

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

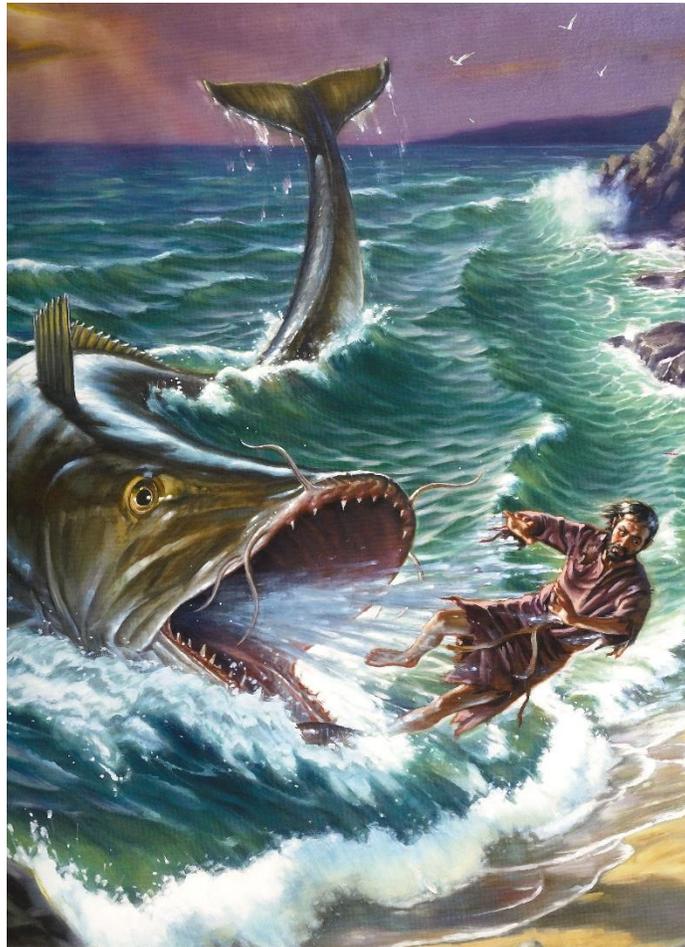
You likely know the general outline of the story of Jonah. The prophet is called by God to preach to the city of Nineveh. He doesn't want to preach there because he fears that the people of Nineveh would hear the preaching, repent of their sins and the Lord would relent of the disaster that he had planned for them. Jonah doesn't want the people to repent because he doesn't like them. He wants them to be destroyed. So instead of heading east towards Nineveh he heads west.

Eventually he gets on a boat to get further away from Nineveh, then a storm comes upon them. The sailors think God is angry with one of them and Jonah volunteers the information that he is running away from God. With that information, the sailors throw Jonah overboard and then the famous event happens. Jonah is swallowed by a great fish.

We aren't told what kind of fish it was, only that it was large. In our heads we probably think whale because that is the largest fish in the ocean, but remember, this is in the Mediterranean Sea. There aren't a lot of blue whales in that sea. Regardless of the species of the fish that swallowed Jonah, it happened. It wasn't a metaphor. It is history. Jonah is in the fish for three days and then he is spit up on the shore. Then Jonah goes to preach in Nineveh, the people repent, and the Lord relents of the disaster he had planned.

Jesus references the events of Jonah's life. He says, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For just as Jonah was three days and

three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." (Matthew 12:39-40) The people had been asking for a sign and Jesus says that they already have a sign. They wanted some type of concrete proof that the things Jesus had been telling them were true. Jesus tells them that the prophet Jonah is their sign.



Think about what happened to Jonah and it is a foreshadowing of what is going to happen to the Son of Man. Jonah was three days down in the fish and Jesus will be three days down in the earth. It's conjectured that because Jesus uses Jonah as an example to illustrate his death and burial underground, that Jonah actually died in the fish and was raised from the dead and then spit out on the shore. Just as Jonah came forth from the fish, so also Jesus will come forth from the grave with new life.

