

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

We continue our series on the Stained Glass windows that are located in the Sanctuary. This window pictured is located in the vestry, where the Pastor's and Acolytes' robes are kept. It can be seen from the cemetery driveway on the South side of the church

This window uses imagery that is taken from the book of Revelation. In the 5th Chapter we are told, "Then I [John] saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals." (verse 1).

In the window, the seals are hanging down from the book which the Lamb is resting upon.

A seal on a scroll would be clay or wax and it would have a signet on it. This would ensure that only the person who is allowed to open it reads it. It was a means of security when they couldn't just lick an envelope like we can today.

One who opens a seal must be authorized to do it. The Lamb is the only one. "And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it...And one of the elders said to me, 'Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'"(verses 2-5).

Jesus is the Lion, the Root of David, and also the Lamb of God. Just a couple of verses later Jesus



is pictured as the Lamb who was slain, that is, He was crucified.

From the stained glass, we also understand that the Lamb is Jesus because there is a halo around the head of the Lamb.

In the window, the lamb is holding a flag of victory that is topped by a cross. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus has the victory and he is able to open the seals and reveal God's plan of salvation.

The plan of salvation that is revealed to us is that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. He gives his life to open to us the gates of everlasting life. John's vision of heaven is a reminder to us that there are greater things waiting for the people of God than what we know and live here on earth. We will be with our God and the Lamb will reign over us and we will sing his praises and rejoice in His eternal presence.

If you would like to learn more about the book of Revelation, I have several books I could lend you that are understandable for all people.

This is the last of the large stained glass windows that I will cover in these newsletter articles. I pray that by learning about the windows, you understand some of the symbolism in them and by that you have learned something

about the faith. We can learn the faith not only by reading and hearing God's Word, but also by seeing it displayed.

In Christ,
Pastor Kleinschmidt

ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

AFRICAN MISSIONARY AT ST. JAKOBI

Lutheran Missionary from Ghana, Solomon Ayagri, has written a short note to St. Jakobi:



This is to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to you and the church council for the willingness to support my ministry in Ghana next year. I am very grateful and may God bless us, as we partner to bring the good News of our Lord Jesus to our brother and sisters in Africa. In Christ, Solomon

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.

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.

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship in November is set for Nov. 8th, Friday, at the Corral in Leopoldis. We will meet to car pool at Rich Raddant's at 5:30. Supper is set for 6:30. If you missed our good time in October, we missed you. Join us. The sign-up sheet will be out again or call Don and Joanne.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

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



CHURCH FOR HUNTERS

Thursday Night November 21st, 730pm, St. John Lutheran Church Hermansfort, will be heating up things with its first annual "Deer Hunters Service." Vicar Steve Conradt and his wife Bernadette will brew up some chili before the service. Bernie's chili will be called the "Gospel Chili," while Vicar Conradt will brew up a strong pot of "Law Chili." Serving will start at 6:00pm followed by the 730pm service conducted by Vicar Steve Conradt. A free will offering will be accepted and used to help our children's 'Christian Education.'

CHURCH PICTURE DIRECTORY

Did you ever see people in church and wonder what their names are? Have you ever heard an announcement regarding a member and wished that you could put a name with a face? Are you new to our church and wish that you had something to help you put names with faces? Well, help is on the way! The congregation is in the process of preparing a Picture Directory for St. Jakobi. The dates for photo sessions will be Tuesday, January 21st through Saturday January 25th. You can order family pictures and our new directory should be back by Easter Sunday. Also if you know of any non-members that would like to have professional pictures taken, let them know that this is available for them too. The only difference is that their pictures won't be included in the St. Jakobi directory.

We want all church members included in the directory. Sending us a picture can include members out of town or in a nursing home. Members having their pictures taken will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 photo and a church directory. **It is not necessary to purchase additional pictures** to have your picture taken or to be included in the directory.

We will begin signing up for times in the coming months. There will be several ways to do this. You can sign up on a website or after church in the Narthex.

To make our directory a success we need volunteers also. Talk to Pastor if you would like to help.

WOLF RIVER LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 24th the Lutheran High School Choir will sing at church and there will be a presentation by Principal Jay Lindsey during the Bible Study hour to update the congregation on what's happening at **YOUR** high school.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

- 11/3/13 Elijah Is Taken to Heaven
- 11/10/13 Naaman and Elisha
- 11/17/13 Jonah
- 11/24/13 Christmas Program Practice



CHURCH BUILDING LOAN BALANCE:

The amount owed for the loan to build the new church at the start of 3rd Quarter was \$364,966.55. After making our monthly payments, the balance at the end of the 3rd Quarter was \$357,183.43. Thanks be to God for His blessings.

