

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

Yes, Easter matters. Easter is not a spring holiday for Christians and in the church it isn't about bunnies and eggs. Easter is about the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Along with Christmas, Easter is the highest day of the year for Christians. Christmas without Easter is pointless. There is no point to Jesus being born if that doesn't lead to His death and resurrection.

Jesus lives. Now what? How does the resurrection of Jesus make a difference in your life? Let me answer that for you and give you a couple reasons.

First, our faith is not placed in just any old god and the goal of the Christian is not to have faith. Our faith must be in a God who is living. Our faith must be in Immanuel, God who is with us. Faith is always in something. You have faith in this or that. So what is your faith in? It's in Jesus, your God who has conquered death and lives. Faith in anything else doesn't help. The Small Catechism Explanation of the 1st Commandment says, "We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things." We can fear, love, and trust in him because he is our living God.

Second, people will talk about the meaning of life and that question usually comes up because death is being considered. Death makes one think of how meaningful your life was or what you did with your life or how you affected people. Death is the common human experience. You cannot escape it. You can sometimes put it off, you can try to be healthy and make death wait, but you will still die. Easter tells us that death may be the common human experience, but it is not the final outcome

of the human experience. Because Jesus has entered into death and come back from the dead, we know that death has no power over us. There is life given to all who believe in the Risen Jesus.

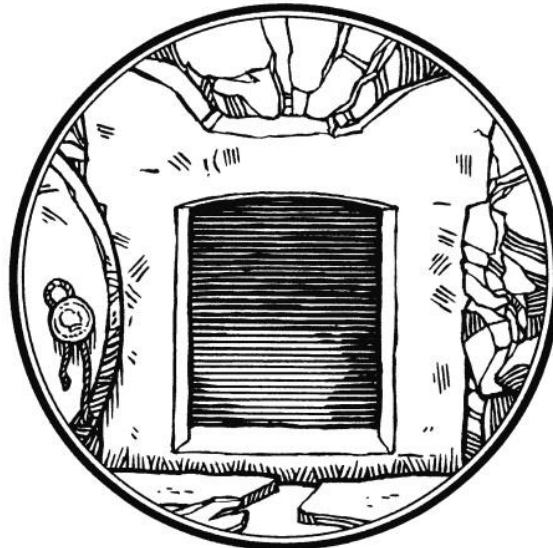
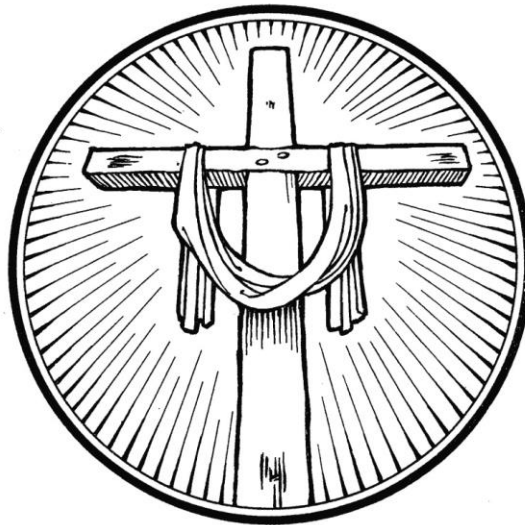
And these two things come together in 1 Corinthians 15:14. "**If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.**" Faith in the risen Jesus informs the rest of your life because it shows you that you have nothing to fear in this earthly life. Death, the final equalizer, has been defeated and its sting is gone. Jesus lives and so we can live our earthly life in the confidence that the rewards of eternal life are ours because Jesus has earned them for us by His blood shed on the cross.

If you're interested in how the Resurrection of Jesus changes the disciples, open up the book of Acts and notice how the disciples are always talking about the resurrected Jesus. Some examples: Acts 2:24, 31, 3:15, 4:2, 10, 5:30, 10:40, 13:30, 17:18, 31, 23:6, 25:19, 26:8. The point to be drawn from this is that if the continuous message of the apostles is that Jesus is raised, then it must be **the message** that makes a difference. A living Jesus must be what is life changing.

For you to, the message that Jesus lives is a life changer. If Jesus lives, then your life finds it's meaning in Him. It means that if Jesus lives, then you will live forever.

Christ is Risen!
He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

In our Crucified and Risen Lord,
-Pastor Kleinschmidt



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

ST. JAKOBI DAY AT CAMP LUTHER!

