

## From Pastor Kleinschmidt

The Sunday morning Bible class is finishing up their study of the book of Revelation. We began last September and have taken a full year to read each verse of Revelation. We have studied it in context, had lots of discussion and wrestled with God's Word. And *wrestled* really is the right word. In Genesis 32 Jacob wrestles with an angel that he later finds out is God who has taken on human form. He contends with God and receives a blessing from him for his diligence and perseverance. Any study of God's Word is wrestling because we are striving to understand, apply, and grow in faith. We know that the study of God's Word will bring about good fruits but there are times it is a struggle.

In our study of Revelation, we strove to look past the fear that some Christians have created over the book and instead look to the beautiful gospel promises that are given to God's people.

People have feared Revelation because they take it out of context and they focus only on the end of the world language. And that is there, but it is also given with wonderful interludes of what the peace of eternal life will be for all the saints of God whose name is written in the Book of Life. Jesus' words of warning are given not to scare, but to show that sin has real consequences. And yet, we are delivered from those eternal consequences because of the blood of the Lamb that has been shed.

In the last chapter of Revelation, Jesus says several times, "Behold, I am coming soon." It is a reminder to John that all the things that he has seen

will happen soon. He is to be ready for the second coming of Jesus right away. We should be too. As we strive and contend in this sinful and death-filled world, we should always be ready for the Lord to come. A person is ready for Jesus to return who has faith in him.

This is what John expresses so magnificently in the very last verses. Revelation 22:20 says, "He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!" Jesus tells John he is coming soon and John's response is, "Yes! Come, Lord Jesus."

The faithful child of God is always ready for the return of Jesus. Since we have faith in Christ, we need not fear anything in this life...the attacks of Satan, sin, or death. We are always turning our eyes to Jesus, our Immanuel, our God with us, who will return and bring us to be with him for eternity.

In Summary, Revelation is not intended to turn our eyes out into the world and make us fear what may or may not happen or look for this or that fulfillment of prophecy. Rather, we are to turn our eyes to

Jesus. Jesus who died on the cross and rose. Jesus who comes to us with His Word and Sacrament. Jesus who will come again on the last day.

In our daily wrestling with God's Word, we turn our eyes to Jesus in order to see our salvation and the fulfillment of all of God's promises.

In eager anticipation of the last day,  
Pastor Kleinschmidt



# ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SOON

The first day for Sunday School is September 11<sup>th</sup>.

## POTATO PANCAKE DINNER

The Potato Pancake Dinner will be held on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

## BAPTISM

Baptized into Christ on August 28<sup>th</sup> was Everly Ann Gueths. She is the daughter of Joshua & Brinlee Gueths. Her baptismal sponsors are David & Heather Hoffman, Tami Cornelius, and Dylan Yorton.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

- 9/11 The Golden Calf
- 9/18 God With His People
- 9/25 No Sunday School

## CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

St. Jakobi Spiritual Outreach will be hosting a Craft and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00-1:00. We are looking for new handmade crafts and baked items to sell. If you would be willing to donate craft and/or baked items, or if you would like to help at the sale, please speak with Nancy Thelen or send an email to [church@stjakobi.org](mailto:church@stjakobi.org).

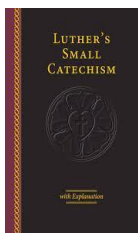
**Confirmation students and Youth:** We will also be selling cinnamon rolls, muffins, hot cider and coffee, to be eaten in, or as takeout. If you would like to join us in helping in the kitchen, keeping the craft and baked goods tables tidy, and helping any customers who may need help, you can let Nancy Thelen know.

## CHOIR

Choir Practice starts on Monday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:15. Any new members who would like to join are welcome. Please speak with Joann Bublitz before then.

## CATECHISM CLASS

The School year will be in full swing and that means Catechism class begins again. The first day of class is September 7<sup>th</sup>. The Catechism students (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) will be attending class weekly and continuing their duties serving as Acolytes. May God bless them during their time of instruction in the Christian faith.



