

## 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. Now, this month the 3<sup>rd</sup> thing you can do to live a Jesus-Centered life is **Go Pray**

2. **Go Pray.** Curtis writes, “If Baptism is our birth into the kingdom of God, if the Word of God is our true spiritual milk, if the holy body and blood of our Lord’s Supper is a Christian’s real food and drink, then prayer is our breath. And if it is breath, then it is given to us, for in God’s Word no one may take a breath unless they have first received it as a gift.” God breathes into you His Word. This Word

comes from outside of you and into your heart, mind, and soul. Then, you breath out and that is called prayer. True Christian prayer isn’t centered on something you come up with, but rather it is centered on that very breath that God has given to you.

God has promised to hear you as you pray. He hasn’t promised to answer all of your prayers with a yes, but he will certainly hear you and answer you in the way that is ultimately best. It may not be the answer you are looking for but it is still God’s answer.

We pray as dear children asking their dear Father. In fact we are told to address God as Father

and pray to him, “Our Father...” Your heavenly Father has promised to hear you.

The first practical advice that you need in regard to prayer is *make time!* It’s easy to put it off or think you don’t really need to pray, but you need to make time. Connect your time to pray to your reading of God’s Word. Let your reading of God’s Word inform and shape how and what you pray. How much time should you set aside? It doesn’t have to be a lot, 10, 15, 30 minutes. Don’t do something that isn’t manageable for you, rather set realistic goals.

What should you pray? The Lord’s Prayer, the Psalms, the prayers from church, the prayers in the hymnal, what you desire to ask or tell God.

If you are looking for more information on how to pray, you can read Martin Luther’s little book *A Simple Way to Pray*. I have many extra copies of this book, so please just ask me for one.

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

1. Set aside ten to fifteen minutes for private prayer each day.
2. Keep the bulletin from Sunday so you can pray the Collect of the Day all week long.
3. Once a week, use the Lord’s Prayer, one petition at a time, as the outline for all your daily prayers. Once a week, pray through a

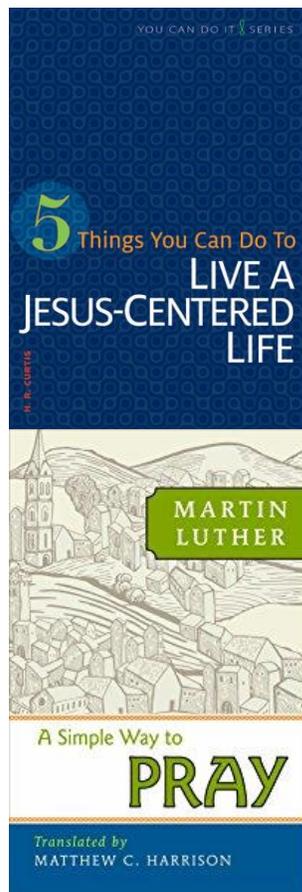
psalm one verse at a time. Once a week, pray through a small section of the Small Catechism.

4. Make a point to pray with your fellow Christians in your own home and in your congregation.

In the coming months I’ll reflect on the last 2 points of living a Jesus-centered life. In addition to **Go to Church**, **Go Read**, and **Go Pray** they are: **Go Work. 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

## FALL BIBLE CLASSES

Wednesday night Bible Class will begin the Wednesday after Labor Day, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. We will be studying the differences among the various Lutheran denominations in America. Bring your questions and they will get answered. If you have not come to a Bible Study recently, this would be a great way to get back into studying what we believe with other Christians.

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 continues its study of Lutheran Worship. We have seen the Jewish origins of Christian worship and how that fed into Medieval Christian worship and how the service as we know it came to us. But on top of all that, there are reasons for what we do and say and we are learning all about them.

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.

## POTATO PANCAKE DINNER

All church members are reminded that the upcoming Pancake Dinner is on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please set this date aside to donate your time to volunteer. Your work assignment is in your mailboxes at church. If anyone was missed, our apologies. We need everyone to volunteer to make this year's event a successful one. Plan to do a little work, eat some great food and enjoy some fellowship!



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

The first day of Sunday School is September 9<sup>th</sup>. Class starts in the Sanctuary at 10:30 with an opening led by Pastor and then class continues until 11:30. Thanks to all the volunteer teachers this coming year. We look forward to seeing the tree in the hallway at church grow leaves representing the children growing in their faith each time they attend Sunday School.

