

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 24th this year. A question we should ask ourselves, is “What is Confirmation?” Confirmation is not a Sacrament. Baptism and Holy Communion are Sacraments. Sacraments are when God attaches His Word to a visible element to distribute forgiveness to the individual. Confirmation is not a Sacrament; it is a rite of the church. Confirmation is born out of the words of Jesus to make disciples in Matthew 28 (The Great Commission). In order to make disciples Jesus says we are to baptize and to teach. The children in our congregation are baptized as infants and the continuation of that discipleship is found in Catechism instruction.

I have been calling the mid-week instruction Catechism class because I want the focus to be on the children learning the doctrine of the Bible as it is presented in the Small Catechism of Dr. Martin Luther. I hope to pull people’s attention away from the one-time event of Confirmation and towards the ongoing life of continual Catechesis.

The rite of Confirmation has been practiced in the Lutheran Church at different ages. It has gone from as early as 7-8 year olds all the way to high schoolers. In America, it is common that Confirmation is done at the end of 8th grade year, but there is nothing that says that it must happen at that time. Confirmation is really a remembrance of the grace and faith that God gave in Holy Baptism and an acknowledgement of the teaching that has happened and will continue to happen. The Confirmands make promises about how they will continue in this church and faith by the grace of God and will not fall away from it, even when threatened with death. These solemn promises look to God to give the strength to complete them. The rite of Confirmation is similar to the wedding

rite in this way. In both services people make promises.

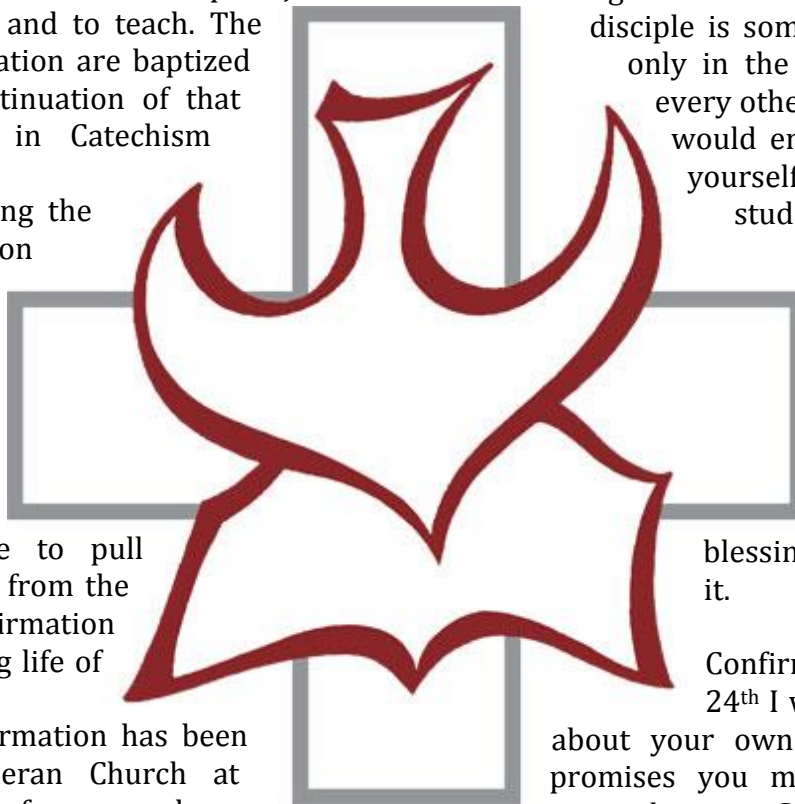
So often adults and children view Confirmation as a graduation and completion of some part of their life. When we understand Confirmation as recognition of Baptism and promises made, then we see that Confirmation is actually a beginning. The good work that God has begun in all people will be brought to completion on the day of Christ’s return.

Being made a stronger and stronger disciple is something that happens not only in the 5th-8th grade years, but every other year of a person’s life. I would encourage you to think of yourself as a life-long Catechism student. That is, a person who is always learning the things of God. None of us are so smart that we have it all figured out. The more time you spend studying God’s Word, the more benefits and blessings you will derive from it.

When you come to the Confirmation service on May 24th I would invite you to think about your own Confirmation Day: the promises you made, your Confirmation verse, the ways God has blessed you since then, how you can continue to be a disciple and learner. In truth, none of us are done learning, we all have much to learn and the time of Confirmation should be a yearly reminder to us of how God wishes to instruct us in his blessings.

If you would like to be reminded of the promises that you made at your own Confirmation, look at page 272 in the hymnal. There you will find the strong emphasis on your baptism and the ways that God will continue to bless you.

