

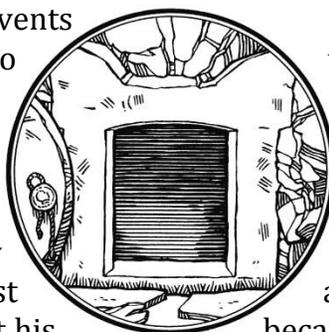
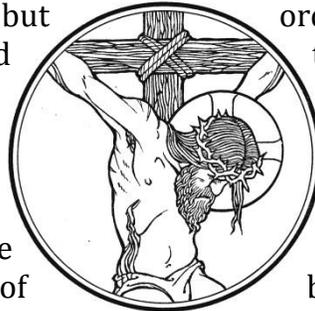
From Pastor Kleinschmidt

Live life to the fullest. Only death and taxes are certain in life. You could perhaps think of some catchy phrase that would have something to say about life and death. Perhaps it would be a personal motto or something that really fits the kind of day you're having. Maybe you want to kill something (like a computer) so that you can live your day in peace. Perhaps your phrase about life or death is in Latin, *Carpe Diem*; Seize the Day.

Whatever we may think of these mottos or phrases they betray the very real fact that we live our life in the midst of death. We think of good ways to deal with the death and make the most of our life and the life of others but there is never a way to completely avoid death.

Death is only the end product of that which we have inherited and that which we have earned ourselves. Paul writes, "The wages of sin is death." There is an outcome to disobeying the Word of the Lord, it is death. So we deal with suffering, with pain, with cancer, with the flu, with death and funerals, with mourning that lasts a lifetime.

As Christians we should embrace this life that we live that includes death. The events of Holy Week will be a good reminder to us that there is betrayal, treachery, lying, violence, suffering, and even death. These things are all directed at Jesus and he endures them for you. As we take time to reflect on Good Friday and the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ on the cross we are to be reminded that his death is actually your death. He dies in your place. The Small Catechism says, "[Jesus] has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death." Jesus entered into this world to rescue you from death.



But this is only a part of what your savior has done for you. On the third day he was raised from the dead. He came back from the dead. This is how Jesus deals with sin and death; he enters into it and then conquers it. Your comfort is that his life is your life. Since Jesus died your death his resurrection is also your resurrection.

Since that is the case, we have some of the greatest words written about life in the midst of death from the Apostle Paul. In Romans 6, he writes, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his...Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him."

We live our lives as people who have already died. You died with Christ in your baptism and you have the new life of Jesus given you in your baptism.

How do we get through life when there is sin and death all around? You remember your baptism. In faith, you remember that Jesus has died for you and he has given you his new life to walk in. As Christians, we live life to the fullest because our life is from Jesus and belongs to Jesus. We seize the day because "this is the day which the Lord has made." Yes, death and taxes may be certain, but neither of them will last forever. Death is only a portal to everlasting life with Jesus.

As Lent draws to a close and Easter approaches, consider how the death and life of Jesus has a daily impact on you and how you can share this death and life with your family and friends.

In the crucified, yet living Lord,
Pastor Kleinschmidt

ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 24th is Maundy Thursday this year. We will recall how Christ has given to us the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar with services at 10:30am and 6:30pm. March 25th is Good Friday when we recall the death of Jesus Christ. Services are at 1:00pm and 6:30pm. We will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter morning, March 27th with services at 6:30am and 9:00am. Please note the difference in time for the Sunrise Service. There is also an Easter breakfast beginning at 7:30am.



LENT DINNERS

The Lent Dinners will be every Wednesday at 5pm during Lent. You can come anytime between 5 and 6 to eat. A free will offering will be collected. You can eat and then stay for the Lenten Service at 6:30. If you are not a part of any of these groups, we would still love to have your help. You can sign up to help with food, setup, or cleanup for any Wednesday in the Narthex and the group in charge will contact you for your help.

March 2nd: Board of Trustees

March 9th: Board of Education

March 16th: Board of Elders

LENT – PLACES OF THE PASSION

At the Wednesday Lent Services we will be hearing of the places that Jesus went in order to bring you salvation. There will be a rotation of pastors who preach on those Wednesdays.

March 2nd: Pastor Mark Palmer

March 9th: Pastor Ted Andrada

March 16th: Pastor Travis Kleinschmidt

UPCOMING SPAGHETTI DINNER:

The Spaghetti Dinner will be held April 17th from 11am-2pm. There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex for donating bars/tortes and also for helping the day of the dinner.

