

## *From Pastor Kleinschmidt*

The following is a devotion written by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President of the LCMS, Pastor Scott Murray. He is the pastor of Memorial Lutheran Church in Houston, Texas. His devotion fits perfectly with the beginning of another school year. –Pastor Kleinschmidt

While in California, my host took me to Big Basin State Park. This state park is famous for the giant ancient redwoods that tower there, dwarfing the hiker. I looked up at the stately giants rising 30 stories above me and realized both my insignificance and the greatness of God, who created these soaring signs of His majesty. God's earthly domain continues to undergo building, renovation, and rebuilding as the centuries wind down to the final judgment, where each one will receive what is due for what he has done in the body whether good or evil (2Co 5:10).

The renovation that goes on among the redwood trees is often worked by fire. Even lightning strikes will burn the redwood but not destroy it. Many of the trees show the unmistakable signs of blackened bark caused by fire. And yet they still stand as majestic kings over the forest floor. The fire clears out the vegetation around their feet, blackens their trunks and also gives rich black earth to those soaring shafts. The fire in its raging destruction also makes the redwoods stronger.

So it is for us. The Lord is taking all that is unworthy in our lives and burning it down; destroying it. And in the creative destruction of his empowering Word He leaves us with nothing but His gifts. In economic theory, creative destruction predicts that unproductive and bloated industries or businesses will be destroyed in economic downturns. This allows the misallocated capital to be directed toward more productive business endeavors and industries. The Word of God in its

destructive power often focuses our jumbled and chaotic lives, with all their misallocated resources; often misallocated toward what is spiritually hurtful, harmful or wasteful. Our Lord refocuses us toward that which alone can bring survival in the crisis of divine judgment.

How grateful we are when we finally realize we have been poor stewards of our children's lives by letting sports events intrude on church life, allowing athletics to cheat the little ones of the Savior who has redeemed them by precious blood. How grateful we are when we realize we have been poor stewards of our own lives by focusing on our career or work to the detriment of our faith and

hearing the Word of God preached. How grateful we are when we realize how important our husband or wife really is to us and begin to treat them as a sacred gift, as a treasure from our heavenly father. How terrible it is when we must suffer the loss of such things before we recognize the enormity of the blessings showered

down upon us by God. Joni Mitchell's little song had it right: "You don't know what you've got till it's gone." Sometimes we recognize our blessings and call them what they are, only when they're gone. Sometimes the Lord's creative destruction in our lives brings us to that point.

I tell people who leave the church to become reintegrated into the pagan culture around us and abandon Christ how deeply I grieve for them, because sometimes our Lord forces our return to the church by destroying our false gods. And those gods are anything that has become our treasure upon which are our hearts are set (Mt 6:21). And so I hear from the grieving years later, "Why didn't I listen? Why did I have to lose my wife and children? Why did it take such great suffering and loss for me to see where my true treasure was?" The fire has already been kindled.



# ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

## SEMINARY PROFESSOR COMING TO ST. JAKOBI

On Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Rev. Dr. Detlev Schulz will be at St. Jakobi to present a special Bible Study. His presentation will be at 4:00pm and conclude at about 5:45pm. Following his Bible Study there will be snacks, bars, and coffee in the Narthex. Then at 6:30 the Saturday evening Service Pastor Schulz will be the guest preacher.



Dr. Schulz joined the Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Fort Wayne, faculty in the fall of 1998. He serves as professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions, dean of Graduate Studies and director of the Ph.D. in Missiology Program.

In 1984, Schulz earned his B.A. degree at the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. In 1988, he successfully completed his M.Div. studies at the Lutherische Theologische Hochschule in Oberursel, Germany. In 1990, he earned his S.T.M. degree at CTSFW. He then served in the Independent Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Germany (SELK) as vicar in Heidelberg, Germany, from 1990-1992. In 1994, he concluded his studies at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, by earning a Th.D. in Systematics.

From 1994-1998, Dr. Schulz was a missionary in Serowe, Botswana, for the Lutheran Church Mission of the SELK. He also served as a guest lecturer at CTSFW during the Fall Quarter in 1997. Plan on coming to this very special opportunity at St. Jakobi.

