

## From Pastor Kleinschmidt

We didn't have a newsletter for April and this May newsletter is coming out late so that it can be combined with last month. It's odd to be putting this together in the midst of everything that has been happening. I'd invite you to read the letter from Congregation President, Jeff Theis. In there he outlines many of the things that have been going on here at St. Jakobi.

As has been the case for a lot of people, my work at here at church has changed in many ways. I have less Bible classes to lead but I am recording services in advance and also leading many small Communion services during the week.

I would like to share with you Psalm 137. Please take the time to read the Psalm that is inset in the middle of this article.

This Psalm is set during the Babylonian Captivity. Because of the idolatry of the people, God had allowed the Babylonians to destroy Jerusalem and carry off many of God's people into exile in Babylon. The temple in Jerusalem had been destroyed and the people weren't allowed to return to Jerusalem to worship.

There are many similarities to our current situation. We would like to return to the sanctuary to worship but we can't right now.

In verse one you see the Psalmist's response to being unable to go to Zion (Jerusalem). The Babylonians mock the Jews and tell them to sing of Zion but God's people don't want to sing in a foreign land. It just doesn't seem right to sing with joy when the source of joy is gone.

While the source of our joy is not gone, we still mourn. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us whether we can go to the sanctuary or not. He speaks to you his comforting and forgiving word. He also assures you of his eternal love.

And yet, there are some things that aren't the same. Just like the exiles couldn't offer the sacrifices in the temple, we can't gather as a community and receive the Lord's Body and Blood.

But still the Lord watches over his people. Get in contact with me and I would love to offer a short service with you or a small group and give you Holy Communion. God hasn't taken away his mercy and grace from us; even in the midst of a pandemic.

The last three verses of the Psalm reflect on how it is that the Babylonian captivity will end. Another country will conquer Babylon and the Jews of Jerusalem will be able to return back to their home.

An army won't deliver us from disease, sickness, or fear; but God will be the directing force behind all good things.

What good will come out of the situation we find ourselves in? We don't know yet; but give it some consideration. How can you use this time to deepen your faith in Christ and help you and your family learn to

trust in God more when times are difficult?

The Lord will bring us home to worship once again.

In Christ,

-Pastor Kleinschmidt

**137** By the waters of Babylon,  
there we sat down and wept,  
when we remembered Zion.  
2 On the willows there  
we hung up our lyres.  
3 For there our captors  
required of us songs,  
and our tormentors, mirth, saying,  
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"  
4 How shall we sing the LORD's song  
in a foreign land?  
5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem,  
let my right hand forget its skill!  
6 Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth,  
if I do not remember you,  
if I do not set Jerusalem  
above my highest joy!  
7 Remember, O LORD, against the Edomites  
the day of Jerusalem,  
how they said, "Lay it bare, lay it bare,  
down to its foundations!"  
8 O daughter of Babylon, doomed to be destroyed,  
blessed shall he be who repays you  
with what you have done to us!  
9 Blessed shall he be who takes your little ones  
and dashes them against the rock!

# ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

## DRIVE-IN SERVICES

Our drive-in services on Sunday at 9am will continue. Please check the church website for the bulletin and bring it with you. Stay in your car and tune your radio to 104.5. You must be within a quarter mile of the church to pick up the radio signal.

## RADIO SERVICES

You can listen to a 30-minute service on Saturday night at 6pm. Tune your radio to 96.1 or 960. You can also listen online at [www.bit.ly/WTCHShawano](http://www.bit.ly/WTCHShawano). You can follow along by downloading the bulletin from the church website.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS has been postponed until August. We will announce a definite date when the school district makes a decision about Summer School and what the Covid-19 situation is as we move through the summer.



## SAVE THE DATE – RED BARN

We are currently scheduled to host the brat fry on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. We hope to know more by June 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in helping, please contact Marshal or Sue Giese at 715-787-3217.



## HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE

As of right now, the Higher Things Conference in Grand Rapids, MI July 21-24 is still going to happen. More information will be given to the children and families going as we get closer to those dates.



## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation would have taken place on May 31 this year but we have postponed it until a later date. Right now, Confirmation is scheduled for the Sunday after we are able to worship in the Sanctuary again. Of course, this date is dependent on when restrictions are lifted and if there are numerical limits on the number of people at church.

## ONLINE GIVING

You can now give online by visiting <http://bit.ly/DonateStJakobi>. This easy way to give to church can be done as a one-time gift or recurring. You can give from your checking account or credit card. If you would like you can help offset the expense of offering this service, there is information at that website.

## DIRECT GIVING

If you want to give monthly from your checking account, please pick up a form in the church office and then return it to the church office.

