

## From Pastor Kleinschmidt

A number of years ago we had a Bible Study at church that studied the little 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.”

I'm going to spend some time over the next several months sharing some of the insights of this book in this article space.

1. **Go to Church.** “If you are going to live a Jesus-centered life, you had better start by getting Jesus.” If you're going to live a life that is centered on Jesus you must be where he is. Of course God is omnipresent, that is, he is everywhere. That said, he has promised in Holy Scripture to be with you with his grace, love and forgiveness through His Word, Baptism, and Holy Communion. Going to church is the first and foremost place where living a Jesus-centered life happens. To be quite practical, you have to make time for this. There are lots of things that pull at your time and you have to make that intentional decision to go to church and hear God's Word.

If you find yourself struggling to want to go to church or you think you don't get much of anything out of it, the first place to look to criticize is your sinful nature. The Old Adam in us doesn't want to be around God's Word and so the Devil will tempt you to forgo the gathering together of God's Saints on a Sunday morning or Saturday night.

Secondly, when you go to church, don't be a passive observer but instead be an active participant. Make the effort to involve your body in worship. This means standing and sitting as you are physically able and maybe even making the sign of

the cross. In addition, you can concentrate on all the different parts of the service and focus on what God is saying. This makes the service fly by and it will seem but a little time since you entered into the sanctuary.

As you listen to the sermon, take an active role in it. Consider what I'm saying, why I'm referencing a certain Bible passage, is what I am saying convicting you of sin, or pronouncing God's forgiveness to you. Analyze. Consider. Receive.

Every service will be centered on life and death, sin and forgiveness. Another aspect of this is Confession and Absolution. You can always contact me if you would like to learn more about private confession and absolution. It is an application of

God's Word to the sinner who has confessed a particular sin so that they may hear a word of forgiveness for that particular sin. It is of special comfort to those who are troubled by a certain sin.

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

1. Make time to attend church each Sunday.

2. Prepare for worship each week with the prayers in the front of the hymnal. Use the prayers there to

prepare for receiving Communion as well.

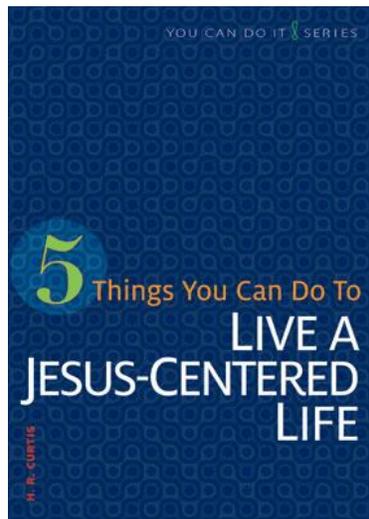
3. Listen for Law and Gospel in the sermon; take notes if you like

4. Make an appointment with your pastor for Confession and Absolution.

In the coming months I'll reflect on the other 4 points of living a Jesus-centered life. In addition to **Go to Church**, they are: **Go Read. Go Pray. Go Work. Come 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



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# ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

## CONFIRMATION

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, nine young adults confessed their Christian faith and were confirmed. Those confirmed this year are pictured front row left to right: Isaiah Gueths, Ally Popp, Kloie Boyles, Kylie Teetzen, Kersten Stueck, Jacob Nevins (back row l to r): Carson Popp, Kaden Marcell, Jordan Thompson. The Lord bless each of them all of their days as they live their lives of faith in Jesus Christ, their Savior.



## CHURCH PICNIC & OUTDOOR SERVICE

The Church Picnic will be Sunday, **June 17<sup>th</sup>** 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 side dish to share and O-Z, bring a dessert 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.

## LUTHERAN EDUCATION

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held the week of **June 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>** in the mornings. The theme this year is **Splash Canyon: God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride**. 2 Corinthians 1:20 is the theme verse: "For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him." 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 [www.vbsmate.com/JakobiVBS](http://www.vbsmate.com/JakobiVBS).



## BUILDING COMMITTEE

The last four months the future planning committee has been meeting about the future needs of the congregation. A report was given at the April 29<sup>th</sup> Voter Meeting. After receiving the report a building committee was formed by the voters to take the suggestions and ideas and begin planning for a future building project and contact an architect to do some conceptual drawings of an addition to the church building that would replace the Parish Hall. If you would like to be on the building committee, please contact Steve Gueths, Curt Wendorff, or signup in the Narthex. We would like to see people from all different demographics on the committee and people involved in lots of different activities so that many viewpoints are taken into consideration. **We have not decided to build**, only to continue considering the possibilities and what an addition to the church might look like.

