

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

On October 21st three students from Shawano High School died and one from Bonduel High School. Three of the kids died in an automobile accident and another died in his room. Events like this can shake the faith of Christians because they will question why tragedy comes in these forms, or blame God, or think God doesn't care, or say that God didn't have the power to stop these tragedies.

There are several comments to be made about this. First, when you are hurting because of the pain of loss because of death, the place to turn is the one who has the victory over death: Jesus Christ. In the death of Jesus you have the answer to the age old question "What comes after death?" Jesus tells you that for those who trust in him, that is have faith in him, there will be the joy of heaven. Heaven means you are with your God for all of eternity. Heaven is the place where God is and that is the promise for all of God's people. Since Jesus is raised from the dead, all who believe in him will be raised also.

Two, God never promises that he will take away suffering or death. You may suffer and your family and friends may suffer but that doesn't mean that God doesn't care. In the midst of suffering you have a God who knows what suffering is. Jesus took on human flesh in order to suffer and die. God knows your suffering and he is the one who will give you refuge and strength in the midst of your suffering.

Thus, suffering becomes not a reason to question God but a reason to grow in trust towards God. Since God knows your suffering and helps you in suffering, suffering becomes a time to learn how to lean wholly upon him. God is the one

who lifts the broken-hearted and gives comfort to the mourning.

Finally, in the tragic death of people who are young we learn that God doesn't promise to his people long life. He promises to be their God. So we should at all times be ready to be received by the Lord into the glory of his presence. How is it that a person is prepared for death? It is by having faith in Jesus Christ. And faith comes by hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ (Romans 10:17). The tragic death of others is an opportunity to repent of your own sins and have your faith strengthened by the Word of Christ. Come to church, hear God's Word, receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in Holy Communion, be in fellowship with your fellow Christians.

If these deaths haven't hit you close to home, then perhaps you can be the one who delivers the comfort of Jesus to those who are in pain and grieving. God does use His people to speak His Word and give the peace of Christ to others. Think about the people you know who have been affected by this or some other tragedy or death. How it is that you can share the Good News of Jesus with them. This is the calling of every Christian.

Martin Luther wrote a hymn (LSB 755) and the first verse begins, "In the very midst of life snares of death surround us; Who shall help us in the strife lest the foe confound us? Thou only, Lord, Thou only!" Even in the midst of our own life we are surrounded by death and we know that Jesus Christ is the one who will rescue us. We trust in Him and know that he can work good in the midst of tragedy that hits so close to home. In the love of Christ Jesus,
-Pastor Kleinschmidt



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Children's Christmas Service will be on the Sunday before Christmas, December 21st. It will be at the regular time of worship at 9am. Practice starts on November 23rd during the Sunday School hour. It will continue every week on Sunday and also two Saturday mornings, December 13th and 20th. **If your child will be unable to participate, please call the church office at 715-524-4347** so we can plan appropriately.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:
11/2 Abram Rescues Lot
11/9 God's Covenant with Abram
11/16 Abraham's Visitors from Heaven
11/23 Christmas Service Practice



NEWSLETTER IN COLOR

The pictures in the newsletter look great in color plus you can zoom in for more detail on the pictures! You can receive a copy of the newsletter in color and save the church the printing cost by signing up for email delivery. Email stjakobi@frontiernet.net and you will receive it every month to your email inbox.

CHURCH VOTER MEETING

The Quarterly Voter meeting will be held on October 26th after church. Preliminary agenda items include the 2015 Budget and election of officers.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Sunday, November 2 is New Member Sunday. Be sure to come and welcome the new members to the congregation.

REFORMATION SERVICE

On October 26th, at 2pm at the Shawano High School Auditorium there will be a joint Reformation Service hosted by all the LCMS congregations in our area. Please consider coming to this as we celebrate the grace given to us in Christ Jesus by faith alone as revealed by Scripture alone.

HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE

We will begin planning for a Youth Group trip to the Higher Things Conference being held at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI next summer, July 21st-24th, 2015.



The theme is *Te Deum*. Registration will be completed by January 2014. **All 8th graders and high schoolers should have received a registration form.** If you are concerned about what your kids learn from the world and culture, then make sure they learn of the Word of God at the Higher Things Conference. You can get more information at www.tedeum2015.org.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

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

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship will be meeting on Friday, November 14th, eating at 6:30. We will go to the Shawano Lake Golf Course. This will be the last Fellowship Dinner for 2014. The next time we meet will be in January. So come and have some fun!

SCRIP PROGRAM NEWS

Are you looking to buy gift cards for Christmas presents? Then Scrip is your answer. You can look over the list of participating retailers at church. You will find great gift card ideas like Bath & Body Works, Target, Dick's, Home Depot, iTunes Store, Aeropostale, GameStop, Toys'R Us, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Cold Stone Creamery, Panera, Gap, Gander Mountain, Cabela's and many more! You can see an entire list and shop online for cards at www.shopwithscrip.com.

