

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday, June 4th this year. A question we should ask ourselves, is "What is Confirmation?" Confirmation is not a Sacrament. Baptism and Holy Communion are Sacraments. Sacraments are when God attaches His Word to a visible element to distribute forgiveness to the individual. Confirmation is not a Sacrament; it is a rite of the church. Confirmation is born out of the words of Jesus to make disciples in Matthew 28 (The Great Commission). In order to make disciples Jesus says we are to baptize and to teach. The children in our congregation are baptized as infants and the continuation of that discipleship is found in Catechism instruction.

I have been calling the mid-week instruction Catechism class because I want the focus to be on the children learning the doctrine of the Bible as it is presented in the Small Catechism of Dr. Martin Luther. I hope to pull people's attention away from the one-time event of Confirmation and towards the ongoing life of continual Catechesis.

The rite of Confirmation has been practiced in the Lutheran Church at different ages. It has gone from as early as 7-8 year olds all the way to high schoolers. In America, it is common that Confirmation is done at the end of 8th grade year, but there is nothing that says that it must happen at that time. Confirmation is really a remembrance of the grace and faith that God gave in Holy Baptism and an acknowledgement of the teaching that has happened and will continue to happen. The Confirmands make promises about how they will continue in this church and faith by the grace of God and will not fall away from it, even when threatened with death. These solemn promises look to God to give the strength to complete them. The rite of Confirmation is similar to the wedding rite in this way. In both services people make promises.

So often adults and children view Confirmation as a graduation and completion of some part of their life. When we understand Confirmation as recognition of Baptism and promises made, then we see that Confirmation is actually a beginning. The good work that God has begun in all people will be brought to completion on the day of Christ's return.

Being made a stronger and stronger disciple is something that happens not only in the 5th-8th grade years, but every other year of a person's life. I

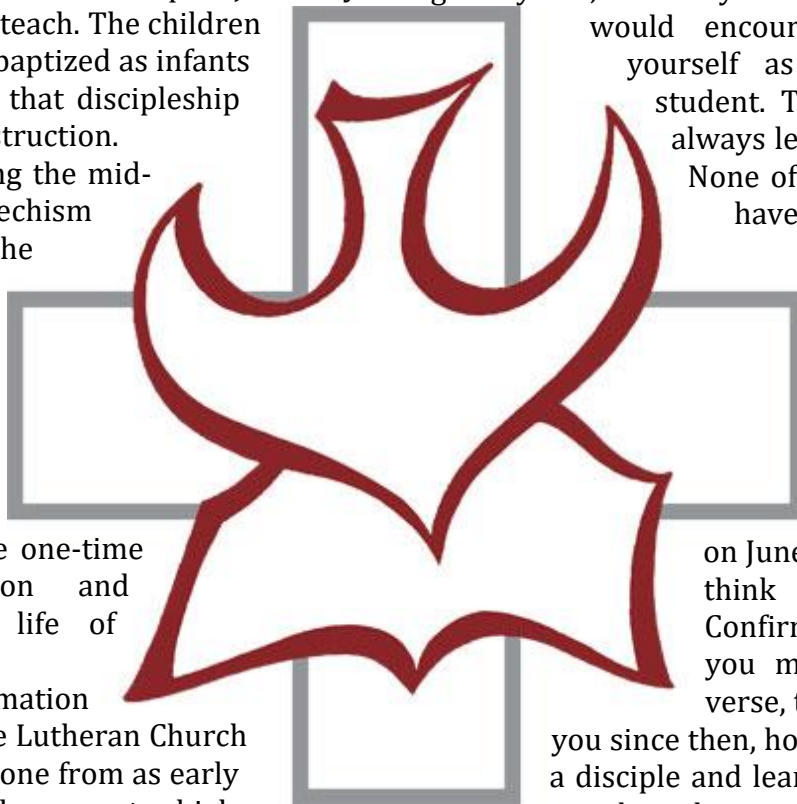
would encourage you to think of yourself as a life-long Catechism student. That is, a person who is always learning the things of God. None of us are so smart that we have it all figured out. The more time you spend studying God's Word, the more benefits and blessings you will derive from it.

