

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

There are some excellent hymns that we have the opportunity to sing during the season of Lent. They reflect the penitential nature of the season and the need of sinners to have their sins paid for by the suffering and death of Jesus Christ on the cross.

One hymn that stands out as an excellent example of poetry and Biblical truth is *My Song is Love Unknown* (LSB 430). It was written by Samuel Crossman in the 1600's and the music was written by John Ireland in the early 1900's.

The first verse tells you about the love of God. God shows love to us who are unloveable and by his love, he makes us loveable. The question in that verse causes us to reflect on the mystery that Jesus died for us when we didn't deserve it.

Verse two is about the incarnation (Christmas). Jesus came to earth and took on human flesh but he was rejected by men and he gave his life as a result of yours and my sin.

The third verse addresses the change in attitude of so many people in Jerusalem during Holy Week. On Palm Sunday they are happy to see him and sing "Hosanna" but come Friday they are crying out, "Crucify!" This is a change that we see in ourselves at different times of our life.

In the fourth verse the author marvels that in spite of all the miracles and great things Jesus did, the people are still working against Jesus. God has done great miracles in your life

My Song Is Love Unknown

LSB 430

1. My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?
2. He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend,
My friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!
3. Sometimes they strew His way
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!"
Is all their breath,
And for His death
They thirst and cry.
4. Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
Themselves displease
And 'gainst Him rise.
5. They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suffering goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.
6. In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.
7. Here might I stay and sing
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

and there are times you work in opposite directions from him.

Verse five presents the irony that the crowd asks for the murderer Barabbas to be saved but demands that the Prince of Life be killed. Even as the people demand his death, Jesus goes to the cross willingly for you.

Verse six gives one of the more heart-wrenching bits of word-play you will find in any Lent hymn. Jesus says in Matthew 8:20, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." Jesus travelled, taught, preached, healed, and performed miracles. In that which he created, he still had nowhere he could call a home. Even in death, his body sleeps in a tomb that was given to him by a stranger. Jesus' home is heaven but the place where he lays his head is where my home really should be. You and I deserve death and the tomb so that is where Jesus goes; straight to the grave so that you may rise with him on Easter morning.

The last verse returns to the themes of the first verse about the divine love that causes Jesus to die for all of his people. He is sorrowful about the cause of his death, but yet willingly goes to the cross because he is your friend who lays down his life for you. The response of God's people, even during Lent, is to sing the sweet praises of God for you will spend all of your days in eternity doing just that, singing his sweet praise.

In the love of Jesus Christ,
-Pastor Kleinschmidt

ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

LENT SERVICES

Ash Wednesday is on March 1st. There will be two Communion Services on that day, at 10:30am and 6:30pm. There is also a Lent Dinner at 5pm. Make a habit of coming and growing in your faith in preparation for the celebration of Easter.



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 Lent 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 in the Narthex to help with food, setup, or cleanup for any Wednesday and the group in charge will contact you for your help.

March 1st: Church Officers

March 8th: Board of Education

March 15th: Board of Trustees

March 22nd: Board of Stewardship

March 29th: Higher Things Youth

April 5th: Board of Elders

LENT – QUESTIONS OF THE PASSION

At the Wednesday Lent Services we will be hearing about some of the questions that are asked over the course of Matthew's Passion narrative. There will be a rotation of pastors who preach on Wednesday at St. Jakobi.

March 1st: Pastor Travis Kleinschmidt

March 8th: Pastor Steve Conradt

March 15th: Pastor John Eyer

March 22nd: Pastor Tim Shoup or Pastor Mark Palmer

March 29th: Pastor Ted Andrada

April 5th: Pastor Travis Kleinschmidt

DID YOU KNOW?

The ashes that are used on Ash Wednesday are from the palm branches that were used on previous Palm Sundays. The palms that were used to proclaim the entry of our King into Jerusalem are then used to remind us of our own mortality and need for the King who comes to Jerusalem to die for us.

REFORMATION 500

The 500th Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther's posting of the 95 Theses is October 31st, 2017. In celebration of the truth of the Gospel, there will be a joint worship service of the area LCMS congregations at St. Paul, Bonduel in the afternoon of Sunday, October 29th. There will be more information upcoming as special music and choirs are being planned and other opportunities to serve. The theme of the celebration is: *It's Still All About Jesus.*

CHURCH CONSTITUTION CHANGES

For the past year the Constitution committee has been meeting and studying the current church constitution. They have proposed changes to the existing constitution and their proposed new constitution was handed out at the Council meeting, the Voter Meeting, and there are additional copies located in the Narthex. Please look at the proposals and consider the changes or any other possible changes. At the April Voter Meeting these changes will be considered.

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship in March will be on the 10th at 6:30pm at El Tequila. You can sign up on the pad of paper that is on the Bulletin Table. Please join us for a nice time of community and friendship.

