

## From Pastor Kleinschmidt

Having shown in the previous months articles the benefits of Holy Communion, the Biblical and historical practice of the Lord's Supper and the Lutheran heritage of frequent Communion, this month I hope to answer some common objections to offering Communion more frequently. You can always go back and read previous newsletters at <http://stjakobi.org/Newsletters/Newsletters.html>

Perhaps the most common objection to having the Lord's Supper more frequently is **it will become too common**. In a sense this makes sense because leftover turkey in the days after Thanksgiving becomes wearisome and our favorite dessert served at every meal for months on end may make you wish for something else to eat. It is the way of our sinful flesh to become satiated and desire change. We take our good gifts from God: our spouse, family, work, country, or freedom for granted. Taking it for granted doesn't lessen the fact that they are good gifts. The blessings of the Lord's Supper come not from how we think of it, whether we think of it as too common or super special; it comes from the blessings that God has attached to it. We should not compare the Lord's Supper to other good things in life because it is Jesus coming to us Himself. In the same way we may say that the weekly sermon has become too common, the weekly prayers have become too common, or the weekly hymn singing has become too common. Potential misuse of the Lord's Sacrament should not keep us from using it properly and with all the blessings attached to it.

The second most common objection is that **it will take too much time**. At St. Jakobi we are fortunate with the size of the sanctuary that we don't have to have multiple services on Sunday morning and worry about the early service running into the late service. In addition, we have a wide Communion rail that allows many people to receive Communion at once. The additional time that Communion requires is very small compared to the amount of time we spend doing other activities during the week. To add 15 minutes to the service is very inconsequential when we know that we can sit

for 90-120 minute movies (children included). That said, there could be some adjustments made to how people are dismissed for Communion and how they approach the rail that would speed up the distribution. The Board of Elders will be discussing those possibilities in the future.

Another objection is that **forgiveness is received during the Confession and Absolution so there is no need to have more frequent Communion for forgiveness**. Yes, God has instituted several ways for His people to receive forgiveness, but the reception of Holy Communion is more than just receiving forgiveness. It's being united to Him who is the vine, and we the branches.

It is being united to those who worship in heaven and on earth; the unity of the Christian Church. It is about being transformed by the holiness of Christ to live in holiness. There is more to Holy Communion than forgiveness; it is Jesus himself.

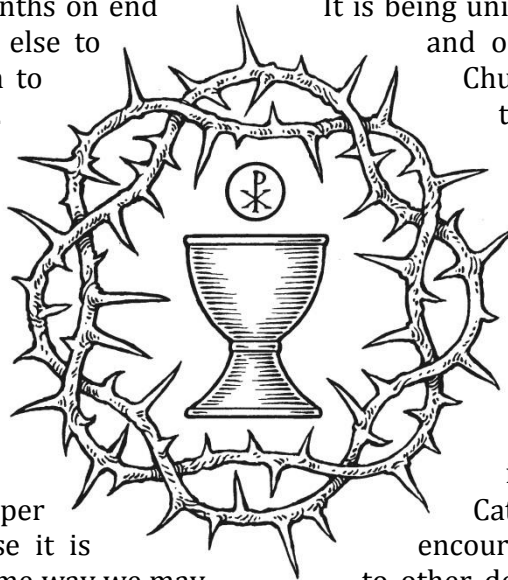
Another objection is that **Lutherans don't have Communion every week; that's something Roman Catholics do**.

As I have pointed out in previous months, more frequent Communion is a Biblical practice. That Roman Catholics do it shouldn't discourage or encourage us. As Lutherans, we don't look to other denominations to understand how to be faithful. We look to Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions to learn how to be faithful to our Lord.

Finally, another objection may be **I don't want to sit in the pew while everyone else receives Communion**. This discussion has been about *offering* Communion, *not requiring* that Communion be received. Currently there are people who sit in the pews and don't receive Communion. If you wish not to receive Communion that is something you can choose to do. No one should look at another person and try to judge them based on whether they do or do not receive Communion.