On **June 19** St. Jakobi will be taking the Sunday School children and their families to Camp Luther for the day. This is for **kids, parents, grandparents, and other family** to enjoy the trip and activities of Camp Luther. We have already done some fundraising to reduce the cost of \$18/person and pay towards the rental of a bus or some other transportation. Kids age 5 and under are free. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Tentative Schedule:

9:00 Welcome
9:15 Earth Ball/Parachute Game
10:15 Archery or Canoeing
11:15 Bathroom & Drink Break
11:30 Cookout Lunch
12:45 Swim Time!
1:45 Canteen (Snack Time)
2:15 Closing Devotions
3:00 Time to say goodbye



NEW HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES

We have new hearing assistance devices that can help those people who have trouble hearing at church. These small devices fit in a pocket and there are three different options for how they transmit the sound to you. They can have (1) an in-ear speaker, (2) an over the ear speaker (this works on the outside of a hearing aid), (3) or a hearing loop system. The hearing loop system is worn around your neck and transmits the sound directly to the t-coil of your hearing aid. We've had great reviews of these devices so far. They work! Talk to an usher before church and he will help you get acquainted with these new devices. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ. (Romans 10:17)

CHILDREN SING ON PALM SUNDAY

The Children sang *Glory Be to Jesus* at the Palm Sunday Service and did a magnificent job.



NEW CHURCH PICTURE DIRECTORY

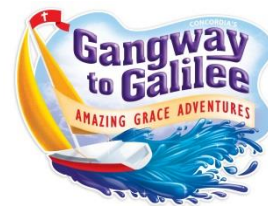
The new Church Picture directory is in and you can pick yours up in the Narthex and mark your name of the list to show you received yours. The committee that prepared them and organized the picture event did a fantastic job.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Day is Pentecost Sunday which is June 8th. The Examination of the Confirmands will take place on Ascension Day, May 29th.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held the week of June 9th-13th in the mornings. The theme this year is **Gangway to Galilee: Amazing Grace Adventures**. 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. You can register your child/grandchild at <http://bit.ly/StJakobiVBS>



SPRING CHURCH CLEANUP

The Spring cleanup will be on Saturday morning, May 3rd. Bring your rakes and shovels and we will clean up the needles, branches and rocks that are littering the yard around the church

YOUTH GROUP TRIP TO NOAH'S ARK

On Monday, June 23rd the Youth Group will be travelling to the Dells to join other youth from all over the North Wisconsin District. We will carpool from the church to the Dells. The cost is \$29/person and includes park admission, lunch, soda, and a chance at door prizes. See the bulletin board for further information. You can sign up on a sheet in the Narthex. We must have our registration done by June 1.



FUNERAL – LOIS KROENKE

Lois Kroenke passed away on April 16th and her funeral was April 23rd. We give thanks to God that He called her to faith and blessed her in her earthly life and that she now rests from her labors. Thank you to those who helped serve or prepared food for the funeral dinner.

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 May we will meet on the 7th at 1pm in the Church Library.

LWML SPRING RALLY

The LWML Zone 13 Spring Rally will be held at St. Jakobi on Saturday, May 3rd. Registration begins at 8:30am, Sing-a-long at 8:45 and the Rally at 9:00. Lunch will be at about Noon. The cost is \$4 or if you prefer no lunch, \$2.

The Christian Life Topic is *Heaven is My Home* and the Speaker is Karol Selle with a talk called *Being a Grace Place*. The Gifts of the Heart are craft supplies for ESL Mission Trip to El Salvador and you can bring your cancelled stamps also.

There is more information on the bulletin board at Church.

GROWING IN CHRIST!

The last day of Sunday School is May 18th. 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 the school year 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.



VOTER MEETING

A Quarterly Voter meeting is on April 27th. You can pick up the reports and minutes from previous meetings in the Narthex of Church.

DID YOU KNOW?

Ascension Day takes place 40 days after Easter. Thus, it is always on a Thursday. Ascension is when the church remembers how Christ ascended into heaven and now sits at the right hand of God. Jesus is not far from us though. He continues to be with us as we gather for worship (2 or 3 are gathered), hear His Word, and receive Him in Holy Communion with His Body and Blood. The tradition in our church is to have the Examination of the Confirmands on Ascension Day. This year it falls on May 29th.

CHURCH BUILDING LOAN BALANCE:

The amount owed at the start of 2014 for the loan to build the new church was \$349,314.90. After making our monthly payments and an additional \$5,000 on principal, the balance at the end of the first quarter was \$336,142.56. Thanks be to God for His blessings.

FELLOWSHIP

It's time for our last get-together before the summer break. A reservation has been made at Pine Hills north of Gresham for 6:30 on Friday, May 16th. Be sure to sign up in the Narthex if you'd like to join us.

