

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

Today I met the granddaughter of Esther Ludtke. Esther was baptized at St. Jakobi on January 13, 1901. The family was interested in seeing the cemetery, Esther's gravestone, and the church book that has the record of her baptism. We were able to piece together what was written in German in the old church records.

They wanted to see the baptismal font she was baptized in. However, since she was baptized most likely in her parents' home or in the original log church, the baptismal font we use today wasn't used for her baptism in 1901.

It's interesting to me that the history of God's people at St. Jakobi comes back in such vivid and tangible ways as we look forward to the future as well. Esther's family wanted to see church building from 1908 and what they remember from visiting when they were much younger. It reminded me we are never very far from the past.

We worship in the place we do and in the building we do because people in the past stepped forward in faith and did things that might have seemed impossible. They bought land, they brought logs, they raised bells weighing over 10 tons, they carried altars, and topped with crosses. The history of God's people is all around us if we only open our eyes to see what they have done and recognize that God's fingerprints are on everything.

With the groundbreaking of our latest building project on August 16th, you will be a part of the history of God's people at St. Jakobi. In 120 years, people may come back to St. Jakobi and marvel that an addition was added to the church only 15 years after it was built. They will perhaps remember the 'old Parish Hall' with only the vaguest of memories.

And still, the work of God will continue. The Word of God will be preached, will be taught, and will be heard. The Body and Blood of Jesus will

continue to be distributed and received by God's faithful people. The baptism of little children, the education of youth, the fellowship of Christians, and the burial of saints, will still happen.

We are connected to our past as we make use of these holy things ourselves and most especially as we are united with the saints in heaven when we receive the Lord's Supper. You are never far from your loved ones who have died in the faith when you are at the Altar rail. But not just the people you know, but all those other people of St. Jakobi who are now with the Lord in heaven.

When our new building addition is done and dedicated, we will make great use of what the Lord has given us. Classrooms will be bathed with the Word of God, fellowship will happen in the dining hall, in the kitchen, and in the gym. Then in generations people will marvel at what the congregation did over the course of 20 years when

a new sanctuary was built and then a new addition with a dining hall, classrooms, and gym was constructed.

But more than just marveling at the individuals, you and I, they will marvel at how the Lord had blessed us during this time. We have been blessed with God's grace and mercy, we have been blessed with souls to baptize, teach, confirm, marry,

and bury. We have been blessed with people who have a variety of skills and talents. We have been blessed with the financial resources to make all of this possible.

In the end, we see how the hand of God is at work in us and everything we do is for the glory of God. We will also see the magnificent way that each one of us, and our congregation as a whole, was built up in Christ because we were first rooted in him.

Thankful for the past and looking to the future,
Pastor Kleinschmidt



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

SANCTUARY & DRIVE-IN SERVICES

Services will continue to take place in the Sanctuary, including distribution of the Lord's Supper. Please continue to observe Social Distancing between families. Pews that are roped off are not available for seating. For communion, we will continue approaching the altar single file up the center aisle. Pastor will place the Body of Christ in your hand. You will then step to the side to either pick up an individual cup, drink it, and place the empty cup in the bowl provided, or you can receive the Blood of Christ from the Chalice. Please do not touch the stands or the chalice. The chalice will be purified with 190 proof alcohol between communicants. You will return to your pew by the side aisle.

Our drive-in services on Saturday at 6:30pm and Sunday at 9am will continue. Please check the church website for the bulletin and bring it with you. Stay in your car and tune your radio to 104.5. You must be within a quarter mile of the church to pick up the radio signal.

RADIO SERVICES

July 25th will be the last Saturday night Radio broadcast on WTCH because we will get bumped from our timeslot by Brewers baseball. A decision will be made at the July 26 Voter meeting on whether to begin a Sunday morning broadcast on WTCH.

INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICES

If you would like to receive Communion but don't feel comfortable coming into church during a normal service, then please contact Pastor. He can arrange a time for you to come to church for a short service of Confession & Absolution, Scripture, Prayer, and Communion.