Teachers:

**Pre-K/K/1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Ally Popp and Kylie Teetzen

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Jordan Thompson and Kloie Boyles

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Jenny Stuber

**Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Heather Pyatskowitz and Emily Pleshek

**Wed. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Lena Johnson

**Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Cindy Gueths and Andy Gueths

**Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Mark Buettner



## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

- 9/9 Joseph and His Brothers
- 9/16 Joseph's Troubles
- 9/23 No Class - Potato Pancake Dinner
- 9/30 Joseph Feeds Egypt

## SEMINARY PROFESSOR COMING TO ZION, EMBARRASS

Three years ago Rev. Dr. Jeff Pulse visited St. Jakobi and taught Bible Class on a Saturday afternoon before the evening worship service. That class was extremely well received and people wished they could have had a longer class to learn more. Now's your opportunity!



On Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Jeffery Pulse will be at Zion Lutheran Church, Embarrass to present a special Bible Study. His presentation will be at 9:00am and conclude at about 3:00pm. There will be lunch offered that is a free-will offering. **There are lots more details on the bulletin board.**

## 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.

## FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship, by your request, will start the year at GENO'S of BLACK CREEK. The date is Friday, Sept. 14. Eating will begin at 6:30. The sign-up sheet is out and the cut off for signing up will be the Sunday before. So plan ahead and join us on Sept. 14.

## READINGS AT CHURCH

- September 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
Mark 7:14-23
- September 9<sup>th</sup>:** Isaiah 35:4-7a  
James 2:1-10, 14-18  
Mark 7:31-37
- September 16<sup>th</sup>:** Isaiah 50: 4-10  
James 3:1-12  
Mark 9:14-29
- September 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Jeremiah 11:18-20  
James 3:13-4:10  
Mark 9:30-37
- September 30<sup>th</sup>:** Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29  
James 5:13-20  
Mark 9:38-50

## PLANTING SEEDS

(DVD) Sarah Collins is a young woman on the elevator of success. As a junior account executive at a major advertising agency, Sarah is poised to get it all: executive promotion, salary increase, new car, fabulous apartment and first-class travel. There's only one thing that is standing in her way, an unexpected pregnancy. Sarah has a choice. Her friends and co-workers insist that she has the right to choose a path that offers a successful career and unlimited rewards. Others advise Sarah of another choice; a choice that will not only change her life but also the lives of her loved ones now and forever.



## USHER SCHEDULE

- September 2<sup>nd</sup>: Marshal & Donna  
September 9<sup>th</sup>: Dale & Jim  
September 16<sup>th</sup>: Jeff & Mike  
September 23<sup>rd</sup>: Jamison & Marshal  
September 30<sup>th</sup>: Donna & Dale

## ST. JAKOBI ON FACEBOOK

St. Jakobi has a [Facebook page](#). Stay up to date on happenings at church by liking the page.

## 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).

*Come my soul, with every care. Jesus loves to answer prayer.*

## NEWSLETTER IN COLOR

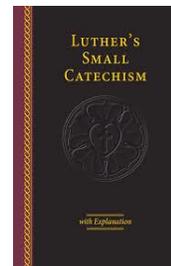
The pictures in the newsletter look great in color plus you can zoom in for more detail! You can receive a copy of the newsletter in color and save the church the printing cost by signing up for email delivery. You can sign up at <http://www.bit.ly/Jakobisignup>

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

The second Saturday of every month, the men of the congregation are invited to have breakfast in the Parish Hall. We discuss a timely topic from a decidedly Lutheran Christian perspective. This month we will meet on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

## CATECHISM CLASS

The School year will be in full swing and that means Catechism class begins again. The first day of class is September 5<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.



## 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>



## SUNDAY SNACK SIGNUP

If you would like to bring a snack to share on Sunday after church, then you can sign up on the counter by the kitchenette in the Narthex.

## SAM 25 EMPTY BOWLS/CARING HEARTS

SAM 25 is hosting an Empty Bowls/Caring Hearts fundraiser on October 20<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm at Hillcrest Primary School. You are welcome to come and support this organization. In addition, they are in need of donations of cookies. They can be dropped off on October 19<sup>th</sup> from 12-4pm at the Shelter.

