

## *From Pastor Kleinschmidt*

**D**uring the Exodus of the Israelites out of Egypt and towards the Promised Land they recognize the presence of God with them. It was comforting for them to see the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. The presence of those pillars told them that God was with them. Even more so as they reach Mount Sinai and Moses is on top of the mountain receiving the commandments and law from God; the mountain shakes, there is lightning and thunder. The presence of God takes on this very concrete form for them.

From these instances, God tells them to build a tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant. God said that he would be with the people with His mercy in these physical objects and physical places. The people would have a place to go where they would make their sacrifices, pray, and receive mercy from the LORD who had taken them up out of Egyptian slavery.

These Old Testament examples of God's presence makes us New Testament people of God jealous. We want the presence of God to be with us like a pillar of cloud and fire or the ark of the covenant or a smoking mountain. And it is certainly true that God's presence with us is different now. The coming of Jesus Christ to earth changes all of this.

At the beginning of John's Gospel he says, "The Word became flesh and **dwelt** among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." The highlighted word, 'dwelt' is the same Old Testament word used to describe the tabernacle, the place where God was present for His people. God is present for us in the incarnation of Jesus Christ. This is the way that God has chosen to be present with you.

The first verses of the book of Hebrews says, "Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his son." God was

present in days of old but he also spoke. He spoke to His people by using the prophets. Now in the days in which we live God doesn't speak through prophets, he speaks through His Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Word made flesh and so your Bible is the way that God speaks to you. Each time you read a passage, hear it read in church, or study it in Bible class, God is present with you. Just as the voice of a person makes them present as you hear them, God's voice makes him to be present with you.

It is certainly tempting to try and look for God's presence in a sunrise, sunset, the calm forest, or the birds at the feeder. But in the same way that a smartphone testifies that somebody made it but doesn't tell you who made it; creation only tells you there is a creator. The creator of all is the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We know who he is by

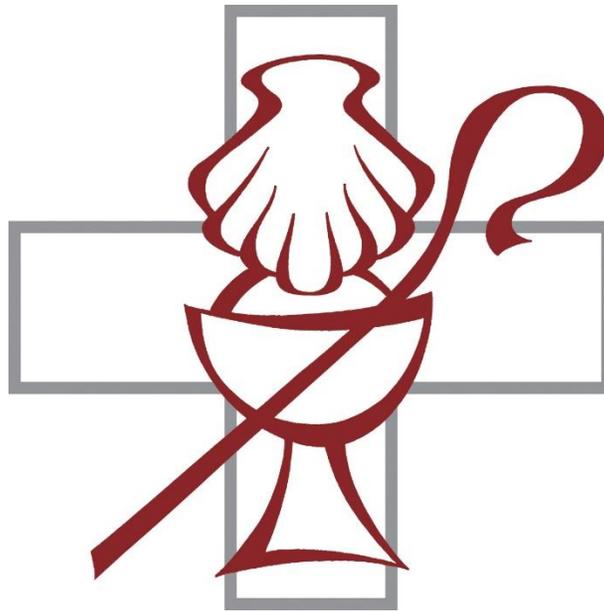
His Word and we know that he is present among us by His Son, Jesus Christ.

To be with God is to be where Jesus is. This means our Scriptures are open, we are rejoicing in the Baptism we have been given, and regularly receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus given to us to eat and to drink. When we kneel at the Communion rail we are united to our God who is present for us in a very unique and special way. He comes to bestow his mercy and forgiveness upon us and be united to us.

Because Jesus dwells with us in this way we know that we will dwell with him forever. Where he is, there His people are. Jesus has ascended to heaven and thus we will join him on that Last Day. You are not far from your God, rather you are as close to him as the Word and Sacraments. His promise to you is to bring to his heavenly side so that you may worship him for all of eternity in peace and tranquility. The lovely habitation of God's house is for you.

Rejoicing in the presence of God,

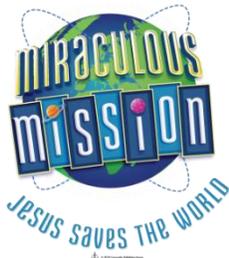
-Pastor Kleinschmidt



# ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held the week of **June 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>** in the mornings. The theme this year is Miraculous Mission. John 3:16 is the theme verse: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." 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. Please register your by visiting <http://vbsmate.com/JakobiVBS>.



## SAVE THE DATE – RED BARN

June 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>. For the first time ever, St. Jakobi will be hosting a brat fry at the Red Barn at Charlie's County Market. If you are interested in helping, please contact Marshal or Sue Giese at 715-787-3217.



## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Day is Pentecost Sunday which is June 9<sup>th</sup>. The examination of the Confirmands is June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to hear them confess their faith.

## READINGS AT CHURCH

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| <b>June 2<sup>nd</sup>:</b>  | Acts 1:12-26<br>Revelation 22:1-6, 12-20<br>John 17:20-26 |
| <b>June 9<sup>th</sup>:</b>  | Genesis 11:1-9<br>Acts 2:1-21<br>John 14:23-31            |
| <b>June 16<sup>th</sup>:</b> | Proverb 8:1-4, 22-31<br>Acts 2:14a, 22-36<br>John 8:48-59 |
| <b>June 23<sup>rd</sup>:</b> | Isaiah 65:1-9<br>Galatians 3:23-4:7<br>Luke 8:26-39       |
| <b>June 30<sup>th</sup>:</b> | 1 Kings 19:9b-21<br>Galatians 5:1, 13-25<br>Luke 9:51-62  |

## CHURCH PICNIC

The Outdoor service and church picnic is June 16<sup>th</sup> following the worship service. The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, chips, and beverages. Members are asked to bring a side dish, salad or dessert. There will be socializing, and a bounce house for the kids. If you have a lawn game that you would like to share, bring for all to enjoy.

