

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

Labor Day and the County Fair are quickly upon us. With these two things it starts to feel a lot like the fall. Then with school starting, life gets very busy for many people. One thing I would like to encourage over the course of the next school year is continued study of the Bible. We know that Holy Scripture is the foundation of how our Lord speaks to us, so we must be ready to open our Bibles and hear the voice of our Risen Lord speaking words of comfort and mercy.

We have many opportunities for Bible Study at church. First, on Sunday morning after Divine Service there is Adult Bible Class. With this October 31st being the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther posting the 95 Theses and thus beginning the Reformation we will be studying the history of the Reformation. What was Luther protesting? What happened to him personally? What were the theological issues of the time? What was the Roman Catholic response? Were there other reformers? Will answer all of these questions.

Secondly, the Wednesday night class is restarting on September 6th. More often than not, people either ignore the Old Testament because it's too hard to understand or they see no connection between the Old and New Testaments. On Wednesday nights we are going to study the Joseph narrative from Genesis 37-50. We will see from this section of Scripture how God uses recurring themes throughout the pages of the Bible, the trials Joseph endured lead to greater faith,

Thirdly, the Thursday afternoon Bible Class at 1pm studies the Lectionary. This means that we will look in-depth at the reading that will be preached on the coming Sunday. If you want to know in advance more details on the Sermon text then this would be the perfect Bible Study for you.

Finally, there is a monthly group that meets for food as well, Men's Breakfast. Men's Group is the second Saturday of the month. We talk about relevant topics and encourage one another to be men of service to the people around us.

Even with the wealth of opportunity to study God's Word you may have reasons not to attend. Let me address a couple of those.

1. I don't know the Bible well enough. You're right, none of us do. But at Bible class you will never be ridiculed for what you do or do not know. You will never feel the fool just because you don't know where something is to be found in the Bible. After all, this is the whole reason we gather to learn the Word of God; to learn.

2. I go to church, that is enough. Is our Christian faith something where we want to barely get by, or is it something where we hunger and thirst for more Jesus? To think we can squeak by is not how Jesus would have us think. He says, "Come unto me all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest."

3. I don't have the time for that. Maybe you don't. But that really is a matter of priorities. What are the important things in your life? How do you figure out what you'll spend time on and what you won't? To let God speak to you through His Word should be a priority. In addition, there are many

families that drop children off for Sunday School that could attend Bible Class at the exact time their children are attending Sunday School and won't have to worry about childcare.

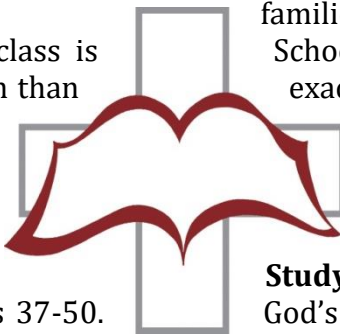
4. I learned enough in Confirmation class, I don't need to go to Bible Study now that I'm an adult. The study of God's Word is not confined to a certain number of years of your life or a certain time period of your life. Learning the things of God is a life-long experience that God continues to bless you through.

With all of this being said, I want to emphasize that studying God's Word is done not just at church with a group of people. It can also be done at home, but there isn't anyone to hold you accountable and that makes it harder.

Rejoice in God's Word. Our heavenly Father has given us this great gift. Just like the child who can't wait to play with their new toys on Christmas morning, we should have that same excitement over God's Word.

May our study of God's Word this school year be blessed by the Holy Spirit and may we grow in faith towards our Savior, Jesus Christ.

In Him,
Pastor Kleinschmidt



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

SEMINARY PROFESSOR COMING TO ST. JAKOBI

On Sunday, October 1st, Rev. Dr. James Bushur will be at St. Jakobi to preach and to teach Bible class after the Sunday morning Service. He will be teaching the class on the connection between Matthew's Gospel and the Nicene Creed. The class is entitled, "Matthew's Gospel as foundational for the Nicene Creed."



Dr. Bushur joined the faculty in the fall of 2006, specializing in patristics. He also specializes in the early church and is also the Seminary director of Deaconess Formation.

He received his B.A. in Biblical Literature from Taylor University, Upland, Indiana (1989), M.Div. (1993) and S.T.M. (Thesis: The Flesh of Christ and the Economy of Salvation in the Teaching of St. Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, 1998) from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He completed his Ph.D. at the University of Durham, UK, in 2010.

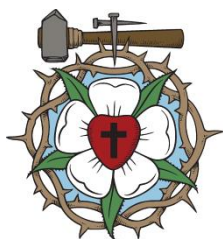
He served as pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Decatur, Indiana (1999-2006), and Trinity Lutheran Church, Goodland, Indiana (1994-1999).

