

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday. In 1863, during the Civil War, President Lincoln declared that the day be set aside "as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens." Perhaps with the official start of this holiday, President Lincoln gets it right. Thanksgiving can be about turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, football, hunting, family. Those things are all great. I have the fondest of memories of gathering around the table with family to eat delicious meals and then playing cards afterwards and feeling completely stuffed.



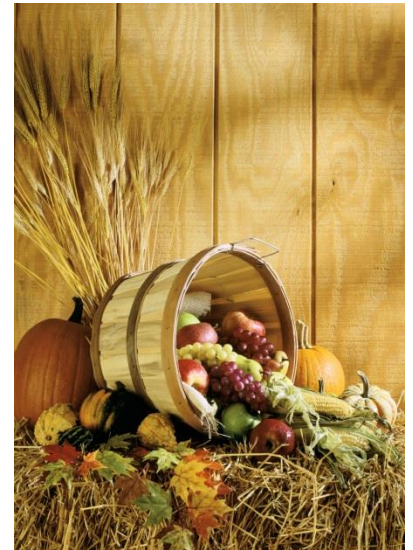
But as Christians if we take this holiday as just a time for all of those things mentioned earlier, then we are misusing this holiday that has so much potential.

If we are to give thanks on Thanksgiving, then we have to think about who it is we are giving thanks to. For in everyday life, you never say thank you to nobody. Your thanks are always directed at someone. So on Thanksgiving we consider who it is that we are thanking. And what we are thanking him for.



Of course, we know that we give thanks to God for all the benefits that He has given to us. Our thanks is directed at the one who is the giver of all good things. Even if we direct our thanks to other people in our lives, we also recognize that the people in our lives are the instruments of God. We can thank our employers for giving us jobs. We can thank Mom for making the fabulous Thanksgiving meal. We can thank our family for always being there for us. But even as we do this we also thank God because he is the ultimate source of all goodness.

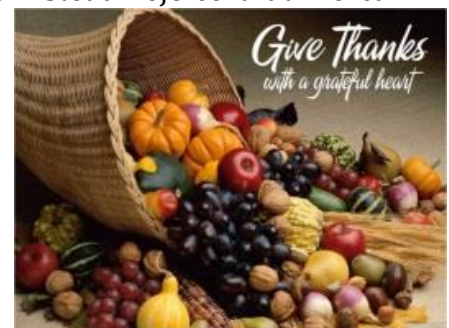
In Holy Scripture there are many examples of people giving thanks. There is also one notable one that is generally the reading at Church on Thanksgiving. It is from Luke 17:11-19. Jesus cleanses 10 lepers and they are to go to the temple to show themselves to the priests. And of those 10, only one, "turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks."



Jesus then looks at him and says, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?" Jesus provides us much for this daily life. For those lepers he provided healing from their affliction. And even though only one gave thanks, all of them were healed. God provides so much to all people. Our desire is to not be like the 9 who fail to acknowledge God's providence, but instead be like that one who gave thanks to God. Mingled with that thanks is praise to Jesus for all his benefits to us.

Giving thanks isn't an obligation; instead it is an opportunity to praise God. It's just like the child who is made to write a thank you note to grandma for the birthday present but doesn't want to write the note. Knowing of all of God's gifts we don't give thanks unwillingly or with a grumbling heart but instead rejoice that we can give thanks and God hears our thanksgiving.

In the words of the hymn, "Give thanks with a grateful heart." Giving thanks to God for all of you,
-Pastor Kleinschmidt



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Children's Christmas Service will be on the Sunday before Christmas, December 20th. It will be at the regular time of worship at 9am. Practice starts on November 29th during the Sunday School hour. It will continue every week on Sunday and also two Saturday mornings, December 12th and 19th. **If your child will be unable to participate, please call the church office at 715-524-4347** so we can plan appropriately.



CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE CHANGE

There is a new time for Christmas Eve services this year. The first service will be at **4pm** and the candlelight service will remain at 11pm. The earlier time will hopefully allow families to come to church and still share a meal together afterwards.

FALL BACK!

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 1st at 2am. Set your clocks one hour back before you go to bed or you will not be on time for church Sunday morning.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

There will be a Thanksgiving Service on Thanksgiving Day at 9am.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Sunday, November 1st is New Member Sunday. Be sure to come and welcome the new members to the congregation.

