

## From Pastor Kleinschmidt

Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday. In 1863, during the Civil War, President Lincoln declared that the day be set aside “as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.” Perhaps with the official start of this holiday, President Lincoln gets it right. Thanksgiving can be about turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, football, hunting, family. And those things are all great. I have the fondest of memories of gathering around the table with family to eat delicious meals and then playing cards afterwards and feeling completely stuffed.



But as Christians if we take this holiday as just a time for all of those things mentioned earlier, then we are misusing this holiday that has so much potential.

If we are to give thanks on Thanksgiving, then we have to think about who it is we are giving thanks to. For in everyday life, you never say thank you to nobody. Your thanks are always directed at someone. So on Thanksgiving we consider who it is that we are thanking. And what we are thanking him for.



Of course, we know that we give thanks to God for all the benefits that He has given to us. Our thanks is directed at the one who is the giver of all good things. Even if we direct our thanks to other people in our lives, we also recognize that the people in our lives are the instruments of God. We can thank our employers for giving us jobs. We can thank Mom for making the fabulous

Thanksgiving meal. We can thank our family for always being there for us. But even as we do this we also thank God because he is the ultimate source of all goodness.

In Holy Scripture there are many examples of people giving thanks. There is also one notable one that is generally the reading at Church on Thanksgiving. It is from Luke 17:11-19. Jesus cleanses 10 lepers and they are to go to the temple to show themselves to the priests. And of those 10, only one, “turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks.”

Jesus then looks at him and says, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?” Jesus provides us much for this daily life. For those lepers he provided healing from their affliction. And even though only one gave thanks, all of them were healed. God provides much to all people. Our desire is to be not like the 9 who fail to acknowledge God’s providence, but instead are like that one who gave thanks to God. And mingled with that thanks is praise to Jesus for all his benefits to us.

Giving thanks isn’t an obligation, instead it is an opportunity to praise God. It’s just like the child who is made to write a thank you note to grandma for the birthday present but doesn’t want to write the note. Knowing of all of God’s gifts we don’t give thanks unwillingly or with a grumbling heart but instead rejoice that we can give thanks and God hears our thanksgiving.



In the words of the hymn, “Give thanks with a grateful heart.”

Giving thanks to God for all of you,  
-Pastor Kleinschmidt

# ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

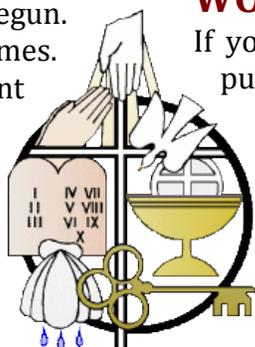
## FELLOWSHIP

At the last Fellowship get-together it was decided that instead of going out to eat on November 9th we would encourage everyone to attend the benefit for Laura Opperman Dunnam. We hope everyone is planning to attend! Also, we are skipping December because it is such a busy month. So look for our next Fellowship date in January.

And MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL! (Seems kind of early for this, doesn't it?)

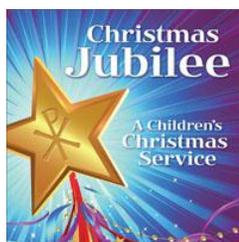
## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday evening Bible class has begun. This year we are studying the book of James. James is notable in the New Testament because there are many Lutherans who have a difficult time reconciling the talk of good works with saving faith. We will discuss in class what the life of a Christian looks like and how to lead good, holy lives that show the living faith we all have. Come join us on Wednesday's at 7pm in the Church Library.



## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Children's Christmas Service will be on the Sunday before Christmas, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will be at the regular time of worship at 9am. Practice starts on November 25<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour. It will continue every week on Sunday and also two Saturday mornings, December 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. **If your child will be unable to participate, please call Tammy at 715-526-3956** so we can plan appropriately.



## MITTEN TREE

Anyone wishing to donate children's mittens, hats or stockings to our Mitten Tree project please bring them and put them on the tree in the Narthex. Right after thanksgiving we will be collecting all of them and taking them to area schools for needy children. We had a great response last year and this is a wonderful way to share God's love.

## CHURCH FOR HUNTERS

Two area congregations will be having services the week before deer hunting begins. St. Paul, Bonduel will have service on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. St. James in Shawano will have a service also but the date and time hasn't been set yet. Call St. James at 524-4815 to find out more details.

## THANKSGIVING SERVICE

There will be a Thanksgiving Service on Thanksgiving Day at 9am.