## FUNERAL - DAVID BOHM

Dave Bohm passed away on July 25<sup>th</sup> and his funeral was July 29<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## FUNERAL - BARNEY OLSON

Barney Olson passed away on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and his funeral was July 25<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## 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 studying 1 Timothy. In this book of Scripture, Paul offers sound teachings for young and old, men and women. He speaks of order in the church and the relationship that Christians have amongst themselves. If you have not come to a Bible Study recently, this would be a great way to get back into studying God's Word 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 will continue studying the book of Romans. We are in Chapter 7 but that shouldn't keep you from joining us. You will be able to pick up right where we are.

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 25<sup>th</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 11<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:

Preschool/Kind.: MacKenzie Boyles & Abby Owen

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Lori Wendorff

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Heather Pyatskowitz

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jamie Popp

Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Cindy Gueths & Andy Gueths

Wed. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Mark Buettner

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

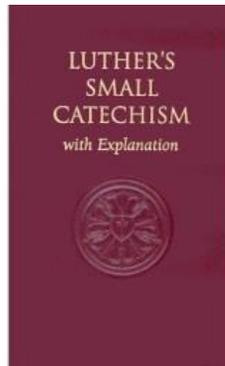
9/11 12 Spies in Canaan

9/18 Entering the Promised Land

9/25 No Class – Potato Pancake Dinner

## 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> at 3:30 and ends at 5pm. 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.



## FELLOWSHIP

Get out your schedules and mark FRIDAY, SEPT. 9 for the next Fellowship get-together. We will be eating at the Washington Inn at 6:30. This year we'd like everyone to sign up by the Sunday prior to the event date so that the restaurant can receive the exact number. That way we won't have to keep bothering them with a new number. We hope you have had a good summer and are ready to join us. Call Don and Joanne with any questions.

## DISHES CALLING YOUR NAME

Perhaps you prepared a dessert or salad for a funeral. Did you remember to pick up your dish afterwards? If not, your dish is calling your name. They are located above the coat rack to the right of the mailboxes in the Narthex.

## THE LUTHERAN HOUR

You can listen to Pastor Greg Seltz on the Lutheran Hour at 7:30am Sunday mornings on 96.5FM or 960AM here in Shawano. Pastor Seltz often preaches on the same texts that you hear in church.



## CHURCH OFFICERS

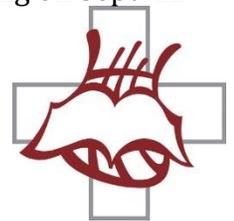
We are looking for new officers to fill the following positions for our congregation in our upcoming election in October: Vice-President, Church Secretary, Elder, Trustee, Boards of Education and Stewardship. If you are interested in serving the Lord for one of the positions, please take a form in the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

## 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 September we will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> at 1pm in the Bible Study Room.

## CHOIR – VOICES OF PRAISE

I know you all have been just waiting for choir time to start. Well, it's here!!! The first date to get together is MONDAY, SEPT. 12 at 6:15. And we will be singing the following Sunday. So be sure to mark the calendar. I've missed you, and I know you have missed each other. If you can't make it let me know. We would also like to encourage others to join us. Practice is only 45 minutes long every Monday. It's not a private club! It's open to all. Just talk to Joanne Bublitz if you are coming on Sept. 12 so music will be ready for you. We have a lot of new, pretty music to sing this year which I know you will enjoy. Hope to see you there---in church. -Joanne



## 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>

## 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.

## UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

- September 4<sup>th</sup>:** 1 Kings 17:8-16  
Galatians 5:25-6:10  
Matthew 6:24-34
- 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

## 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 other issues within the church. It is a great learning tool. **Upcoming programming features: The Vocation of Parent, Anxiety, Redeeming Our Time, The Twelve Spies in Canaan and more.** You can listen on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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## 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.

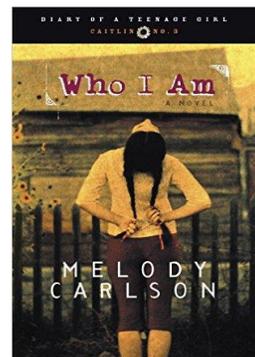
## LIBRARY NEWS

### PLANTING SEEDS

(Book Section D-E) It's challenging enough to be a normal high school



senior, but Caitlin O'Conner has a host of new difficulties to deal with in the third book of Melody Carlson's widely popular and fascinating teen series. Time is critical to help the orphans in Mexico, missions-minded Caitlin believes, but Mom and Dad are set on her attending college. Meanwhile, her relationship with Josh takes on a serious tone via e-mail, threatening her commitment to "kiss dating goodbye." When Beanie begins dating an African-American, Caitlin's concern over dating seems to be misread as racism. One thing is obvious: God is at work through this dynamic girl in very real but puzzling ways. A soul-stretching time of racial reconciliation at school and within her church helps her discover God's will as never before.