I pray that as you consider these words of encouragement that you would desire to receive Jesus Christ who is the Bread of Life to nourish your soul.

In Christ,  
Pastor Kleinschmidt



# ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

## LENT – TAUGHT BY OUR LORD

At the Wednesday Lent Services we will be hearing God's Word as it is presented in the Catechism. There will be a rotation of pastors who preach on those Wednesdays. Services are at 10:30am and 6:30pm.

**February 25<sup>th</sup>:** Pastor Eyer – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Petitions

**March 4<sup>th</sup>:** Pastor Conradt – 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Petitions

**March 11<sup>th</sup>:** Pastor Shoup – 1<sup>st</sup> Article

**March 18<sup>th</sup>:** Pastor Andrada – 3<sup>rd</sup> Article

**March 25<sup>th</sup>:** Pastor Kleinschmidt–Baptism, 3<sup>rd</sup>& 4<sup>th</sup> Parts

## 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 Lent Service at 6:30. The following groups will serve the meals:

**February 25<sup>th</sup>:** Choir

**March 4<sup>th</sup>:** Board of Stewardship & Trustees

**March 11<sup>th</sup>:** Board of Education

**March 18<sup>th</sup>:** Board of Elders

**March 25<sup>th</sup>:** Church Officers

## PALM SUNDAY – MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>

At the Palm Sunday Service the Sunday School children will sing and process into church with Pastor while they carry 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.

## EASTER BREAKFAST

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

## NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> is New Member Sunday. On Palm Sunday we welcome new members into the congregation. Be sure to come and introduce yourself.

## EASTER VIGIL

Last year on the Saturday before Easter we hosted an Easter Vigil service with Zion Lutheran Church in Embarrass participating. This year the service will be held at Zion in Embarrass at 6:30pm on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Kleinschmidt will assist Pastor Jerabek 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.

## FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship will be on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. We eat at 6:30, but come early for drinks and socializing. We will go to the Cotton Patch. Make your reservation by signing up on the sheet found in the Narthex at church.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

3/1/15 Jesus Dies and Lives Again

3/8/15 Jesus Reinstates Peter

3/15/15 The Conversion of Paul

3/22/15 Paul's First Missionary Journey

3/29/15 Paul and Timothy



## SPRING FORWARD!

Daylight Savings Time begins on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour so you will be at church on time Sunday morning.

## UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

**March 1<sup>st</sup>:** Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Romans 5:1-11  
Mark 8:27-38

**March 8<sup>th</sup>:** Exodus 20:1-17  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
John 2:13-22

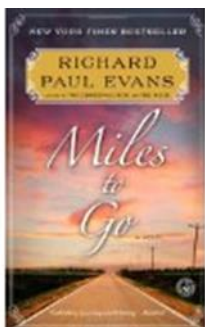
**March 15<sup>th</sup>:** Numbers 21:4-9  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
John 3:14-21

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
Mark 10:35-45

**March 29<sup>th</sup>:** Zechariah 9:9-12  
Philippians 2: 5-11  
Mark 14:1-15:47

## LIBRARY NEWS PLANTING SEEDS

*Miles to Go* is the second book of Richard Paul Evans' "The Walk" series. The series is fiction, the story about Alan Christoffersen, who lost everything; his home, his wife, his job. Alan decided to walk from Seattle to Key West, a journey that presented new faces, new situations, life-changing decisions. In 'Miles to Go', Alan struggles to recover from a vicious attack which left him with several stab wounds. This book is an astonishing tale of life and death, suffering and healing, love and second chances. Look for it, along with the first book of the series, "The Walk", in the church library. ★★★★★



## ARE YOU THINKING OF SENDING YOUR CHILD TO A LUTHERAN SCHOOL?

St. Jakobi has funds available to help pay for

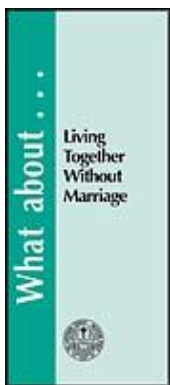


tuition at [St. James Elementary School](#), [Wolf River Lutheran High School](#), or at Concordia University if your student is majoring in a church-work field. Don't let tuition be a stumbling block to a Lutheran school education. Talk to Pastor if you need assistance or have questions.



