

## From Pastor Kleinschmidt

A number of years ago we had a Bible Study at church that studied the book, *5 Things You Can Do To Live a Jesus-Centered Life*. This short little book was written by Rev. Heath Curtis who is a pastor in Southern Illinois. In the introduction to his book he makes the point that salvation is done. Your eternal life is secure and paid for in the blood of Jesus Christ. And now, knowing that your salvation is secure, we want to live a “full, vibrant, joyful Christian life in the midst of a fallen world. It is about the necessary bearing of the crosses that Jesus said would come our way if we wanted to be His disciples.”

In June I wrote about the first point; Go to Church. In July the 2<sup>nd</sup> thing you can do to live a Christ-centered life is Go Read. In September I wrote about praying and now, this month the 4<sup>th</sup> thing you can do to live a Jesus-Centered life is **Go Work**

2. **Go Work.** Curtis writes, “Part of Luther’s rediscovery of the Gospel was a rediscovery of joy about life in the world. Christians are filled with Jesus and live salt and light lives in the world He came to save. The fancy word for this is *vocation*, which is Latin for calling. We serve God best in the calling that God has given each of us in the world: that’s our vocation.”

Your vocation is more than the job that you go to each morning. Your vocation is how you serve. Your job is a primary vocation because through a job you serve other people by making something, doing something, or helping. You use the money you earn and you in turn serve your family by providing for them house, food, clothes, and all of your possessions.

From the very beginning God gave Adam and Eve work to do. God told them to work and tend the Garden of Eden. This was even before the fall into sin. Thus, we can see that work is a part of God’s good plan for you and for this creation.

But since the fall into sin, work is cursed. In Genesis 3 we hear, “And to Adam He said, ‘Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of

you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground.” (Genesis 3:17-19) With the advent of sin in the world now we don’t find pleasure and goodness in work, we now find sweat, pain, and bad fruit. Sometimes clocking in is hard and the last thing you want to do is wake up in the morning and get ready for work.

But the good news of seeing your work as a vocation and the way you are serving others and your family is that God is using you. Even if you don’t enjoy it or your work is drudgery, God is using you for the good of others. This makes your work good, holy, and pleasing to God. That which is pleasing to God should also be pleasing to us, his people. You’re not just working for a thankless boss, you are working for God and for your family. Looking at your work vocation in this way opens your heart and mind to find the joy in what you do.

You are a mask of God and through you He is providing for your family, and providing for other people through your work. God is blessing the world through the work you do.

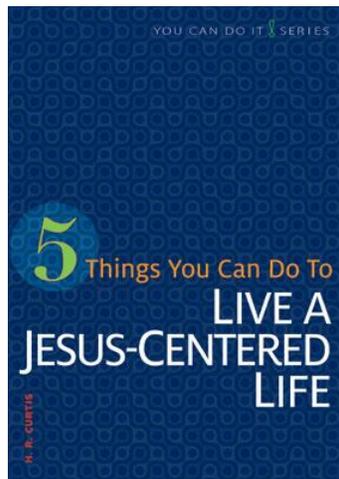
Pastor Curtis closes each chapter with some action points of what to do to lead a Jesus-centered life.

1. Pray with your vocation in mind that God would bless others through your work. Give thanks to God for the vocation of others.
2. Make a point of talking about your current job as part of your God-given vocation, and encourage other Christians to do so as well.

Next month I’ll reflect on the last point of living a Jesus-centered life. In addition to **Go to Church, Go Read, Go Pray, and Go Work** it is: **Come Home**

As God’s people, Jesus should rightly be the center of our lives so I pray that each one of us would strive to lead that holy life that Christ has called us to and we would center all of our actions on Jesus and the love that he has for us.

Centered on Christ, Pastor Kleinschmidt



# ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

## AFRICAN MISSIONARY TO VISIT ST. JAKOBI

Pastor Jacob Gaugert has been serving as theological educator in Togo, West Africa for nearly 4 years. Our congregation has been supporting him that entire time. He will be visiting us on October 24<sup>th</sup>. He will teach Catechism class, have a presentation from 5:30-6:30 and he will preach at a special 7:00 service. You won't want to miss his presentation or the service as we hear how the Lord works in wonderful ways. **From the LCMS website:** Rev. Jacob William Gaugert serves the Lord as a missionary through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Togo. Jacob teaches courses in Lutheran theology at The Centre Luthérien d'Etudes Théologiques (CLET), or Lutheran Center for Theological Studies, in Dapaong, Togo, in West Africa. He also teaches distance learning and continuing education courses in Central Africa as needed. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he assists with coordinating visiting professors and supervising LCMS projects in the region.



