

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

Each year St. Jakobi Lutheran Church is pleased to host Vacation Bible School as a great opportunity for the children of our congregation to meet in the summer months to hear God's Word, learn about the Gospel truths of our Lord Jesus Christ, build relationships with various adult volunteers from our church, and strengthen bonds they have with friends they already know, along with making new friends through the week. VBS is a tremendous outreach in our community as well. It is by God's grace that there are many people who entrust their children to us as we teach them about Jesus and his amazing grace and love.

What makes our VBS unique is the same as what makes our Lutheran Church unique. It is the relentless focus on the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Christ-centeredness of all we do, say, and teach. When children attend our VBS, they are presented with Bible stories and lessons that remain faithful to the Scriptures themselves and they are taught the purest meaning of those stories. What that means is that they hear about Jesus, first and foremost. They heard of his great love for us and for all people shown by his own suffering and death upon the cross. Each child learned that the Lord Jesus Christ continues to reach out to us with his love through the preaching and teaching of his Word and through the gifts of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

I've heard comments by a number of the volunteers of how much they enjoyed VBS this year and grew in their own faith. VBS is not just

for the children, but it is also for the volunteers as they are serving the young people of the congregation and community.

We again had kids from Bullfrogs & Butterflies Daycare come to VBS. This is an outstanding outreach to the children of our community. Some of those children do not have a church home, so the more they hear of Jesus, the better. If you see Michelle Teetzen (director) or Jaime Popp (owner) of the daycare, tell them how much we appreciate the opportunity to tell the kids about Jesus.

Much of the planning this year for VBS was done by the Board of Education; Heather Pyatskowitz, Mark Buettner, and Jenny Murdock. Things ran very smoothly and everyone knew what they were supposed to be doing and when. Without much planning there is no way to handle over 110 kids each day.

The decorations added to the general excitement of the kids and volunteers to learn about Jesus. Thank you in particular to Laura Prodell for her hard work and talent to create many of the decorations and props.

There are more pictures on the church facebook page, www.facebook.com/lcmsjakobi of all the great happenings at VBS.

Make plans now to help next summer as the kids will again be learning all about the love of Jesus.

All for the glory of God!
Pastor Kleinschmidt



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

BUILDING FUND & PINK ENVELOPES

Faith Promise Sheets: After our celebration weekend we have 59 sheets returned and \$144,973 promised to the congregation over three years and \$18,807 to Wolf River Lutheran High School. **Thank you!** You can continue to add your promise sheet to the box and it will be included in the totals. If you plan on using the pink envelope in the next three years, you are encouraged to return a promise sheet and specify what percentage you want to go to the congregation and the high school. If you don't specify, the Voters Assembly decided 60% would go to the building fund and 40% would go to WRLHS. **Please turn in your Faith Promise Sheets and designate how you want your pink envelope offerings distributed!** It's your decision to make. We are well above the previous three year promises and pray that the Lord would continue to bless us. All for the Glory of God.

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. You can also download it from the church website, www.stjakobi.org.

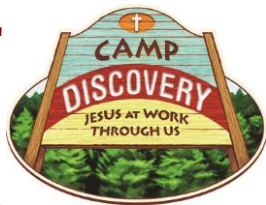
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS was the week of June 8th-12th.

The theme this year was **Camp Discovery: Jesus at Work Through Us!**

We had a great week with about 110 children every day.

There were lots of volunteers and we appreciate everyone who helped in some way. That includes bringing snacks for the kids, decorating, teaching, helping with crafts, helping the teachers, and helping in the kitchen. The kids also sang the Sunday afterwards at the outdoor service. Vacation Bible School was a wonderful success and we give all the glory to God.



CONFIRMATION

On May 24th, four young adults confessed their Christian faith and were confirmed. Those confirmed this year are pictured left to right: Bryce Bohl, Megan Gebert, Eli Magee, and Sommer McDowell.



ST. JAKOBI ON FACEBOOK

St. Jakobi has a [Facebook page](#). Stay up to date on happenings at church by liking the page. There have been many pictures posted from VBS and the Church picnic on the Facebook page. You don't need a Facebook account, just visit the website: www.facebook.com/lcmsjakobi



UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

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| July 5 th : | Ezekiel 2:1-5
2 Corinthians 12:1-10
Mark 6:1-13 |
| July 12 th : | Amos 7:7-15
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29 |
| July 19 th : | Jeremiah 23:1-6
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-44 |
| July 26 th : | Genesis 9:8-17
Ephesians 3:14-21
Mark 6:45-56 |

BAPTISM

Khloe Marie Giese was baptized on June 13th. She was born on January 6th and her parents are Garrett Giese and Heather Jones. Her baptismal sponsors are Andrew Giese and Elizabeth Teetzen.

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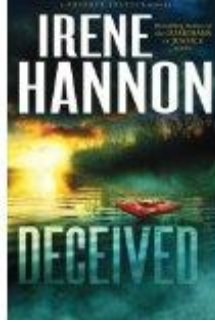
Nimue Celeste Berendt was baptized on June 27th. She was born on July 12th, 2013 and her parents are Cohl and Sonny Berendt. Her baptismal sponsors are Miranda Montoure and Sarah Barrett.

