

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

This year marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther posting the 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. Luther posted them on October 31st, 1517 because the following day, November 1st was All Saints' Day when the church would be full and many people could read what he had written.

On June 25th we will also mark another important day in the Reformation. On June 25th, 1530 the Augsburg Confession was presented to the Holy Roman Emperor, Charles V. The Augsburg Confession is a part of the Book of Concord which our congregation pledges itself to as it is a true exposition of what Holy Scripture teaches.

The following is taken from the book *Celebrating the Saints* by William Weeden that explains the significance of the Augsburg Confession and the events that led to its writing and presentation.

"In 1521, called to account for his faith, an Augustinian monk stood alone before the emperor at Worms. Nine tumultuous years later, a crowd of princes and representatives of free cities, with their theologians, stood before the same emperor in Augsburg to account for the faith they had now come to share with that erstwhile monk, Martin Luther. The document they presented and insisted upon reading in its entirety before Charles V that day in 1530 is the foundational confession of the Lutheran Church.

The responsibility for drawing it up fell to Philipp Melancthon, since Luther was outlawed and not allowed to stand before the emperor. Melancthon came to Augsburg with a series of articles already in hand that explained the changes that the Lutheran territories had made in a number of ceremonies and laid out the scriptural reasons for these. However, on arriving in the city, the Lutheran party was astounded at the misinformation spread abroad about them. They were being accused of nearly every ancient heresy. Clearly, they needed more than an explanation of

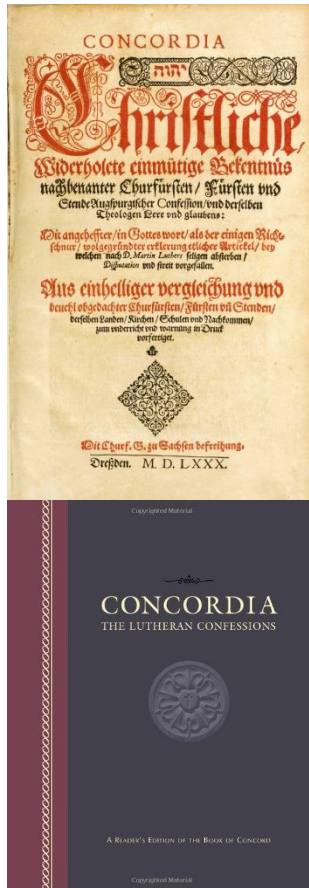
abuses that had been corrected. They needed to show that they were actually not heretical and held to the same catholic and apostolic faith that the Church had always confessed.

So Melancthon, under enormous pressure and in a very short time, drafted the first part of the Augsburg Confession to which he appended the second section on various corrected abuses. The conviction of the Augsburg Confessors is seen clearly here: "This then is nearly a complete summary of our teaching. As can be seen, there is nothing that varies from the Scriptures, or from the Church universal, or from the Church of Rome, as known from its writers. Since this is the case, those who insist that our teachers are to be regarded as heretics are judging harshly" (AC Article XXI, paragraph 1). The entire confession concludes with this assertion: "In doctrine and ceremonies we have received nothing contrary to the Scriptures or the Church universal. It is clear that we have been very careful to make sure no new ungodly doctrine creeps into our churches."

A pervasively irenic spirit and a careful and clear statement of doctrine characterize the Augsburg Confession. It aligns the Lutheran Church solidly with the ancient Church's teaching of Scripture and shows that the various abuses corrected in Lutheran territories on the basis of the Word of God were mostly medieval innovations, unknown in the first centuries. To be a Lutheran Christian remains to this day to be a confessor of the Augsburg Confession" (p. 104-105).

If you would like to read the Augsburg Confession, you can read it online at <http://bookofconcord.org/augsburgconfession.php>. It is also located beginning on page 27 of *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions*. It was common practice that the Augsburg Confession would be included in the preface materials of most large German Bibles.

In Christ,
Pastor Kleinschmidt



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held the week of **June 5th-9th** in the mornings from 9am-Noon. The theme this year is **Mighty Fortress: In Jesus, the Victory is Won!** Using the Reformation hymn, *A Mighty Fortress is our God*, we'll learn the Bible verse "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 15:57) The week of VBS is the week after school gets out and the week before Summer School begins. Make plans now to have your children attend, help, or tell your grandkids and friends about this great opportunity to learn about Jesus. You can register your children at <https://vbsmate.com/JakobiVBS>



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Day is Pentecost Sunday which is June 4th.