## POTATO PANCAKE DINNER

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Potato Pancake Dinner a success. We served about 560 people. If you have never been on that committee, you may not understand the amount of planning that goes into. Our thanks should go to them and everyone else who peeled potatoes, cooked, served, and cleaned.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:  
10/7 Joseph Forgives  
10/15 The Birth of Moses  
10/21 Moses and the Burning Bush  
10/28 Moses and the Plagues



## USHER SCHEDULE

October 7<sup>th</sup>: Jim & Jeff  
October 14<sup>th</sup>: Mike & Jamison  
October 21<sup>st</sup>: Marshal & Dale  
October 28<sup>th</sup>: Donna & Jim

## WRLHS FAMILY FUN & AUCTION

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Fun and Auction will take place at WRLHS on Saturday, October 6, 2018. The 4 mile run/walk will start at 10am as well as the silent auction. Children's games and lunch will start at 11am. Lunch will consist of hamburgers, 3 types of soup, dessert and beverage costing \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 5-12. The silent auction will end at 1pm at the same time that the live auction will begin. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex for pies, tortes, and bars. Auction items for both the silent and live auctions are desperately needed. Those wishing to donate items should contact the high school at 715-745-2400. Let's make this event another successful fundraiser.

## CHURCH OFFICERS

We are looking for new officers to fill the following positions for our congregation in our upcoming election in October: Financial Secretary, Elder (2), Trustee, Boards of Education and Evangelism. 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.

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Consider volunteering at the **LCFS Thrift Store!** This store, located at 2324 E. Richmond Street in Shawano, serves the community as part of the ministry of Lutheran Counseling & Family Services of Wisconsin. Run completely by volunteers, profits allow LCFS to provide faith-based adoption services, mental health counseling and addiction treatment to the Shawano and Green Bay communities. **Volunteer Opportunities** include flexible hours and tasks that match your interests. No special skill required. All that is needed is a positive attitude, a willingness to commit to a scheduled shift (a few hours a week) and a joy in helping others. **You will gain** fulfillment in knowing you are giving your gift of time and talent to others in need, new friends and acquaintances, and the reward of knowing you are truly making a difference! We are currently desperately in need of volunteers at this store. For additional information, please contact Leah Lehman at 715-584-5606.

## READINGS AT CHURCH

- October 7<sup>th</sup>:** Genesis 2:18-25  
Hebrews 2:1-13  
Mark 10:2-16
- October 14<sup>th</sup>:** Amos 5:6-7, 10-15  
Hebrews 3:12-19  
Mark 10:17-22
- October 21<sup>st</sup>:** Ecclesiastes 5:10-20  
Hebrews 4:1-13  
Mark 10:23-31
- October 28<sup>th</sup>:** Revelation 14:6-7  
Romans 3:19-28  
John 8:31-36

## FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship for October will be meeting at Yoder's Essen Haus. The date is Friday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> and we eat at 6:30. Please be sure to sign up on the pad in the Narthex if you can join us. NO RESERVATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER OCTOBER 7. If you have any questions, please contact Don and Joanne Bublitz.

## CHURCH VOTER MEETING

The Quarterly Voter meeting will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> after church. Preliminary agenda items include the 2019 Budget and election of officers. There will be more agenda items to come.

## CATECHISM LOCKIN

The kids in Catechism class (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) will be having a lockin at the church on Friday night, October 26<sup>th</sup>. They will have a Bible Study, play, worship at midnight, do a service project and grow in friendship.

## 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- New phone number is: 920-400-0013. New email address is [gmweck2329@gmail.com](mailto:gmweck2329@gmail.com).

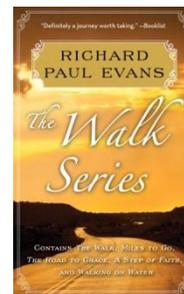


## SAM 25 FUNDRAISER

SAM 25 is hosting an Empty Bowls/Caring Hearts fundraiser on October 20<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm at Hillcrest Primary School.

## PLANTING SEEDS

(Section 1) The Walk Series, by author Richard Paul Evans. This is a series of 5 books about a man who decides to walk across America. After receiving a number of inquiries about this set, here is the list of books that are included, in chronological order: 1) Walking on Water 2) A Step of Faith 3) The Road to Grace 4) Miles to Go 5) The Walk. Richard Paul Evans is a talented author who holds your interest from cover to cover. He is known for his short chapters and riveting stories that keep you turning the pages for more.



