
Luke 7:11-17
- June 16th:** 2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-14
Galatians 2:15-21; 3:10-14
Luke 7:36-8:3
- June 23rd:** Isaiah 65:1-9
Galatians 3:23-4:7
Luke 8:26-39
- June 30th:** 1 Kings 19:9b-21
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

MEN'S BREAKFAST

This group will take a break over the summer and begin again on the second Saturday of September.

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 June we will meet on the 5th at 1pm in the Church Library.

LIBRARY NEWS

PLANTING SEEDS

Are your favorite TV shows coming to the end of the season? Do you spend time traveling in the car, and you're tired of the same old songs and commercials on the radio? Or maybe you're sitting outside in your favorite chair, and it would be nice to have someone read to you. Why not check out our selection of audio books and Christian music in the church library. All you need is a CD player to enjoy them. Following is a list of what you can find:



Music:

Decades of Worship by Michael W Smith
How Great Thou Art by Grand Ole Opry
How Great Thou Art by Bill & Gloria Gaither
Greatest Hymns by Selah

Audio Books:

The Memory Quilt by T.D. Jakes
A Place of Healing by Joni Tada
Choosing to See by Mary Beth Chapman
Letters From War by Mark Schultz
Redemption Collection by Karen Kingsbury

LETTER FROM SEMINARIAN

Dear members of St. Jakobi,

It is really hard to believe that I have come this far in my formation and have reached this important part in my life. Despite how impossible it may seem, I received my vicarage assignment on Wednesday, May 1st. In just a few months I will be the new vicar of St. John's Lutheran Church in East Moline, IL!

Approximately 250 people attend St. John's on the weekends. I have spoken to Rev. Umbarger over the phone. He seems like a very kind man. I look forward to working with him. St. John's has a pre-school and also is trying to renew their youth program, which means I get to spend lots of time

with kids, which is okay with me! I am also told that they are very active in Bible studies, so I should get lots of practice teaching.

Until then, I have a lot to accomplish. I have two more weeks to finish up this quarter. I have to take my German qualifier (prayers would be appreciated). Then, I will travel back to Oregon where I will try to get my license and buy a car (more prayers would be appreciated). Rachel will travel to Oregon for a week so that we can do some much need wedding planning/preparations. I am a little bit stressed when I think about what needs to get done, but I am also excited for this summer. I can't wait to see my family, hang out with them, and, of course, get married to a wonderful Christian woman.

After our honeymoon, Rachel and I will probably drive down to East Moline. Rachel will be doing her own internship in one of the nearby schools. We are both very excited to see what the Lord has planned for the two of us.

Thank you so much for all your gifts, prayers, and support! I could not have come this far without you. Transitioning during these major turning points in life can seem daunting, but knowing that you have the Holy Spirit and Christian brothers and sisters watching out for you makes all the difference in the world.

In Christ, our risen Lord,
Alexander Lange

THANK YOU

Dear St. Jakobi Congregation,

Words cannot describe how beyond thankful I am for your abundant support. Because of your financial assistance, I was able to attend a week-long camp in the beautiful upper peninsula of Michigan. At camp, I learned how to lead small group Bible studies, how to study the Bible on my own, and how to be a missionary by telling others about the love of God. Thank you so much for your support as I continue to spread Christ's love at Winona State. St. Jakobi has been such a blessing in my life and I will continue to keep you all in my prayers.

God Bless,
Lindsey Teetzen

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
6 - Sheila Herrmann
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 Ladwig
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
26 - Chuck Stoehr
26 - Brandi Gueths
26 - Tucker Steinke
27 - Emily Teetzen
27 - Derek Drake
27 - Samuel Gueths
28 - Carrie Bohl
30 - Mary Jung
30 - Carrie Fink

A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

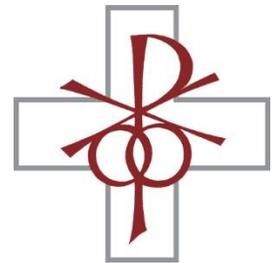
Heavenly Father, our times are in Your hands. Look with favor on name as he/she celebrates his/her birthday. Grant that he/she may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. Strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness and bless him/her with Your abiding love all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ,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



Contact the Church Office if you find anything in need of correction to the Birthdays and Anniversaries.

June 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 6:30 Service Acolyte: Eli Magee
2 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Sommer McDowell			5 1:00 Ladies Bible Study	6 1:00 Bible Study		8 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Kayla Vetter
9 9:00 Service 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Gunnar Hein				13 1:00 Bible Study	14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15 6:30 Service Acolyte: Lucas Gast
	<i>Vacation Bible School 9-Noon</i>					
16 <i>Father's Day</i> 9:00 Outdoor Service & Picnic				20 1:00 Bible Study		22 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Keonna Lindner
23 9:00 Service 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Garrett Wendorff	24 Youth Group Trip to Noah's Ark			27 1:00 Bible Study		29 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Alyxis Paiser
30 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Connor Angeli	Notes: Elders: Sat: Tom Tuma Sun: Chuck Stoehr 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