## WHAT ABOUT...

Each month we'll be highlighting a tract that can be picked up in the narthex. There is a series that was written by the former President of the LCMS, Rev. A. L. Barry. They cover a multitude of topics. This month we look at **Living Together Without Marriage**. Increasingly, men and women choose to live as husband and wife without being married. This pamphlet will answer some questions asked about living together. They are free for the taking by the guest book in the Narthex of church.



## TALK RADIO THE THINKING CHRISTIAN

CHRIST-CENTERED, CROSS-FOCUSED TALK RADIO...You can listen to Lutheran experts teach on subjects like: The Movie "Jupiter Ascending," First Century Martyr Polycarp of Smyrna, The Liturgy of Ordination, Jesus Calms a Storm and more. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. You can listen to what you want when you want at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org).

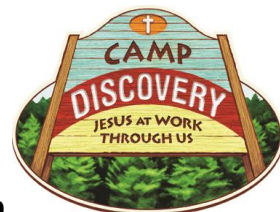
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Christ-Centered Cross-Focused Talk Radio

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held the week of **June 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>** in the mornings. The theme this year is **Camp Discovery: Jesus at work through us**. 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. Look for registration materials next month.



## THE LUTHERAN HOUR

You can listen to Pastor Greg Seltz on the Lutheran Hour at 7:30am Sunday mornings on 96.5FM or 960AM here in Shawano. Pastor Seltz often preaches on the same texts that you hear in church.



## NEWSLETTER IN COLOR

The pictures in the newsletter look great in color plus you can zoom in for more detail on the pictures! You can receive a copy of the newsletter in color and save the church the printing cost by signing up for email delivery. Email [stjakobi@frontiernet.net](mailto:stjakobi@frontiernet.net) and you will receive it every month to your email inbox.



## LENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET

Jesus gives everything for us. At Christmas we rejoice that Jesus is into our flesh and blood, that He is our brother. In Lent we rejoice that Jesus is into our suffering, into our sin and death for us and our salvation. Here, on the cross, the saving work of our Jesus comes to a great and glorious crescendo. The Lord of life is dead, and we are made alive. The Christ is cursed, and we are forgiven. Jesus is given over to suffering, and we are given the great joy and certain hope of life that never ends. This is the joy of Lent.

The Lord's Church has always observed the season of Lent as a special time of meditation on the Scriptures and repentant prayer. In this spirit of devotion *Around the Word* has prepared this devotional booklet. You can download it for free from [www.whatdoesthismean.org/devotions](http://www.whatdoesthismean.org/devotions) or pick up a copy in the Narthex by the bulletins.

## RELAY FOR LIFE

Join the fight against cancer! The American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Shawano-Menominee County is March 28<sup>th</sup> from 8am-3pm at Shawano Community High School. There is more information on the bulletin board at church or call 715-526-2724 or go to [www.relayforlife.org/shawano-menominee](http://www.relayforlife.org/shawano-menominee)

## 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)



## MEN'S BREAKFAST

In January we talked about the benefits of Holy Communion. In March we will meet on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 8am. Be sure to come and enjoy a great breakfast and fellowship! This is for any men or young men in the congregation.

*Around the Word Lenten Devotions*

Lent 2015



## WRLHS TRIVIA EVENT

Wolf River Lutheran High School is hosting its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Trivia Event to benefit the high school on **Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at St. Paul in Bonduel at 2:30**. Trivia events are informal, fun, competitions where teams battle to see who has the greatest knowledge of trivia. Teams can have up to eight adult/youth members and cost is \$10/person. Free drinks and popcorn will be provided. Participants are encouraged to bring snack items to share at their tables too. You don't need a full team to sign up. Free babysitting will be available. Please contact the WRLHS office at (715)745-2400 or [office@wrlhs.org](mailto:office@wrlhs.org) to register or for more information.