BAPTISM

Grayson Jeffrey Schmidt was baptized on July 19th, 2020. He is the son of Dylan and Sabrina Schmidt. He was born March 8th, 2020, and his baptismal sponsors are Kaitlyn West and Dylan Payne.

FUNERALS

Bill Teetzen passed away on July 1st, 2020. His funeral was on July 7th, 2020. We give thanks to God that He called Bill to faith and blessed him in his earthly life and that Bill now rests from his labors.

ROOTED AND BUILT UP IN CHRIST

The Celebration weekend which will include the new 3-year commitments will be August 1st and 2nd. Immediately after the Sunday service there will be a mortgage burning. We have paid off our loan from the 2006 construction of the church! After the mortgage burning we will have a catered meal served in the Parish Hall. Come celebrate with us!

GROUNDBREAKING

Official Groundbreaking for the new addition will take place on Sunday, August 16th after church. This historic day in our congregation will include many of the members of the congregation. YOU ARE INVITED! This year we will complete the excavation work, pour the concrete footings and foundation, and place many of the utilities. Next Spring we will pour the concrete slab and begin building upwards with a target completion date of October 31, 2021.

READINGS AT CHURCH

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| August 2nd: | Isaiah 55:1-5 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21 |
| August 9th: | Job 38:4-18 Romans 10:5-17 Matthew 14:22-33 |
| August 16th: | Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32 Matthew 15:21-28 |
| August 23rd: | Isaiah 51:1-6 Romans 11:33-12:8 Matthew 16:13-20 |
| August 30th: | Jeremiah 15:15-21 Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28 |

CATECHISM MEETING

Students and parents should plan on attending a meeting on August 20th at 6:30pm. Schedules will be handed out along with all the events for Catechism students for the upcoming school year.

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS

Bible class on Thursday will restart on August 6th. We will study the Bible readings for the upcoming weekend. If you haven't come before, it's a great way to dive into the Bible and gives you a great background in preparation for listening to the sermon at church.

POTATO PANCAKE DINNER

A decision will be made very soon on whether we will hold the Potato Pancake dinner on September 27. We will take into account the current Corona Virus situation in Shawano County and how we might be able to adjust how we prepare and cook the food along with how to manage the amount of people in the space we have.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PARTNERS

PRAYER PARTNERS: As a gift of God, prayer is the very air we breathe as children of God. Prayer is needed in stressful situations and is our go-to source for life. It is the lifeline which our Lord is on the other end. Here at St. Jakobi Lutheran Church, we have a ministry called Prayer Partners

New contact information: To access this ministry, please call the Church Office at (715) 524-4347 or email to church@stjakobi.org. Your prayer requests will be kept confidential.

Looking for a place to serve in our church? Consider becoming a Prayer Partner by calling or text to Marlene Weckwerth at 920-400-0013. Just a few minutes of your time makes a difference for others.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SOON

The first day for Sunday School is September 13th.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The plan is to begin Sunday Bible class on September 13th.

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: Myths about Lutheran Worship, Callings in Life, The Hymn "Thy Strong Word," Johann Sebastian Bach and more. You can listen to what you want, when you want at www.issuesetc.org. You can also download the episodes to Smart Phone or download the app.

GIVING OPTIONS

Contact the church office for a monthly direct giving form. You can also donate online at <http://bit.ly/DonateStJakobi>. This can be setup as a one-time donation or a recurring donation.

WRLHS AT THE COUNTY FAIR

It is sign-up time again for selling tickets, parking cars, or being a flagman at the Shawano County Fair. Volunteers receive free entry and free parking for their shift(s). A special thank you to all the people who have already signed up to work at the 2020 fair. New volunteers are also needed each year. Scheduling is proceeding slowly. There are still about **170** positions of 4 to 5 hours each that need to be filled. To sign up for your preferred choice of days and times, please email Karen Baker at karbaker16@tds.net or call her at 715-853-9137 or 715-758-8874. A post card confirmation will be mailed to all volunteers in early August reminding them of their scheduled shifts and locations. Thanks in advance for your support of WRLHS.

