

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

We continue the series on how to listen to a sermon this month. The first month I explained how a Scripturally faithful sermon will always include law and gospel. It will convict you of your sins or show you the trouble in your world and then show you your savior, Jesus Christ, who has rescued you from sin, death, and the devil. Last month I showed how the sermon will be directed **for you** and deliver the benefits of Jesus' death and resurrection for you.

In a way, this topic is foundational and the one upon which the other two topics are based. **Every sermon should be based and founded upon the text of Holy Scripture.** It may seem self-evident that the sermon should be based upon Holy Scripture, but this isn't the case in all churches. If a sermon is not based upon Scripture, then the sermon has the tendency to go off into philosophy of life, the pastor's personal experiences, in vogue motivational speaking, or something else like that. But when the preacher is constrained by the Word of God it guides him in his preparation and delivery.

John writes about the purpose of his Gospel, "These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." (John 20:31) This is the purpose of God's written Word and so it is also the purpose of the spoken Word of God as it is preached.

The church, in its wisdom created what's called a lectionary so that pastors don't preach whatever they feel like preaching but are instead encouraged to preach the whole counsel of God. (Acts 20:27) The lectionary is a schedule of assigned readings for each Sunday of the year. They go from Advent in December through Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. The readings track the life of Christ from Advent

till Easter and then in the summer months, the season of Pentecost, we hear about the teachings and miracles of Jesus. This order of readings helps the congregation to be attuned to what is to be preached. I would encourage you to make note of the upcoming readings in church. You can find them in the newsletter. Read them the week before and familiarize yourself with them so you are prepared to hear a sermon preached on one or all of them.

The sermon will take a theme that is found in one, two, or three of those texts and bring the law to bear, the gospel to comfort, and present it as for you.

I would encourage you as you listen to the sermon, try and pick out that main thought that is from the Scriptures which is the topic of the sermon. What is it that the sermon is trying to deliver? If this doesn't come through to you, then you should definitely tell me so I understand how to improve my preaching.

The Catechism students in 5th-8th grade regularly are completing sermon note forms that are located by the guest book. They aid the student in listening to the sermon. Perhaps it would be helpful for you to fill one out some time. It will probably help you to remember what was said and how it is for you.

In Seminary, much time is spent in training pastors in preaching, but it is equally as important for all of God's people to learn how to listen to a sermon. I pray that these past three newsletter articles will aid in your hearing of the sermon so you can hear how Christ is delivered to you in both law and gospel from the truth of Holy Scripture.

In Christ,
-Pastor Kleinschmidt



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

MEN'S BREAKFAST

In September we talked about Islam and how we as Christians are to view this religion. In October we will meet on October 11th at 8am. Be sure to come and enjoy a great breakfast!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

- 10/5 Cain and Abel
- 10/12 Noah and the Flood
- 10/19 God Calls Abram
- 10/26 No Class



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.

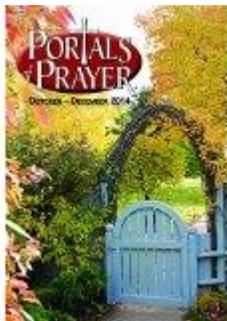
MISSIONARY NEWSLETTER

The missionary we support, Rev. Jacob Gaugert, has sent us his most recent newsletter. You can read it on the bulletin board at church or download a copy at <http://www.stjakobi.org/GaugertSept2014.pdf>.



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.



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. There will be more agenda items to come.

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship will be meeting on Friday, October 10th, eating at 6:30. We will go to the Launching Pad so the men are close to home and can get up for Men's Breakfast the next day. We know you enjoy it there, so be sure to sign up on the pad by the bulletins.

ST. JAKOBI ON FACEBOOK

St. Jakobi has a [Facebook page](#). Stay up to date on happenings at church by liking the page. You don't need a Facebook account, just visit the website: www.facebook.com/lcmsjakobi



UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

- October 5th:** Isaiah 5:2-7
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46
- October 12th:** Isaiah 25:6-9
Philippians 4:4-13
Matthew 22:1-14
- October 19th:** Isaiah 45:1-7
Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22
- October 26th:** Revelation 14:6-7
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36

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.