Jonah is a figure of Lent because he preaches repentance and foreshadows the glory of Easter morning. We know that Jesus is not the

reluctant prophet, rather he is the Savior with his eyes set upon the cross and the grave and finally the new life of the resurrection. Jesus has come to preach repentance and to turn the hearts of his people away from sin and towards him. Listen to the preaching of Jonah and Jesus and receive the life that comes from Jesus. He will never spit you out and you will reside with Jesus for much longer than three days. Jesus has prepared all of eternity for you.

Looking forward to the season of Lent,

-Pastor Kleinschmidt

ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

LENT SERVICES

Ash Wednesday is on February 17th. There will be two Communion Services on that day, at 10:30am and 6:30pm. The distribution of ashes will take place at both services. After that, beginning on February 24th there will be weekly Lent services at 6:30pm. There is no morning service. There is also a Lent Dinner at 5pm. Make a habit of coming and growing in your faith in preparation for the celebration of Easter.



LENT - RETURN TO THE LORD

At the Wednesday Lent Services we will be hearing about how we judge each other and Jesus. Each Wednesday a different pastor will be here to preach.

Feb 17th: Pastor Kleinschmidt

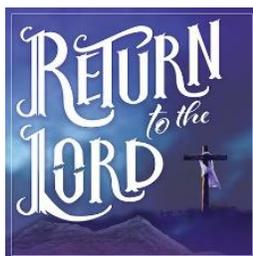
Feb 24th: Pastor Conradt from Hermansfort

March 3rd: Pastor Shoup or Palmer from St. Paul, Bonduel

March 10th: Pastor Eyer from Stony Hill/ Gresham

March 17th: Pastor Kleinschmidt

March 24th: Pastor Shoup or Palmer from St. Paul, Bonduel



LENT MEALS

Lent is fast approaching. We will again have a meal before the evening Lent services this year. It will be served from 5-6pm in the Parish Hall.

PRAYER PARTNERS

The Prayer Partners are here to pray with you for your concerns. Contact the Church Office with your prayers at 715-524-4347 or email to church@stjakobi.org. You can also use the prayer pew cards located in the narthex and place them in the offering plates. The contacts for Prayer Partners are Bob and Joanne Behrens. Are you interested in joining the Prayer Partners ministry? Contact the church office with your name and email address and you will be added. "To pray is to let go and let God take over." Phil. 4:6-7



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

- 2/7 Homecoming Hopes
- 2/14 A Nativity Night
- 2/21 Wise Men Worship
- 2/28 Claimed and Tested



READINGS AT CHURCH

February 7th: Isaiah 40:21-31
1 Corinthians 9:16-27

Mark 1:29-39

February 14th: 2 Kings 2:1-12
2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6

Mark 9:2-9

February 21st: Genesis 22:1-18

James 1:12-18

Mark 1:9-15

February 28th: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Romans 5:1-11

Mark 8:27-38

ANNUAL CONGREGATION REPORT

You can pick up the Annual Report of St. Jakobi that includes the 2021 Financial Statements in the Narthex at Church.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATES

Rooted and Built Up in Christ Commitments are underway. You can fulfill your pledges with the pink envelopes that are located in the Narthex above the guest book. You can also put in the memo line of the check "Building Fund" and place the check in your normal offering envelope. If you have any questions, contact Marlene at 920-400-0013. As of December 31st, we have commitments totaling \$438,264.28. Total dollars received is \$206,955.02. If you haven't made a commitment yet, you can find a card on the table in the Narthex and place it in the offering plate.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will be having a tailgate party on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th. Hoping the Packers will be playing, the 7th-12th graders will meet in the Parish Hall from noon to 3.

CONSIDERING A LUTHERAN SCHOOL?

St. Jakobi has funds available to help pay for tuition at [St. James Elementary School](#), [Wolf River Lutheran High School](#), or a 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. Also available for students enrolled at Wolf River Lutheran High School is a \$1000 discount for each student. Talk to Pastor if you need assistance or have questions.



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.

FUNERALS

Donna Hawkinson passed away on December 30th. Private family services will be held at a later date.

BAPTISM

Emelia Lynn Gueths was baptized on December 19th, 2020. She is the daughter of Austin & Kaitlynn Gueths. She was born October 21st, 2020, and her baptismal sponsors are Liz Steffek, Joshua Steffek, Baleigh Kehe, and Andy Gueths.

