

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

A number of years ago we had a Bible Study at church that studied the book, *5 Things You Can Do To Live a Jesus-Centered Life*. This short little book was written by Rev. Heath Curtis who is a pastor in Southern Illinois. In the introduction to his book he makes the point that salvation is done. Your eternal life is secure and paid for in the blood of Jesus Christ. And now, knowing that your salvation is secure, we want to live a “full, vibrant, joyful Christian life in the midst of a fallen world. It is about the necessary bearing of the crosses that Jesus said would come our way if we wanted to be His disciples.”

Last month I wrote about the first point; Go to Church. This month the 2nd thing you can do to live a Christ-centered life is **Go Read**.

2. Go Read. Curtis writes, “Jesus said, ‘If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free’ (John 8:31-32). That’s a great promise direct from the lips of our Lord. Setting aside time to be in the Word of God and learning how to read the Word of God with understanding is a must for a strong Christian life.” Just like with going to church, you have to make an intentional plan to make the time to read God’s Word. In so doing, be realistic. If you don’t read the Bible at all now, then don’t plan on reading it for an hour a day. You will only set yourself up for failure. Instead make a goal that is manageable, whether it be a set amount of time or a number of chapters.

You will not be reading the Bible in isolation from other Christians. In fact, think about the story of the Ethiopian Eunuch from Acts 8. He’s reading the Bible and then Philip shows up and asks him if he understands it. The Eunuch says, “How can I, unless someone guides me.” One of the keys to reading the Bible with understanding is to avail yourself of the

opportunity to read the Bible with other Christians, specifically your pastor during Bible class.

In the time of Luther it was common for sermons to be one hour in length and there was ample time for teaching through the text of Holy Scripture. Now the sermons are much shorter and a lot of that teaching of the Bible has been moved from the sermon to Bible class. Make use of that Bible class time and read the Bible with your fellow Christians.

On your own, I would recommend first reading the Bible to learn the core stories that give you the overarching ideas of how God works in the world and the sources of important doctrines. These stories lay the foundation of further reading of God’s Word. The stories and where to find them are in the middle of this page.

Pastor Curtis closes each chapter with some action points of what to do to lead a Jesus-centered life.

1. Attend your pastor’s weekly Bible class.
2. Set aside ten to fifteen minutes a day for Scripture reading. Make a plan for what sort of reading you want to embark on, whether it’s read-through-the Bible, a

devotional book or a prayer book.

3. Get a good study Bible (*The Lutheran Study Bible*).

4. Keep the bulletin from the weekly church service so you can make memory verse cards from the Gospel lesson.

5. Review the Small Catechism.

In the coming months I’ll reflect on the other 3 points of living a Jesus-centered life. In addition to **Go to Church** and **Go Read** they are: **Go Pray**, **Go Work**, **Go Home**

As God’s people, Jesus should rightly

be the center of our lives so I pray that each one of us would strive to lead that holy life that Christ has called us to and we would center all of our actions on Jesus and the love that he has for us.