Bushur is a member of the North American Patristics Society. He and his wife, Lori, have three children.

Plan on coming to this very special opportunity at St. Jakobi.

HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE

Eight High School Youth attended the [Higher Things](#) Youth Conference on the campus of Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN the last week of August. The speakers were Rev. George Borghardt and Rev. Matt Richard. There were also breakout sessions where the youth were able to choose different topics about faith and life to learn about. The kids had a great time learning about the love of God in Christ Jesus. They are already looking forward to next year's conference.



FALL BIBLE CLASSES

Wednesday night Bible Class will begin the Wednesday after Labor Day, September 6th at 6:30pm. We will be studying the Joseph narrative from Genesis 37-50. We will see from this section of Scripture how God uses recurring themes throughout the pages of the Bible, the trials Joseph endured lead to greater faith, and God's steadfast love towards his children. 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 begin looking at the beginnings of the Reformation, what it was about, how it came to be, the theological issues of the day, and how all of it still matters to us today.

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.



CHOIR - VOICES OF PRAISE

Do you sing in the shower? You might find that you enjoy singing even more when others join you. Why don't you come and find out? You might even want to sing in the Christmas Concert. Give it a try on **Monday, Sept. 11 at 6:15 PM.** We only sing until 7:00--and we might have an ice cream event after the second practice. Please plan on coming. We'd love to have you join us. Contact Joanne Bublitz at 715-526-5315 with questions.



UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

September 3rd: Jeremiah 15:15-21
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

September 10th: Ezekiel 33:7-9
Romans 13:1-10
Matthew 18:1-20

September 17th: Genesis 50:15-21
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 24th: Isaiah 55: 6-9
Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30
Matthew 20: 1-16

PRAYER PARTNERS

God answers our Prayers! Prayers to Him are our gift and lifeline in which God is available to us 24/7/365. These prayers are a blessing to many in the congregation.

Prayerfully consider joining together with fellow Christians of St. Jakobi to pray for others. Become a Phone or Email Prayer Partner. Contact Marlene Weckwerth at 715-994-1210 or gmweck@att.net. Prayer requests will be phoned or emailed to you when they are received.

PRAYER REQUESTS – use the phone number or email address above and request a prayer for yourself or someone else. Examples: *Prayer for Steve who is having surgery this week. Pray for Mary who is ill. Pray for someone who is having medical issues. A prayer of thanksgiving for the healthy birth of Michael John.* Remember - YOUR PRAYER REQUEST WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

Father, open our hearts to those in need that we may freely give to others out of the example of abundant love You show us. Lord hear our prayers.

POTATO PANCAKE DINNER

All church members are reminded that the upcoming Pancake Dinner is on September 24th. 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!



FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship get-togethers start again on the second Friday in September, the 8th. We are going to the Launching Pad and eating at 6:30. Just like last year, you should sign up in the Narthex by the Sunday before so the restaurant will know how many to prepare for. Contact Don or Joanne Bublitz with questions at 715-526-5315 but please sign up in church. Hope to see you there!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The first day of Sunday School is September 10th. 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: Payten Thompson & Ally Popp

Kindergarten & 1st Grade: Jennifer Murdock and Jamie Popp

2nd & 3rd Grade: Heather Pyatskowitz and Kim Wendorff

4th Grade: Nicki Meyers and Lori Wendorff

Sun. 5th & 6th Grade: Cindy Gueths & Andy Gueths

Wed. 5th & 6th Grade: Mark Buettner

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

9/10 Wisdom of Solomon

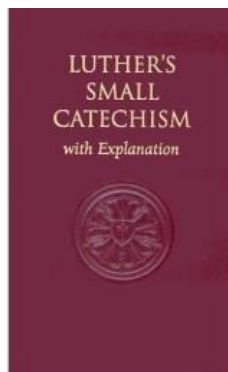
9/17 Solomon Builds the Temple

9/24 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 6th at 3:30 and ends at 5pm. The Catechism students (5th-8th 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.

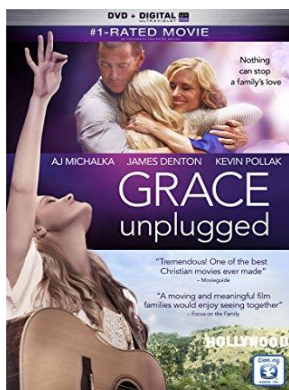


NEWSLETTER IN COLOR

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>

PLANTING SEEDS

(DVD) Grace Trey is an eighteen-year-old singer as passionate about her Christian faith as she is her phenomenal, God-given musical talent. Both traits come from her father, one-hit wonder Johnny Tray who found Jesus after losing his chart success two decades ago.