The shift times for Thursday through Sunday are: 9am-1:30pm; 1:30pm-6pm; 6pm-10pm and Monday shifts: 9am-1pm or 1pm-5pm

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>

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 - Amy Casetta
1 - Dustin Fischer
1 - Dave Hoffman
1 - Deb Liadis
2 - Lena Johnson
3 - Cheryl Arthur
3 - Isabella Buettner
4 - Sommer McDowell
4 - Lorine Raddant
5 - Dave Betzig
6 - Michael Cotter
6 - Lainey Peters
7 - Carolyn Zuhse
9 - Miguel Kriewaldt
11 - Joshua Bahr
11 - Vicki Bahr
11 - Cooper Clark
11 - Joan Stoehr
11 - Nancy Thelen
13 - Jim Wendorff
14 - Tim Teetzen
15 - Corey Marcell
16 - Krystal Buettner
16 - Kenneth Murphy III
18 - Katie Horne
18 - Dylan Yorton
19 - Kathy Kroenke
19 - Colton Olson
19 - Cindy Winkler
21 - Lily Felckowski
21 - Lee Lindner
21 - Marion Ruhbusch
22 - Barbara Bubolz
22 - Linsey Carroll
22 - Hailey Hawkinson
22 - Rob McDowell
22 - Brooke Sperberg
23 - Diane Ireland
23 - Vicki Waldvogel
24 - Patti Samson
25 - Alicia Giese
26 - Julie Burr
26 - Wanda Stueck
26 - Shawn Verstoppen
27 - Karter Westphal
28 - Marilyn Picard
28 - Teagen Thompson
29 - Carrie Westphal
29 - Jana Yorton
30 - Chase Benser
30 - Janelle Lange
30 - Teresa Schuettpelz
31 - Kelsey Gast
31 - Barb Teetzen

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.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

02, 1986 - Larry & Kristi Lindner
06, 1983 - Mark & Kathy Kroenke
06, 1966 - Howard & Shirley Popp
09, 1997 - Michael & Hope Peters
10, 1958 - Don & Joanne Bublitz
10, 2012 - Dan & Stephanie Laabs
11, 2012 - Josh & Corine Krueger
12, 2017 - Dylan & Sabrina Schmidt
14, 2004 - Jeremy & Sarah Benser
16, 2014 - Jay & Stephanie Schuettpelz
18, 1956 - Elmer & Joanne Ackermann
19, 2000 - Wade & Carrie Bohl
20, 2005 - Pete & Cheryl Arthur
20, 2005 - Bob & Kay Marquardt
20, 2005 - Ben & Amanda Reinke
21, 2010 - Trevor & Jennifer Murdock
24, 2002 - Bradley & Amanda Felckowski
25, 1990 - Jim & Katie Horne
26, 2006 - Brad & Jenni Sperberg
28, 2010 - Grant & Amy Riesenberg
29, 1953 - Roy & Phyllis Habeck
31, 1968 - Dennis & Kathy Fonger

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.

AUGUST 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1 6:30 Service (HC) |
| 2 <i>Commitment Weekend</i> 9:00 Service (HC) | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 1:00 Bible Study | 7 | 8 6:30 Service (HC) |
| 9 9:00 Service (HC) | 10 | 11 6:30 Elders | 12 | 13 1:00 Bible Study | 14 | 15 6:30 Service (HC) |
| 16 9:00 Service (HC) Groundbreaking | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Catechism Meeting | 21 | 22 6:30 Service (HC) |
| 23 9:00 Service (HC) | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 1:00 Bible Study | 28 | 29 6:30 Service (HC) |
| 30 9:00 Service (HC) | 31 | | | Elders: Sat: Jon Wesenberg Sun: Bob Behrens Rich Raddant Special: Jamison Yorton | Altar Guild: Barb Bubolz Darlene Hoffman Barb Teetzen Cindy Winkler | |

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

“We Preach Christ Crucified”



***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