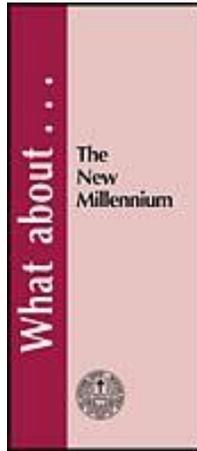
The theme is *Te Deum*. Registration will be completed by January 2014. This is for all youth who are beginning 8th-12th grades. You can get more information at www.tedeum2015.org.



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 **The New Millennium**.

There is a lot of misinformation about what will happen when Christ returns. Some Christians will talk about a 1000 year reign of Christ. This tract gives a distinctly Lutheran perspective on what Scripture teaches in this regard. This short tract gives a wealth of resources and information! They are free for the taking.



HOW DO SCRIP CARDS WORK?

We have an inventory of commonly purchased Scrip Cards every weekend. We have on hand retailers such as Kwik Trip, Subway, Luigi's, Pizza Hut, Arby's, Wal-Mart, Walgreens, Papa Murphy's, and others. However, if you would like to purchase a card for a different retailer, such as Cabella's, you could purchase them online. Go to www.shopwithscrip.com, create an account and then securely enter in your checking account information. There will be a verification and then you will be authorized to purchase cards. The cost of the cards will be deducted from your checking account. If you order before Tuesday morning, then the card will be at church the coming weekend. Some retailers offer online codes that you can use on the retailers' website immediately. For example, you can purchase an Amazon code that can be used right away. This is a great way to do online shopping and provide a benefit to the church. Talk to the person selling Scrip and they will be happy to offer assistance with signing up online.

CHILDREN'S LETTERS TO GOD

Dear God, In Bible times did they really talk that fancy? Jennifer

Dear God, I would like to know why all the things you said are in red. Joyce

Dear God, Thank you for the baby brother but what I prayed for was a puppy. Joyce

Dear God, I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday. That was cool. Eugene

*Taken from *Children's Letters to God* by Stuart Hample and Eric Marshall.

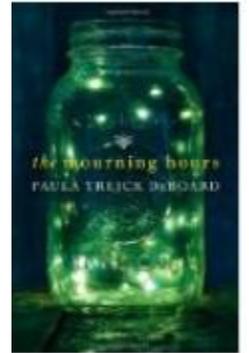
LIBRARY NEWS

PLANTING SEEDS

The Mourning Hours

Paula Treick DeBoard

The setting is Watankee, Wisconsin, a fictional town near Manitowoc. Johnny and Stacy are high-school sweethearts. Johnny has a scholarship in his future, earned with his wrestling abilities. Difficulties are presented as Johnny comes from the wrong side of the fence in Stacy's family's eyes. On a snowy night, Johnny's truck slides into the ditch, and Stacy decides to walk home. That's the last time that anyone has seen her. When such a tragedy strikes, it tears the families apart. Friends, neighbors, even fellow parishioners, are quick to take sides and point fingers.



RIDDLE ME THIS

The Answers to last month's riddles.

1. At which festival did the 12-year-old Jesus stay behind at the temple?
A. Passover
2. Where was Jesus baptized?
A. Jordan River
3. Who did Jesus stay with when he was passing through Jericho?
A. Zacchaeus
4. Who poured expensive perfume on Jesus' feet?
A. Mary
5. Whom did Jesus call a "brood of vipers"?
A. Pharisees
6. To whom did Jesus say, "Get behind me, Satan"?
A. Peter
7. How many days of temptation did Jesus endure?
A. 40
8. What was Jesus doing when the storm came on the Sea of Galilee?
A. Sleeping
9. Who did Jesus take with him to the Garden of Gethsemane?
A. Peter, James, John
10. Where was Jesus when he ascended into heaven?
A. Mount of Olives

CHURCH OFFICERS

We are looking for new officers to fill the following positions for our congregation in our upcoming election in October: Treasurer, Elder, Trustee, Boards of Education and Stewardship. If you are interested in serving the Lord for one of the positions, please take a form in the narthex to be filled out and place in the Elders box when completed.