## READINGS AT CHURCH

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| <b>May 10<sup>th</sup>:</b>  | Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60<br>1 Peter 2:2-10<br>John 14:1-14  |
| <b>May 17<sup>th</sup>:</b>  | Acts 17:16-31<br>1 Peter 3:13-22<br>John 14:15-21          |
| <b>May 24<sup>th</sup>:</b>  | Acts 1:12-26<br>1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11<br>John 17:1-11    |
| <b>May 31<sup>st</sup>:</b>  | Numbers 11:124-30<br>Acts 2:1-21<br>John 7:37-39           |
| <b>June 7<sup>th</sup>:</b>  | Genesis 1:1-2:4a<br>Acts 2:14a, 22-36<br>Matthew 28:16-20  |
| <b>June 14<sup>th</sup>:</b> | Exodus 19:2-8<br>Romans 5:6-15<br>Matthew 9:35-10:8        |
| <b>June 21<sup>st</sup>:</b> | Jeremiah 20:7-13<br>Romans 6:12-23<br>Matthew 10:5a, 21-33 |
| <b>June 28<sup>th</sup>:</b> | Jeremiah 28:5-9<br>Romans 7:1-13<br>Matthew 10:34-42       |

## LETTER FROM CONGREGATION PRESIDENT, JEFF THEIS

Due to the need to cancel our quarterly voters meeting in April I wanted to send a note on some items that would normally be discussed at the meeting.

The COVID-19 Pandemic has been challenging for all of us, however during these times of uncertainty we see the work of Christ continue among us here at St. Jakobi. It has been simply amazing to see how members have helped in many ways, simply finding ways to get things done and plan for the future; both short term and long term.

### Parking Lot and Radio Service

I have sat in on a few meetings with the Board of Elders as they worked to come up with a way to continue worship during the Pandemic. After discussion



with WTCH radio we were able to secure a 30-minute time slot on Saturday evening which was reserved for Milwaukee Brewers games. With the Brewers games cancelled for now, we were able to get a piece of their time slot. To prepare the radio message Pastor needs to record the entire service ahead of time (preaching from his office) and have Joanne and other singers record the songs. Once Pastor has the service recorded, he needs to get in his car and drive to the Glas Coffee parking lot to get fast internet service and upload the service to WTCH. Pastor plans to have some coffee at Glas Coffee when they open 😊. Of note, we have received notes and contributions from people who are not members of St. Jakobi in appreciation for getting the service on the radio. With the radio message in place, the Elders set out to find a way to have worship on church property while abiding by state rules. The Parking lot service was the clear direction that would give church members the best option since we are not allowed to gather in groups of more than 9. There were several hurdles to overcome to make this happen. One of the biggest challenges was how members would be able to hear from their cars. The Elders investigated using the church outdoor chime system but found it would

not be clear enough, then found a band with large speakers and made plans to use the band's speakers and set up them up in the corners of the parking lot. They were also looking for a FM transmitter that would allow us to hold service the way we do today, tuning into 104.5 FM. Well, many other congregations had the same idea and the FM transmitters were nearly impossible to find. More than once we thought we had a transmitter only to see it slip away for one reason or another. That led to discussion on what is used at the local race tracks and a call was made to Brad Raddant. Many Thanks to Shawano Speedway and Fairgrounds for allowing us to use their transmitter. The transmitter sits on a chair in the sound room, covered in clay dust but works fantastic for our services. Thanks again to Brad and all others who put forth effort to get a FM transmitter and getting it operational. The Elders also needed to place for Pastor to preach from. The trailer was brought in and works great. After the first week the Elders felt it would be nice for Pastor to be higher up so they build a deck in the trailer and raised him so we can see him better. Hopefully Pastor doesn't fall off the wagon. That doesn't sound right but you know what I mean. My thanks to all who contributed in any way to make all this happen and get the message of God to all the very best way we can.

### Financials

The question has been asked; are we OK financially? The answer is yes, members have mailed in, dropped offerings at church, and the ACH automatic bank withdrawals were already in place. We have received offerings from members visiting us for a Parking Lot Service.

A few facts on our financial health:

Building Loan Balance: At the end of 2019 was \$32,057 today is \$16,779

Check book balance: At the end of 2019 was \$-9,765 and today is \$39,351. Included in our checking account balance is a Payroll Protection Program Loan/Grant for \$25,301.

### Rooted and Built up in Christ Capital Campaign.

This is on hold at this time as the committee evaluates when to schedule Commitment Sunday. We would ask that you take the additional time and prayerfully consider opportunities that you have to support the building project.

Congregation President / Capital Campaign Director

Jeff Theis

**John 20:21-23** <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

HE *BREATHED* ON THEM?  
IS THAT EVEN *SAFE*?



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IT IS... IF IT'S  
THE *BREATH* OF GOD!



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JOHN 20:19-31

## 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>

## ROOTED AND BUILT UP IN CHRIST

On Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> the playground was removed and on the next day work began on removing the trees to make room for the addition to the church. Things have begun to look a lot different and much more will change in the next 18 months.