Centered on Christ, Pastor Kleinschmidt

OLD TESTAMENT STORIES	
1. Creation of the World.	Genesis 1
2. Creation of Man.	Genesis 2
3. Fall of Man.	Genesis 3
4. Cain and Abel.	Genesis 4
5. Noah’s Ark.	Genesis 6-9
6. Tower of Babel.	Genesis 11
7. Call of Abraham.	Genesis 12
8. Destruction of Sodom.	Genesis 18-19
9. Sacrifice of Isaac.	Genesis 22
10. Joseph.	Genesis 37-50
11. Call of Moses.	Exodus 1-3
12. Plagues against Egypt.	Exodus 7-11
13. Passover.	Exodus 12
14. The Parting of the Red Sea.	Exodus 14
15. Manna from Heaven.	Exodus 16
16. The Ten Commandments.	Exodus 20
17. The Bronze Serpent.	Numbers 21
18. The Judges.	Judges 2-3
19. Israel Asks for a King.	1 Samuel 8
20. David and Goliath.	1 Samuel 16-17
21. David and Bathsheba.	2 Samuel 11-12
22. King Solomon Asks for Wisdom.	1 Kings 3
23. Solomon’s Apostasy.	1 Kings 11
24. The Divided Kingdom.	1 Kings 12
25. The Northern Kingdom Is Destroyed.	2 Kings 17
26. Judah Is Exiled.	2 Kings 24-25
27. Judah Is Restored.	Ezra 1-2
28. The Prophets Promise the Coming of Jesus.	Isaiah 7:14; 52-53; Psalm 69; Daniel 9:24-27
NEW TESTAMENT STORIES	
1. The Annunciation and Visitation of Mary.	Luke 1
2. Nativity of Christ.	Luke 2:1-21; Matthew 1
3. The Magi.	Matthew 2
4. Jesus’ Presentation in the Temple.	Luke 2:22-52
5. John the Baptist.	Luke 3
6. Baptism of Jesus.	Matthew 3
7. Temptation of Jesus.	Matthew 4
8. The Wedding at Cana.	John 2
9. Death of John the Baptist.	Matthew 14
10. Feeding of the Five Thousand.	John 6
11. Healing of the Blind Man.	Luke 18
12. Raising of Lazarus.	John 11
13. Palm Sunday.	Matthew 21
14. Jesus Washes the Disciples’ Feet.	John 13
15. Lord’s Supper.	Matthew 26:1-29
16. Gethsemane.	Matthew 26:30-46
17. Arrest of Jesus.	Matthew 26:47-56
18. Jesus and Caiaphas.	Mark 14:46-65
19. Jesus before Pontius Pilate.	John 18:28-40
20. Passion and Crucifixion.	John 19
21. Resurrection.	John 20:1-18
22. Jesus Shows Himself to Thomas.	John 20:19-31
23. Ascension.	Luke 24; Acts 1
24. Pentecost.	Acts 2
25. Judgment Day and Resurrection.	Matthew 25; 1 Corinthians 15; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS was the week of June 11th-15th. The theme this year was **God's Promises on Life's Wild Ride!** We had a great week with about 130 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.



HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE

High School Youth will be going to the [Higher Things](#) Youth Conference on the campus of the Carleton College, Northfield, MN July 3rd -6th. We have eight youth and two adults attending this year. The theme is *Sanctified*. The speakers are Rev. George Borghardt and Rev. Donovan Riley. 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.



PASTOR'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY AT ST. JAKOBI

Mark your calendar for July 8th. We will have a potluck to honor Pastor Kleinschmidt's 10th Anniversary with St. Jakobi. Meat, potatoes & gravy, and drinks will be catered by the Red Rooster, Bonduel and we will ask others to bring a dish to pass. Please sign up in the Narthex so we know how much food to order.

CHURCH PICNIC

The Church Picnic was on June 17th. It was hot and muggy but we had nice attendance at the Outdoor Service earlier in the morning. There was a bounce house for the kids, horse drawn wagon rides, and a great meal. If you didn't come this year, be sure to come next year!

NEWSLETTER IN COLOR

The pictures in the newsletter look great in color plus you can zoom in for more detail! You can receive a copy of the newsletter in color and save the church the printing cost by signing up for email delivery. You can sign up at <http://www.bit.ly/jakobisignup>

COUNCIL AND VOTER MEETING

The Council Meeting in July will be held on Tuesday, the 17th at 7pm. The Quarterly Voter Meeting will be held on July 29th after the Sunday service.

READINGS AT CHURCH

July 1 st :	Lamentations 3:22-33 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15 Mark 5:21-43
July 8 th :	Ezekiel 2:1-5 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 Mark 6:1-13
July 15 th :	Amos 7:7-15 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29
July 22 nd :	Proverbs 31:10-31 Acts 13:26-31 John 20:1-2, 10-18
July 29 th :	Genesis 9:8-17 Ephesians 3:14-21 Mark 6:45-56

USHER SCHEDULE

July 1 st :	Mike & Donna
July 8 th :	Jim & Marshal
July 15 th :	Troy & Jamison
July 22 nd :	Dale & Jeff
July 29 th :	Mike & Jim

ST. JAKOBI ON FACEBOOK

St. Jakobi has a [Facebook page](#). Stay up to date on happenings at church by liking the page.



VOICES OF PRAISE

ATTENTION CHOIR MEMBERS (and future choir members): The first choir practice will be on TUESDAY, SEPT 4, instead of the usual Monday. After Sept 4 we will meet on the usual Mondays See you on TUESDAY, SEPT. 4 AT 6:15! Please tell me if this doesn't work for you. Joanne Bublitz

PLANTING SEEDS

(DVD) An outlaw beyond all hope. A love beyond all limits. Henry Myers lives a hard life. Getting through life on the frontier however he can? even if it means robbing a bank. After his latest heist goes wrong and his partners betray him and leave him for dead, Henry is surprised to find extraordinary kindness from a widow named Marilyn and her children. With the influence of this family, Henry begins to question the choices he's made in his life. Just when things begin to make sense again, it's all ripped away from him when his old partners show up. Will he seek the revenge he desires or finally find his redemption?



