

## From Pastor Kleinschmidt

Reformation Day is celebrated on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses on the church door on All Saints' Day Eve, 1517. All Saints' Day is November 1<sup>st</sup>. His theses dealt primarily with the sale of indulgences and the system of repentance that was used at that time. What Luther intended as a scholarly discussion become the beginning of the Lutheran Reformation. The Latin phrase, "Semper Reformanda" means "Always Reforming." This phrase acknowledges that in the life of the individual Christian and congregation there is always a need for a reformation. During this month of October we, as a congregation should consider how this is true for our community of believers.

If the Church is always reforming, then what are we being conformed to? When we try to make the church to be formed

in our own image and turn the church to be more in line with our own opinions, then we are reforming the church in the wrong

way. The church should always be moving towards the cross of Jesus Christ. The Church is the body of Christ and Jesus is the head of the church.

Instead of forming the church to look like ourselves we should be forming ourselves to look more like Jesus.

How can we more properly be the body of Christ in this place? This is the pertinent question. First and foremost we must acknowledge that we should always be striving to be more and more Christ-like. This means we are using the Holy Scripture as our guide of what it is to be the Body of Christ in this place. We are reforming ourselves to more properly reflect what the Bible says about us.

We don't want to change just for the sake of change because not all change is good. However, we

do want to change and be reformed so that we more closely reflect God's vision for ourselves.

I've been preaching and teaching about the Scriptural and historical reasons to offer Holy Communion more frequently. I said two years ago in my Reformation Day sermon,

"Are we always as faithful to God's Word as we should be? Are there places where our congregation and our denomination fail to hear God's clear word? Isn't it time for a reformation right now? You might ask how it is that we don't follow God's Word? Is the Body and Blood of Jesus central to our life together as a Christian congregation as it should? Is Communion the center upon which everything we do revolves? It should be. If Jesus is center to our faith, then the Body and Blood of Jesus will be center to our congregation. And from there everything else flows outwards to our friends and neighbors.

And if it is the center, then why is it that we have services where Holy Communion is not offered? Perhaps the

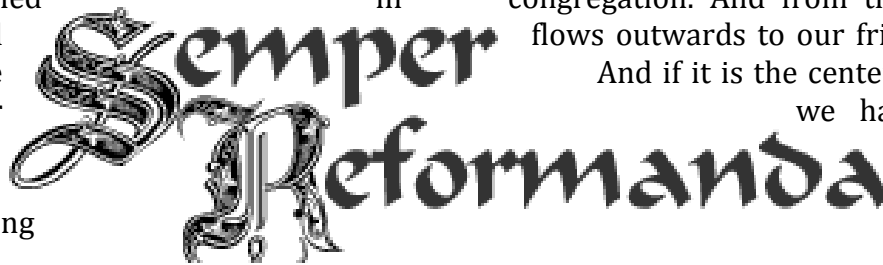
church is in need of reform."

The church should always be

willing to look at herself with the eyes of Scripture and determine if there are ways to be more faithful to the exacting Word of God. As a congregation, we can be more faithful to God's Word by rejoicing in the gifts that our Lord Jesus Christ gives to us in Holy Communion. This isn't a matter of requirements, but rather a matter of the joy of receiving Jesus.

As we make the transition to offering Holy Communion each weekend service beginning in November, I would invite you to talk to any of the Board of Elders or to me. We would be happy to answer any of your questions and listen to your concerns. This change is made with the spiritual good of the congregation in mind.

Being reformed by Christ,  
-Pastor



## Always Reforming



# ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

## REFORMATION SERVICE

On Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 at St. James Lutheran Church there will be a joint Reformation Service hosted by all the LCMS congregations in our area. **Our regular Saturday evening service will be cancelled** that night in order to help people attend this special service. Please consider coming to this as we celebrate the grace given to us in Christ Jesus by faith alone as revealed by Scripture alone.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:  
10/04 Joseph Feeds Egypt  
10/11 Joseph forgives  
10/18 The Birth of Moses  
10/25 Moses and the burning Bush



## CHURCH VOTER MEETING

The Quarterly Voter meeting will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup> after church. Preliminary agenda items include the 2016 Budget and election of officers. There will be more agenda items to come.

## POTATO PANCAKE DINNER

All church members are reminded that the upcoming Pancake Dinner is on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Please set this date aside to donate your time to volunteer. Plan to do a little work, eat some great food and enjoy some fellowship!



## WEDDINGS

On September 5<sup>th</sup> Mike Winkler and Cindy Craig were married. On September 12<sup>th</sup> Keegan Gast and Casey Kroenke were married. The Lord bless them in their marriages.

