

## From Pastor Kleinschmidt

Confirmation Day is a big day in the life of a young person. In one sense it is the end. The end of a 4-year period of instruction on the Catechism and the Bible. However, in another sense it is just the beginning. It is the beginning of the life of the Christian who has “devoted themselves to the Apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” (Acts 2:42). To receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for the first time is certainly a big day for a young person. But it is only the beginning of a life-long continued study of God’s Word, faithful church attendance, and regular reception of Holy Communion.



Confirmation is not found in the Bible and there is nothing from God’s Word that says how it should be practiced, when it should happen, or how to do it.

It comes from the tradition of the church in fulfilling the command of Jesus to his disciples just before he ascends to heaven when he tells them, “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.”

Our four Confirmands this year have been baptized and for the last 14 years they have been taught to “observe all things that [Jesus] has commanded.” In this sense, Confirmation is a continuation of the Great Commission to make disciples. Disciples are made through Baptism and Teaching.

At St. Jakobi it is our tradition to Confirm 8<sup>th</sup> graders on the Day of Pentecost. This year Confirmation falls on May 27<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day weekend. At the 9am service on that day the Confirmands will answer questions that echo what their baptismal sponsors answered for them about 14 years ago and they will also promise to remain in this Christian faith, with the help of God.

But before the actual day of Confirmation there will be the Examination. That will be held at

6:30pm on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. That is Ascension Day, 40 days after Easter, when we remember the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. At the Examination the Confirmands will answer questions about their faith, the Bible, and the Catechism. It is their opportunity to confess the faith that they have within their hearts. Paul writes, “If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9)

Everyone in the congregation is invited to that service. There will be hymns sung and a short sermon along with the Examination of the Confirmands.

This year at the Confirmation Service I would encourage you to listen to the vows and promises that the four Confirmands say and remember that these are the same vows and promises that you made at your own Confirmation. They are most certainly not for a one-day event, but for a lifetime of Christian faith. You can reflect on the ways that God has kept you in the Christian faith since your own Confirmation. You may also, perhaps, reflect on how you haven’t kept some of those promises that you made long ago. “Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord’s Supper faithfully?” “Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?”



These are certainly weighty promises, but we are to rely on God’s grace to help keep them. “I do, **by the grace of God.**” God’s grace will be with the four young people just as God’s grace continues to be with you each and every day; keeping you in the true faith and feeding you with his Word and Sacrament.

In the love of the Risen Christ Jesus,

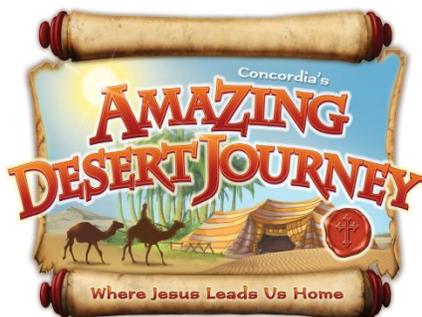
-Pastor Kleinschmidt

# ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VBS:

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



## FELLOWSHIP GROUP:

The next get-together is planned for **SUNDAY, MAY 20 at 3:00 PM.** We will be eating at The Corner Bar. They will be open early just for us! This could be the last planned time we get together before fall, so we'd like to see as many of you there as we can.

We have a new system now. You can tell or call Don or Joanne Bublitz, **OR** you can sign the sheet that is on the table with the SCRIP information.

## SNAIL MAIL? EMAIL?

You can receive this newsletter in your mailbox at church or by email. Just send an email to [stjakobi@frontiernet.net](mailto:stjakobi@frontiernet.net) and you will be signed up for email delivery.

## GROWING IN CHRIST!

Have you seen the tree in the hallway of the church? There are leaves with children's names on them for every Sunday they were here for Sunday School. The tree started out bare but it is really filling out. By coming each Sunday the children have grown in their faith towards Christ and the tree shows that growth.

## 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 for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the year, the balance is \$411,353.78. Thanks be to God for His blessings.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are grouped into Circuits. They are geographically close. Their pastors meet together regularly and they try to work together for mission in the local area. The congregations in our circuit are St. Paul, Bonduel; St. Paul, Town of Washington; St. James, Shawano; St. Paul, Stony Hill; Zion, Gresham; Immanuel, Gresham; Our Savior, Morgan Siding; St. John, Hermansfort; and St. John, Belle Plaine.