PRAYER PARTNERS

In Matthew 7, our Father invites us to approach Him in prayer with our requests. He already knows our needs and the desires of our hearts. He doesn't require a wish list from us, but when our prayers are answered; our eyes are opened to His loving kindness to us. Let the Prayer Partners here at St. Jakobi help you in times of need or in celebration. All prayers are kept confidential.

Phone or email your prayer requests- New phone number is: 920-400-0013. New email address is gmweck2329@gmail.com.

Come my soul, with every care. Jesus loves to answer prayer.



SEMINARY CONTINUING EDUCATION

St. Jakobi is privileged to host a Concordia Theological Seminary Continuing Education class. From July 9-11 pastors from around North Wisconsin will gather to learn from Dr. John Pless teach on Herman Sasse as a pastoral theologian. The Seminary thanks our congregation for hosting this class and enabling pastors to gather to further their education.

NOAH'S ARK

We will be carpooling to Noah's Ark on August 2nd. While we won't be purchasing group tickets, you can purchase them with any deals you can find. We'll leave the church parking lot in the morning, caravan down there and come back in the late afternoon. More details will be coming.

VBS PICTURES



JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Austin Buntrock
1 - Tony Stuber
3 - Heather Pyatskowitz
3 - Allen Lange
3 - Brinlee Yorton
4 - Jordan Thompson
4 - Lydia Buntrock
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
12 - Nimue Berendt
13 - Karen Cotter
13 - Jason Lange
14 - Dawn Buntrock
15 - Marcus Kriewaldt
15 - Axlyn Erickson
15 - Keith Jashinsky
17 - Kadu Kunze
17 - Elizabeth Teetzen
17 - Peggy Lange
17 - Raelyn Krueger
19 - Eli Magee
19 - Megan Gebert
19 - James Lange
19 - Joshua Lange
19 - Tucker Reinke
20 - Lance Lindner
20 - Sara VanScoik
21 - Dennis Fonger
22 - Jayne Mott
22 - Sally Kroenke
23 - Kinlee Meyers
24 - Blake Hartmann
25 - Jim Szucs, Sr.
26 - Cindy Gueths
26 - Paul Picard
26 - Barbara Peterman
27 - Adam Carroll
28 - Virgil Gueths
28 - Mary Theis
28 - William Lee Hanke
30 - Donald Griesmer
30 - Tristan West
30 - Kylie Teetzen
30 - Brynlee Carroll
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
07, 1960 - Roger & Sally Ann Piehl
07, 1979 - Bill & Jane Mott
11, 1987 - Jerele & Carrie Westphal
14, 1984 - Rick & Lori Opperman
14, 2001 - Tom T. & Judy Tuma
19, 2003 - Lance & Sundai Lindner
19, 1980 - Paul & Jennifer Utecht
20, 1991 - Jesse & Dawn Buntrock
22, 2017 - Austin & Katie Gueths
26, 1983 - Steve & Carol Verstoppen
26, 1969 - Allen & Peggy Lange
27, 1968 - Robert & Joanne Behrens
30, 2016 - Keith & Katelyn Jashinsky
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 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Levi Wendorff	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5	6	7 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Kendra Westphal
		Higher Things – Northfield, MN				
8 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 – Pastor 10 yr. Anniversary Potluck Acolyte: Tucker Reinke	9	10	11	12 1:00 Bible Study	13	14 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Isaac Buettner
	Concordia Theological Seminary – Continuing Education Class at St. Jakobi					
15 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Blake Hartmann	16	17 7:00 Council Meeting	18	19	20	21 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Colton Olson
22 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Isaiah McDowell	23	24	25	26	27	28 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Tucker Pyatskowitz
29 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Voter Meeting Acolyte: Ethan Pleshek	30	31		Elders: Sat: Mike Kroenke Sun: Rich Raddant & Bob Behrens Spec: Jon Wesenberg	Altar Guild: Joanne Bublitz Laura Prodell Betty Szucs Cindy Winkler	

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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