## LETTER FROM SEMINARIAN ALEX LANGE

Dear members of St. Jakobi,

I have great news to share with you in this letter. God has made me a father! Rachel is pregnant with our first child! We are so excited and thankful. The baby should be born sometime in September, which gives us plenty of time to pack, move, unpack, and get settled before the birth. Who knows? Perhaps my child will be my first baptism. Please add our child to your prayers.

Talk about a crazy year! On the one hand, so much has happened. I've become a father, I'm nearly finished with my winter quarter, and I'm half way through the calling process. On the other hand, it feels like I just got back from vicarage and unpacked my stuff. Where has the time gone? What more does our Father have in store for me?

You may remember my busy class load that I had last quarter. I certainly learned a lot about the Bible, church history, and counseling. My class load has been a little lighter this winter quarter, and yet, I'm still learning a lot. I've been learning about different religions and worldviews in my *World Religions* class and my *Religious Bodies in America* class. What I enjoy most about these classes is how much I learn about Christianity by comparing it to other religions and worldviews. I'm also taking a class on the Epistles of Paul. For the first few weeks we studied the life of Paul and now we are studying in depth the Epistle to the Romans. I've really enjoyed studying this incredibly important letter of Paul and learning about God's faithfulness to his promises and his grace given to all, both Jew and Gentile.

I've started taking a Dale Carnegie class on Wednesday evenings. I know it might seem odd that I would take yet another class on top of all my other classes. However, one of the counseling professors here recommended it to me. He said that it really helps guys become more aware of their mannerisms and helps them build important social skills. The classes cover an incredible number of topics, including remembering names, public speaking, carrying on a conversation, and the like. Since I will begin my ministry soon, I thought it would be a great opportunity to fine-tune my social skills. After all, I have spent quite some time cloistered in the tower of academia.

Recently I was interviewed by a congregation for a call. Several members of the church came to the seminary and interviewed several seminarians. The interview went well and I enjoyed it, but it was all surreal. It really nailed home how close my call is; before I know it I will be called "Pastor" and carry out the noble task of preaching, baptizing, absolving, admonishing, and overseeing God's flock. I have been told that I have another interview coming up soon. I am really excited to find out where I am being sent on April 29<sup>th</sup>!

This winter I've been doing some traveling. During the holidays, I got to visit my family in Oregon. After the quarter ends, I will go with some classmates to Arizona for a Best Practices Conference. At this conference I have opportunities to hear pastors discuss some "best practices" for various aspects of ministry, such as worship, counseling, teaching, preaching, and the like. It will also give me a chance to spend some quality time with my classmates. To be honest, the thought of us all being scattered to the four corners of the earth makes me sad. I have developed lots

of great friendships over these four years and I will really miss these guys. Thankfully, the world is a small place and our Synod is even smaller. So, I should have opportunities to see them all again.

I'm really excited for my final quarter. I'm going to have some of the best classes! I'm taking a class on Isaiah and the prophets and an elective on 1 Peter. I'm taking a class on various structures for sermons and keeping sermons creative. I'm taking a class called *Pastoral Leadership*, where I will learn how to be a leader of a group. Finally, I'm taking a class called Systematic IV, a class devoted to answering questions about the Church and the Ministry. That class will be taught by Dr. Biermann. He is one of the reasons I came to Concordia Seminary. I really admire him, but I have not had the opportunity to take him for a class yet. Now, I finally get to!

Yes, there is a lot of exciting things in my future. Thank you for celebrating with me these gifts God has granted me. Thank you for making these things possible through your gifts, prayers, and encouragement. As I have said before, please pray for my baby's safety and growth. Also, pray for Call Day, the end of my academic training, the big move, my ordination and installation, my future ministry and my future with Rachel and our little one. Pray for the seminaries as they train men to work in God's kingdom and pray for the District Presidents as they serve congregations in need for a new shepherd. Pray, for God is our gracious Father. If evil fathers like me listen to their children and give them whatever they need, then how much more will our good Father listen to us and give to us whatever we need.