## CHURCH OFFICERS

We are looking for new officers to fill the following positions for our congregation in our upcoming election in October: President, Financial Secretary, Elder, Trustee, Boards of Education and Stewardship. If you are interested in serving the Lord for one of the positions, please take a form in the narthex to be filled out and place in the Elders box when completed.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

## FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship has something special planned for October 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be eating at Yoder's Essen Haus. It is a family-style meal. Chicken, mashed potatoes, dressing, vegetables, coffee, and dessert will be served. The cost is "your choice" between \$15 and \$25. This is a private party, so there won't be any trouble serving all of us! Perhaps someone would even have some ideas for entertainment? Tell us! Instead of trying to explain how to get there, Rich and Judi Raddant have asked us to meet at their house at 5:45 and we will car pool to the Amish farm. Please consider joining us. If you are there, it will be just that much more fun! If you have questions, ask Don or Joanne Bublitz.

## BAPTISMS

Harper Alivia Ejnik was baptized on September 13<sup>th</sup>. She was born on June 28<sup>th</sup> and her parents are Nathan & Brandi Ejnik. Her baptismal sponsors are Lisa Ejnik and James Fiskén.



Kinlee Marie Meyers was baptized on September 20<sup>th</sup>. She was born on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and her parents are Jeremy & Nicki Meyers. Her baptismal sponsors are Lisa Bruette, Wayne Singer, Jr, Matisen Meyers, and Morgan Meyers.

Axlyn Effie Erickson was baptized on September 27<sup>th</sup>. She was born on July 15<sup>th</sup> and her parents are Chase & Kourtney Erickson. Her baptismal sponsors are Blake Krueger and Kim Schmidlkofer.

## UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

- October 4<sup>th</sup>:** Genesis 2:18-25  
Hebrews 2:1-13  
Mark 10:2-16
- October 11<sup>th</sup>:** Amos 5:6-7, 10-15  
Hebrews 3:12-19  
Mark 10:17-22
- October 18<sup>th</sup>:** Isaiah 33:5-8  
2 Timothy 4:5-18  
Luke 10:1-9
- October 25<sup>th</sup>:** Revelation 14:6-7  
Romans 3:19-28  
John 8:31-36

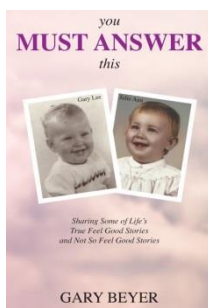
## LADIES OF ST. JAKOBI!

If you haven't come to the Ladies Bible Study, put it on your calendar now! We have great discussion about the Bible topic assigned. In October we will meet on the 7<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the Bible Study Room. We will also be having our mite collection for mission projects that day.

## LIBRARY NEWS PLANTING SEEDS

(Section 3 of the church library—  
by Oshkosh Author Gary Beyer)

Living with an incurable, extremely rare and progressively debilitating muscle disease is not something that anyone should ever experience in their life. It is definitely not a character builder. I've found it to be highly imposing, quietly relentless, considerably disruptive and very emotionally challenging. **Yet, I feel I'm being incredibly blessed, by the grace of God, to fully experience and actively pursue what I clearly recognize as a divinely-inspired journey.** This began with the divine inspiration I received that early morning in late July of 2013. My memory of this message remains so vivid. It's like I just received it. It was communicated in such a way that there was no indecision. I needed (and definitely became spiritually-driven) to pursue the writing of what became my first book.



## 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](http://www.facebook.com/lcmsjakobi)



## FAMILY FAIR AND AUCTION

Plans are progressing to make the 6th Annual Family Fair and Auction on Saturday, October 10 at the Boarders Inn and Suites a most enjoyable event for the whole family. Come early and join in the Community 5K Trail Run/Walk at 9:30 and/or have your children participate in the ¼ mile Kids' Run at 10:30. There are registration forms available to print at [www.wrlhs.org](http://www.wrlhs.org) or register that morning from 8-9:15. All runners will receive a \$2 off coupon toward their lunch. Lunch will start at 11:30 and include soups, sandwiches, dessert, and a beverage for \$8, children 4-12 \$5. There will be numerous outside activities for the children. The silent auction will run from 10-1 with the live auction starting at 1. There will be a wide variety of items to bid on including furniture, tools, quilts, Packer items, other sports memorabilia, pies, etc. Look for the sign-up sheet at your church for donating pies, bars, and tortes. Contact the high school (745-2400) if you have any questions.

## 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 Eastern Orthodoxy, Defending the Truth Claims of Christianity, The Birth of Moses, St. Michael & All Angels, Translator of Scripture Jerome and more.** You can listen to what you want, when you want at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org). You can also download the episodes to your iPod or Smart Phone.

