

## *From Pastor Kleinschmidt*

As I write this article the news was recently published that a professor from Harvard Divinity School had found a papyrus manuscript that records, "Jesus said to them, 'My wife...'" The Reuters news article about this was headlined, *Was Jesus Married? New papyrus fragment fuels debate.*

This is an excellent example of the news media taking an announcement from a scholar and then twisting the headline to make it very sensational. If you only read the headline, then you are left thinking that Jesus was married. The real truth of the scholar's paper is that the fragment is dated to about 300AD and it may be a copy of another document dated to around 150-200 AD. What this means is that someone writing nearly 300 years after Jesus ascended into heaven is attributing the words, "my wife" to Jesus. How reliable is that when you consider the overwhelming avalanche of document evidence that the Bible gives to Jesus not being married? The books of the New Testament can be dated between 40AD-93AD. They are very close to the actual events of Jesus' life and they were written by men who had one-on-one interaction with Jesus.

The New Testament does not reveal any evidence of Jesus being married or having any type of romantic involvement with anyone.

Supposedly the document this fragment comes from is what is known as a Gnostic writing. You may have heard of a Gnostic Gospel like the Gospel of Thomas or the Gospel of Judas or Mary Magdalene. Gnostics were people who wanted to be Christians but denied that the body was good. They saw the physical things of the world as intrinsically evil and by death and leaving the body behind, they would be freed to be a spiritual being that was good. The Gnostics were thoroughly condemned by Christians as being Anti-Scriptural. Christianity and the Bible uphold

that God has created all things and at the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> day He looked at all He had created and said, "It is very good."

The point to take away from all of this is that there will be people who make all sorts of claims about Jesus that contradict Scripture. And they can all be discounted simply by knowing the facts and learning more about the claims. This one little fragment from 300 years after Jesus' life doesn't provide evidence of Him being married. It only says that there was somebody who wanted to present Jesus as married.

Now that said, Scripture does call Jesus the bride-groom. Jesus tells several parables in which he compares himself to a bride-groom. Matthew 25 tells of the 10 virgins who await the coming of the bridegroom (Jesus). And in Revelation 21:9 it says, "Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, 'Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.'" Jesus is the Lamb in the Book of Revelation. We can rejoice that we are part of the Church of Christ and thus the bride of Jesus and he is our bride-groom who cares for and loves us.

If you are interested more in this, you can read what a Concordia Seminary professor, Rev. Jeff Gibbs has to say at <http://concordiatheology.org/2012/09/ancient-manuscript-and-jesus-wife/> or Rev. Charles Geischen's response from Concordia Theological Seminary at <http://www.ctsfw.edu/response-to-the-gospel-of-jesus-wife>.

Knowing more of the details surrounding a sham news article like this can be reassuring when many people can begin believing the Bible is wrong.

Trusting in Jesus,  
-Pastor Kleinschmidt



# ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

## FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship will be on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. We eat at 6:30, but come early for drinks and socializing. In October we will go to Anello's on Green Bay Street in Shawano. Call Joanne Bublitz (526-5315) if you plan on coming so she can make the appropriate reservations. You can also sign up on the sheet found in the Narthex at church.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday evening Bible class has begun. This year we 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.

## POTATO PANCAKE DINNER

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Potato Pancake Dinner a success. If you have never been on that committee, you may not understand the amount of planning that goes into. Our hats should go off to them and everyone else who peeled potatoes, cooked, served, and cleaned.



## MEN'S BREAKFAST

The second Saturday of every month, the men of the congregation are invited to have breakfast in the Parish Hall. We had a great breakfast in September and a good discussion on Mormonism and whether a Christian can in good conscience cast a vote for someone who is Mormon.

## THANK YOU

A special thank you to everyone for their thoughts and prayers during Elaine's illness. Thank you also to those who donated their time and food for her funeral. \$550 was donated to the Building Fund in Elaine's memory. -Darling Family

## 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. For the month of October, bring your Mite boxes and they will be collected to give to the LWML. Plan on attending the first Wednesday of the month at 1pm in the Library at church.

## YOUTH GROUP - J.O.Y.

Jakobi's Outstanding Youth will be meeting on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm at the Parish Hall We are tentatively planning to go on a wagon ride, have dinner, and go to Saturday night church together. If you are in High School or 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, then please come and bring your friends.

## FUNERAL COORDINATOR

We are looking for someone to help coordinate funeral dinners. This would include ordering food, calling people to ask if they can bring a dish, and making sure there are people to help serve. We have extensive notes so you wouldn't be reinventing the wheel. Call Barb Teetzen (526-5505) if you have questions or would like to volunteer to do this.