WRLHS TRIVIA EVENT

Join in the fun! Wolf River Lutheran High School is hosting their 4th Annual Trivia Night to benefit the school on Sunday, March 12th at St. James Shawano at 1:00 pm sign in and event to start at 1:30pm. Trivia nights are informal, fun, competitions where teams battle to see who has the greatest knowledge of trivia. Teams can have up to eight adults. Free drinks and popcorn will be provided, and free babysitting. There will be also be a bake sale. Participants are encouraged to bring a snack item to share at your table too. You don't have to have a full team to sign up. The cost is \$10 per person. Please call the WRLHS office at (715)745-2400 or email office@wrlhs.org.

SPRING FORWARD!

Daylight Savings Time begins on March 12th. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour so you will be at church on time Sunday morning.

BAPTISM

Jackson Ben Sperberg was baptized on February 12th. He is the son of Ben and Allison Sperberg. He was born January 9th, 2017 and his baptismal sponsors are Brooke Sperberg and Mallory Jones.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

3/5 Passion of Christ

3/12 Resurrection of Jesus

3/19 Empty Tomb

3/26 Jesus Appears on the Emmaus Road



UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

March 5th: Genesis 3:1-21
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

March 12th: Genesis 12:1-9
Romans 4:1-8, 13-17
John 3:1-17

March 19th: Exodus 17:1-7
Romans 5: 1-8
John 4:5-26

March 26th: Isaiah 42:14-21
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

CONSIDERING A LUTHERAN SCHOOL?

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.

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. Look for registration material in the coming months.



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:



Thanks to the eligible members that received Thrivent Choice Dollars and designated them to St. Jakobi and other Lutheran organizations. We received \$2,832 in 2016. This money was previously designated to go to our building fund (new church).

There are a number of eligible members that have not designated their funds. You have until March 31, 2017 to designate your 2016 funds. If you have questions on how to designate them you may contact your Financial Representative or call the Thrivent home office at 800-847-4836 and state "Thrivent Choice". Remember this is "your money, free money" and if not designated by March 31 it is no longer available.

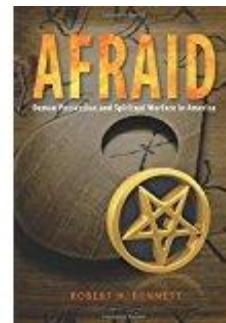
LIBRARY NEWS

PLANTING SEEDS

(Book Section 3) A fascinating and unnerving book, *Afraid* is a must-



read that equips all Christians to recognize the devil's influence in our society and to act on it. Robert Bennett describes real events and actual confessions people have shared with him of demonic encounters in America, in our modern age. Summoning demons, interacting with ghosts, and holding séances led to what many may call horrifying hallucinations and even schizophrenia. But for many Americans, these things are their spirituality. How can we break free from the despair and crushing fear that such encounters can bring? How do we come to the aid of our neighbors who are lost in Satan's deceptions? Bennett points us to the only way out: God's grace and the medicines He gives to His people.



LOOKING AHEAD

Palm Sunday is April 9th, Easter is April 16th, Confirmation Sunday is June 4th and the Outdoor service and church picnic is June 11th.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 - Molly Buettner
2 - Marcia Buettner
2 - Mark Buettner
2 - Michael Waldvogel
4 - Darlene Wendorff
4 - Matthew VanBuren
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
12 - Bob Behrens
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
17 - Braden Teetzen
17 - Payton Skalitzky
18 - Robert Buettner
19 - Carson Popp
19 - Allison Popp
19 - Roger Piehl
20 - Betty Lemke
20 - Lindsey Allen
20 - Ethan Magee
21 - Doug Berkhahn
21 - Luella Selle
23 - Emily Pleshek
23 - Myles Laude
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
03, 2014 – Bruce & Lena Johnson
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 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Elders: Sat: Don Bublitz Sunday: Chuck Stoehr Tom Tuma Spec: Mike Kroenke	Altar Guild: Donna Lopez Judi Raddant Barb Teetzen Kathy Fonger		1 Ash Wednesday 10:30 Service (HC) 3:30 Catechism 5:00 Supper 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Ethan Pleshek	2 1:00 Bible Study	3	4 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Colton Olson
5 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Alli Johnson	6 6:15 Choir Practice 7:00 Altar Guild	7	8 10:30 Service 3:30 Catechism 5:00 Supper 6:30 Service Acolyte: Brynlie Boyles	9 1:00 Bible Study	10 6:30 Fellowship @ El Tequila	11 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Samuel Gueths
12 Daylight Savings Time 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Tucker Pyatskowitz	13 6:15 Choir Practice	14	15 10:30 Service 5:00 Supper 6:30 Service Acolyte: Braden Teetzen	16	17 Saint Patrick's Day	18 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Rylee Trochil
19 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Hunter Hawkinson	20 Spring Begins 6:15 Choir Practice	21 6:00 Elders	22 10:30 Service 3:30 Catechism 5:00 Supper 6:30 Service Acolyte: Taylor Johnson	23 1:00 Bible Study	24	25 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Alex Owen
26 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Alec Raddant	27 6:15 Choir Practice	28	29 10:30 Service 3:30 Catechism 5:00 Supper 6:30 Service Acolyte: Tristan Szucs	30 1:00 Bible Study	31	

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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

