

## From Pastor Kleinschmidt

**Y**es, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

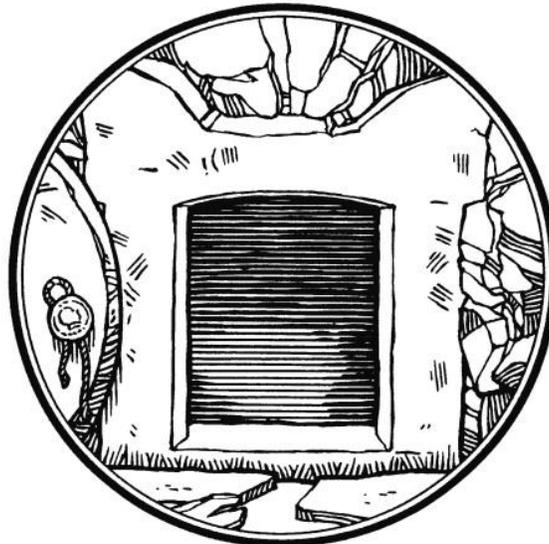
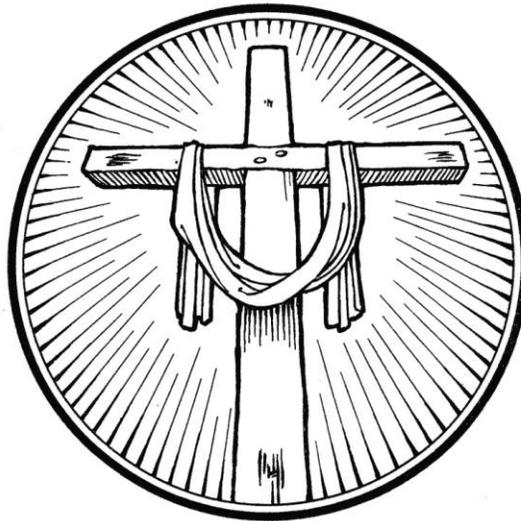
For you to, the message that Jesus lives is a life changer. If Jesus lives, then your life finds it's meaning in Him. It means that if Jesus lives, then you will live forever.

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

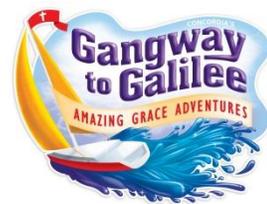
The new Church Picture directory is in and you can pick yours up in the Narthex and mark your name of the list to show you received yours. The committee that prepared them and organized the picture event did a fantastic job.

## CONFIRMATION

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

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held the week of June 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> and her funeral was April 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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 7<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the Church Library.

## **LWML SPRING RALLY**

The LWML Zone 13 Spring Rally will be held at St. Jakobi on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 27<sup>th</sup>. 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 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **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 16<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to sign up in the Narthex if you'd like to join us.

## **VOICES OF PRAISE**

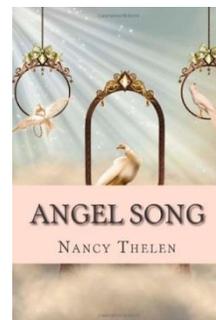
The Voices of Praise will be singing for the last time before summer break on SATURDAY, May 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be dessert and snacks after the service.

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>May 4<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Peter 1:17-25 Luke 24:13-35
<b>May 11<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10
<b>May 18<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14
<b>May 25<sup>th</sup>:</b>	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 8<sup>th</sup> and return Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.stjakobi.org/Resources).

## CPR AND AED TRAINING

On Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 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 Paisler  
(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

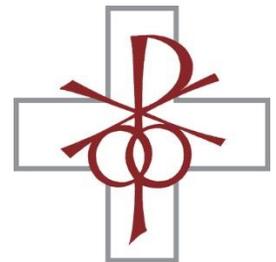
Heavenly Father, our times are in Your hands. Look with favor on name as he/she celebrates his/her birthday. Grant that he/she may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. Strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness and bless him/her with Your abiding love all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ, 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 - 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  
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
<b>Elders:</b> Sat: Darryl Prodell Sun: Rich Raddant Spec: Chuck Stoehr	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Joanne Bublitz Sue Giese Noël Kleinschmidt			<b>1</b>  1:00 Bible Study	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  8:30 Church Cleanup 9:00 LWML Rally 6:30 Service Acolyte: Megan Gebert
<b>4</b>  9:00 Service(HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Sommer McDowell	<b>5</b>  6:15 Choir Practice 7:00 Altar Guild	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  1:00 Ladies Bible Study 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	<b>8</b>  1:00 Bible Study	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:30 Service(HC) Acolyte: Eli Magee
<b>11 Mother's Day</b>  9:00 Service 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Taylor Johnson	<b>12</b>  9:30-5:00 Volunteer @ LCFS Thrift Store	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	<b>15</b>  1:00 Bible Study	<b>16</b>  6:30 Fellowship @ Pine Hills	<b>17</b>  6:30 Service Acolyte: Garrett Wendorff
<b>18</b>  9:00 Service(HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Gunnar Hein	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	<b>22</b>  1:00 Bible Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  6:30 Service(HC) Acolyte: Taylor Johnson
<b>25</b>  9:00 Service 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Hunter Hawkinson	<b>26 Memorial Day</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29 Ascension Day</b>  1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Ascension Day Service with Examination of Confirmands	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  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