When you come to the Confirmation service on June 4th I would invite you to think about your own Confirmation Day: the promises you made, your Confirmation verse, the ways God has blessed you since then, how you can continue to be a disciple and learner. In truth, none of us are done learning, we all have much to

learn and the time of Confirmation should be a yearly reminder to us of how God wishes to instruct us in his blessings. If you were confirmed at St. Jakobi and would like to know what your Confirmation verse was, contact the church office and Wendy can find it for you.

If you would like to be reminded of the promises that you made at your own Confirmation, look at page 272 in the hymnal. There you will find the strong emphasis on your baptism and the ways that God will continue to bless you.

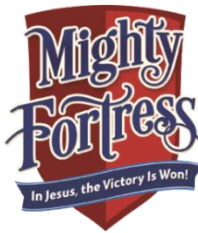
A disciple of Jesus,
-Pastor Kleinschmidt



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

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. You can register your children at <https://vbsmate.com/JakobiVBS>



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Day is Pentecost Sunday which is June 4th. The Examination of the Confirmands will take place on Ascension Day, May 25th.

CHURCH BUILDING LOAN BALANCE:

The amount owed at the start of 2017 for the loan to build the new church was \$180,037.34. After making our monthly payments, the balance at the end of the first quarter was \$169,800.55. Thanks be to God for His blessings.

YOUTH TRIP TO NOAH'S ARK

On Monday, **June 26th** youth from the congregation will be travelling to the Dells to join other youth from all over the North Wisconsin District. We will carpool from the church to the Dells. The cost is \$33/person and includes park admission, lunch, soda, and a chance at door prizes. See the bulletin board for further information. You can sign up on a sheet in the Narthex. You must sign up by **June 11th**.



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>

VOTER MEETING

The Quarterly Voter Meeting of the congregation will be held on April 30th after the Sunday morning service. Please consider attending to be informed about the workings of the Congregation.

LUTHERAN EDUCATION

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.

GROWING IN CHRIST!

The last day of Sunday School is May 14th. Have you seen the tree in the hallway of the church? There are leaves with children's names on them for every Sunday they were here for Sunday School. The tree started out the school year bare but it is really filling out. By coming each Sunday the children have grown in their faith towards Christ and the tree shows that growth.



UPCOMING SPAGHETTI DINNER:

The Spaghetti Dinner will be held **April 30th** from 11am-2pm. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex for donating desserts and for helping the day of the dinner.



We are in need of a minimum of 25 9x13 pans of desserts to serve at the dinner. Please bring them to the Parish Hall on the 29th or the morning of the 30th. We also still need some help serving and preparing the food.

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship in May will be held on Friday, May 12th at 6:30pm. The place is yet to be determined so look for a future announcement in the weekly bulletin.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:
5/7 John's Vision of Heaven
5/14 Last Day



UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

May 7th: Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

May 14th: Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

May 21st: Acts 17:16-31
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

May 28th: Acts 1:12-26
1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

MARTIN LUTHER EASTER QUOTE

“Christ died; death devoured the Son of God. But in doing so death swallowed a thorn and had to get rid of it. It was impossible for death to hold Him. For this Person is God; and since both God and man in one indivisible Person entered into the belly of death and the devil, death ate a morsel that ripped his stomach open.” LW 22:355

NEW MEMBERS Welcome to St. Jakobi!



Bob & Joanne Behrens



Casey Carroll & Linsey Gamroth
(not pictured Brynlee)



Debra Booras



Jayne Mott



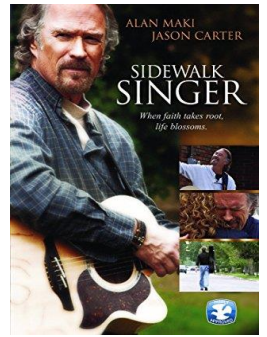
Phil & Carolyn Zuhse



Sally Kroenke

PLANTING SEEDS

(DVD) Kris Kivi, an everyday man, has lost his family to a tragic accident and his job to the recession. Forced to play his guitar on the streets for donations, Kris must overcome harassment from a small town gang as well as prejudice from members of a local church. *Sidewalk Singer* is an uplifting slice-of-life film about overcoming hardship through the strength of faith.