SPRING FORWARD!

Daylight Savings Time begins on March 13th. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour so you will be at church on time Sunday morning.

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship will be at The Main Event in Cecil on Sunday, March 13th. We will meet at Noon for lunch. Everyone is welcome; please sign up in the Narthex.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

3/6 The Good Samaritan

3/13 The Good Shepherd

3/20 No Class- Palm Sunday

3/27 No Class- Easter



PALM SUNDAY – MARCH 20TH

At the Palm Sunday Service the Sunday School children will sing and process into church with Pastor while they are carrying Palm branches. Be sure to have the children here early so they can get lined up to walk in and then sing.

In addition, the Palm Sunday Service will include the reception of New Members. Be sure to welcome those who are joining the congregation.



UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

March 6th: Isaiah 12: 1-6
Corinthians 5: 16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

March 13th: Isaiah 43:16-21
Philippians 3:8-14
Luke 20:9-20

March 20th: Deuteronomy 32:36-39
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 23:1-56

March 27th: Isaiah 65:17-25
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 24:1-12

EASTER BREAKFAST

On Easter morning there is breakfast in the Parish Hall of egg casserole, fruit, and buns. Come between 7:30am and 8:15am for a great breakfast!

EASTER VIGIL

Last year we were invited to an Easter Vigil service at Zion Lutheran Church in Embarrass on the Saturday before Easter. This year the service will be held at St. Jakobi at 6:30pm on March 26th. Pastor Jerabek will assist with the service. This unique and special service is a reflection of how God made promises of a Savior in the Old Testament and with the Resurrection of Jesus they all come true.

ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild Looking for New Members: If you would like to get more involved in the church, think about joining the Altar Guild. What does the Altar Guild do? We prepare the Altar for every church service...changing paraments when needed, set up communion, display flowers and plants. We also set up and serve the Easter Breakfast and set up the Harvest Display for Thanksgiving Day and the Mitten tree before Christmas. Join us on the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. for our monthly meetings and join in on all the fun! "Serve the Lord with Gladness!" Psalm 100:2

CONSIDERING A LUTHERAN SCHOOL?

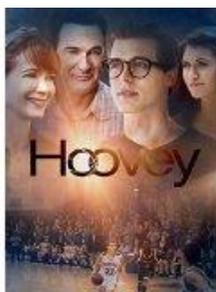
St. Jakobi has funds available to help pay for tuition at [St. James Elementary School](#), [Wolf River Lutheran High School](#), or at Concordia University if your student is majoring in a church-work field. Don't let tuition be a stumbling block to a Lutheran school education. Talk to Pastor if you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



LIBRARY NEWS

PLANTING SEEDS

This must-see film, based on a true story, showcases Hoovey Elliot's struggles with overcoming a near-fatal brain tumor. Will he ever be able to play basketball again? Will his dream of playing college basketball become a reality? Will his family be able to save their farm from financial ruin due to medical bills? What about the new kid, Donovan, who moves to Hoovey's small Illinois town. Will he cause more trouble for Hoovey? Find the answers on the DVD, located in the library.



MOVIE NIGHT

On Sunday, March 20th at 2pm we will be watching a movie in the Narthex at church. We will watch *The Passion of the Christ* that Mel Gibson directed in 2004. Bring snacks and drinks to share and we will have a discussion about the movie afterwards. This movie is rated R because of graphic violence.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held the week of **June 6th-10th** in the mornings. The theme this year is **Barnyard Roundup: Jesus gathers us together.** Psalm 23 will be the theme verses. The week of VBS is the week after school gets out and the week before Summer School begins. Do you want to volunteer? We'll be looking for helpers soon. Make plans now to have your children attend, help, or tell your grandkids and friends about this great opportunity to learn about Jesus. Look for registration material next month.

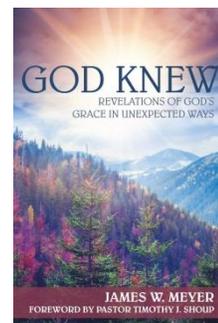


SNAIL MAIL? EMAIL?