LIBRARY NEWS

PLANTING SEEDS

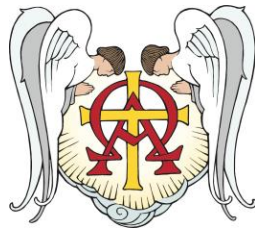


Kate Marshall has been mourning the loss of her husband and son for three years. Her husband's body had been found after he drowned. Her son was never found. By chance, Kate spots a seven year old boy at the mall who looks like what she imagines her son would look like. Is it possible that it is Kevin, or is she slipping back into the depression that gripped her prior? This is the third book of the Private Justice series. The story is fast-paced, holding your interest to the very end. ★★★★★



HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE

Six High School Youth will be going to the [Higher Things](#) Youth Conference on the campus of Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI July 21st-24th. The theme is the Te Deum, hymn #941 in our hymnal. The speakers are Rev. George Borghardt and Rev. Mark Buetow. There are also breakout sessions where the youth will be able to choose different topics about faith and life to learn about. There will be time for fun too. Please pray for these youth that they would have safe travels and deepen in their love for Jesus Christ.



COUNCIL AND VOTER MEETING

The Council Meeting in July will be held on the 13th at 7pm. The Quarterly Voter Meeting will be held on July 26th after the Sunday service.



CHURCH PICNIC

The Church Picnic was on June 14th. We had beautiful weather with a great attendance at the Outdoor Service earlier in the morning. There was a bounce house for the kids, the Oreo game, and a great meal. If you didn't come this year, be sure to come next year!



JULY BIRTHDAYS:

1 - Austin Buntrock
1 - Colton Klug
1 - Tony Stuber
3 - Heather Pyatskowitz
3 - Allen Lange
3 - Brinlee Yorton
4 - Jordan Thompson
6 - Ashley Bennett
6 - Rick Opperman
9 - Derek Hartman
9 - Faron Skalitzky
10 - Holly Weatherwax
10 - Michael Kriewaldt
10 - Michael Winkler
11 - Steven Damveld
12 - Jacob Schoenike
13 - Karen Cotter
13 - Jason Lange
14 - Dawn Buntrock
15 - Marcus Kriewaldt
15 - Kynzlee Arndt
17 - Kadu Kunze
17 - Elizabeth Teetzen
17 - Peggy Lange
17 - Raelyn Krueger
18 - Linda Bohm
19 - Eli Magee
19 - Megan Gebert
19 - James Lange
19 - Joshua Lange
19 - Carol Opperman
20 - Lance Lindner
20 - Sara VanScoik
21 - Dennis Fonger
21 - John Ottman
24 - Blake Hartmann
24 - Whitney Arndt
25 - Lane Laude
25 - Jim Szucs, Sr.
26 - Cindy Gueths
26 - Paul Picard
26 - Barbara Peterman
28 - Virgil Gueths
28 - Mary Theis
28 - William Lee Hanke
30 - Donald Griesmer
30 - Tristan West
30 - Kylie Teetzen
31 - Jeff Habeck

A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

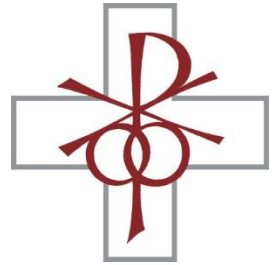
Heavenly Father, our times are in Your hands. Look with favor on name as he/she celebrates his/her birthday. Grant that he/she may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. Strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness and bless him/her with Your abiding love all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ,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

JULY ANNIVERSARIES:

02, 1966 - August & Marjorie Vorpahl
09, 2005 - Mike & Catherine Opperman
11, 1987 - Jerele & Carrie Westphal
14, 1984 - Rick & Lori Opperman
14, 2001 - Tom T. & Judy Tuma
19, 2003 - Lance & Sundai Lindner
20, 1991 - Jesse & Dawn Buntrock
26, 1983 - Steve & Carol Verstoppen
26, 1969 - Allen & Peggy Lange
31, 2004 - Travis & Noël Kleinschmidt

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.

JULY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elders: Sat: Brian Sperberg Sun: Chuck Stoehr Spec: Tom Tuma	Altar Guild: Deb Laehn Diane Ireland Donna Ward		1 1:00 Ladies Bible Study	2 1:00 Bible Study	3	4 Independence Day 6:30 Service Acolyte: Jacob Nevins
5 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Kylie Teetzen	6 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Seminary Continuing Education Class at St. Jakobi </div>	7	8	9	10	11 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Carson Popp
12 9:00 Service Acolyte: Kersten Stueck	13 7:00 Council Meeting	14	15	16	17	18 6:30 Service Acolyte: Ally Popp
19 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Jordan Thompson	20 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Higher Things Youth Conference in Grand Rapids, MI </div>	21	22	23	24	25 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Isabella Buettner
26 9:00 Service 10:15 Voter Meeting Acolyte: Lucas Gast	27	28	29	30	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