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 October we will meet on the 1st at 1pm in the Church Library. Please remember to bring the mite boxes for missions.

LETTER FROM SEMINARIAN ALEX LANGE

Dear members of St. Jakobi,

It is so hard to believe, but another whole year has passed and I have finished my vicarage! I have only one more year of seminary before I graduate and become "Pastor Lange". I can't describe the feeling... I feel excited, but I also feel nervous about my upcoming call. Despite seven (going on eight) years of classes and field experience, I cannot say that I feel truly ready for such a noble task. Indeed, with each year I feel less and less ready. Socrates once said that he was the wisest man in the world, because he was the only one to see how foolish he really is. I hope my feelings of inadequacy are a sign that I'm ready. I take comfort knowing that our God displays his strength when we are weak and his wisdom when we are foolish.

I preached my last sermon on July 27th and said farewell to the dear saints in East Moline. I will always remember my time spent with them. I have grown because of them in so many ways. Because of them, I now have a year's worth of experience; a year experiencing a pre-school, a youth group, a confirmation class, multiple Bible studies, countless Board Meetings, and weekly worship services that were always Christ-centered. I will miss them, but I am glad that I can count on spending an eternity with them upon the return of our Lord.

Many people have asked me, "What did you learn on vicarage?" That's quite the loaded question. I have learned so much that it is hard to know what

to say and what to leave out. I learned that you truly learn about your members through one-on-one encounters. Some might be uncomfortable having their pastor in their house, but I really enjoyed visiting the members of St. John's. It was in their homes that I really got to know them and they got to know me.

I also learned that education takes time and you can't assume everyone is at the same place. It took me seven years to learn what I have learned. So, there is no way that I can fully cover any subject in a single Bible study. Learning is truly a multi-faceted, life-long process... a process that requires patience and a flexible schedule.

Even though I hated public speaking in college, I love preaching. I was surprised at how enjoyable I found regular preaching and I was equally surprised by how much others seemed to enjoy my preaching. I find this quite encouraging. Preaching is the number one task of all pastors. It is so important that Luther himself called it the "Preaching Office". If I can preach well, then perhaps I am cut out for this vocation after all.

Rachel and I immediately moved back to the seminary. We are now living in their married housing) some apartments set aside for students with families). It is a lovely apartment with plenty of space for us. What makes it special is that we are living next door to all the other seminary families. I can't wait to see my old friends and to meet some new ones.

Rachel serves as a nanny for a family with two children (a five year old boy and a one year old baby boy). She helps with the chores and takes care of the little ones. Since she loves kids, she enjoys her work. I have been gardening for a couple of families. I will also clean the cafeteria on Saturdays.

I am excited for classes to begin. I am taking two classes on the early church with our new history professor, Dr. Joel Elowsky. He was my advisor for my Senior Seminar back in college. He's a great guy and really knows a lot about the early church. I'm also taking a class called Biblical Theology, where we will discuss major themes in the Bible, such as covenant, the kingdom of God, resurrection, and so forth. I am taking a class called Pastoral Theology, which will help me process some of my experiences during vicarage. Also, I am taking one other counseling class, because I feel this is an area where I truly lack experience.

I should probably stop here. I don't want to say everything in this letter and not have anything to say in the next! Still, it's hard to contain myself. I guess I will end this letter as I always do... thanking you for your support. You have truly been a blessing to me (and now, to Rachel as well). Thank you for your generosity, for your gift, and for your prayers. Thank you for loving the Church and for supporting the Holy Ministry. You may not realize it, but your good works have eternal value. You are shaping a young man into the man that he will be for eternity. By supporting the Church and her ministry, you are supporting God's family. It is as Paul says: "Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain" (1 Cor. 15:58).

In Christ,
Alexander Lange

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.