## SCRIP PROGRAM NEWS

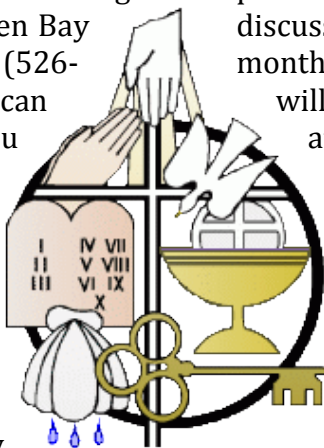
New SCRIP cards now for sale are Arby's and Pizza Hut. Kwik Trip continues to be one of the better retailers in the area as St. Jakobi makes 9% on all purchases made with a SCRIP card. You purchase \$100.00 worth of Kwik Trip SCRIP cards at the back of the church and \$9.00 is returned to St. Jakobi.

## DISHES CALLING YOUR NAME

Perhaps you prepared a dessert or salad for a funeral. Did you remember to pick up your dish afterwards? If not, your dish is calling your name. They are located above the coat rack to the right of the mailboxes in the Narthex.

## CHURCH VOTER MEETING

The Quarterly Voter meeting will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> after church. Preliminary agenda items include the 2013 Budget and election of officers. There will be more agenda items to come.



## UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

- October 7<sup>th</sup>:** Genesis 2:18-25  
Hebrews 2:1-13  
Mark 10:2-16
- October 14<sup>th</sup>:** Amos 5:6-7, 10-15  
Hebrews 3:12-19  
Mark 10:17-22
- October 21<sup>st</sup>:** Ecclesiastes 5:10-20  
Hebrews 4:1-13  
Mark 10:23-31
- October 28<sup>th</sup>:** Revelation 14:6-7  
Romans 3:19-28  
John 8:321-36

## ASK THE PASTOR

**Question:** I have heard and also read comments like, “When did you accept Jesus? When did you find Jesus? When did you become a Christian?” In some instances these were asked of adults but in others they were referring to children. They went on to state that a young child, teenager or adult was then baptized. Do some religions believe that Jesus is not in a person’s life until that person acknowledge Him? Are they not baptized until that time?

**Answer:** To break this down a little bit, many Christians use the phrase of “accepting Jesus.” What this shows is that they believe a person decides to be a Christian. However, in the Small Catechism (3<sup>rd</sup> Article of Creed) it says, “I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ or come to Him but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel.” Thus, faith is not a decision, but a gift from God through the work of the Holy Spirit in Word and Sacrament. For churches that believe you accept Jesus it is very common that Baptism is withheld until they “accept” Jesus and then baptism becomes a sign to others of their decision. We believe that Baptism gives faith. The Holy Spirit is a work in children and adults alike to give them faith, that is, a relationship with Jesus.

Submit your questions to [pastor@stjakobi.org](mailto:pastor@stjakobi.org) or call 715-524-4347

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Church Council meeting will be on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. This is not the normal Monday meeting time because Pastor will be in Eau Claire for the North Wisconsin District Fall Pastor Conference.

## LIBRARY NEWS



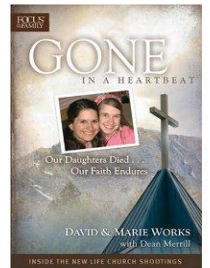
### PLANTING SEEDS

Columbine; 9/11; Fort Hood; Aurora, Colorado; the Sikh Temple in Milwaukee. These are but a few of the devastating stories where people have lost their lives due to violence. How do the families cope when their loved ones die as a result of another person’s rage? Do they turn against God? They beg for answers. They ask why or how this could happen.

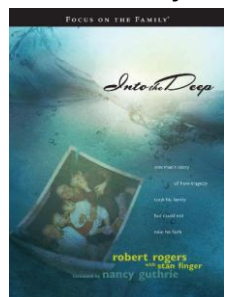
What about those who have lost loved ones due to tragic accidents? A single motor vehicle accident results in the death of one, two, or more. Natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes and floods claim innocent victims.

Two families have shared their stories of hope and fearless faith.

“Do not fear death, but also do not fear life. Fearing death might keep you from living, but fearing life will keep you from living....Death is simply the beginning of another path. Another world, where Jesus is King.” (quoted from the journal of Rachel Weeks, who lost her life at the hands of a gunman four months after writing this).



Robert Rogers was the only survivor in his family after they were caught in a flash flood. He struggled to find the answer why. He had questioned God so many times before, when faced with difficulties. How could such a tragedy happen to a family with such strong faith? Robert’s moving story will challenge you to live a life of “no regrets”, to cherish your loved ones, and to live life to the fullest.