VOICES OF PRAISE

The Voices of Praise will be singing for the last time before summer break on SATURDAY, May 10th. There will be dessert and snacks after the service.

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.

BOOK SIGNING

Nancy Thelen's third book, *Angel Song* has been published and she will be having a book signing at St. Jakobi on May 3rd and 4th after Services. The cost of the book is \$9.99 with \$2 of every purchase going to the Congregation Camp Luther trip in June.



ABOUT THE SERVICE

Each month in the newsletter there will be a short explanation of an item from the Service.

The Lord's Prayer

This prayer has long been prayed as part of the Service of the Sacrament. "The prayer Jesus taught us" was given by our Lord in Matthew chapter 6. Jesus' prayer is our response to the Words of His last will and testament. The petitions reflect the needs of the faithful who desire to be fed by our Lord's Body and Blood.

Agnus Dei

The "Agnus Dei" immediately precedes the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ. This canticle (song) takes its title from the Latin, "Lamb of God". The words are from John 1:29 when John the Baptizer saw Jesus walking toward him and exclaimed, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" We sing the same words as we behold the Lamb of God coming to us in His very Body and Blood, and pray for His mercy and peace!



LIBRARY NEWS

PLANTING SEEDS

Is There A Doctor In the House?

New to the library is a four-book series written by Dr. Richard Mabry.

Dr. Mabry writes Christian Suspense Fiction, and is a member of American Christian Fiction Writers. His books are filled with medical terms and more twists and turns than you can imagine as the stories progress. He throws in a bit of romance on the side to keep things interesting. The books keep you turning the page, trying to figure out whodunit. The series can be found in the fiction section.



PORTALS OF PRAYER

The Church purchases 100 Portals of Prayer and 5 copies that are in Large Print. They are free for you to take. This little daily devotional book has a Bible reading and Psalm with a devotion that ties to the reading. There are also prayers in the back that are tied to the Church Year and for each day of the week. You can pick up your copy by the Guest Book or on the Bulletin table. Your old Portals of Prayer can be placed in the basket and they will be donated to Christians who need devotional material.

UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

May 4th:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Peter 1:17-25 Luke 24:13-35
May 11th:	Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10
May 18th:	Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14
May 25th:	Acts 17:16-31 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21

CREATION MUSEUM BUS TRIP

St. John Lutheran Church, Pulaski is hosting a bus trip to the Creation Museum in Petersburg, Kentucky. The bus would leave Pulaski on Friday, August 8th and return Sunday, August 10th. There is an approximate schedule on the bulletin board at church that gives much more detail. You can also see the flyer at www.stjakobi.org/Resources.

CPR AND AED TRAINING

On Saturday, May 31st beginning at 9am there will be a training session to certify people for CPR and give instruction on how to use the new AED (defibrillator) located in the hallway of the church. Please talk to Pastor if you are interested in taking this three-hour class. The cost is \$30 and there is a limit to how many people can take the class.

LETTER FROM VICAR LANGE

Dear members of St. Jakobi,

The Feast of the Resurrection is just around the corner...and it seems to be bringing Spring with it. Finally! After months of below zero temperatures, awful winds, snow and more snow, the climate appears to be changing for the better. It is growing warmer, the birds are singing, and the grass is turning green again. As death and decay turn into life and growth in nature, I can't help but be reminded of my Lord who suffered death and decay only to be raised and glorified. How I eagerly await my own resurrection!

I can't believe how far I have come on my journey. I have completed six years of school and now vicarage is coming to a close. I have only four months of vicarage to complete before I return to seminary for my final year.

In my previous letters I told you about my Evangelism Module, about how I was meeting with the preschool parents. Many parents were glad to meet with me and some of them showed some interest in our

church and our church programs. Many other parents have not contacted me back. I have a feeling they have no interest in meeting me. It's a shame, but I have done all I can do. As this project comes to an end, I can only hope that it bears some fruit in the future.

I am looking forward to this Holy Week. We have lots of great church services planned. The circuit churches are getting together to have a Good Friday Tre Ore Service. Later, my church is having her own Good Friday Service. I am in charge of that service. I decided to do a mixture of the traditional Stations of the Cross and the Passion Plays. A member of our congregation made large charcoal drawings of the Stations a long time ago. We are going to hang them up around the sanctuary and the Liturgist will move from station to station. At each station there will be prayers, hymns, and a theatrical reading of the Passion story. We will also have a Holy Saturday Service and two Easter Services on Sunday.

After Holy Week things will begin to slow down. A lot of the Bible studies end in May and don't begin again until September. Also, confirmation is coming to an end. I am glad, for this will give me time to prepare for V.B.S. and for various youth trips during the summer.