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.

FAMILY FAIR AND AUCTION!

Wolf River Lutheran High School will be hosting its 5th Annual Family Fair & Auction on Saturday, October 11 at Boarders in Shawano. A few new events have been added. There will be a community 5K at 9:45AM, ¼ mile kids run at 10:45AM, and a WIAA Cross Country Meet at 11AM. Because of the changes the doors will now open at 10AM. The silent auction will run from 10AM-1PM. Lunch and children's games will start at 11:30AM. There will be a bouncy house, train rides, and various outdoor games for the children. Lunch includes various soups plus chili, sandwiches, dessert, and beverage costing \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Children four and under are free. The live auction will start at 1PM. More silent and live auction items are needed as well as pies, tortes, and bars. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for the dessert items. Also look for a sheet listing items that can be donated to defray the cost of the lunch. Contact the high school at 715-745-2400 if you plan to donate any food or auction items. All donations are tax deductible. Proceeds from this fundraiser will support WRLHS and its mission to bring quality, Christ-centered education to the Shawano County area.



Wolf River Lutheran High School

FAMILY FAIR & AUCTION

Saturday, October 11, 2014
at the
Boarders Inn & Suites, Shawano
7393 River Bend Road (Hwy 29 & 22)

11:00 a.m.	Doors Open for Silent Auction	
11:30 a.m.	Children's Games Begin	
11:30 p.m.	Lunch Served	
1:00 p.m.	Live Auction—Bert Huntington, auctioneer	

FREE ADMISSION

Chili/Soup Dinner: \$8.00 adults; \$5.00 Children; 4 & under free
Hot Dogs, Nachos for sale



Train Rides, Bouncy House
Outdoor Games





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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

1 - Kailyana Zaitz
2 - Elfrieda Buettner
2 - Jennifer Kroenke
2 - Mike Hein
2 - Brandon Clark
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
13 - Wade Bohl
14 - Brad Teetzen
15 - Will Teetzen
16 - Carl Gebert
18 - Steve Schultz
19 - Kalen Kroenke
19 - Donna Lopez
20 - Wyatt Rassmussen
21 - Barney Olson
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

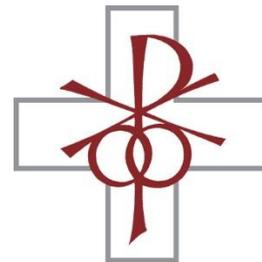
Heavenly Father, our times are in Your hands. Look with favor on name as he/she celebrates his/her birthday. Grant that he/she may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. Strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness and bless him/her with Your abiding love all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ, 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
13, 2012 - Josh & Bobbi Jo Ladwig
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.



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

October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elders: Sat: Chuck Stoehr Sun: Brian Sperberg Spec: Rich Raddant	Altar Guild: Lorine Raddant Diane Ireland Donna Ward		1 1:00 Ladies Bible Study 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	2 1:00 Bible Study	3 1:30-6:00 Volunteer @ LCFS Thrift Store	4 2:00 Drake/Hoffman Wedding 6:30 Service Acolyte: Megan Gebert
5 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Bryce Bohl	6 6:15 Choir Practice 7:00 Altar Guild	7	8 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	9 1:00 Bible Study	10 6:30 Fellowship @ Launching Pad	11 8:00 Men's Breakfast 11:00 WRLHS Fair & Auction 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Sommer McDowell
12 9:00 Service 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Eli Magee	13 1:00-5:00 Volunteer @ LCFS Thrift Store 6:15 Choir Practice 7:00 Council Meeting	14	15 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	16 1:00 Bible Study	17	18 6:30 Service Acolyte: Isabella Buettner
19 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Lucas Gast	20 6:15 Choir Practice	21 6:30 Elders	22 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	23 1:00 Bible Study	24	25 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Gunnar Hein
26 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Voter Meeting Acolyte: Keonna Lindner 2:00 Reformation Service	27 6:15 Choir Practice	28	29 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	30 1:00 Bible Study	31	

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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