CHURCH BUILDING LOAN BALANCE:

The amount owed for the loan to build the new church at the start of 3rd Quarter was \$327,833.91. After making our monthly payments, the balance at the end of the 3rd Quarter was \$319,439.28. Thanks be to God for His blessings.

UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

November 2nd: Revelation 7:9-17

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

November 9th: Amos 5:18-24

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

November 16th: Zephaniah 1:7-16

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

November 23rd: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Matthew 25:31-46

November 30th: Isaiah 64:1-9

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 11:1-10

MEN'S BREAKFAST

In October we talked about why we sing hymns in church and the benefit of doing this. In November we will meet on November 8th at 8am. Be sure to come and enjoy a great breakfast!

WHAT ABOUT...

Each month we'll be highlighting a tract that can be picked up in the narthex. There is a series that was written by the former President of the LCMS, Rev. A. L. Barry. They cover a multitude of topics. This month we look at **Creation and Evolution**.

Many people accept evolution as scientific fact when even the science community doesn't have unanimity about this. Scripture clearly speaks of a 6-day creation. Some of the arguments against evolution are succinctly laid out in this tract. This short tract gives a wealth of resources and information! They are free for the taking.



SAVE THE DATE

On November 14th, retired US Astronaut, Jerry Ross will be speaking in Shawano at The Gathering. He has the most spaceflights and spacewalks of any astronaut in NASA history. He will be sharing about his faith and how that played a factor during his NASA career. The cost of the meal and presentation is \$45 in advance and \$55 at the door. Look for more information in the future. This event is a fundraiser for Wolf River Lutheran High School.

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 November we will meet on the 5th at 1pm in the Church Library.

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.

FALL BACK!

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 2nd at 2am. Set your clocks one hour back before you go to bed or you will not be on time for church Sunday morning.

POTATO PANCAKE DINNER

We served 592 people, used 600 pounds of potatoes, 1800 sausage links, over 100 pies, and couldn't have done it without so much



support and help in the congregation. Thank you to everyone who helped, invited friends, or gave financially. You can read a blog post by



Nancy Thelen about the dinner at <http://bit.ly/PancakeDinner>. To God alone be the Glory!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

2 - Katelyn Teetzen
4 - Stacie Damveld
3- Anna Laabs
5 - Marshal Giese
9 - Scott Wendorff
9 - John Boyles
10 - Judi Raddant
11 - Randy Burr
12 - Jaiden Nikkila
13- Alec Raddant
14 - Stephanie Laabs
15 - Rylee Trochil
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 - Ian Stuber
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
29 - Pam Hansen

A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

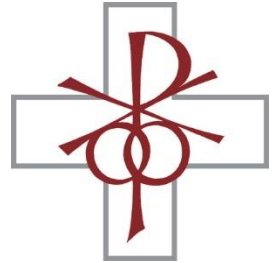
Heavenly Father, our times are in Your hands. Look with favor on name as he/she celebrates his/her birthday. Grant that he/she may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. Strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness and bless him/her with Your abiding love all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ,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

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

06, 1971 - Curt & Margie Wendorff
10, 1973 - Bill & Darlene Ross
15, 1986 - Barbara & Doug Berkhahn
15, 2003 - Jacob & Samantha Tonn
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 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elders: Sat: Rich Raddant Sun: Darryl Prodell Spec: Brian Sperberg	Altar Guild: Judi Raddant Kathy Fonger Joan Stoehr					1 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Garrett Wendorff
2 Daylight Savings 9:00 Service(HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Taylor Johnson	3 6:15 Choir Practice 7:00 Altar Guild	4	5 1:00 Ladies Bible Study 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	6 1:00 Bible Study	7 1:30-6:00 Volunteer @ LCFS Thrift Store	8 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Alex Owen
9 9:00 Service 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Hunter Hawkinson	10 1:00-5:00 Volunteer @ LCFS Thrift Store 6:15 Choir Practice	11 6:30 Elders	12 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	13 1:00 Bible Study	14 6:00 WRLHS Astronaut Dinner 6:30 Fellowship @ Shawano Lake Golf Course	15 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Payten Thompson
16 9:00 Service(HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Tristan Szucs	17 6:15 Choir Practice	18	19 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	20 1:00 Bible Study	21	22 6:30 Service Acolyte: Gabriella Wendorff
23 9:00 Service 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Alec Raddant	24 6:15 Choir Practice	25	26	27 Thanksgiving 9:00 Service Acolyte: Kloie Boyles	28	29 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Isaiah Gueths
30 9:00 Service(HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Jacob Nevins						

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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