## 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!

Because the members of the Ladies Aid were up in years and our numbers dwindling, we decided to disband the Ladies Aid of St. Jakobi. However, many former members so enjoyed our Bible study topics and a little fellowship we decided we would invite other St. Jakobi women to join us. We plan to meet once monthly at 1pm on the first Wednesday of the month. The Bible study would last for about an hour and be led by Pastor. There will be no meeting or officers. This invitation goes to every woman in St. Jakobi to attend. Please join us as we grow together in our Christian faith.

## PARISH EDUCATION:

**Sunday School** is held weekly at 10:30am. The children meet in the Sanctuary for an Opening and then go to their classes in the Parish Hall.

**Adult Bible Class** meets Sunday morning at 10:30 and is concluding our study of different denominations by going through the Biblical foundations of the Nicene Creed. There is also an adult Bible Class on Wednesday nights at 7pm and we are studying 3 John and Jude. That class ends May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Thursday Afternoon** is held at 1pm and studies the Bible readings for the coming weekend.

## 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.cاملuther.com](http://www.cاملuther.com) or calling 715-546-3647.



## UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH:

- May 6<sup>th</sup>:** Acts 8:26-40  
1 John 4:1-11  
John 15:1-8
- May 13<sup>th</sup>:** Acts 10:34-48  
1 John 5:1-8  
John 15:9-17
- May 20<sup>th</sup>:** Acts 1:12-26  
1 John 5:9-15  
John 17:11b-19
- May 27<sup>th</sup>:** Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Acts 2:1-21  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

## BUILDING FUND COMMITMENTS:

In the coming weeks you will be receiving in the mail a letter from church updating you on the building fund. It has been six years since the church was dedicated and we continue to pay down the loan for the construction. Six years ago and again three years ago we made financial commitments to support the building fund and the paying down of the loan. You will receive a pledge card for the coming three years. This serves the dual purpose of helping the congregation plan financially and also making you aware of the need that will be there for the coming years. At the current rate, we only have a bit over 11 years remaining on the loan that was originally for 20 years. All for the Glory of God!

## SCRIP PROGRAM NEWS:

The SCRIP program is moving forward and there should be gift cards to purchase soon. This is a fundraiser for the congregation. You can purchase gift cards for the face value and use them for yourself or give them to others. The congregation keeps between 2-10% of each purchase.

## LIBRARY NEWS:

Learn, Listen  
Imagine, Inspire, Interesting  
Books  
Read, Research  
Answers, Appealing  
Reflect, Results  
Yearn



What does the Library provide for you? You can **learn**, whether you **read books, listen**, or watch. The Library provides information that will **inspire**, or pique your **imagination**. If you are looking for **answers**, you can complete your **research** in the comfort of your home. We are striving to make the selection **interesting** and **appealing** to all age groups; providing the **results** you are **yearning** for, allowing you to pause and **reflect**.

Here are answers to a few questions that have been asked:

**Why are we removing so many books from our shelves:** The books were not being used. We have decided to build a Christian based library, using books, movies and music. This will result in some categories not having any books in them.

**What do you consider Christian?** There are many products available today that are placed in a 'Christian' category. Our objective is to choose items that follow the teachings of the Bible.

**Why are we getting rid of all the VHS Videos:** Due to technology changing at a fast pace, the videos are not being used. We are working on creating a selection of Christian-based DVD's for all age groups.

**What will happen with the empty bookshelves and Video storage shelves in the Parish Hall:** They will remain where they are. All books and other items belonging to the library will be available in the library in the church at this time.

