

## From Pastor Kleinschmidt

The word that Jesus uses to describe Christians who will live after his ascension into heaven is disciple. He says to the eleven disciples gathered around him, “God and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” The disciples are to make more disciples by baptism and teaching. This makes perfect sense when we understand what the word disciple means.

Disciple comes from the Greek word μαθητής (mathetes). It literally means learner. Jesus says that disciples are inducted into the classroom of faith when they are given faith through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Then the faith is nurtured and grows through a life of learning. The disciples had been learning from Jesus for the past three and a half years and now they are going to teach others about what Jesus had taught and the great miracle of his resurrection from the dead.

Here at St. Jakobi we spent a significant amount of time and energy teaching the children at Vacation Bible School. We do this not because we want to give the kids a good time or we want to give the parents some free babysitting. No, we do this because we take seriously the word of Jesus to make disciples. We teach the God’s Word to these children because Jesus says the we should not hinder the little children from coming to him. The teaching that we give to these children doesn’t just turn the narrative of Holy Scripture into the source material for some nice cartoons. Instead we speak the truth of God’s Word at a level that the kids can understand. We don’t change God’s Word, we simply teach God’s Word. The kids are disciples who are to be taught.

I take this to heart for myself as well. We hosted Rev. Dr. Charles Gieschen last week at St. Jakobi. He is professor and Academic Dean at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN. Our congregation hosted a class for other pastors to come and learn from him as he taught about the patterns of ministry that are shown in the New Testament. The pastor who fails to be a disciple, that

is, who fails to be a learner, will fail his people. One of the Biblical requirements of pastor is that he be apt to teach. (1 Timothy 3:2). To be a teacher a pastor must be a learner, a disciple.

This pattern of learning and discipleship will continue this summer with nine high schoolers travelling to the campus of Concordia University, Mequon to attend the Higher Things Conference. The kids will spend time in large groups learning and also have opportunity for break-away sessions where they can choose what topic of the Christian faith they want to learn about.

For the kids of this age it is easy to think that learning is done because Sunday School is behind them and Catechism class is completed. One of the goals of taking the kids to Higher Things is to teach them that we are life-long disciples (learners) of the Christian faith. They will experience a variety of worship services and hear many different preachers. In this they will learn that the church is bigger than their little congregation and there is much to learn about the Christian faith.

I would encourage you to follow the examples of the children, of me, and of the high school youth; learn. Learn the truth of God’s Word. Learn the history of Genesis, the amazing acts of salvation in Exodus, the conviction of the prophets’ words, the teachings of Jesus, the passion of Jesus, the spiritual care of the epistles, and what awaits you in heaven from Revelation. Every single one of us is a disciple and so we should be learning what the Christian faith is. This isn’t to say that you need to be brilliant or get your doctorate in theology, but for every adult in the congregation there is room to learn the basics of God’s Word and become more familiar with the way God speaks and works. This means attending Bible class on Thursday afternoon or Sunday morning. As your pastor, I am here to teach you so let me teach you when you come to Bible class.

As disciples of the Lord, we grow in our baptismal grace when we are learners of the Word who rejoice in all that the Lord has to teach us.

As a disciple of Christ,  
-Pastor Kleinschmidt



# ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

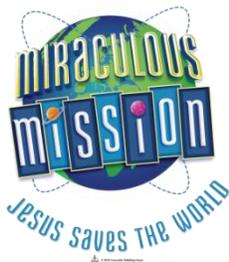
## CONFIRMATION

On June 9<sup>th</sup>, seven young adults confessed their Christian faith and were confirmed. Those confirmed this year were Chloe Bohl, Isaac Buettner, Blake Hartmann, Isaiah McDowell, Colton Olson, Ethan Pleshek, and Tucker Pyatskowitz. The Lord bless each of them all of their days as they live their lives of faith in Jesus Christ, their Savior.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS was the week of June 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year was **Miraculous Mission-Jesus Saves the World!** We had a great week with about 150 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. Vacation Bible School was a wonderful success and we give all the glory to God.



## READINGS AT CHURCH

- July 7<sup>th</sup>:** Isaiah 66:10-14  
Galatians 6:1-10,14-18  
Luke 10:1-20
- July 14<sup>th</sup>:** Leviticus 19:9-18  
Colossians 1:1-14  
Luke 10:25-37
- July 21<sup>st</sup>:** Genesis 18:1-10a  
Colossians 1:21-29  
Luke 10:38-42
- July 28<sup>th</sup>:** Genesis 18:20-33  
Colossians 2:6-15  
Luke 11:1-13

## TEACHING GOD'S WORD

Are you willing to share an hour of your time on Sunday mornings, teaching the Sunday school children about God? Have you thought about how rewarding it would be to know that you are instrumental in guiding children in building their faith? We're looking for teachers for the upcoming Sunday School year, which will start in September. If you would like further information, or are interested in becoming a teacher, please reach out to one of the members of the Board of Education: Jamie Popp, Andrew Gueths, or Sally Kroenke.