## LUTHERAN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

In order to assist LCMS Lutherans and congregations, a new Credit Union has been started. This credit union is for members of LCMS congregations and offers a full-range of banking products. They offer online and mobile banking with a network of over 5,000 ATMs. This no-cost banking option may be just what you are looking for with the service you desire. You can find out more at [www.lutheranfcu.org](http://www.lutheranfcu.org).



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## THANK YOU FROM SEMINARY

A note from Rev. James Fundum, Advancement Officer at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne:

Dear Pastor Kleinschmidt, We rejoice with you that the Word has not returned void in Shawano but has produced much fruit. Thank you for your faithful service in God's church. We hope to support you in any way we can as Aaron and Hur held up the prophets' arms. We hope that you receive a vicar someday. Please thank your congregation for their gifts to CTSFW. Yours in Christ, Pastor James Fundum

# ***St. Jakobi Church***

## ***Potato Pancake Dinner***

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

**Sunday, Sept. 25**

**9:30 am - 12:30 pm**

***Church Service 9:00 am***

**Adults \$8.00 • Children 6-12 \$5  
5 & Under Free**

*Potato Pancakes/Wheat Pancakes*

*Porkies, Maple Syrup*

*Butter, Wisconsin Cheese*

*Applesauce, Pie, Coffee & Milk*

***5 miles NW of Shawano on Hwy 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 Riesenberg  
12 - Bryan Teetzen  
13 - Andrew Giese  
13 - Darlene Hoffman  
13 - Phyllis Olson  
13 - Marvin Bahr  
13 - Tylene Bohl  
15 - Faith Teetzen  
16 - Janet Wendt  
16 - Michael Klug Jr.  
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 - Sharon Krueger  
26 - Joshua Theis  
27 - Caryn Hoffman  
27 - Shirley Glock  
27 - Noël Kleinschmidt  
28 - Ashley Laude  
28 - Justin Engel  
29 - Jeremy Meyers  
30 - Jacob Burr  
30 - Martha Gebert  
30 - Emma Magee  
30 - Kaila Klug

## 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:

01, 1990 - Brian & Bonnie Sperberg  
04, 1954 - Leland & Sandy Habeck  
06, 2014 - Shawn & Allyssa Verstoppen  
07, 1996 - Greg & Patti Samson  
07, 1957 - Marshal & Priscilla Fay  
08, 1984 - Steve & Lori Buettner  
08, 1990 - Russell & Bonnie Cotter  
09, 2006 - Darryl & Laura Prodel  
13, 1975 - Keith & Judy Buettner  
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  
25, 2010 - Ben & Whitney Arndt  
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 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Elders:</b> <b>Sat: Don Bubnitz</b> <b>Sun: Brian Sperberg</b> <b>Spec: Tom Tuma</b>	<b>Altar Guild:</b> <b>Tracie Popp</b> <b>Judi Raddant</b> <b>Kathy Fonger</b>			<b>1</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>4:00 Prof. Schulz</b> <b>Bible Study</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> <i>Acolyte: Ally Popp</i>
<b>4</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Bible Study</b> <i>Acolyte: Hunter Hawkinson</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Labor Day</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>1:00 Ladies</b> <b>Bible Study</b> <b>3:30 Catechism</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>8</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>9</b> <b>6:30 Fellowship</b> <b>@ Washington</b> <b>Inn</b>	<b>10</b> <b>8:00 Mens Breakfast</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> <i>Acolyte: Taylor Johnson</i>
<b>11</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Ed. Hour</b> <i>Acolyte: Alex Owen</i>	<b>12</b> <b>6:15 Choir</b> <b>Practice</b> <b>7:00 Altar Guild</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>3:30 Catechism</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>15</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> <i>Acolyte: Carson Popp</i>
<b>18</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Ed. Hour</b> <i>Acolyte: Tristan Szucs</i>	<b>19</b> <b>6:15 Choir</b> <b>Practice</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b> <b>3:30 Catechism</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>22</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> <i>Acolyte: Gabriella Wendorff</i>
<b>25</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>Pancake Dinner</b> <i>Acolyte: Payten Thompson</i>	<b>26</b> <b>6:15 Choir</b> <b>Practice</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>3:30 Catechism</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>29</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>30</b>	

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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