You can receive this newsletter in your mailbox at church or by email. You can sign up for email delivery at <http://www.bit.ly/Jakobisignup>

BOOK SIGNING

If you've wondered if God has a plan for your life, rest assured—He does. James W. Meyer's captivating story of faith during life-changing events confirms God's promise to "never leave you nor forsake you." For many years, Jim took care of his ill parents and after their deaths, was inspired to write *God Knew*. By his personal journey, Jim hopes to encourage others who have also lost a loved one. Jim is a life-long Shawano resident and is currently an active member at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bonduel. You can learn more at: www.Godknewbook.com. Jim will have a book signing at church on March 12th and 13th.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

1 - Molly Buettner
2 - Marcia Buettner
2 - Mark Buettner
2 - Michael Waldvogel
4 - Darlene Wendorff
4 - Matthew Van Buren
6 - Sabrina West
6 - Jennifer Murdock
8 - Mary VanScoik
8 - Jeremy Buenning
8 - Allyssa Verstoppen
9 - Grant Riesenberg
9 - David Buettner
10 - Lucas Schoenike
10 - Jeff Opperman
10 - Ethan Pleshek
11 - Tabb Magee
11 - Ella Stuber
12 - Jesse Waldvogel
12 - Kadence Meyers
12 - Lynn Trochil
13 - Jessica McDowell
13 - Joel Buettner
14 - Patti Burr
14 - Sandy Wendorff
14 - Sara Steinke
15 - Kelsie Wendorff
15 - Darwin Drake
15 - Payten Thompson
15 - Kaden Marcell
16 - Karen Lane
17 - Braden Teetzen
17 - Payton Skalitzky
18 - Robert Buettner
19 - Carson Popp
19 - Allison Popp
20 - Betty Lemke
20 - Lindsey Allen
20 - Ethan Magee
21 - Doug Berkhahn
21 - Luella Selle
23 - Emily Pleshek
24 - Emma Prodell
24 - Josh Trochil
25 - Melanie Buenning
25 - Scott Kosnicki
25 - Connor Stuber
27 - Luke Lindner
28 - Zoey Riesenberg
29 - Michael Bohm

A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

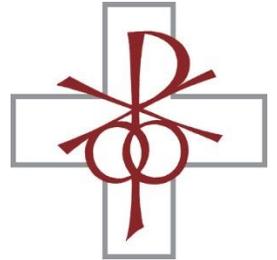
Heavenly Father, our times are in Your hands. Look with favor on name as he/she celebrates his/her birthday. Grant that he/she may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. Strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness and bless him/her with Your abiding love all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:

01, 2008 – Justin & Sarah Engel
02, 1996 – Chris & Jamie Popp
03, 1973 – Wilbur & Connie Steinke
08, 1997 – Jason & Janelle Lange
11, 1994 – Carl & Holly Montoure

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.

March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elders: Sat: Brian Sperberg Sun: Don Bublitz Spec: Jon Wesenberg	Altar Guild: Barb Bubolz Lorine Raddant Laura Prodell Barb Teetzen Judi Raddant	1	2 10:30 Lent Service 1:00 Ladies Bible Study 3:30 Catechism 5:00 Supper 6:30 Lent Service Acolyte: Colton Olson	3 1:00 Bible Study	4	5 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Tucker Pyatskowitz
6 9:00 Service(HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Keonna Lindner	7 6:15 Choir Practice 7:00 Altar Guild	8	9 10:30 Lent Service 3:30 Catechism 5:00 Supper 6:30 Lent Service Acolyte: Gunnar Hein	10 1:00 Bible Study 7:15 Elder Meeting	11	12 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Lucas Gast
13 DST Starts 9:00 Service(HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Isabella Buettner 12:00 Fellowship @ The Main Event	14 6:15 Choir Practice	15	16 10:30 Lent Service 3:30 Catechism 5:00 Supper 6:30 Lent Service Acolyte: Hunter Hawkinson	17 1:00 Bible Study	18	19 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Garrett Wendorff
20 Palm Sunday 9:00 Service(HC) Acolyte: Taylor Johnson 2:00 Passion Movie	21 6:15 Choir Practice	22	23	24 Maundy Thursday 10:30 Service(HC) 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Alex Owen	25 Good Friday 1:00 Service 6:30 Service	26 6:30 Easter Vigil(HC) Acolyte: Alec Raddant
27 Easter 6:30 Service(HC) Acolyte: Tristan Szucs 7:30 Easter Breakfast 9:00 Service(HC) Acolyte: Payten Thompson	28	29	30 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	31 1:00 Bible Study		

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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

