

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

The Lutheran Church is a confessing church. That means that it is a church that will say what it believes and it will not back down when the world or other religions say it should be quiet. The truth is always the truth, and since we believe that Jesus is the truth we will confess that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. (John 14:6).

On a practical level, this means that as Lutheran Christians we won't be ashamed of who we are as Children of God, the beloved of the Lord. The world would have us hide our identity as Christian. They would shame us and say that we don't have a place in modern society because of our outdated beliefs. Instead, in the face of harsh criticism we will humbly stand upon the truth of God's Word.

Jesus asks the disciples in Matthew 16, "Who do you all say that I am?" Peter responds and says, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Peter's answer is the answer that all of God's people give. When we are called upon to say what we believe we must confess the truth about Jesus. He is the savior of the world and by his death and resurrection there is life for all who believe in his name.

The primary place and way this confession of faith happens is when we come to church and confess our faith using the words of the Creeds. The Apostles' and Nicene Creeds that we use have been confessed by Christians for 1900 and 1700 years, respectively. This month, on May 27th we will celebrate Trinity Sunday and confess our faith using the words of the Athanasian Creed. This long Creed seeks to speak the truth about the humanity and divinity of Jesus and his relationship to the 1st and 3rd Persons of the Holy Trinity, Father and Holy Spirit. While the Athanasian Creed may take longer to say on that Sunday, this 1600 year old Creed lays out the truth. If it is truth, then it is good for it to be on the lips of God's people.

From this Confession of faith in the liturgy we continue to confess our faith to our family and friends that are around us. You will have opportunities to tell others what you believe when your faith informs how you interact with other people. The love you have for your fellow man will lead people to question the motive for why you do things. Then you confess your faith and tell them the truth about Jesus Christ, what he has done for the salvation of the world, and the truth you hear at church, week in and week out.

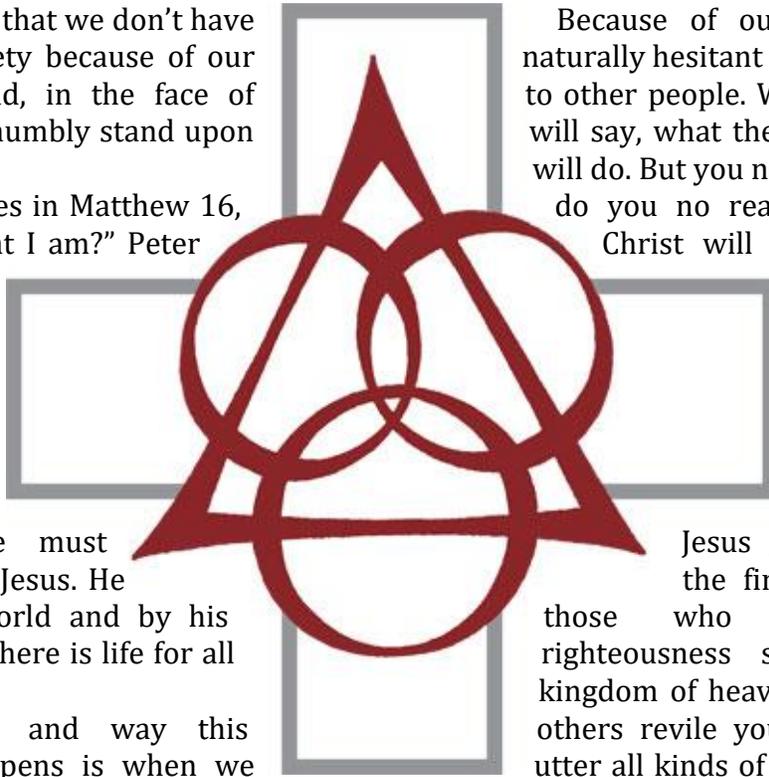
Because of our sinful nature, we are naturally hesitant to confess what we believe to other people. We are afraid of what they will say, what they will think, or what they will do. But you need not fear those who can do you no real harm. Your Lord Jesus

Christ will give you the courage to speak the truth and you need not fear others. You are cared for and protected by Jesus, your Good Shepherd.