## WOMEN OF ST. JAKOBI!

If you haven't come to the Women's Bible Study, put it on your calendar now! We have great discussion about the Bible topic assigned. In November we will meet on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the Church Library.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Communion schedule at church is that the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month and the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays have Communion. The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday are always Service Four (p. 203) and all the rest are Service Three (p. 184). There are exceptions made to the schedule for holidays and other occasions.

## SCRIP PROGRAM NEWS

New SCRIP cards now for sale are Arby's and Pizza Hut. Kwik Trip continues to be one of the better retailers in the area as St. Jakobi makes 9% on all purchases made with a SCRIP card. You purchase \$100.00 worth of Kwik Trip SCRIP cards at the back of the church and \$9.00 is returned to St. Jakobi.

## HARVEST DISPLAY

We will again be collecting non-perishable food items for our Harvest Display here at St. Jakobi. You may bring your items to any of the church services and put them around the Harvest Display in the front of the church. The last day we will collect the food is Thanksgiving and then it will be distributed to a needy family or the Shawano Area Food Pantry. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

## LCFS THRIFT STORE

### DONATIONS WELCOME

As you do your Fall house cleaning or have items remaining from your yard sale, please don't forget that **The LCFS Thrift Shop** located at 2324 E. Richmond Street in Shawano is accepting and would welcome donations of items that are in good repair – clothing, shoes, household goods, etc. Please call 715-526-9092 for times when donations can be dropped off. Funds generated at **The LCFS Thrift Shop** are used to support the work of Lutheran Counseling & Family Services in the Shawano area. Remember that your donated items are tax deductible. Thank you.

## UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

**November 4<sup>th</sup>:** Revelation 7:9-17  
1 John 3:1-3  
Matthew 5:1-12

**November 11<sup>th</sup>:** 1 Kings 17:8-16  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44

**November 18<sup>th</sup>:** Daniel 12:1-3  
Hebrews 10:11-25  
Mark 13:1-13

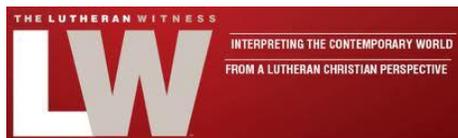
**November 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Deuteronomy 8:1-10  
Philippians 4:6-20  
Luke 17:11-19

**November 25<sup>th</sup>:** Isaiah 51:4-6  
Jude 20-25  
Mark 13:24-37

## LUTHERAN WITNESS

The *Lutheran Witness* is a monthly magazine published by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. As your Pastor I cannot recommend it highly enough. In October the issue was entitled, "Questions" It addressed various questions that people ask. It covered a wide range of topics including Closed Communion, Depression and Christian Faith, Bored in Church, Women's Ordination, Skipping Church, Gun Control, Pornography, Living Together without Marriage, and many more.

The Church subscribes to several copies that you can pick up in the Narthex on the table with the Bulletins. You can also subscribe through the church. Call (524-4347) or email ([stjakobi@frontiernet.net](mailto:stjakobi@frontiernet.net)) the church to get signed up. The yearly cost is \$21.65.



## ISSUES, ETC

*Issues, Etc.* is an internet radio program hosted by LCMS pastor, Todd Wilken. They address topics in the news from an intentionally Lutheran Christian perspective and interview guests about other issues within the church. It is a great learning tool. Beginning Friday, November 2 at 3pm they will be hosting 24 continuous hours of study of topics ranging from The Trinity, Justification, Law & Gospel, Baptism, and Christ's Return. You can listen to what you want, when you want at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org). You can also download the episodes to your iPod or Phone.

## LIBRARY NEWS



### PLANTING SEEDS

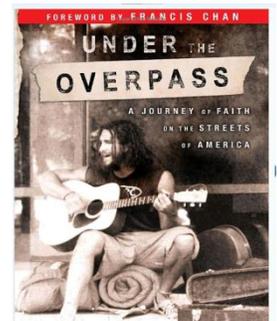
What is it like to be hungry day after day? What is it like to have no home to live in, no vehicle to drive, no money? When you are a Christian, but live on the streets, how deep is the hurt when a church turns you away?

Mike Yankoski and his buddy Sam Purvis set out to find those answers. They lived on the streets from May 27, 2003 thru November 1, 2003. They lived in shelters, slept under bushes, played guitar in an attempt to convince people to drop money into their guitar case so that they could buy a meal.

(Excerpt from *Under the Overpass*)

"They say that in Jesus' time, eating together was one of the greatest signs of friendship, honor and acceptance. For Sam and me, that church potluck on a smoky day in San Diego was a feast of all of the above--home-cooked love included.