A disciple of Jesus,
-Pastor Kleinschmidt



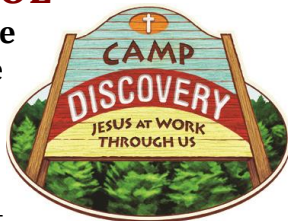
ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

PARSONAGE OPEN HOUSE

Everyone in the congregation is invited to an Open House at the Parsonage on Saturday, May 16th from 2-4pm. This is your chance to see the addition to the parsonage and all the wonderful work that was done. Desserts, snacks, and drinks will be served. Noël and I would love to have you come and visit

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held the week of **June 8th-12th** from 9:00 to 12:00. The theme this year is **Camp Discovery: Jesus at work through us**. The week of VBS is the week after school gets out and the week before Summer School begins. Make plans now to have your children attend, help, or tell your grandkids and friends about this great opportunity to learn about Jesus. You can register your children for VBS at <http://bit.ly/StJakobiVBS> or fill out a form located in the Narthex.



VOICES OF PRAISE

It is hard to believe, but the “singing year” is already coming to an end for the summer break. We know the time and effort that was put into the music by the choir members, and we are so thankful for this. The apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians about the diversity of spiritual gifts and said, “...a spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other”. By serving others the choir members have also served the Lord. We thank you and praise God for your willingness to beautify our services. See you next September! Anyone who wants to join in the Fall is welcome.

VOTER MEETING

The Quarterly Voter Meeting of the congregation will be held on April 26th after the Sunday morning service. Please consider attending to be informed about the workings of the Congregation.

SUNDAY SHOOL SINGERS

The children sang *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* at the Palm Sunday Service and did a magnificent job.



CHURCH BUILDING LOAN BALANCE:

The amount owed at the start of 2015 for the loan to build the new church was \$310,957.79. After making our monthly payments, the balance at the end of the first quarter was \$302,195.34. Thanks be to God for His blessings.

SPAGHETTI DINNER THANKS

Thank you to the many people who made desserts and volunteered on Saturday and Sunday morning for the Spaghetti Dinner. We served just about 200 people. Thanks be to God!



FELLOWSHIP

The final fun time with Fellowship is planned for **SUNDAY, MAY 17** at Studio Lounge. The restaurant opens at 3PM and we are scheduled to eat at 4pm. This is the final get-together until fall, so we would like to see everyone there who likes to share a good time with friends. It's the end of our 10th year (almost). Please sign up if you will join us.

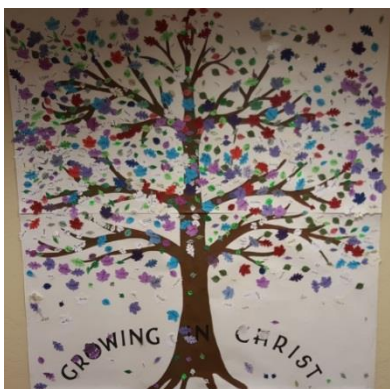
UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

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| May 3rd: | Acts 8:26-40
1 John 4:1-11
John 15:1-8 |
| May 10th: | Acts 10:34-48
1 John 5:1-8
John 15:9-17 |
| May 17th: | Acts 1:12-26
1 John 5:9-15
John 17:11b-19 |
| May 24th: | Ezekiel 37:1-14
Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26-27;16:4b-15 |



GROWING IN CHRIST!

The last day of Sunday School is May 17th. Have you seen the tree in the hallway of the church? There are leaves with children's names on them for every Sunday they were here for Sunday School. The tree started out the school year bare but it is really filling out. By coming each Sunday the children have grown in their faith towards Christ and the tree shows that growth.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:
5/3/15 Paul Sails for Rome
5/10/15 John's Vision of Heaven
5/17/15 Last Day of Sunday School



YOUTH GROUP TRIP TO NOAH'S ARK

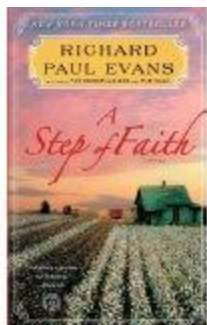
On Monday, June 22nd we will be travelling to the Dells to join other congregations from all over the North Wisconsin District. This is open to anyone in the congregation. We will carpool from the church to the Dells. The cost is \$29/person and includes park admission, lunch, soda, and a chance at door prizes. See the bulletin board for further information. You can sign up on a sheet in the Narthex. We must have our registration done by June 1.



LIBRARY NEWS

PLANTING SEEDS

A Step of Faith - Richard Paul Evans



In the fourth book of 'The Walk' series, Alan Christoffersen's walking journey from Seattle to Key West is interrupted by a brain tumor. While he seeks treatment in Los Angeles, he is surrounded by those who care most for him. Alan alienates them all, and resumes his journey in angry loneliness. The people he meets as he walks the dusty southern back roads have lessons to teach Alan about accepting love. Evans continues to spin a compelling tale that holds your interest to the very end. ★★★★★

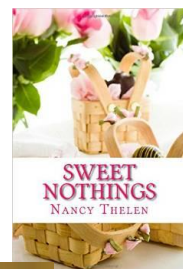


CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Day is Pentecost Sunday which is May 24th. The Examination of the Confirmands will take place on Ascension Day, May 14th.