In the Sermon on the Mount from Matthew 5, Jesus gives the beatitudes and the final two say, "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Don't be surprised at the reaction of the world to your confession of faith. Not all will like it. Nevertheless, you are blessed by your God and your reward is great for the reward comes to you because of that faith in Christ that would lead you to confess. Your God will continue to be with you and watch over you as you speak the truth in love to your friends and neighbors.

Confessing the truth,
-Pastor Kleinschmidt



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

CHURCH CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

One of the new things at St. Jakobi is a cemetery association. Here are the answers to a few questions about it.

What is the aim of the association?

To administer, organize and ensure that the cemetery remains a dignified place of rest for our departed sisters and brothers.

Who are the members of the association?

People that have purchased a cemetery plot, or who are eligible to purchase a lot are members of the association. That includes anyone who is a member of the congregation for more than one year.

How is the association governed?

The association is governed by a board of directors comprised of volunteers from the congregation.

Does the association have a budget?

No, any funds that the association receives are remitted directly to St. Jakobi Church. Proposals for expenses are remitted for the Board of Trustees for their consideration.

How can I learn more about the cemetery and the association?

A good way is to read the newly revised cemetery guidelines or visit with one of the association directors.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Day is Pentecost Sunday which is May 20th. The Examination of the Confirmands will take place on Ascension Day, May 10th.

CHURCH BUILDING LOAN BALANCE:

The amount owed at the start of 2018 for the loan to build the new church was \$122,049.75. After making our monthly payments, and some additional on principal, the balance at the end of the first quarter was \$109,639.70. If we just make the monthly payments with no additional towards principal, the loan will be paid off in August 2020. Thanks be to God for His blessings.

A VICAR AT ST. JAKOBI?

For the last month there have been bulletin inserts beginning the discussion of having a Vicar at St. Jakobi. This is taking place because in March it was said the Seminaries needed more congregations to host vicars. On April 24th vicars were assigned at the two seminaries and there **were** enough congregations. At the St. Jakobi Voter Meeting on April 29th questions were answered and there was some discussion but since there was no need to make a decision it was decided to table the question and raise it at a future date and keep it in mind that this could be a possibility for St. Jakobi in the future.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

The last four months the future planning committee has been meeting about the future needs of the congregation. A report was given at the April 29th Voter Meeting. After receiving the report a building committee was formed by the voters to take the suggestions and ideas and begin planning for a future building project and contact an architect to do some conceptual drawings of an addition to the church building that would replace the Parish Hall. If you would like to be on the building committee, please contact Steve Gueths or Curt Wendorff. We would like to see people from all different demographics on the committee and people involved in lots of different activities so that many viewpoints are taken into consideration. **We have not decided to build**, only to continue considering the possibilities and what an addition to the church might look like.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

5/6 Esau Forgives Jacob

5/13 Last Day of Sunday School



SPAGHETTI DINNER THANKS

Thank you to the many people who made desserts and volunteered on Saturday and Sunday morning for the Spaghetti Dinner. The proceeds from the dinner will be about \$900. Thanks be to God!

FELLOWSHIP

The last get-together for this Spring has come for Fellowship. We have a reservation at Luigi's for 6:30 on Friday, May 11. When you come, bring your wishes for destinations next year so they can be considered. Can't promise to use all of them, but we'd appreciate some ideas. Don't forget to sign up by May 6, the Sunday before. We'd like to thank you for doing that this year. It made everything easier for the places we visited.