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Greg Samson  
1 - Jennifer Stuber  
2 - Tucker Pyatskowitz  
3 - Sarah Benser  
3 - Connie Kunze  
4 - Lori Wendorff (Scott)  
5 - Jenni Sperberg  
6 - Carol Popelka  
7 - Michael Kroenke  
8 - Chase Erickson  
8 - Aspen Gehnke  
8 - Kris Johnson  
9 - Steve Gueths  
10 - Kevin Herrmann  
10 - Amber Schmidt  
10 - Janell Wesenberg  
11 - Bryce Bohl  
12 - Natineal Kunze  
12 - Andrew Theis  
12 - Marlene Weckwerth  
12 - Jamison Yorton  
13 - Sawyer Schuettpelz  
14 - Tom Teetzen  
15 - Robert Bubolz  
15 - Amie Olson  
15 - Thomas Theis  
16 - Pete Arthur  
16 - Brandon Buettner  
16 - Taylor Johnson  
17 - Ruth Cummings  
17 - Kathy Fonger  
17 - Caleb Wendorff  
18 - Brian Johnson  
18 - Jeff Schuettpelz  
18 - Madisyn Skalitzky  
18 - Connie Steinke  
21 - MaryJane Kucksdorf  
22 - Darlene Drake  
22 - Charles Glock  
22 - Megan Pederson  
23 - Kloie Boyles  
23 - Abby Parilek  
24 - Luke Kleinschmidt  
25 - Susan Giese  
25 - Allison Johnson  
27 - Joanne Behrens  
27 - Nathaniel Gueths  
27 - Brooklyn Krueger  
27 - Keonna Lindner  
27 - Levi Wendorff  
28 - Tammy Burr

28 - Richard Raddant  
29 - Justin Buntrock  
29 - Jim Szucs, Jr.  
29 - Gloriann Watzlawick  
29 - Margaret Wendorff  
30 - Katie Carroll  
31 - Susan Klemens

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 - Willow Berendt  
1 - Courtney Drake  
1 - Debra Schneider  
2 - Callie Boyles  
2 - Kristi Skalitzky  
2 - Alison Sperberg  
2 - Terri Teetzen  
3 - Joshua Berkahn  
3 - Dan Krueger  
3 - Jeremy Pyatskowitz  
6 - Lincoln Ejnik  
6 - Amanda Felkowski  
6 - Sheila Herrmann  
7 - Wendy Kroenke  
8 - Debbie Laehn  
8 - Steven Verstoppen Jr  
9 - Darryl Prodell  
10 - Wyatt Krueger  
10 - Howard Popp  
12 - Kourtney Erickson  
12 - Paul Romberg  
14 - Owen Gueths  
14 - Chad Wendorff  
17 - Bobbi Jo Ladwig  
17 - Betty Szucs  
19 - Landon Lindner  
19 - Dana Price  
19 - Talia Tonn  
20 - Kaitlyn West  
21 - Mark Schuster  
21 - Rebecca West  
21 - Jerele Westphal  
23 - Jeff Buettner  
25 - Joanne Bublitz  
26 - Ashley Damveld  
26 - Chuck Stoehr  
27 - Derek Drake  
27 - Samuel Gueths  
27 - Emily Teetzen  
28 - Carrie Bohl  
28 - Harper Ejnik  
28 - Marjorie Vorpahl  
30 - Carrie Fink  
30 - Mary Jung

## 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  
06, 2017 - Mike & Sally Kroenke  
07, 2005 - Brandon & Jessy Clark  
15, 2004 - Jeff & Tina Hartmann  
21, 1983 - Randy & Tammy Burr  
21, 2005 - Kevin & Sheila Herrmann  
24, 2003 - Jim & Cathy Hoffman  
25, 1985 - Steve & Theresa Gueths  
25, 1996 - Tom & Marjorie McGahan  
27, 1989 - David & Noelle Buettner  
28, 1955 - Dan & Shirley Krueger

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

1, 2019 - Jesse & Brittany Waldvogel  
7, 1980 - Jeff & Mary Theis  
14, 1969 - Marshal & Susan Giese  
15, 1968 - Albert & Elaine Schroeder  
16, 1987 - James & Lisa VanScoik  
18, 2016 - Adam & Katie Carroll  
18, 2005 - Faron & Kristi Skalitzky  
19, 1971 - Robert & Barbara Bubolz  
21, 1980 - Jeff & Teresa Schuettpelz  
23, 1962 - Lawrence & Nancy Schroeder  
30, 2007 - Cory & Rachel Neville  
30, 1990 - Michael & Vicki Waldvogel

## 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.

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***Check inside for information  
about the Church expansion and building project!***

**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