What would happen, I wondered, if two rank, homeless strangers like Sam and I wandered in to enjoy the air-conditioning at my church back home? Good things, I hoped, but I wasn't so sure anymore. The months of rejection by church after church had given me my doubts."



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

2 - Irvin Kroenke  
2 - Ezekiel Gueths  
2 - Katelyn Teetzen  
3 - Sawyer Keuschel  
4 - Stacie Damveld  
5 - Marshal Giese  
9 - Scott Wendorff  
9 - John Boyles  
10 - Judi Raddant  
11 - Scott Klose  
11 - Randall Burr  
12 - Jaiden Nikkila  
13- Alec Raddant  
14 - Stephanie Verstoppen  
16 - Rebecca Owen  
16 - Norma Martzke  
17 - Kayla Szucs  
17 - Jed Schuettpelz  
17 - Brittney Angeli  
17 - Connor Angeli  
17 - Bob Juds  
18 - Elliot Clark  
18 - Henry Pleshek  
18 - Bethany Klose  
18 - Hope Peters  
18 - Bruce Teetzen  
19 - Dan Tester  
19 - Dale Magee  
19 - Barbara Berkhahn  
20 - Pastor Travis Kleinschmidt  
20 - Michael Opperman  
21 - Daniel Buettner  
21 - Gerald Ludolph  
22 - Bob Kroenke  
22 - Nicole Horne  
22 - Misty Buettner  
22 - Lisa VanScoik  
23 - Jacob Berkhahn  
24 - Randy Giese  
24 - Lori Buettner (Robbie)  
25 - Bonnie Cotter  
26 - Kersten Stueck  
26 - Sandy Habeck  
26 - Scott Fischer  
26 - Shania Skalitzky  
26 - Noah Wendorff  
26 - Hannah Hoffman  
26 - Ben Ardent  
29 - Steve Verstoppen  
29 - Tom McGahan

## A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

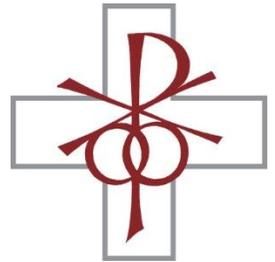
Heavenly Father, our times are in Your hands. Look with favor on name as he/she celebrates his/her birthday. Grant that he/she may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. Strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness and bless him/her with Your abiding love all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ,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

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

06, 1971 - Curt & Margie Wendorff  
10, 1973 - Bill & Darlene Ross  
10, 2001 - Mike & Tia Hein  
15, 1986 - Barbara & Doug Berkhahn  
23, 1957 - Bob & Clarice Juds  
25, 1960 - Fred & Ann Opperman  
26, 1966 - Dale & Carol Magee  
26, 1994 - Douglas & Brenda Gast

## 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.



# November 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Elders:</b> <b>Sat: Tom Tuma</b> <b>Sun: Don Bublitz</b> <b>Spec: Darryl Prodell</b>				1 <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	2	3 <b>6:30 Service</b> Acolyte: Kaci Wendorff
<b>4 Daylight Savings</b>	5 <b>6:15 Choir Practice</b> <b>7:00 Altar Guild</b> Acolyte: Kayla Szucs	6	7 <b>1:00 Ladies Bible Study</b> <b>3:30 Catechism</b> <b>7:00 Bible Study</b>	8 <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	9 <i><b>Laura Dunnam Benefit</b></i>	10 <b>8:00 Men's Breakfast</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Lucas Schoenike
11 <b>9:00 Service</b> <b>10:30 Ed. Hour</b> Acolyte: Brandi Gueths	12 <b>6:15 Choir Practice</b>	13	14 <b>3:30 Catechism</b> <b>7:00 Bible Study</b>	15 <b>1:00 Bible Study</b> <b>6:30 Elders</b>	16	17 <b>6:30 Service</b> Acolyte: Callie Boyles
18 <b>9:00 Service(HC)</b> <b>10:30 Ed. Hour</b> Acolyte: Sommor McDowell	19 <b>6:15 Choir Practice</b>	20	21	22 <i><b>Thanksgiving</b></i> <b>9:00 Service</b> Acolyte: Eli Magee	23	24 <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Megan Gebert
25 <b>9:00 Service</b> <b>10:30 Ed. Hour</b> (Christmas program practice) Acolyte: Kayla Vetter	26 <b>6:15 Choir Practice</b>	27	28 <b>3:30 Catechism</b> <b>7:00 Bible Study</b>	29 <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	30	<b>Notes:</b>  <b>Altar Guild:</b> <b>Joan Stoehr</b> <b>Betty Szucs</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