PLANTING SEEDS

(Book Section 1) Book 1 of the series: December 7, 1941, San Francisco is on high alert following the attack on Pearl Harbor and the Mulligan family is grappling with the news that Peter, beloved son and brother, is among the missing. Each of the Mulligan sisters Bridget, Margaret, Colleen and Molly strives to find her place in the rapidly changing world in these early days of World War II. With their father ailing, Margaret takes over management of the family's grocery store trying to keep hoarders at bay while daydreaming of a June wedding. Meanwhile Bridget focuses on her board exams and hopes to be accepted as an Army nurse. Beautiful Colleen, the "family flibbertigibbet" just wants to have fun despite the dire news of the war. But it's the "baby" fifteen-year-old Molly who seems to be the glue that holds the family together. With siblings, friends, and beaus being shipped out weekly, the remaining Mulligans quickly realize that this war will be fought on two fronts at home and overseas.



READINGS AT CHURCH

- May 6th:** Acts 10:34-48
1 John 5:1-8
John 15:9-17
- May 13th:** Acts 1:12-26
1 John 5:9-15
John 17: 11b-19
- May 20th:** Ezekiel 37:1-14
Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
- May 27th:** Isaiah 6:1-8
Acts 2:14a, 22-36
John 3:1-17

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held the week of **June 11th-15th** in the mornings. The theme this year is **Splash Canyon: God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride**. 2 Corinthians 1:20 is the theme verse: "For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him." 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 www.vbsmate.com/JakobiVBS.



COMMUNION WARE

Altar Guild is looking at replacing the Communion Ware for our church. If you would like to donate to this project, please mark an envelope with the note *Communion Ware* and put it in the Offering plate.

USHER SCHEDULE

- May 6th: Jim & Marshal
May 13th: Troy & Dale
May 20th: Jeff & Donna
May 27th: Jamison & Mike

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.

FUNERAL – RAY HEINRITZ

Ray Heinritz passed away on April 22nd and his funeral was April 28th. We give thanks to God that He called him to faith and blessed him in his earthly life and that he now rests from his labors. Thank you to those who helped serve or prepared food for the funeral dinner.

GROWING IN CHRIST!

The last day of Sunday School is May 13th. 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.



LUTHERAN WITNESS

The *Lutheran Witness* is a monthly magazine published by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. As your Pastor I cannot recommend it highly enough. The May issue will be entitled, "The Gift of Children" The Church subscribes to several copies that you can pick up from the magazine rack in the hallway at church. You can also get a subscription at www.cph.org/witness.



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. You can listen on-demand at www.issuesetc.org. You can also download the episodes to your tablet or smartphone.



DID YOU KNOW?

Congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are grouped into Circuits. They are geographically close. Their pastors meet together regularly and they try to work together for mission in the local area and support one another. The congregations in our circuit are St. Jakobi, St. Paul, Bonduel; St. James, Shawano; St. Paul, Stony Hill; Zion, Gresham; Immanuel Mohican, Gresham; Our Savior, Morgan Siding; St. John, Hermansfort; and St. John, Belle Plaine.

WHAT LUTHER SAYS ABOUT PARENTING

The best thing in married life, for the sake of which everything ought to be suffered and done, is the fact that God gives children and commands us to bring them up to serve Him. To do this is the noblest and most precious work on earth, because nothing may be done which pleases God more than saving souls. If the need were to arise, all of us should be ready to die in order to bring a soul to God. So you see how rich in good works the estate of marriage is. God lays souls into the lap of married people, souls begotten from their own body, on which they may practice all Christian works. For when they teach their children the Gospel, parents are certainly their apostles, bishops, and ministers.

Martin Luther (quoted from *What Luther Says*, 907)

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this ... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

A THANK YOU NOTE FROM SEMINARIAN ANDREW TWIETMEYER

Dear Friends at St. Jakobi, 4/26/18

Northern Wisconsin has been on our minds a lot lately. Vicarages and calls have been announced, and it looks like the North Wisconsin District is receiving three vicars and four pastors from the seminaries.

Elizabeth's family in Wittenberg and Green Bay received between 20 and 30 inches of snow during that unusual storm, and we know that you were buried too! The pictures from our family were unlike anything we had ever seen in person. On that same weekend, we grilled with friends and picked daffodils which are in full bloom. A robin built her nest and laid eggs right outside our kitchen window recently.