## **MAY BIRTHDAYS:**

1 - Richard Pieper  
1 - Greg Samson  
2 - Lindsey Dick  
2 - Tucker Pyatskowitz  
3 - Connie Kunze  
3 - Sarah Benser  
3 - Melvin Opperman  
4 - Lori Wendorff  
5 - Jennifer Sperberg  
8 - Aspen Gehnke  
8 - Kris Johnson  
9 - Steve Gueths  
12 - Sarah Kassera  
12 - Natineal Kunze  
12 - Andrew Theis  
12 - Jason Ludolph  
12 - Eldor Martzke  
14 - Tom Teetzen  
16 - Taylor Johnson  
16 - Brandon Buettner  
16 - Pete Arthur  
17 - Kathy Fonger  
17 - Ruth Lindner  
17 - Brian Edelberg  
18 - Madisyn Skalitzky  
18 - Brian Johnson  
18 - Connie Steinke  
18 - Emily Buettner  
22 - Charles Glock  
22 - Darlene Drake  
23 - Kloie Boyles  
23 - Abby Buettner  
24 - Iris Ottman  
25 - Alli Johnson  
25 - Susan Giese  
25 - Darlene Gishkowsky  
26 - Thomas Anderson  
27 - Nathaniel Gueths  
27 - Paul Kroenke  
27 - Levi Wendorff  
27 - Keanna Lindner  
27 - Brooklyn Krueger  
28 - Tammy Burr  
28 - Richard Raddant  
28 - Todd Kroenke  
29 - Jim Szucs, Jr.  
29 - Margaret Wendorff  
29 - Justin Buntrock  
29 - Gloriann Watzlawick

## **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.

## **MAY ANNIVERSARIES:**

02, 1992 - Jon & Wendy Gueths  
05, 2007 - Eric & Kim Wendorff  
05, 1951 - Jim & Gladys Schroeder  
05, 1953 - Ray & Jean Heinritz  
07, 2005 - Jessy & Brandon Clark  
14, 1949 - Elroy & Janet Wendt  
15, 2004 - Jeff & Tina Hartmann  
16 - 1964 - John & Darlene Gishkowsky  
19, 2001 - Kurt & Tami Zuleger  
21, 1983 - Randy & Tammy Burr  
25, 1996 - Tom & Marjorie McGahan  
25, 1985 - Steve & Theresa Gueths  
27, 1989 - David & Noelle Buettner  
28, 1955 - Dan & Shirley Krueger  
31, 1997 - Gregg & Rebecca Owen

## **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.

# May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Elders:</b>  <b>Sat: Don Bublitz</b> <b>Sun: Tom Tuma</b> <b>Spec: Rich Raddant</b>	<b>Altar Guild:</b>  <b>Diane Ireland</b> <b>Cindy Craig</b> <b>Carol Magee</b>	1	2  <b>1:00 Ladies Bible Study</b> <b>3:30 Catechism</b> <b>7:00 Bible Study</b>	3  <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	4	5  <b>6:30 Service</b> <small>Acolyte: Mackenzie Boyles</small>
6  <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Ed. Hour</b> <small>Acolyte: Dayton Davis</small>	7  <b>6:15 Choir Practice</b> <b>7:00 Altar Guild</b>	8	9  <b>3:30 Catechism</b> <b>7:00 Bible Study</b>	10  <b>1:00 Bible Study</b> <b>6:30 Elders Mtg</b>	11	12  <b>8:00 Men's Breakfast</b> <b>6:30 Service(HC)</b> <small>Acolyte: Brittney Angeli</small>
13  <b>9:00 Service</b> <b>10:30 Ed. Hour</b> <small>Acolyte: Brandi Gueths</small>	14  <b>6:15 Choir Practice</b>	15	16  <b>7:00 Bible Study</b>	17  <b>1:00 Bible Study</b> <b>6:30 Examination of Confirmands</b>	18	19  <b>6:30 Service</b> <small>Acolyte: Kaci Wendorff</small>
20  <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Ed. Hour</b> <small>Acolyte: Connor Angeli</small> <b>1:00 WRLHS Rep Mtg</b> <b>3:00 Fellowship</b>	21  <b>6:15 Choir Practice</b>	22	23  <b>7:00 Bible Study</b>	24  <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	25	26  <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> <small>Acolyte: Lucas Schoenike</small>
27 <i>Confirmation</i>  <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <small>Acolyte: Kayla Szucs</small>	28 <i>Memorial Day</i>	29	30	31  <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>Notes:</b>	

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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