LIBRARY NEWS

PLANTING SEEDS

There's a new author in the library. Irene Hannon is a best-selling author of 35 books. She has written two series, Heroes of Quantico, and Guardians of Justice, and is currently working on a third titled Private Justice. She has numerous single titles as well. Her suspense is guaranteed to keep you on the edge of your seat until the very end. Look for the following titles:

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| <i>Heroes of Quantico</i> | <i>Guardians of Justice</i> |
| 1) Against All Odds | 1) Fatal Judgment |
| 2) An Eye for an Eye | 2) Deadly Pursuit |
| 3) In Harm's Way | 3) Lethal Legacy |

Private Justice

- 1) Vanished

HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE

We will begin planning for a Youth Group trip to the Higher Things Conference being held at Concordia University, Mequon next summer, July 8th-11th, 2014. The theme is *Crucified*. Registration will be completed by January 2014. This is for all youth who are beginning 8th-12th grades. Stay tuned for more information.



UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

November 3rd: Revelation 7:9-17

- 1 John 3:1-3
- Matthew 5:1-12

November 10th: Exodus 3:1-15

- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17
- Luke 20:27-40

November 17th: Malachi 4:1-6

- 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
- Luke 21:5-28

November 24th: Malachi 3:13-18

- Colossians 1:13-20
- Luke 23:27-43

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

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RIDDLE ME THIS

The answers to the riddles from last month are:

1. Aaron (*Leviticus 8:1-9*)
2. Abel (*Genesis 4:8*)
3. Absalom (*2 Samuel 15:1-10*)
4. Ahab (*1 Kings 16:30, 31*)
5. Asher (*Genesis 49:1, 20*)
6. Adonibez (*Judges 1:6*)
7. Amos
8. Abram (*Genesis 12:1-3*)
9. Andrew (*Matthew 10:2*)
10. Annas (*Luke 3:2*)

ABOUT THE SERVICE

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

Alleluia

The "Verse", the "Alleluia Verse", or simply the "Alleluia" introduces the reading of the Holy Gospel. In the season of Lent, a penitential time, the alleluia is omitted. The congregation stands for the verse in preparation for hearing the Holy Gospel of the day.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

2 - Katelyn Teetzen
4 - Stacie Damveld
5 - Marshal Giese
9 - Scott Wendorff
9 - John Boyles
10 - Judi Raddant
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 - 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 - Alma Krueger
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 - Shania Skalitzky
26 - Noah Wendorff
26 - Hannah Hoffman
26 - Ben Arndt
29 - Steve Verstoppen
29 - Tom McGahan

A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

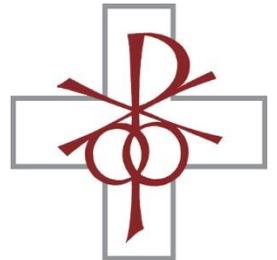
Heavenly Father, our times are in Your hands. Look with favor on name as he/she celebrates his/her birthday. Grant that he/she may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. Strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness and bless him/her with Your abiding love all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ,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

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

06, 1971 - Curt & Margie Wendorff
10, 1973 - Bill & Darlene Ross
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.



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

November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Elders: Sat: Darryl Prodell Sun: Rich Raddant Spec: Chuck Stoehr	Altar Guild: Judi Raddant Kathy Fonger Tracie Popp				1	2 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte:
3 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Eli Magee	4 6:15 Choir Practice 7:00 Altar Guild	5	6 1:00 Ladies Bible Study 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	7 1:00 Bible Study	8 6:30 Fellowship at The Corral in Leopolis	9 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Gunnar Hein
10 9:00 Service 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Hunter Hawkinson	11 6:15 Choir Practice	12 6:30 Elders Meeting	13 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	14 1:00 Bible Study	15	16 6:30 Service Acolyte: Garrett Wendorff
17 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Taylor Johnson	18 6:15 Choir Practice	19	20 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	21 1:00 Bible Study	22	23 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Alex Owen
24 9:00 Service 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Tristan Szucs	25 6:15 Choir Practice	26	27	28 <i>Thanksgiving</i> 9:00 Service Acolyte: Alec Raddant	29	30 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Gabriella Wendorff

For weather related cancellations listen to WTCH AM960 or check the church website or facebook page.

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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