## PASTOR'S 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AT ST. JAKOBI

Mark your calendar for July 8<sup>th</sup>. We will have a potluck to honor Pastor Kleinschmidt's 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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>

## 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.

## READINGS AT CHURCH

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Deuteronomy 5:12-15

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Mark 2:23-28

**June 10<sup>th</sup>:** Genesis 3:8-15

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

**June 17<sup>th</sup>:** Ezekiel 17:22-24

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Mark 4:26-34

**June 24<sup>th</sup>:** Isaiah 40:1-5

Acts 13:13-26

Luke 1:57-80

## USHER SCHEDULE

June 3<sup>rd</sup>: Troy & Jim

June 10<sup>th</sup>: Donna & Marshal

June 17<sup>th</sup>: Jamison & Dale

June 24<sup>th</sup>: Troy & Jeff

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## BAPTISM

Baptized into Christ on April 29<sup>th</sup> was Jason Joshua Schmidt. He is the son of Mike & Amber Schmidt. He was born January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and his baptismal sponsors are Alyxis Paiser and Matt Vomastic.

## PLANTING SEEDS

(Book Section 1) Book 2 of the series: In 1942 San Francisco, war has touched every part of the

Mulligans' lives. With their brother killed at Pearl Harbor, their father recovering from tuberculosis, and their eldest sister a nurse in the Army, those at home are left to keep on, wondering if it's possible to thrive...or only to survive. Pragmatic Margaret struggles with the gap between the dreams she'd always fostered of married life and the reality of having a husband an ocean away—combined with the concerns for the family store in uncertain times. Colleen has always been considered the superficial sister, but when a chance at her dream of Hollywood makes her second-guess her hopes and tragedy shakes her to her core, her family sees a side of her they never expected. Molly, always the hopeful one, dedicates herself fully to the war effort at home—but can all the optimism in the world guard her against harsh reality? Who can she talk to when troubles come? Each of the Mulligan sisters must do her part to keep the family going—and each must find her own new place as the world shifts under their feet and time goes by.



## ST. JAKOBI ON FACEBOOK

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

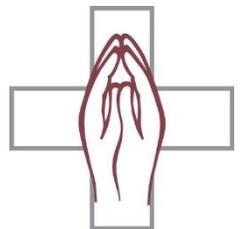


## PRAYER PARTNERS

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](mailto:gmweck2329@gmail.com).

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



## 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  
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  
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  
18, 2005 - Faron & Kristi Skalitzky  
18, 2016 - Adam & Katie Carroll  
19, 1971 - Robert & Barbara Bubolz  
21, 1980 - Jeff & Teresa Schuettpelz  
23, 1962 - Lawrence & Nancy Schroeder  
24, 1961 - Philip & Carolyn Zuhse  
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 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Elders:</b> Sat: Rich Raddant Sun: Mike Kroenke & Jon Wesenberg Spec: Chuck Stoehr	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Joanne Bublitz Noël Kleinschmidt Kathy Fonger Cindy Winkler				1	<b>2</b> <b>6:30 Service(HC)</b> Acolyte: Rylee Trochil
<b>3</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Bible Study</b> Acolyte: Hannah Hoffman	4	5	6	7 1:00 Bible Study	8	<b>9</b> <b>6:30 Service(HC)</b> Acolyte: Kennedi Meyers
<b>10</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Bible Study</b> Acolyte: Lainey Peters	11	12	13	14	15	<b>16</b> <b>6:30 Service(HC)</b> Acolyte: Chloe Bohl
	<b>Vacation Bible School 9:00-12:00</b>				1:00 Bible Study	
<b>17</b> <i>Father's Day</i> <b>9:00 Outdoor Service</b> <b>10:00 Church Picnic</b>	18	19	20	21 1:00 Bible Study	22	<b>23</b> <b>6:30 Service(HC)</b> Acolyte: Ella Stuber
<b>24</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Bible Study</b> Acolyte: Teagen Thompson	25	26	27	28 1:00 Bible Study	29	<b>30</b> <b>6:30 Service(HC)</b> Acolyte: Laci Sperberg

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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## **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