SPIRITUAL OUTREACH

Spiritual Outreach assembled and delivered 26 Cheer Boxes to our shut-ins and other congregation members at Christmastime. As we continue our work, we encourage everyone to consider joining the group. As we grow, we plan to include projects that all age groups can assist with. Meeting dates will be posted in the bulletin and on future calendars.



SNAIL MAIL? EMAIL?

You can receive this newsletter in your mailbox at church or by email. You can sign up for email delivery at <http://www.bit.ly/jakobisignup>

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Plans are being made for VBS to be held the week of **June 7th-11th** in the mornings. There will be some changes this year. Because of construction, we will use the Parish Hall very little and have tents set up south of the church parking lot. This will keep the children away from the construction site. There will be mitigation efforts in regard to the Corona virus that are still being worked out. The theme this year is Rainforest Explorers; Jesus Leads the Way. Romans 11:33 is the theme verse: "Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!" 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. Look for registration material in the coming months.



HOW CAN YOU HELP WITH THE BUILDING PROJECT?

This summer will be a momentous one for St. Jakobi. The construction project is going to require the many and various talents of the congregation. Begin thinking now how you can help. Can you help cook lunches or provide snacks for workers? Can you use a hammer or learn to use a saw? Can you pick up nails and trash at the end of the day. Are you going to use your vacation to spend an entire week working? Are you going to set aside Saturdays this summer to work? Will you be providing food or helping to schedule workers? Have you thought about how to use your trailer to load materials? Pay attention in the months to come as we try to utilize the entire congregation to make this project a success that's build upon Christ, the solid rock.

PARISH HALL USE

As the weather remains cold, and school is online, parents may be looking for an outlet for their kids' energy. There is a signup sheet posted on the church Facebook page that will allow families to schedule time in the Parish Hall in one-hour increments. This will allow you to get out of the house and have a place for kids to play that is indoors. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/ParishHall>

CAMP LUTHER NEWS

CAMP LUTHER SUMMER
REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Greetings from Camp Luther!

Registration for Summer 2021 is open! Are you ready for the Best. Summer. Ever!? You can learn about all our summer programs, including session dates and prices, on our NEW website, www.campluther.com/register. Additionally, brochures were mailed right after Christmas.



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:

Thanks to the eligible members that received Thrivent Choice Dollars and designated them to St. Jakobi. We received \$3,426 in 2020. This money was previously designated to go to our building fund (new church).

There are a number of eligible members that have not designated their funds. You have until March 31, 2021 to designate your 2020 funds. If you have questions on how to designate them you may contact your Financial Representative or call the Thrivent home office at 800-847-4836 and state "Thrivent Choice". You can also visit www.thrivent.com. Remember this is "your money, free money" and if not designated by March 31 it is no longer available.

LOOKING AHEAD

Palm Sunday is March 28th, Easter is April 4th, Confirmation Sunday is May 23rd and the Outdoor service and church picnic is tentatively planned for June 13th.

DID YOU KNOW?

On Tuesday of every week the audio recording of the Bible readings, Creed, Sermon hymn, and Sermon are posted on facebook. You don't need a facebook account. Simply go to www.facebook.com/lcmsjakobi to listen on your electronic device.

NEWS FROM THE TWIETMEYERS

Dear Friends at St. Jakobi:

We enjoyed some time in Michigan with Andrew's family this Christmas. Luckily, his siblings were all free to visit too. Jane and Eve played in the snow, we celebrated at church, and everyone received many beautiful gifts. As you can imagine, we were well fed!

In 2021, we anticipate that Andrew will receive a pastoral call. Back when he started school in June of 2017, spring of 2021 seemed impossibly far away!

Jane and Eve are still interested in ballet, drawing, painting, and Legos. Jane can read to herself, leading to late nights spent surrounded by books in bed. Eve, now in preschool, is happy to write her name and work in her alphabet workbook.

The quarter Andrew is taking pastoral theology, minor prophets, dogmatics, and church music in early Lutheranism. Sometimes he can bring home a lesson and teach the girls, which we like.

Thank you, as always, for your monthly support. We are constantly reminded how God cares for us through the hands of our neighbors like you!
Sincerely: Andrew, Elizabeth, Jane and Eve Twietmeyer

DID YOU KNOW?