When Grace encounters her own music break of a lifetime, the sudden dive into the "real world" puts her deeper beliefs to the test. Pop superstardom is just within reach but appears to require some spiritual compromise. Will Grace reject her faith, or will she own it?

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.

WEDDING

On August 12th Dylan Schmidt and Sabrina West were united in holy marriage. The Lord bless them as they begin their life together as husband and wife.

CHURCH OFFICERS

We are looking for new officers to fill the following positions for our congregation in our upcoming election in October: Treasurer, 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.

LETTER FROM KRYSTAL BUETTNER

Dear Members of St. Jakobi,

The time has quickly arrived and I am just a few days away from boarding my flight to East Asia for the year. This would not be possible without your support and for that I want to extend my biggest Thank You! I am so excited to embark on this amazing mission that God has called me on and share with you the ways He moves in the lives of those we get to meet in East Asia. As I've said before I will be sending out a monthly update letters much like this one throughout my time in East Asia.

Our first few weeks in East Asia will be filled with many new changes, challenges, and growth opportunities. We will be jumping right in meeting students on campus, adjusting to life in a new country, and attending a weekend conference for stinters in EA to learn more about the country and culture we will be serving in.

Please join me in prayer for my team that we would be able to bond and grow together as we start life together in EA, travel to EA we will be on flight for about 17 hours with a 3 hour layover, and adjustment to life in a new country. Thanks you.

In Christ,
Krystal Buettner

Praises

-Praise God for providing full support for myself and my team.

-For a summer filled with growth and trust in God's provision

Prayer Requests

-Stint Briefing in Chicago where we will be receiving training for our Stint year

-Travel to East Asia

-Open hearts and minds as we learn to live as a team and life in a new country

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:** International Religious Freedom, Is the Reformation to Blame for Secularism?, The Lord's Prayer, Taking Up Your Cross &

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Following Jesus, Responding to Teenagers' Questions about Christianity, The Wisdom of Solomon and more. You can listen on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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

St. Jakobi Church

Potato Pancake Dinner

All You Can Eat!! • Take Outs Available

Sunday, Sept. 24

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Church Service 9:00 am

**Adults \$9.00 • Children 6-12 \$5.00
5 & Under Free**

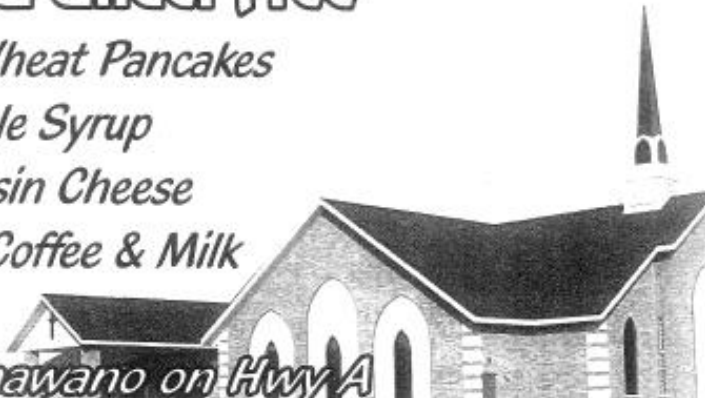
Potato Pancakes/Wheat Pancakes

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 Riesenber
12 - Bryan Teetzen
13 - Andrew Giese
13 - Darlene Hoffman
13 - Phyllis Olson
13 - Marvin Bahr
13 - Tylene Bohl
14 - Marvin Lane
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 - 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

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
05, 2015 - Mike & Cindy Winkler
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
12, 2015 - Keegan & 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
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 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Elders: Sat: Chuck Stoehr Sun: Mike Kroenke Jon Wesenberg Spec: Tom Tuma	Altar Guild: Barb Teetzen Kathy Fonger Tracie Popp Noël Kleinschmidt				1	2 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Jacob Nevins
3 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Kaden Marcell	4 <i>Labor Day</i>	5	6 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	7 1:00 Bible Study	8 6:30 Fellowship @ Launching Pad	9 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Ally Popp
10 <i>First Day of</i> <i>Sunday School</i> 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Kylie Teetzen	11 6:15 Choir Practice 7:00 Altar Guild	12	13 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	14 1:00 Bible Study	15	16 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Kersten Stueck
17 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Carson Popp	18 6:15 Choir Practice	19	20 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	21 1:00 Bible Study 7:00 Elder Meeting	22	23 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Jorden Thompson
24 9:00 Service (HC) Pancake Dinner Acolyte: Chloe Bohl	25 6:15 Choir Practice	26	27 3:30 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	28 1:00 Bible Study	29	30 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte:

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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