COMMUNION FREQUENCY

The Board of Elders have been considering how often we offer Holy Communion. After several newsletter articles, Bible Studies on the topic and seeking input at the Voter Meetings, the Elders have decided to begin offering Communion at each Saturday and Sunday service beginning November 1st. This means you can receive Communion each weekend you come to church and if you desire not to receive Communion you may continue to sing the hymns and pray during the distribution.

NEW CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESS

The church office email address has changed. It used to be stjakobi@frontiernet.net. The new address is church@stjakobi.org. You can use this to get a hold of Wendy or Pastor

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

- 11/1 Moses and the Plagues
- 11/8 The Passover
- 11/15 Crossing the Red Sea
- 11/22 God Provides Manna, Water, and Quail
- 11/29 Christmas Program Practice



CHURCH BUILDING LOAN BALANCE:

The amount owed for the loan to build the new church at the start of 3rd Quarter was \$293,347.73. After making our monthly payments, the balance at the end of the 3rd Quarter was \$284,414.13. Thanks be to God for His blessings.

MITTEN TREE

Anyone wishing to donate children's mittens, hats or stockings to our Mitten Tree project please bring them and put them on the tree in the Narthex. Right after thanksgiving we will be collecting all of them and taking them to area schools for needy children. We had a great response last year and this is a wonderful way to share God's love.

HARVEST DISPLAY

We will again be collecting non-perishable food items for our Harvest Display here at St. Jakobi. You may bring your items to any of the church services and put them around the Harvest Display in the front of the church. The last day we will collect the food is Thanksgiving and then it will be distributed to a needy family or the Shawano Area Food Pantry. Your contributions are greatly appreciated

CATECHISM LOCKIN

On Friday, November 6th at 7pm the Catechism students will be having their lock-in at church. They will spend the night in the Parish Hall, having a Bible lesson, time to play, midnight church service, and a service project.

FELLOWSHIP

A good time was had by all at Yoder's Essen House last month. Are you ready for something new again? We'll be going to the restaurant at Four Seasons Resort on Airport Road. Serving time, as always, is 6:30pm. The date is Friday, November 13th. Hope to see you there! Contact Don or Joanne Bublitz with questions.

SCRIP PROGRAM NEWS

Are you looking to buy gift cards for Christmas presents? Then Scrip is your answer. You can look over the list of participating retailers at church. You will find great gift card ideas like Bath & Body Works, Target, Dick's, Home Depot, iTunes Store, Aeropostale, GameStop, Toys'R Us, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Cold Stone Creamery, Panera, Gap, Gander Mountain, Cabela's and many more! You can see an entire list and shop online for cards at www.shopwithscrip.com. The last day to order scrip cards for Christmas is Monday, December 14th. Don't wait till the very end and then not be able to get what you want; order early. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Donna Lopez at 715-584-7960

UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

- November 1st:** Revelation 7:9-17
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12
- November 8th:** 1 Kings 17:8-16
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44
- November 15th:** Daniel 12:1-3
Hebrews 10:11-25
Mark 13:1-13
- November 22nd:** Isaiah 51:4-6
Jude 20-25
Mark 13:24-37
- November 29th:** Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 19:28-40

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

Do you want the Small Catechism on your smartphone or tablet? There's an app for that. You can download the free Small Catechism for iOS at <http://bit.ly/iOSCatechism> or for Android at <http://bit.ly/AndroidCatechism>

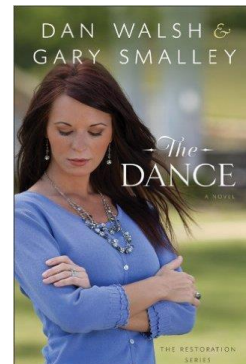
LIBRARY NEWS

PLANTING SEEDS

Jim Anderson is a successful businessman, and his wife,

Marilyn, is the perfect wife. And why wouldn't she be? He gives her everything she needs. That's why Jim never expected to come home one day and find Marilyn gone. After 27 years of marriage, Marilyn has had enough of feeling unloved and neglected. She wants to experience some measure of happiness before she's too old to enjoy it, even signing up for dance lessons, something Jim would never do. What will it take for Jim to finally become the man Marilyn needs him to be?