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATES

**Rooted and Built Up in Christ Commitments** are underway. You can fulfill your pledges with the pink envelopes that are located in the Narthex above the guest book. You can also put in the memo line of the check "Building Fund" and place the check in your normal offering envelope. As of August 22<sup>nd</sup>, we have commitments totaling \$446,264.28, with a balance of \$50,204.00 due. Total dollars received is \$469,369.21. This includes pledges and additional funds given towards the building project. If you haven't made a commitment yet, you can find a card on the table in the Narthex and place it in the offering plate.

## ST. JAKOBI BOOK CLUB

There will be a new book club forming in September. The plan is to meet once a month in the Jerusalem Room to discuss a book. This is open to anyone, men or women. The first gathering will be September 6<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. The book we will discuss is [\*The Prayer Box\*](#) by Lisa Wingate.

When Iola Anne Poole, an old-timer on Hatteras Island, passes away in her bed at ninety-one, the struggling young mother in her rental cottage, Tandi Jo Reese, finds herself charged with the task of cleaning out Iola's rambling Victorian house.

Running from a messy, dangerous past, Tandi never expects to find more than a temporary hiding place within Iola's walls, but everything changes with the discovery of eighty-one carefully decorated prayer boxes, one for each year, spanning from Iola's youth to her last days. Hidden in the boxes is the story of a lifetime, written on random bits of paper--the hopes and wishes, fears and thoughts of an unassuming but complex woman passing through the seasons of an extraordinary, unsung life filled with journeys of faith, observations on love, and one final lesson that could change everything for Tandi.

## FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship will resume on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex.

## READINGS AT CHURCH

- September 4<sup>th</sup>:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Philemon 1-21  
Luke 14:25-35
- September 11<sup>th</sup>:** Ezekiel 34:11-24  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-10
- September 18<sup>th</sup>:** Amos 8:4-7  
1 Timothy 2:1-15  
Luke 16:1-15
- September 25<sup>th</sup>:** Amos 6:1-7  
1 Timothy 3:1-13  
Luke 16:19-31

## PARENTING WORKSHOP

Shaping Hearts and Homes is a 3-hour seminar featuring nationally renowned speakers and authors from the National Center for Biblical Parenting. On Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:45am-12pm St. Paul Lutheran Church, Bonduel will be hosting this acclaimed seminar. This is designed for moms and dads to help them shape their children's hearts. The cost is \$10/person or \$15/couple. There will be childcare provided for ages 3-6th grade. You can register at <https://bit.ly/ShapingHearts>.

## FALL BIBLE CLASSES

Wednesday night Bible Class will begin the Wednesday after Labor Day, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. We will be finishing our study of the book of James and then getting into a new topic.

Thursday afternoon Bible Class studies the Bible text that Pastor will be preaching on the coming weekend. This Bible Study is a great way to receive more depth to the sermon and the Biblical background for what is preached.

The Sunday morning Bible Class is growing and we have space in our new room for even more people.

The Fall is the perfect time to begin attending Bible Class. We are starting new topics and you will not feel behind. I would encourage you to put aside the excuses you have and you will grow in your faith. Parents, while your children are in Sunday School, you can learn too! If you're retired, the Thursday afternoon class is perfect. If you are free in the evenings; then Wednesday night is great. Please consider studying God's Word with us and make it a regular part of your week.

## CHURCH OFFICERS

We are looking for new officers to fill the following positions for our congregation in our upcoming election in October: Vice President, Recording Secretary, Elder (2), Trustee, Boards of Education and Evangelism. If you are interested in serving the Lord, please take a form in the narthex to be filled out and place in the Elders box when completed.

## NEW MEMBERS Welcome to St. Jakobi!



Karleen Brei

Scott & Kerry Breitrick  
and Brooke and Skye



Tamra Buntrock

Brittany Cotter



Taylor Pethke &  
Ashlee Amick

Brennan & Rachelle Price  
(Kayden, Korbin)



Nick & Desirae Theil  
(Lucille)

Justin & Ashley Weishoff  
(Hailey, Blake not pictured)