## LWML FALL RALLY

St. Paul, Stony Hill LWML extends a heartfelt invitation for you to join us for the LWML Fall Rally of Zone 13 North Wisconsin District. It will be on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> @ St Paul, Stony Hill. Registration is from 8:30am-9:00am; Rally 9:00; lunch at noon. Cost is \$5.00(rally and lunch); \$3.00(rally only). The speakers are Ann Hinkfuss & Stephanie Bowers, "Making a Difference, one cloth diaper at a time". The Christian Life Topic is "What does this mean?" "Gifts of the Heart" ingathering will be designated to Real Hope for Haiti Rescue Center. Items in needs are: onesies, formula, or cloth diapers. Call Myrtle Behnke @ 526-5096 by September 26<sup>th</sup> if you plan on attending.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

1 – Kailyana Zaitz  
2 – Elfrieda Buettner  
2 – Jennifer Kroenke  
2 – Mike Hein  
2 – Brandon Clark  
4 – Tristan Buntrock  
6 – Elizabeth McDowell  
6 – Marilyn Burlo  
7 – Audrey Sperberg  
7 – Barbara Bahr  
7 – Kathy Teetzen  
8 – Gavin Opperman  
8 – Shirley Ritch  
10 – Matthew Horne  
10 – Garrett Giese  
10 – Mark Kroenke  
10 – Gunnar Hein  
11 – Elroy Wendt  
11 – David Schoenike  
11 – Roy Habeck  
12 – Jay Schuettpelz  
12 – David Bohm  
12 – Roxy Martzke  
13 – Wade Bohl  
14 – Brad Teetzen  
15 – Will Teetzen  
16 – Carl Gebert  
18 – Steve Schultz  
19 – Kalen Kroenke  
19 – Donna Lopez  
20 – Wyatt Rassmussen  
21 – Barney Olson  
22 – Thomas Tuma  
22 – Nolan Kleinschmidt  
25 – Jean Heinritz  
25 – Laura Prodell  
27 – Justin Cotter  
28 – Pamela Anderson  
30 – Jim Schroeder

## 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.

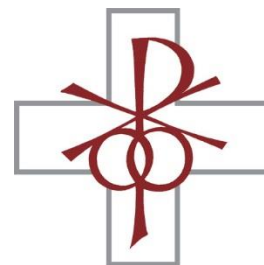
## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:

02, 1999 – Gregg & Emily Pleshek  
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02, 1993 – Tabb & Sarah Magee  
04, 2014 – Derek & Courtney Drake  
08, 2005 – Jeremy & Nicki Meyers  
11, 1986 – Bruce & Michelle Teetzen  
13, 2007 – Scott & Sara Steinke  
13, 2012 – Josh & Bobbi Jo Ladwig  
16, 1971 – Virgil & Cindy Gueths  
16, 1999 – Scott & Lori Wendorff  
16, 2004 – Holly & Mike Weatherwax  
17, 1987 – Robert & Lori Buettner  
19, 1974 – Richard & Judi Raddant  
20, 1979 – Joel & Vicki Buettner  
22, 1960 – Leroy & Audrey Sperberg  
22, 1949 – Eldor & Norma Martzke  
26, 1985 – Brad & Heidi Teetzen  
28, 1989 – Brad & Lorine Raddant  
28, 1999 – Brian & Kris Johnson

## 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.*



# OCTOBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Elders:</b> <b>Sat: Don Bublitz</b> <b>Sun: Tom Tuma</b> <b>Spec: Brian Sperberg</b>	<b>Altar Guild:</b> <b>Barb Teetzen</b> <b>Sue Giese</b> <b>Kathy Fonger</b>			1	2	<b>3</b> <b>6:30 Service</b> Acolyte: Isabella Buettner
<b>4</b> <b>9:00 Service(HC)</b> <b>10:30 Ed. Hour</b> Acolyte: Lucas Gast	<b>5</b> <b>7:00 Altar Guild</b>	6	<b>7</b> <b>1:00 Ladies Bible Study</b> <b>3:30 Catechism</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>8</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b> <b>6:30 Elders</b>	<b>9</b> <b>6:30 Fellowship</b>	<b>10</b> <b>8:00 Men's Breakfast</b> <b>6:30 Service(HC)</b> Acolyte: Gunnar Hein
<b>11</b> <b>9:00 Service</b> <b>10:30 Ed. Hour</b> Acolyte: Keonna Lindner	<b>12</b> <b>6:15 Choir Practice</b> <b>7:00 Council Meeting</b>	13	<b>14</b> <b>3:30 Catechism</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>15</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	16	<b>17</b> <b>6:30 Service</b> Acolyte: Garrett Wendorff
<b>18</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Ed. Hour</b> Acolyte: Hunter Hawkinson	<b>19</b> <b>6:15 Choir Practice</b>	20	<b>21</b> <b>3:30 Catechism</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>22</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	23	<b>24</b> <b>5:30 Reformation Service @ St. James</b>
<b>25 Reformation Day (Observed)</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Sun. School</b> <b>10:30 Voter Meeting</b> Acolyte: Taylor Johnson	<b>26</b> <b>6:15 Choir Practice</b>	27	<b>28</b> <b>3:30 Catechism</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>29</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	30	<b>31</b> <b>6:30 Service(HC)</b> Acolyte: Alex Owen

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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