In Christ,  
Alexander Lange



## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS:**

1 – Molly Buettner  
2 – Marcia Buettner  
2 – Mark Buettner  
2 – Michael Waldvogel  
4 – Darlene Wendorff  
6 – Sabrina West  
6 – Jennifer Murdock  
8 – Mary VanScoik  
8 – Jeremy Buenning  
8 – Allyssa Verstoppen  
9 – Grant Riesenber  
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  
17 – Braden Teetzen  
17 – Payton Skalitzky  
18 – Robert Buettner  
19 – Carson Popp  
19 – Allison Popp  
20 – Betty Lemke  
20 – Lindsey Teetzen  
20 – Ethan Magee  
21 – Doug Berkahn  
21 – Luella Selle  
23 – Emily Pleshek  
24 – Emma Prodel  
24 – Josh Trochil  
25 – Melanie Buenning  
25 – Scott Kosnicki  
25 – Rebecca Blumreich  
25 – Connor Stuber  
27 – Luke Lindner  
28 – Zoey Riesenber  
29 – Michael Bohm

## **A BIRTHDAY PRAYER**

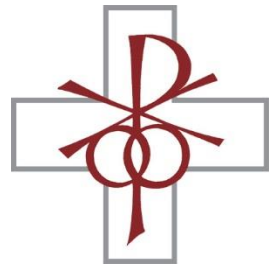
Heavenly Father, our times are in Your hands. Look with favor on name as he/she celebrates his/her birthday. Grant that he/she may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. Strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness and bless him/her with Your abiding love all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ,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

## **MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:**

01, 2008 – Justin & Sarah Engel  
02, 1996 – Chris & Jamie Popp  
03, 1973 – Wilbur & Connie Steinke  
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 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>9:00 Service(HC)</b> <b>10:30 Ed. Hour</b> Acolyte: Sommer McDowell <b>2:30 WRLHS Trivia Event</b>	<b>2</b> <b>6:15 Choir Practice</b> <b>7:00 Altar Guild</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>10:30 Service</b> <b>3:30 Catechism</b> <b>5:00 Supper</b> <b>6:30 Service</b> Acolyte: Eli Magee	<b>5</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>6:30 Service(HC)</b> Acolyte: Isabella Buettner
<b>8</b> <i>Daylight Savings</i> <b>9:00 Service</b> <b>10:30 Ed. Hour</b> Acolyte: Lucas Gast	<b>9</b> <b>6:15 Choir Practice</b>	<b>10</b> <b>6:00 Elders Mtg</b>	<b>11</b> <b>10:30 Service</b> <b>3:30 Catechism</b> <b>5:00 Supper</b> <b>6:30 Service</b> Acolyte: Gunnar Hein	<b>12</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>8:00 Men's Breakfast</b> <b>6:30 Service</b> Acolyte: Keonna Lindner
<b>15</b> <b>9:00 Service(HC)</b> <b>10:30 Ed. Hour</b> Acolyte: Garrett Wendorff	<b>16</b> <b>6:15 Choir Practice</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>10:30 Service</b> <b>3:30 Catechism</b> <b>5:00 Supper</b> <b>6:30 Service</b> Acolyte: Taylor Johnson	<b>19</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>20</b> <i>Spring begins</i> <b>6:30 Fellowship @ Cotton Patch</b>	<b>21</b> <b>6:30 Service(HC)</b> Acolyte: Hunter Hawkinson
<b>22</b> <b>9:00 Service</b> <b>10:30 Ed. Hour</b> Acolyte: Alex Owen	<b>23</b> <b>6:15 Choir Practice</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>10:30 Service</b> <b>3:30 Catechism</b> <b>5:00 Supper</b> <b>6:30 Service</b> Acolyte: Alec Raddant	<b>26</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Tristan Szucs
<b>29</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i> <b>9:00 Service(HC)</b> Acolyte: Payten Thompson	<b>30</b> <b>6:15 Choir Practice</b>	<b>31</b>		<b>Elders:</b> Sat: Brian Sperberg Sun: Chuck Stoehr Spec: Tom Tuma	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Lorine Raddant Kathy Fonger Barb Bubolz	

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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