Come fall we will have two students in the family – both Andrew and Jane. Now that she is four and seems very eager to learn, Jane will be starting preschool at home. Before seminary, we didn't plan to homeschool our kids, but it seems to make a lot of sense for the next few years at least. Jane would otherwise be looking at attending up to four different schools for preschool through second grade, due to our upcoming placements and moves. The flexibility that we will have is a great benefit as well. Homeschooling seems to be a very popular choice amongst student families, so we aren't alone in this endeavor!

Andrew will finish his first year of seminary mid-May, and, after a brief fishing trip, will be back in class on Memorial Day. He'll be taking a history class first, then Hebrew.

Last spring, the midst of packing our house and saying goodbye to Wausau, we remember how terrific it felt to visit your church and meet the very first congregation to support us. We don't really know how to thank you for choosing our family and continuing to care for us, but nevertheless we send our thanks again!

Sincerely,

Andrew, Elizabeth, Jane, and Eve Twietmeyer

DID YOU KNOW?

Ascension Day takes place 40 days after Easter. Thus, it is always on a Thursday. Ascension is when the church remembers how Christ ascended into heaven and now sits at the right hand of God. Jesus is not far from us though. He continues to be with us as we gather for worship (2 or 3 are gathered), hear His Word, and receive Him in Holy Communion with His Body and Blood. The tradition in our church is to have the Examination of the Confirmands on Ascension Day. This year it falls on May 10th.

PRAYER PARTNERS

In Matthew 7, our Father invites us to approach Him in prayer with our requests. He already knows our needs and the desires of our hearts. He doesn't require a wish list from us, but when our prayers are answered; our eyes are opened to His loving kindness to us. Let the Prayer Partners here at St. Jakobi help you in times of need or in celebration. All prayers are kept confidential.

[Phone or email your prayer requests](mailto:gmweck2329@gmail.com)- New phone number is: 920-400-0013. New email address is gmweck2329@gmail.com.

Come my soul, with every care. Jesus loves to answer prayer.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Richard Pieper
1 - Greg Samson
1 - Jennifer Stuber
2 - Tucker Pyatskowitz
3 - Connie Kunze
3 - Sarah Benser
4 - Lori Wendorff (Scott)
5 - Jennifer Sperberg
6 - Carol Popelka
7 - Michael Kroenke
8 - Chase Erickson
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
13 - Sawyer Schuettpelz
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
17 - Caleb Wendorff
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 - Luke Kleinschmidt
25 - Alli Johnson
25 - Susan Giese
26 - Thomas Anderson
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
07, 2005 - Brandon & Jessy Clark
07, 2017 - Mike & Sally Kroenke
15, 2004 - Jeff & Tina Hartmann
21, 1983 - Randy & Tammy Burr
21, 2005 - Kevin & Sheila Herrmann
24, 2003 - Jim & Cathy Hoffman
25, 1996 - Tom & Marjorie McGahan
25, 1985 - Steve & Theresa Gueths
27, 1989 - David & Noelle Buettner
28, 1955 - Dan & Shirley Krueger

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 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elders: Sat: Bob Behrens Sun: Chuck Stoehr & Rich Raddant Spec: Jon Wesenberg		1	2 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	3 1:00 Bible Study	4	5 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Blake Hartman
6 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Isaiah McDowell	7 6:15 Choir Practice 7:00 Altar Guild	8	9 6:30 Bible Study	10 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Ascension Day/Examination	11 6:30 Fellowship @ Luigi's	12 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Colton Olson
13 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Tucker Pyatskowitz	14 6:15 Choir Practice	15	16	17 1:00 Bible Study	18	19 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Brynlie Boyles
20 <i>Confirmation Day</i> 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Samuel Gueths	21	22 6:00 Elder Meeting	23	24 1:00 Bible Study	25	26 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Darius Kelley
27 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Alli Johnson	28 <i>Memorial Day</i>	29	30	31 1:00 Bible Study		Altar Guild: Donna Lopez Elizabeth McDowell Donna Ward Carol Magee

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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