Our library also includes The Christmas Box and The Christmas List (Section 1), written by the same author. You may recognize the Christmas Box from a movie that came out a number of years ago, starring Richard Thomas (John Boy/Waltons).

## HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE

We will begin planning for a Youth Group trip to the Higher Things Conference being held at Concordia University, Mequon, WI next summer, July 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The theme is *Concordia*. Registration forms need to be given to Pastor by December 1<sup>st</sup>. This is for all youth who are beginning 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. You can get more information at [www.Concordia2019.org](http://www.Concordia2019.org).

## PORTALS OF PRAYER

The Church purchases 125 Portals of Prayer and 5 copies that are in Large Print. They are free for you to take. This little daily devotional book has a Bible reading and Psalm with a devotion that ties to the reading. You can pick up your copy by the Guest Book or on the Bulletin table. Your old Portals of Prayer can be placed in the basket and they will be donated to Christians who need devotional material.

## CEMETERY ASSOCIATION NEWS

Help us prepare for Veteran's Day on November 11<sup>th</sup>. The cemetery guidelines indicate that planters, vases, and decorations placed on or after May 1<sup>st</sup> must be removed by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Items not removed may be removed or discarded. Winter or Veteran decorations may be placed November 1<sup>st</sup>. Work has been done to stabilize head stones in the cemetery. New foundations have been made and stones have been straightened.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Kailyana Zaitz  
1 - Keegan Gast  
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 - David Schoenike  
11 - Roy Habeck  
11 - Taylor Genke  
12 - Mandi Reinke  
12 - Jay Schuettpelz  
12 - Roxy Martzke  
13 - Wade Bohl  
14 - Brad Teetzen  
15 - Will Teetzen  
16 - Carl Gebert  
18 - Liam Buntrock  
19 - Kalen Kroenke  
19 - Donna Lopez  
20 - Wyatt Rassmussen  
22 - Thomas Tuma  
22 - Nolan Kleinschmidt  
25 - Jean Heinritz  
25 - Laura Prodel  
27 - Justin Cotter  
28 - Pamela Anderson

## 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  
02, 1999 - Shawn & Wanda Stueck  
02, 1993 - Tabb & Sarah Magee  
03, 1959 - Lewis & Carol Popelka  
04, 2014 - Derek & Courtney Drake  
08, 2005 - Jeremy & Nicki Meyers  
11, 1986 - Bruce & Michelle Teetzen  
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  
25, 1975 - Gary & Marlene Weckwerth  
26, 1985 - Brad & Heidi Teetzen  
28, 1989 - Brad & Lorine Raddant  
28, 1999 - Brian & Kris Johnson  
28, 2017 - Jordan & Stacie Robbins

## 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 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <b>6:15 Choir Practice</b> <b>7:00 Altar Guild</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>4:15 Catechism</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>4</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Chloe Bohl
<b>7</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Ed. Hour</b> Acolyte: Isaac Buettner	<b>8</b> <b>6:15 Choir Practice</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>4:15 Catechism</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>11</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b> <b>7:00 Elders</b>	<b>12</b> <b>6:30 Fellowship</b> <b>@ Yoder's</b>	<b>13</b> <b>8:00 Men's</b> <b>Breakfast</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Blake Hartmann
<b>14</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Ed. Hour</b> Acolyte: Isaiah McDowell	<b>15</b> <b>6:15 Choir Practice</b>	<b>16</b> <b>7:00 Council</b>	<b>17</b> <b>4:15 Catechism</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>18</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>2:00 Buettner/</b> <b>Schmidt Wedding</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Colton Olson
<b>21</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Ed. Hour</b> Acolyte: Ella Stuber	<b>22</b> <b>6:15 Choir Practice</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>4:15 Catechism</b> <b>5:30 Missionary</b> <b>Presentation</b> <b>7:00 Service with</b> <b>Missionary Rev.</b> <b>Gaugert</b>	<b>25</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>26</b> <b>7:00 Catechism</b> <b>Lockin</b>	<b>27</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Samuel Gueths
<b>28</b> <i>Reformation Observed</i> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Sunday School</b> <b>10:30 Quarterly Mtg</b> Acolyte: Levi Wendorff	<b>29</b> <b>6:15 Choir Practice</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>4:15 Catechism</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>		<b>Altar Guild:</b> Barb Teetzen Betty Szucs Lorine Raddant Carrie Westphal	<b>Elders:</b> <b>Sat:</b> Bob Behrens <b>Sun:</b> Rich Raddant & Chuck Stoehr <b>Special:</b> Mike Kroenke

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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## **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