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

1 - Kailyana Zaitz  
2 - Elfrieda Buettner  
2 - Jennifer Kroenke  
2 - Mike Hein  
3 - Melissa Szucs  
4 - Tristan Buntrock  
6 - Elizabeth McDowell  
6 - Marilyn Burlo  
7 - Audrey Sperberg  
7 - Barbara Bahr  
7 - Kathy Teetzen  
8 - Gavin Opperman  
8 - Shirley Ritch  
10 - Matthew Horne  
10 - Garrett Giese  
10 - Mark Kroenke  
10 - Marshal Fay  
10 - Gunnar Hein  
11 - Elroy Wendt  
11 - David Schoenike  
11 - Roy Habeck  
12 - Jay Schuettpelz  
12 - David Bohm  
12 - Roxy Martzke  
14 - Brad Teetzen  
15 - Sally Felckowski  
15 - Will Teetzen  
16 - Carl Gebert  
18 - Steve Schultz  
19 - Kalen Kroenke  
19 - Donna Lopez  
20 - Wyatt Rassmussen  
21 - Barney Olson  
22 - Jon Gueths  
22 - Thomas Tuma  
22 - Nolan Kleinschmidt  
25 - Jean Heinritz  
25 - Laura Prodell  
27 - Justin Cotter  
28 - Pamela Anderson  
28 - Eugene Hanke  
30 - Jim Schroeder

## A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

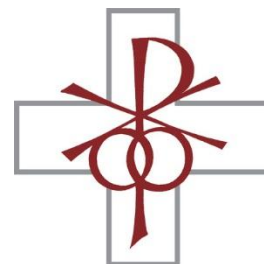
Heavenly Father, our times are in Your hands. Look with favor on name as he/she celebrates his/her birthday. Grant that he/she may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. Strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness and bless him/her with Your abiding love all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ,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

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:

02, 1999 - Gregg & Emily Pleshek  
02, 1999 - Shawn & Wanda Stueck  
02, 1993 - Tabb & Sarah Magee  
11, 1986 - Bruce & Michelle Teetzen  
13 - 2007 - Scott & Sara Steinke  
16, 1971 - Virgil & Cindy Gueths  
16, 1999 - Scott & Lori Wendorff  
16, 2004 - Holly & Mike Weatherwax  
17, 1987 - Robert & Lori Buettner  
19, 1974 - Richard & Judi Raddant  
20, 1979 - Joel & Vicki Buettner  
22, 1960 - Leroy & Audrey Sperberg  
22, 1949 - Eldor & Norma Martzke  
26, 1985 - Brad & Heidi Teetzen  
28, 1989 - Brad & Lorine Raddant  
28, 1999 - Brian & Kris Johnson

## 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.



# October 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <b>6:15 Choir</b> <b>7:00 Altar Guild</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>1:00 Ladies Bible Study</b> <b>3:30 Catechism</b> <b>7:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>4</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>6:30 Service</b> <small>Acolyte: Hannah Hein</small>
<b>7 LWML Sunday</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Ed. Hour</b> <small>Acolyte: Mackenzie Boyles</small>	<b>8</b> <b>6:15 Choir</b> <b>6:30 Elders Mtg</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>3:30 Catechism</b> <b>7:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>11</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>12</b> <b>6:30 Fellowship @Anello's</b>	<b>13</b> <b>8:00 Men's Breakfast</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> <small>Acolyte: Emma Magee</small>
<b>14</b> <b>9:00 Service</b> <b>10:30 Ed. Hour</b> <small>Acolyte: Dylan Wolff</small>	<b>15</b> <b>6:15 Choir</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>3:30 Catechism</b> <b>7:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>18</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b> <b>7:00 Council</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>6:30 Service</b> <small>Acolyte: Abby Owen</small>
<b>21</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Ed. Hour</b> <small>Acolyte: Brittney Angeli</small>	<b>22</b> <b>6:15 Choir</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>3:30 Catechism</b> <b>7:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>25</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>4:30 Youth Group</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> <small>Acolyte: Dayton Davis</small>
<b>28 Reformation Day</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>Quarterly mtg after service</b> <small>Acolyte: Connor Angeli</small>	<b>29</b> <b>6:15 Choir</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>3:30 Catechism</b> <b>7:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>Notes:</b> <b>Elders: Sat: Rich Raddant    Sun: Darryl Prodell</b> <b>Spec: Tom Tuma</b> <b>Altar Guild: Tracie Popp, Lorine Raddant</b>		

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“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