CHURCH PICNIC & OUTDOOR SERVICE

The Church Picnic will be Sunday, June 11th after the Outdoor Service. We will have socializing, games, a bounce house for the kids, and a great meal to share. Feel free to bring games to share. The church will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, pickles, and drinks. If your last name starts with A-N, bring a dessert to share and O-Z, bring a side dish to share. Plan on staying after church and enjoying great fellowship with our congregation and visitors. (wear casual clothes!) There is a signup sheet in the Narthex for anyone that wants to help in the kitchen or help clean-up after our Church Picnic.

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>

CONGREGATION TRIP TO NOAH'S ARK

On Monday, **June 26th** youth from the congregation will be travelling to the Dells to join other youth from all over the North Wisconsin District. We will carpool from the church to the Dells and leave from church at 7:30am. The cost is \$33/person and includes park admission, lunch, soda, and a chance at door prizes. We will leave See the bulletin board for further information. You can sign up on a sheet in the Narthex. You must sign up by **June 11th**.



LUTHERAN EDUCATION

St. Jakobi has funds available to help pay or tuition at [St. James Elementary School](#), [Wolf River Lutheran High School](#), or at Concordia University if your student is majoring in a church-work field. Don't let tuition be a stumbling block to a Lutheran school education. Talk to Pastor if you need assistance or have questions.

UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

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| June 4th: | Numbers 11:24-30 Acts 2:1-21 John 7:37-39 |
| June 11th: | Genesis 1:1-2:4a Acts 2:14a, 22-36 Matthew 28: 16-20 |
| June 18th: | Exodus 19:2-8 Romans 5:6-15 Matthew 9:35-10:8 |
| June 25th: | Jeremiah 20:7-13 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:5a, 21-33 |

PARISH EDUCATION

Sunday School is done for the school year and will begin again the weekend after Labor Day. We will continue to have Adult Bible Class on Sundays after church along with the Thursday afternoon class that studies the Bible readings for the upcoming weekend.

COMING NEXT MONTH...

Look for pictures of Confirmation and Vacation Bible School in your July newsletter.

LETTER FROM SEMINARIAN TWIETMEYER:

We support a Seminarian each year and this year we are supporting Andy Twietmeyer. He is beginning Seminary this summer and came to visit St. Jakobi on April 23rd. We look forward to supporting him in his journey to be a pastor in Christ's Church.

5/1/2017

Dear Saints at St. Jakobi,

What a joy it was to worship with you. The Gospel that was proclaimed to us is the same I hope to preach to others some day. My family felt very welcomed and at home and it was wonderful to meet so many of you.

We are thankful for your gracious gift to us. It will go a long way toward supporting my family and me during our time at seminary.

You may be wondering where these Twietmeyers are from. Elizabeth was born in Shawano and grew up in Wittenberg. I was born in Grand Rapids, MI and lived there until I started college at Concordia University Wisconsin, where I met Elizabeth. Even though I'm a Michigander by birth, my father had the good sense to raise me a Packers fan.

Elizabeth and I were married in January of 2013. We have spent the last four years in the Wausau area. I taught Social Studies and English at Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School for two years before becoming a stay at home dad. We have two wonderful daughters. Jane is three and her favorite places to go are the library, the children's museum, and church. Eve just turned one in March and loves to crawl into our kitchen cabinets and play with the baking supplies.

We will write to you again this summer to let you know how the move went and how Summer Greek is going. It will be a great adventure, and we are honored that you've chosen to support us.

Thank you again

God's richest blessings to all of you.

Andrew Twietmeyer



BAPTISMS

Baptized into Christ on April 22nd was Brynlee Ann Carroll. She is the daughter of Casey Carroll & Linsey Gamroth. She was born July 30, 2014 and her baptismal sponsors are Adam Carroll & Rochelle Jahnke.