Combining the literary talents of bestselling author Dan Walsh and the relationship expertise of bestselling author Gary Smalley, *The Dance* is the romantic first novel in The Restoration Series.



ST. JAKOBI ON FACEBOOK

St. Jakobi has a [Facebook page](#). Stay up to date on happenings at church by liking the page. You don't need a Facebook account, just visit the website: www.facebook.com/lcmsjakobi



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 issues within the church. **Upcoming programming features challenges to Lutheranism: Pietism, Rationalism, Unionism, Missionalism & Postmodernism.** You can listen to what you want, when you want at www.issuesetc.org. You can also download the episodes to your iPod or Smart Phone.

Issues, Etc.



Christ-Centered Cross-Focused Talk Radio

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

2 - Katelyn Teetzen
3 - Anna Laabs
4 - Stacie Damveld
5 - Marshal Giese
9 - Scott Wendorff
9 - John Boyles
10 - Judi Raddant
11 - Randall Burr
12 - Jaiden Nikkila
13- Alec Raddant
14 - Stephanie Laabs
15 - Rylee Trochil
16 - Rebecca Owen
16 - Norma Martzke
17 - Kayla Szucs
17 - Jed Schuettpelz
17 - Brittney Angeli
17 - Connor Angeli
17 - Bob Juds
18 - Elliot Clark
18 - Henry Pleshek
18 - Hope Peters
18 - Bruce Teetzen
19 - Dan Tester
19 - Dale Magee
19 - Barbara Berkhahn
20 - Pastor Travis Kleinschmidt
20 - Michael Opperman
21 - Daniel Buettner
21 - Alma Krueger
21 - Gerald Ludolph
22 - Bob Kroenke
22 - Nicole Horne
22 - Misty Buettner
22 - Lisa VanScoik
23 - Jacob Berkhahn
24 - Randy Giese
24 - Ian Stuber
24 - Lori Buettner (Robbie)
25 - Bonnie Cotter
26 - Kersten Stueck
26 - Sandy Habeck
26 - Shania Skalitzky
26 - Noah Wendorff
26 - Hannah Hoffman
26 - Ben Arndt
29 - Steve Verstoppen
29 - Tom McGahan
29 - Pam Hansen

A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

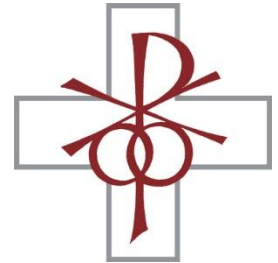
Heavenly Father, our times are in Your hands. Look with favor on name as he/she celebrates his/her birthday. Grant that he/she may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. Strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness and bless him/her with Your abiding love all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ,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

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

06, 1971 - Curt & Margie Wendorff
10, 1973 - Bill & Darlene Ross
15, 1986 - Barbara & Doug Berkhahn
15, 2003 - Jacob & Samantha Tonn
15, 2014 - John & Jennifer Kriewaldt
23, 1957 - Bob & Clarice Juds
26, 1966 - Dale & Carol Magee
26, 1994 - Douglas & Brenda Gast

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.

NOVEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Daylight Savings Ends</i> 9:00 Service(HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Alec Raddant	2 6:15 Choir Practice 7:00 Altar Guild	3	4 1:00 Ladies Bible Study 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	5 1:00 Bible Study	6 7:00 Catechism Lock-in	7 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Tristan Szucs
8 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Payten Thompson	9 6:15 Choir Practice	10 6:30 Elders	11 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	12 1:00 Bible Study	13 6:30 Fellowship @ Four Seasons	14 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:30 Service(HC) Acolyte: Gabriella Wendorff
15 9:00 Service(HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Kloie Boyles	16 6:15 Choir Practice	17	18 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	19 1:00 Bible Study	20	21 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Isaiah Gueths
22 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Jacob Nevins	23 6:15 Choir Practice	24	25	26 Thanksgiving 9:00 Service Acolyte: Kylie Teetzen	27	28 6:30 Service(HC) Acolyte: Kaden Marcell
29 9:00 Service(HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Carson Popp	30 6:15 Choir Practice			Altar Guild: Carrie Westphal Mary Theis Judi Raddant	Elders: Sat: Brian Sperberg Sun: Chuck Stoehr Spec: Tom Tuma	

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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