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Carol Paiser  
2 - Peter Carroll  
2 - Brenda Price  
3 - Krista Buettner  
3 - Amanda Gehnke  
3 - Austin Gueths  
3 - Brittany Opperman  
3 - Corrina Tuma  
4 - Mark Wendorff  
5 - Gavin Prodel  
6 - Jodi Angeli  
6 - Curt Wendorff  
7 - Paul Utecht  
8 - Jase Bisterfeldt  
8 - Kavion Franklin  
8 - Naomi Wendorff  
9 - Warren Gueths  
9 - Dominick Thorson  
10 - Gary Felckowski  
10 - Alice Laabs  
11 - Steve Buettner  
11 - Dayton Davis  
11 - Amy Riesenberg  
12 - Bryan Teetzen  
13 - Marvin Bahr  
13 - Tylena Bohl  
13 - Andrew Giese  
13 - Darlene Hoffman  
13 - Phyllis Olson  
14 - Eva Teetzen  
15 - Faith Teetzen  
16 - Eileen Skalitzky  
16 - Janet Wendt  
17 - Shirley Popp  
18 - Parker Carroll  
19 - Tom T. Tuma  
21 - Janice Grosskopf  
22 - Marvin Buettner  
22 - Daniel Moede  
24 - Brian Sperberg  
24 - Theresa Gueths  
25 - Kyle Raddant  
26 - Joshua Theis  
27 - Shirley Glock  
27 - Noël Kleinschmidt  
28 - Justin Engel  
29 - Jeremy Meyers  
30 - Jacob Burr  
30 - Martha Gebert  
30 - Emma Magee

## 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.

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1, 1990 - Brian & Bonnie Sperberg  
5, 2015 - Mike & Cindy Winkler  
6, 2017 - Casey & Linsey Carroll  
6, 2014 - Shawn & Allyssa Verstoppen  
7, 1996 - Greg & Patti Samson  
7, 2019 - Tyler & Lydia Walby  
8, 1984 - Steve & Lori Buettner  
8, 1990 - Russell & Bonnie Cotter  
9, 1978 - John & Susan Klemens  
9, 2006 - Darryl & Laura Prodel  
12, 2015 - Keegen & Casey Gast  
13, 1975 - Keith & Judy Buettner  
13, 2014 - Mike & Amber Schmidt  
14, 1996 - Andrew & Debra Schneider  
16, 1967 - Jim & Betty Szucs  
18, 2021 - Justin & Tamra Buntrock  
18, 2004 - William Grab & Patti Burr  
19, 1953 - Marvin & Elfrieda Buettner  
19, 1970 - Gerald & Mary Ludolph  
19, 1965 - Paul & Marilyn Picard  
20, 1958 - Thomas & Nancy Theis  
21, 2019 - Brandon & Alyson Buntrock  
22, 2001 - Corey & Nancy Marcell  
22, 2002 - Bryan & Melissa Teetzen  
24, 1977 - Dave & Darlene Hoffman  
27, 1997 - John & Stephanie Boyles  
28, 2019 - Zach & Megan Pederson  
28, 2013 - Ben & Alison Sperberg  
28, 1996 - Jim & Vicky Szucs

## 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.*

# SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Elders:</b> <b>Sat:</b> Mike Kroenke <b>Sun:</b> Mark Schuster Jamison Yorton <b>Special:</b> Rich Raddant				<b>1</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Colton Peters
<b>4</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Bible Study</b> Acolyte: Harper Rettke	<b>5</b> <i>Labor Day</i>	<b>6</b> <b>1:00 Book Club</b>	<b>7</b> <b>4:15 Catechism</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>8</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b> <b>6:00 Fellowship</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Connor Stuber
<b>11</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Education Hour</b> Acolyte: Khloe Wendorff	<b>12</b> <b>6:15 Choir</b> <b>7:00 Altar Guild</b>	<b>13</b> <b>5:30 Elders</b>	<b>14</b> <b>4:15 Catechism</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>15</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>9:00 Spiritual Outreach</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Cooper Clark
<b>18</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Education Hour</b> Acolyte: Blaze Ejnik	<b>19</b> <b>6:15 Choir</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>4:15 Catechism</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>22</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>8:45 Parenting Workshop</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Hailey Fischer
<b>25</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:00 Potato Pancake Dinner</b> Acolyte: Payton Skalitzky	<b>26</b> <b>6:15 Choir</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>4:15 Catechism</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>29</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Barb Bubolz Cathy Hoffman Roxy Martzke Darlene Hoffman

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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