Baptized into Christ on April 23rd was Ainsley Marie Jashinsky. She is the daughter of Keith & Katelyn Jashinsky. She was born April 5, 2017 and her baptismal sponsors are Lindsey Allen, Kaylee Jashinsky, and Kraig Jashinsky.

PLANTING SEEDS

(Book Section D,E) Sixteen-year-old Simi Fremont thinks she's found her dream job and the solution to her family's money problems. But the modeling agency she found online is not what it seems. It'll take every bit of her faith for her to escape the dangerous scheme and survive.



LUTHERAN UNION FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

In order to assist LCMS Lutherans



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and congregations, a new Credit Union has been started. This credit union is for members of LCMS congregations and offers a full-range of banking products. They offer online and mobile banking with a network of over 5,000 ATMs. This no-cost banking option may be just what you are looking for with the service you desire. You can find out more at www.lutheranfcu.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

Christians confess three historical, ecumenical Creeds. They are the Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed. We say the Athanasian Creed once a year on Trinity Sunday. This year Trinity Sunday is June 11th but because we have the outdoor service that weekend, we will confess the Athanasian Creed on June 17th and 18th. The Creeds summarize what the Holy Scriptures teach about who God is and what He has done and is doing.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 - Debra Schneider
1 - Courtney Drake
2 - Terri Teetzen
2 - Kristi Skalitzky
2 - Callie Boyles
2 - Alison Sperberg
3 - Dan Krueger
3 - Joshua Berkhahn
3 - Jeremy Pyatskowitz
4 - Miranda Fink
6 - Sheila Herrmann
6 - Lincoln Ejnik
7 - Wendy Kroenke
8 - Steven Verstoppen Jr
8 - Debbie Laehn
9 - Darryl Prodell
10 - Howard Popp
12 - Kourtney Erickson
12 - Paul Romberg
13 - Russell Cotter
14 - Chad Wendorff
17 - Betty Szucs
17 - Duwane Pieper
17 - Bobbi Jo Ladwig
19 - Talia Tonn
19 - Landon Lindner
19 - Dana Price
20 - Kaitlyn West
21 - Becky West
21 - Jerele Westphal
23 - Jeff Buettner
25 - Joanne Bublitz
26 - Chuck Stoehr
26 - Tucker Steinke
26 - Ashley Damveld
27 - Emily Teetzen
27 - Derek Drake
27 - Samuel Gueths
28 - Marjorie Vorpahl
28 - Harper Ejnik
28 - Carrie Bohl
30 - Mary Jung
30 - Carrie Fink

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.

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

3, 2000 - Robin & Karen Ross
6, 2015 - Kendric & Lindsey Allen
7, 1980 - Jeff & Mary Theis
11, 1977 - Thomas & Pamela Anderson
14, 1969 - Marshal & Susan Giese
15, 1968 - Albert & Elaine Schroeder
16, 1987 - James & Lisa VanScoik
16, 2001 - Rob & Jessica McDowell
18, 2005 - Faron & Kristi Skalitzky
18, 2016 - Adam & Katie Carroll
19, 1971 - Robert & Barbara Bubolz
20, 1970 - John & Iris Ottman
21, 1980 - Jeff & Teresa Schuettpelz
23, 1962 - Lawrence & Nancy Schroeder
30, 1990 - Michael & Vicki Waldvogel
30, 2007 - Cory & Rachel Neville

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.

June 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Elders: Sat: Tom Tuma Sun: Jon Wesenberg Chuck Stoehr Spec: Don Bublitz | Altar Guild: Joanne Bublitz Judi Raddant Cindy Winkler Carrie Westphal | | | 1 1:00 Bible Study | 2 | 3 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Rylee Trochill |
| 4 Confirmation Day 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Braden Teetzen | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Kloie Boyles |
| VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9:00-12:00 | | | | | | |
| | | | | 1:00 Bible Study | | |
| 11 9:00 Outdoor Service 10:00 Church Picnic | 12 | 13 | 14 Flag Day | 15 1:00 Bible Study | 16 | 17 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Isaiah Gueths |
| 18 Father's Day 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Kaden Marcell | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 1:00 Bible Study | 23 | 24 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Jacob Nevins |
| 25 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Ally Popp | 26 7:30 Noah's Ark Trip | 27 | 28 | 29 1:00 Bible Study | 30 | |

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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