The ashes that are used on Ash Wednesday are from the palm branches that were used on previous Palm Sundays. The palms that were used to proclaim the entry of our King into Jerusalem are then used to remind us of our own mortality and need for the King who comes to Jerusalem to die for us.

ONLINE GIVING

You can now give online by visiting <http://bit.ly/DonateStJakobi> This easy way to give to church can be done as a one-time gift or recurring. You can give from your checking account or credit card. If you would like you can help offset the expense of offering this service, there is information at that website.

DIRECT GIVING

If you want to give monthly from your checking account, please pick up a form in the church office and then return it to the church office.

A REMINDER OF WHAT ST. JAKOBI IS DOING TO MITIGATE COVID-19

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. If you remain in your car you can still come in to the sanctuary for the distribution of Holy Communion

TALK RADIO THE THINKING CHRISTIAN

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DAILY ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

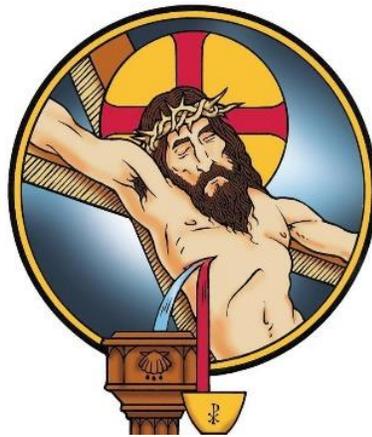


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ENDURES FOREVER

Pastor Will Weedon leads a daily 15-minute Bible Study that explores a book of the Bible, verse by verse. You can listen on your computer, phone, or tablet. You can download what you want or listen to the whole podcast. He's currently studying the book of Matthew. Find out more information and listen at www.thewordendures.org.



First Sunday in Lent



Good Friday



Maundy Thursday



Palm Sunday



Good Friday

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Jai Bisterfeldt
2 - Ken Damveld
2 - Lucas Gast
2 - Abigael Owen
2 - Laci Sperberg
3 - Joseph Kleinschmidt
5 - Lawrence Schroeder
6 - Patti Bohm
6 - Barb Lindner
7 - Jesse Buntrock
7 - Isaiah Gueths
8 - Troy Kuhn
8 - Nicki Meyers
9 - Casey Gast
9 - August Vorpahl
10 - Alexandar Owen
10 - Andy Popp
10 - Chris Popp
11 - Chloe Bohl
13 - John Popp
13 - Jade Velicer
14 - Jim Hoffman
15 - Doris Kroenke
16 - John Kriewaldt
18 - Joanne Ackermann
18 - Gary Weckwerth
19 - Tara Bohm
20 - Judy Buettner
21 - Stephanie Boyles
21 - Kaitie Gueths
22 - Hannah Hein
23 - Alyssa Wendorff
24 - Nancy Schroeder
24 - James VanScoik
25 - Andrew Gueths
26 - Curt Angeli
26 - Jacob Nevins
26 - Nancy Theis
27 - Melissa Teetzen
27 - Jeff Theis
28 - Betty Booras
28 - Isaac Buettner
28 - Sarah Magee
28 - Justin Opperman

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.

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

16, 1957 - Marvin & Barbara Bahr
26, 1972 - Mike & Karen Cotter
26, 1994 - Thomas & Corrina Tuma

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.

FEBRUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Altar Guild: Elizabeth McDowell Mary Theis Carol Magee	1 7:00 Altar Guild	2	3 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	4 1:00 Bible Study	5	6 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Lainey Peters
7 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Tucker Reinke 12:00 Youth Group	8	9	10 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	11 1:00 Bible Study	12	13 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Hadley Rettke
14 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Laci Sperberg	15	16	17 Ash Wednesday 10:30 Service (HC) 4:15 Catechism 5:00 Lent Meal 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Ella Stuber	18 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Elders	19	20 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Teagen Thompson
21 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Levi Wendorff	22	23	24 4:15 Catechism 5:00 Lent Meal 6:30 Service Acolyte: Jayden West	25 1:00 Bible Study	26	27 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Kendra Westphal
28 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Josie Gueths						Elders: Sat: Jamison Yorton Sun: Mike Kroenke Mark Schuster Special: Jon Wesenberg

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***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