## FUNERAL

Terry Watzlawick passed away on July 11<sup>th</sup> and his funeral was July 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Jakobi. We give thanks to God that He called him to faith and blessed him in his earthly life and that he now rests from his labors.

## LUTHERAN EDUCATION

St. Jakobi has funds available to help pay for tuition at [St. James Elementary School](#), [Wolf River Lutheran High School](#), or at Concordia University if your student is majoring in a church-work field. Don't let tuition be a stumbling block to a Lutheran school education. Talk to Pastor if you need assistance or have questions.

## VOICES OF PRAISE

If you enjoy singing and doing it with other very friendly people, we would like you to consider coming to join us in the church choir. We have a few openings and we would welcome you with open arms. Think seriously about it. Ask God's help in your decision. We would love to have you. The first practice is **Tuesday, September 4**, the day after Labor Day. We will be singing the following **Sunday, September 9**. We will also start practicing new Christmas music. Please tell Joanne Bublitz if you are unable to attend. Thanks!

## BAPTISMS

Baptized on July 8<sup>th</sup> was Wyatt Edwin Krueger, son of Josh & Corine Krueger. He was born on June 10, 2018. His baptismal sponsors are Gregg & Emily Pleshek.

Baptized on July 9<sup>th</sup> was Owen Thomas Gueths, son of Austin & Kaitie Gueths. He was born on June 14, 2018. His baptismal sponsors are Liza Steffeck, Joe Kugel, and Greta Gueths.

## LETTER FROM SEMINARIAN ANDREW TWIETMEYER

Seminarian Andrew Twietmeyer visited St. Jakobi on August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and preached at both services. Below is the letter we had received from him on July 21.

Dear Friends at St. Jakobi,

First year is in the books and it sure feels nice to be a second-year family. This is the last summer in a while that we will not have to move and we are enjoying that thoroughly.

We will continue to attend church in Ossian, at our assigned fieldwork church for another year. Jane is looking forward to Sunday School and Andrew will continue to learn from and assist the pastor there. Right now he is leading Bible Study and soon he'll be working with the youth and with the church's deaconess intern.

A big resource the seminary provides to students and their families are the co-ops: one for groceries and the other for household items. We cannot overstate how helpful and well-organized these places are. The household co-op provides donated clothing, baby gear, and kitchen and bedroom supplies (and lots more) for free. The food co-op opens once a week for us to shop for food, paper products, and toiletries. We volunteer at either co-op to earn groceries there.

Elizabeth still really likes working for a financial planner and an attorney and is very thankful that Andrew can be at home while she works. She, Jane, and Eve like to meet Andrew in chapel a few days a week. We are doing a lot of traveling in August after Andrew's Hebrew class concludes. Thank you for a year of much appreciated support!

Sincerely,

The Twietmeyers

## **WOLF RIVER LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL**

The school year has begun at Wolf River and there are over 30 students with nearly half of them incoming freshman. The installation of Mr. Jerry Jiter as the new principal took place on August 15<sup>th</sup> at the opening chapel service at the school. The school continues to thank you for your support and looks forward to partnering with you in the future for the future of these children. There is a wish list of items the school needs posted on the bulletin board.

## **HOW DO SCRIP CARDS WORK?**

We have an inventory of commonly purchased Scrip Cards every weekend. We have on hand retailers such as Kwik Trip, Subway, Luigi's, Pizza Hut, Arby's, Wal-Mart, Walgreens, Papa Murphy's, and others. However, if you would like to purchase a card for a different retailer, such as Cabella's, you would pay for a \$100 card and receive the card the following week. So, if you would like to purchase from a retailer that is not in inventory, you need to plan ahead one week. You can also purchase them because you know you will eventually go to those places to shop, you just don't know when. You can ask the person selling Scrip to look at the list of possible retailers or you can look at the website, [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) and click on the retailer list on the left side of the page.