For example, we are taking some of the youth to the Higher Things Conference in Mequon, WI. This is quite exciting for me, since that is where I attended college.

Rachel has been keeping busy. She has been teaching a lot at our church's preschool. She also has been making herself an Easter dress. She found herself four wooden crates that she wanted. She bought them and has been slowly sanding them and staining them. She wants to use them for moving and for storage. They will look really nice once they are finished.

I've been meaning to read some non-theological books for a while. Finally, I started reading *Peter Pan*. A lot of the Peter Pan movies and shows have significant differences. I was curious to know which ones are true to the original book. So far it has been quite the surprising book. I hope to read more fiction in the future. It is a nice break from the research I'm always doing.

I would like to thank you once more for all the support and help that you have given Rachel and I. Please continue to pray for us. I hope that all is well with you and I pray that you have a blessed Easter. In Christ, our risen Lord,
Vicar Alexander Lange

NEW MEMBERS Welcome to St. Jakobi!



Courtney Hoffman
(Baptized)



Alison Sperberg
(Baptized)



Keegan Gast
(Affirmation of Faith)



Amber Paiser
(Confirmed)



Jeremy and Melanie
Buenning with Connor
(Affirmation of Faith)



Jennifer Stuber with husband
Tony and children Ella, Connor,
and Ian (Affirmation of Faith)



Tony and Jennifer Bisterfeldt with
Jai and Jase
(Affirmation of Faith)

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

1 - Richard Pieper
1 - Greg Samson
1 - Jennifer Stuber
2 - Tucker Pyatskowitz
3 - Connie Kunze
3 - Sarah Benser
3 - Melvin Opperman
4 - Lori Wendorff (Scott)
5 - Jennifer Sperberg
8 - Aspen Gehnke
8 - Kris Johnson
9 - Steve Gueths
10 - Amber Paiser
10 - Kevin Herrmann
12 - Natineal Kunze
12 - Andrew Theis
12 - Jason Ludolph
12 - Eldor Martzke
12 - Bryce Bohl
14 - Tom Teetzen
15 - Robert Bubolz
16 - Taylor Johnson
16 - Brandon Buettner
16 - Pete Arthur
17 - Kathy Fonger
17 - Ruth Cummings
17 - Brian Edelberg
18 - Madisyn Skalitzky
18 - Brian Johnson
18 - Connie Steinke
18 - Emily Buettner
22 - Charles Glock
22 - Darlene Drake
22 - Megan Welk
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 - Keonna 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

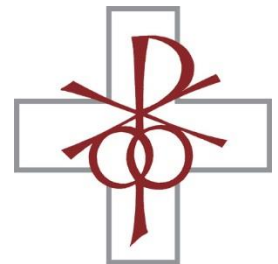
Heavenly Father, our times are in Your hands. Look with favor on name as he/she celebrates his/her birthday. Grant that he/she may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. Strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness and bless him/her with Your abiding love all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ,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

MAY ANNIVERSARIES:

05, 2007 - Eric & Kim Wendorff
05, 1951 - Jim & Gladys Schroeder
05, 1953 - Ray & Jean Heinritz
07, 2011 - Michael & Kaila Klug
07, 2005 - Jessie & 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
21, 2005 - Kevin & Sheila Herrmann
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.



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

May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elders: Sat: Darryl Prodell Sun: Rich Raddant Spec: Chuck Stoehr	Altar Guild: Joanne Bublitz Sue Giese Noël Kleinschmidt			1 1:00 Bible Study	2	3 8:30 Church Cleanup 9:00 LWML Rally 6:30 Service Acolyte: Megan Gebert
4 9:00 Service(HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Sommer McDowell	5 6:15 Choir Practice 7:00 Altar Guild	6	7 1:00 Ladies Bible Study 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	8 1:00 Bible Study	9	10 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:30 Service(HC) Acolyte: Eli Magee
11 Mother's Day 9:00 Service 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Taylor Johnson	12 9:30-5:00 Volunteer @ LCFS Thrift Store	13	14 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	15 1:00 Bible Study	16 6:30 Fellowship @ Pine Hills	17 6:30 Service Acolyte: Garrett Wendorff
18 9:00 Service(HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Gunnar Hein	19	20	21 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	22 1:00 Bible Study	23	24 6:30 Service(HC) Acolyte: Taylor Johnson
25 9:00 Service 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Hunter Hawkinson	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29 Ascension Day 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Ascension Day Service with Examination of Confirmands	30	31 9:00 CPR AED Class 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Alex Owen

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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