## VOICES OF PRAISE - CHOIR

Do you like to sing? The choir is looking for additional members to round out their group. We're especially in need of basses and tenors, but will welcome all. If you're interested, please speak with Joanne Bublitz. Please think seriously about it, and you will be most welcome. The choir will begin meeting again in September.

## CHURCH PICNIC

The Church Picnic was on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Because of the sprinkles the outdoor service was forced into the Sanctuary. The kids from VBS did a FANTASTIC job singing. There was a bounce house for the kids, horse drawn wagon rides, and a great meal in the parish hall. If you didn't come this year, be sure to come next year!

## VOTER MEETING

The July Voter Meeting will be held on **July 28<sup>th</sup>** after Church. Watch the bulletin for an announcement of the agenda.

## 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>

## WEDDING

United in marriage on June 1<sup>st</sup> was Jesse Waldvogel and Brittany Zelhofer. May the Lord bless them all the days of their marriage.

## HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE

High School Youth will be going to the [Higher Things](#) Youth Conference on the campus of Concordia University Wisconsin Mequon, July 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. We have nine youth and four adults attending this year. The theme is *Concordia: Dare to be Lutheran*. 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

## LETTER FROM SEMINARIAN ANDREW TWIETMEYER

Dear Friends at St. Jakobi, 5/25/19  
We're going east! The day of placement seemed to last forever. Finally, at 7pm, the service started and we learned that Andrew had been placed at Zion Lutheran Church in Columbus, Ohio. We were super surprised! Columbus is a city of almost 900,000 and Zion has never had a vicar before. Nevertheless, we think that the church is a great fit for Andrew. On July 21<sup>st</sup> he starts preaching, teaching, and learning from his supervising pastor. We have two whole months to relax, pack and have fun! The kids want to visit the zoo and children's museum. Andrew is planning to do more fishing and exercising this summer. Elizabeth wants to tour the oldest church in Fort Wayne, the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. We said 'goodbye for now' to our fieldwork congregation last Sunday. Due to its distance from home, we'll be attending another church until we move. Andrew organized the first ever fishing tournament at the seminary, and it was a big success. Twenty-five people fished in the pond in front of chapel. Many of them won prizes for the longest fish per species. He was excited to plan and execute the tournament, and the weather couldn't have been better. We have every reason to be optimistic after Andrew's first half of seminary. Thank you for your support and for reading our letters as we continue on to vicarage. Sincerely: Andrew, Elizabeth, Jane, and Eve Twietmeyer

## USHER SCHEDULE

July 7 <sup>th</sup> :	Jim & Mike
July 14 <sup>th</sup> :	Marshal & Donna
July 21 <sup>st</sup> :	Mark & Dale
July 28 <sup>th</sup> :	Jeff & Jim

## ST. JAKOBI ON FACEBOOK

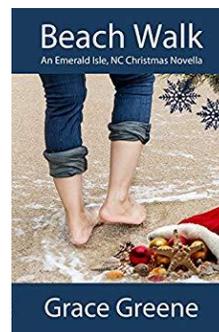
St. Jakobi has a [Facebook page](#). Stay up to date on happenings at church by liking the page. There have been many pictures posted from VBS and the Church picnic on the Facebook page. You don't need a Facebook account, just visit the website: [www.facebook.com/lcmsjakobi](http://www.facebook.com/lcmsjakobi)

## LIBRARY PLANTING SEEDS

(Section 1- Series Book 3) On a winter night several years before, a young runaway, Kelli, stumbled onto the porch of an oceanfront cottage. The woman who lived there, Margie, took her in and gave her the gifts of safety and security. Twelve years later, Margie dies. Kelli continues living at the cottage until the day the woman's nephew arrives for a Christmas visit. And he intends to stay.

Dylan has been on the road for many years. He calls himself a traveler, but he's tired of always being on the move. When he arrives at his aunt's home, he learns that she has died.

Who has the better claim? And how far will Kelli go to keep the house that has become her home?



## 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 - Marcos Kriewaldt  
15 - Axlyn Erickson  
17 - 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 - 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  
04, 1981 - Mark & Mollie Schuster  
07, 1979 - Bill & Jane Mott Sr.  
09, 1960 - Roger & Sally Ann Piehl  
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 & Kate 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 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <i>Independence Day</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Kennedi Meyers	
<b>7</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Levi Wendorff <b>10:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>6:00 Elders</b>	<b>11</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b> <b>7:00 Council</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Kendra Westphal	
<b>14</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Ella Stuber <b>10:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Higher Things Youth Conference</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Josie Gueths
<b>21</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Derek Hartmann	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Cienna Kuhn	
<b>28</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>Voters Meeting</b> <b>after service</b> Acolyte: James Lange	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Elders:</b> <b>Sat:</b> Jamison Yorton <b>Sun:</b> Mike Kroenke Chuck Stoehr <b>Spec:</b> Jon Wesenberg	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Joanne Bublitz Lorine Raddant Sally Kroenke Cindy Winkler		

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“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