***St. Jakobi Church***

**Potato Pancake  
Dinner**

**All You Can Eat!! Take Outs Available**

**Sunday, Sept. 23**  
**9:30 am - 12:30 pm**

**Church Service at 9:00 am**

**Adults \$9.00 Children 6-12 \$5**  
**5 & Under Free**

Potato Pancakes/Wheat Pancakes  
Porkies, Maple Syrup  
Butter, Wisconsin Cheese  
Applesauce, Pie, Coffee & Milk

**5 miles West of Shawano on Cty A**

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Leroy Sperberg  
1 - Carol Paiser  
2 - Brenda Price  
3 - Corrina Tuma  
3 - Krista Buettner  
3 - Austin Gueths  
3 - Brittany Opperman  
3 - Amanda Gehnke  
4 - Mark Wendorff  
5 - Gavin Prodel  
6 - Jodi Angeli  
6 - Curt Wendorff  
8 - Jase Bisterfeldt  
9 - Dominick Thorson  
9 - Warren Gueths  
10 - Gary Felckowski  
11 - Steve Buettner  
11 - Robin Ross  
11 - Dayton Davis  
11 - Amy Riesenber  
12 - Bryan Teetzen  
13 - Andrew Giese  
13 - Darlene Hoffman  
13 - Phyllis Olson  
13 - Marvin Bahr  
13 - Tylene Bohl  
15 - Faith Teetzen  
16 - Janet Wendt  
17 - Shirley Popp  
19 - Martin Carlino  
19 - Tom T. Tuma  
21 - Janice Grosskopf  
22 - Daniel Moede  
22 - Marvin Buettner  
23 - Bryant Brodhagen  
24 - Brian Sperberg  
24 - Theresa Gueths  
25 - Kyle Raddant  
25 - William Laehn  
26 - Joshua Theis  
27 - Caryn Hoffman  
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  
4, 1954 - Leland & Sandy Habeck  
5, 2015 - Mike & Cindy Winkler  
6, 2014 - Shawn & Allyssa Verstoppen  
7, 1996 - Greg & Patti Samson  
8, 1984 - Steve & Lori Buettner  
8, 1990 - Russell & Bonnie Cotter  
9, 2006 - Darryl & Laura Prodel  
9, 2017 - Casey & Linsey Carroll  
12, 2015 - Keegen & Casey Gast  
13, 1975 - Keith & Judy Buettner  
13, 2014 - Mike & Amber Schmidt  
14, 1996 - Andrew & Debra Schneider  
16, 1961 - Bill & Barb Teetzen  
16, 1967 - Jim & Betty Szucs  
18, 2004 - William Grab & Patti Burr  
19, 1970 - Gerald & Mary Ludolph  
19, 1953 - Marvin & Elfrieda Buettner  
19, 1965 - Paul & Marilyn Picard  
20, 1958 - Thomas & Nancy Theis  
22, 2001 - Bryan & Melissa Teetzen  
22, 2001 - Corey & Nancy Marcell  
24, 1977 - Dave & Darlene Hoffman  
27, 1997 - John & Stephanie Boyles  
28, 1996 - Jim & Vicky Szucs  
28, 2013 - Ben & Alison Sperberg

## 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 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Elders:</b> Sat: Jon Wesenberg Sun: Bob Behrens & Mike Kroenke Spec: Rich Raddant	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Tracy Popp Betty Szucs Brenda Gast Barb Bubolz					<b>1</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Laney Peters
<b>2</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Bible Study</b> Acolyte: Tucker Reinke	<b>3</b> <i>Labor Day</i>	<b>4</b> <b>6:15 Choir Practice</b>	<b>5</b> <b>3:30 Catechism</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>6</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>8:00 Mens Breakfast</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Laci Sperberg
<b>9</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Ed. Hour</b> Acolyte: Ella Stuber	<b>10</b> <b>6:15 Choir Practice</b> <b>7:00 Altar Guild</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>3:30 Catechism</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>13</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b> <b>6:30 Elders</b>	<b>14</b> <b>6:30 Fellowship @ Geno's, Black Creek</b>	<b>15</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Teagen Thompson
<b>16</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Ed. Hour</b> Acolyte: Levi Wendorff	<b>17</b> <b>6:15 Choir Practice</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>3:30 Catechism</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>20</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Kendra Westphal
<b>23</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:00 Pancake Dinner</b> Acolyte: Braden Teetzen	<b>24</b> <b>6:15 Choir Practice</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>3:30 Catechism</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>27</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>9-3 Dr. Pulse Bible Study at Zion, Embarrass</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Colton Olson
<b>30</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Ed. Hour</b> Acolyte: Darius Kelly						

# St. Jakobi Lutheran Church

W 8089 County Rd. A  
Shawano, WI 54166  
715-524-4347  
[www.stjakobi.org](http://www.stjakobi.org)

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