## POTLUCK THANK YOU

Thank you: I would like to give a heartfelt thank you for everyone that came to the potluck dinner and for the wonderful gift certificates, monetary gift, cards and kind words from everyone. May God bless each and every one of you. Wendy Kroenke

## SPAGHETTI DINNER THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated desserts, items for the bake sale, or helped with the Spaghetti dinner.

## CEMETERY PLOT OWNERSHIP/HEIRSHIP

If you own or are an heir of a plot on our cemetery, please check your church mailbox. The Cemetery Association has completed new Acknowledgement and Guidelines forms for your records.

## 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>

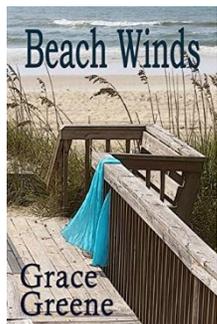
## COMING NEXT MONTH...

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

## BAPTISM

Baptized into Christ on May 4<sup>th</sup> was Oaklynd Rhylee Gast. She is the daughter of Kelsey and Erin Gast. She was born March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Her baptismal sponsors are Lucas Gast and Elizabeth Koeller.

## LIBRARY PLANTING SEEDS



(Section 1- Series Book 2) Frannie Denman has been waiting for her life to begin. After several false starts, and a couple of broken hearts, she ends up back with her mother, with whom she doesn't get along, until her elderly uncle gets sick



and Frannie goes to Emerald Isle to help manage his affairs while he's recovering. Her uncle's oceanfront home, Captain's Walk, is small and unpretentious, and even though Frannie isn't a 'beach person,' she decides Captain's Walk in winter is a great place to hide from her troubles. But Frannie doesn't realize that winter is short in Emerald Isle and the beauty of the ocean and seashore can help heal anyone's heart, especially when her uncle's handyman is the handsome Brian Donovan. Brian has troubles of his own. He sees himself and Frannie as two damaged people who aren't likely to equal a happy 'whole' but he's intrigued by this woman of contradictions. Frannie's mother wants her back home and Brian wants to meet the real Frannie, but Frannie wants to move forward with her life. To do that she needs questions answered. With the right information there's a good chance Frannie will be able to affect not only a change in her life, but also a change of heart.

## LUTHERAN EDUCATION

St. Jakobi has funds available to help pay for 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.

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> but because we have the outdoor service that weekend, we will confess the Athanasian Creed on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Creeds summarize what the Holy Scriptures teach about who God is and what He has done and is doing.

## LUTHERAN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

In order to assist LCMS Lutherans and



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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](http://www.lutheranfcu.org).

## USHER SCHEDULE

June 2 <sup>nd</sup> :	Marshal & Jeff
June 9 <sup>th</sup> :	Mike & Troy
June 16 <sup>th</sup> :	Jim & Jeff
June 23 <sup>rd</sup> :	Marshal & Dale
June 30 <sup>th</sup> :	Donna & Mike

## PICTURE DIRECTORY

Thank you for participating in the picture directory. The committee is currently working on putting things together. You can pick up your free picture or the pictures you ordered before or after church in the coming weeks. We'll have more information about the directory in the coming months.

## ISSUES, ETC

*Issues, Etc.* is an internet radio program hosted by LCMS pastor, Todd Wilken. They address topics in the news from an intentionally Lutheran Christian perspective and interview guests about other issues within the church. Topics include: Why the Public Square Needs Christianity, Joyfully Lutheran, The Lord's Supper, The Hippocratic Oath, Progressivism, Planned Parenthood, Liberal vs. Liberal Arts Education and Christian Hope. and more. You can listen at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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## CALLING ALL USHERS

If you would like to help with ushering, please speak with Don Bublitz after services, or call him at 715-526-5315 by June 10<sup>th</sup>.

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 - Debra Schneider  
1 - Willow Berendt  
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  
6 - Amanda Felkowski  
7 - Wendy Kroenke  
8 - Steven Verstoppen Jr  
8 - Debbie Laehn  
9 - Darryl Prodell  
10 - Howard Popp  
10 - Wyatt Krueger  
12 - Kourtney Erickson  
12 - Paul Romberg  
13 - Russell Cotter  
14 - Chad Wendorff  
14 - Owen Gueths  
17 - Betty Szucs  
17 - Duwane Pieper  
17 - Bobbi Jo Ladwig  
19 - Talia Tonn  
19 - Landon Lindner  
19 - Dana Price  
20 - Kaitlyn West  
21 - Mark Schuster  
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  
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 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Elders:</b> Sat: Jon Wesenberg Sun: Jamison Yorton Rich Raddant Spec: Bob Behrens	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Noël Kleinschmidt Joanne Bublitz Sally Kroenke Cindy Winkler					<b>1</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Laci Sperberg
<b>2</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Bible Study</b> Acolyte: Rylee Trochil	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>6:30 Confirmation Examination</b>	<b>6</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Kennedy Meyers
<b>9 Confirmation Day</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Braden Teetzen	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Lily Felckowski
	<b>Vacation Bible School 9:00 - 12:00</b>					
				<b>1:00 Bible Study</b>		
<b>16 Father's Day</b> <b>9:00 Outdoor Service</b> <b>10:00 Church Picnic</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Lainey Peters
				<b>Brat Fry at Red Barn/Charlie's</b>		
<b>23</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Bible Study</b> Acolyte: Tucker Reinke	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Hannah Hoffman
<b>30</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Bible Study</b> Acolyte: Joseph Kleinschmidt						

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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