BOOK SIGNING

Thank you to all who purchased one or more of my books. I am truly blessed to have the support of this congregation. -Nancy Thelen



NEW MEMBERS

New members joined the congregation on Palm Sunday.

Grant & Amy Riesenberg (Zoey)



August & Marj Vorphal



MAY BIRTHDAYS:

1 - Richard Pieper
1 - Greg Samson
1 - Jennifer Stuber
2 - Tucker Pyatskowitz
3 - Connie Kunze
3 - Sarah Benser
3 - Melvin Opperman
4 - Lori Wendorff (Scott)
5 - Jennifer Sperberg
7 - Michael Kroenke
8 - Chase Erickson
8 - Aspen Gehnke
8 - Kris Johnson
9 - Steve Gueths
10 - Amber Paiser
10 - Kevin Herrmann
12 - Natineal Kunze
12 - Andrew Theis
12 - Jason Ludolph
12 - Eldor Martzke
12 - Bryce Bohl
12 - Jamison Yorton
14 - Tom Teetzen
15 - Robert Bubolz
16 - Taylor Johnson
16 - Brandon Buettner
16 - Pete Arthur
17 - Kathy Fonger
17 - Ruth Cummings
17 - Brian Edelberg
18 - Madisyn Skalitzky
18 - Brian Johnson
18 - Connie Steinke
18 - Emily Buettner
22 - Charles Glock
22 - Darlene Drake
22 - Megan Welk
23 - Kloie Boyles
23 - Abby Buettner
24 - Iris Ottman
25 - Alli Johnson
25 - Susan Giese
25 - Darlene Gishkowsky
26 - Thomas Anderson
27 - Nathaniel Gueths
27 - Levi Wendorff
27 - Keonna Lindner
27 - Brooklyn Krueger
28 - Tammy Burr
28 - Richard Raddant

28 - Todd Kroenke
29 - Jim Szucs, Jr.
29 - Margaret Wendorff
29 - Justin Buntrock
29 - Gloriann Watzlawick

A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

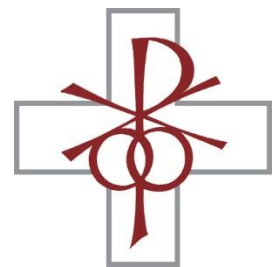
Heavenly Father, our times are in Your hands. Look with favor on name as he/she celebrates his/her birthday. Grant that he/she may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. Strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness and bless him/her with Your abiding love all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES:

05, 2007 - Eric & Kim Wendorff
05, 1951 - Jim & Gladys Schroeder
05, 1953 - Ray & Jean Heinritz
07, 2011 - Michael & Kaila Klug
07, 2005 - Jessie & Brandon Clark
14, 1949 - Elroy & Janet Wendt
15, 2004 - Jeff & Tina Hartmann
16, 1964 - John & Darlene Gishkowsky
21, 1983 - Randy & Tammy Burr
21, 2005 - Kevin & Sheila Herrmann
25, 1996 - Tom & Marjorie McGahan
25, 1985 - Steve & Theresa Gueths
27, 1989 - David & Noelle Buettner
28, 1955 - Dan & Shirley Krueger
31, 1997 - Gregg & Rebecca Owen

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.

MAY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 6:30 Service Acolyte: Megan Gebert
3 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Sommer McDowell	4 7:00 Altar Guild	5	6	7 1:00 Bible Study	8	9 8:30 Partners In Ministry Meeting 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Jacob Nevins
10 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:00 Service 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte Isabella Buettner	11 6:30 Officers and Board Members Meeting	12	13 1:00 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 Bible Study	14 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Examination /Ascension Day Service	15	16 2-4 Parsonage Open House 6:30 Service Acolyte: Gunnar Hein
17 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour 4:00 Fellowship @ Studio Acolyte: Keonna Lindner	18 7:00 Elders Mtg	19	20 6:30 Bible Study	21 1:00 Bible Study	22	23 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Garrett Wendorff
24 <i>Confirmation Day</i> 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Alex Owen	25 <i>Memorial Day</i>	26 5:00 VBS Meeting	27	28 1:00 Bible Study	29	30 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Hunter Hawkinson
31 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Ed. Hour Acolyte: Sommer McDowell			<u>Elders:</u> Sat: Chuck Stoehr Sun: Brian Sperberg Spec: Tom Tuma	<u>Altar Guild:</u> Donna Lopez Cindy Craig Joanne Bublitz		

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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