LUTHERAN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

In order to assist LCMS Lutherans



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and 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.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Richard Pieper
1 - Greg Samson
1 - Jennifer Stuber
2 - Tucker Pyatskowitz
3 - Connie Kunze
3 - Sarah Benser
4 - Lori Wendorff (Scott)
4 - Doris Zueske
5 - Jennifer Sperberg
6 - James Bartz
7 - Michael Kroenke
8 - Chase Erickson
8 - Aspen Gehnke
8 - Kris Johnson
9 - Steve Gueths
10 - Amber Schmidt
10 - Kevin Herrmann
11 - Bryce Bohl
12 - Marlene Weckwerth
12 - Natineal Kunze
12 - Andrew Theis
12 - Jason Ludolph
12 - Eldor Martzke
12 - Jamison Yorton
14 - Tom Teetzen
15 - Amie Olson
15 - Thomas Theis
15 - Robert Bubolz
16 - Taylor Johnson
16 - Brandon Buettner
16 - Pete Arthur
17 - Kathy Fonger
17 - Ruth Cummings
17 - Brian Edelberg
18 - Madisyn Skalitzky
18 - Brian Johnson
18 - Connie Steinke
18 - Emily Bicanic
18 - Jeff Schuettpelz
21 - MaryJane Kucksdorf
22 - Charles Glock
22 - Darlene Drake
22 - Megan Welk
23 - Kloie Boyles
23 - Abby Parilek
24 - Iris Ottman
25 - Alli Johnson
25 - Susan Giese
25 - Darlene Gishkowsky
26 - Thomas Anderson
27 - Nathaniel Gueths
27 - Levi Wendorff
27 - Keonna Lindner

27 - Brooklyn Krueger
27 - Joanne Behrens
28 - Tammy Burr
28 - Richard Raddant
28 - Todd Kroenke
29 - Jim Szucs, Jr.
29 - Margaret Wendorff
29 - Justin Buntrock
29 - Gloriann Watzlawick
30 - Katie Carroll

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.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

05, 2007 - Eric & Kim Wendorff
05, 1953 - Ray & Jean Heinritz
07, 2005 - Jessy & Brandon Clark
14, 1949 - Elroy & Janet Wendt
15, 2004 - Jeff & Tina Hartmann
16, 1964 - John & Darlene Gishkowsky
21, 1983 - Randy & Tammy Burr
21, 2005 - Kevin & Sheila Herrmann
25, 1996 - Tom & Marjorie McGahan
25, 1985 - Steve & Theresa Gueths
27, 1989 - David & Noelle Buettner

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.

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guild: Donna Ward Mary Theis Joan Stoehr Carol Magee	1 6:15 Choir Practice 7:00 Altar Guild	2	3 3:30 Catechism	4 1:00 Bible Study	5	6 6:30 Service(HC) <small>Acolyte: Isaac Buettner</small>
7 9:00 Service(HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour <small>Acolyte: Blake Hartmann</small>	8 6:15 Choir Practice	9	10 3:30 Catechism	11 1:00 Bible Study	12 6:30 Fellowship	13 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:30 Service(HC) <small>Acolyte: Colton Olson</small>
14 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:00 Service(HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour <small>Acolyte: Isaiah McDowell</small>	15 6:15 Choir Practice	16 6:30 Elders	17 3:30 Catechism	18 1:00 Bible Study	19	20 6:30 Service(HC) <small>Acolyte: Ethan Pleshek</small>
21 9:00 Service(HC) 10:30 Bible Study <small>Acolyte: Tucker Pyatskowitz</small>	22 6:15 Choir Practice	23	24	25 <i>Ascension Day</i> 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Ascension Day Service/ Examination of Confirmands <small>Acolyte: Alli Johnson</small>	26	27 6:30 Service(HC) <small>Acolyte: Samuel Gueths</small>
28 9:00 Service(HC) 10:30 Bible Study <small>Acolyte: Brynlie Boyles</small>	29 <i>Memorial Day</i>	30	31	Elders: Sunday: Tom Tuma, Don Bublitz Sat: Mike Kroenke Special: Jon Wesenberg		

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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

