

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

What a wonderful blessing from the Lord we have received these last 3 months. No, I haven't gone off my rocker thinking that COVID-19 is fun or one big party. Instead, I'm thinking about Romans 5:3-5: "We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."

There are a lot of negative ways we can look at the suffering that has been thrust upon us. We can lament the inability or fear of meeting together as we normally would at church. We can mourn the friendships and family interaction that has been lost. We can even feel sorry for health care workers or those who actually do get sick. Yet, in all of the sufferings that we have experienced, there is room to rejoice.

We rejoice because these sufferings produce endurance. We have certainly needed endurance to get through this. But there is more than that, we have character because we have endured. The Greek word for character that is used here has the sense of something that has been refined; or perhaps like metal has been heated in order to strengthen it. Your suffering has produced endurance which leads to character.

Coming through these sufferings, you have been strengthened in your faith and have learned to trust in the Lord in the new situation you have found yourself in.

Finally, this verse says that the character leads to hope. Hope is more than just a hope that it

doesn't rain next weekend. The Christian hope that the New Testament so often talks about is a certainty about what the future holds. It isn't wishful thinking but rather an expectant look forward towards that which **will** come. In this way, suffering turns your eyes towards that which will come; or rather He who will come. Jesus has promised that he will come again to deliver us from this valley of sorrow and so we look forward in hope for our deliverance and entry into the eternal kingdom of heaven.

Because suffering produces all of these good things, we rejoice in suffering. You don't have to like the suffering or think it is good that income is lost; people have gotten sick; or the economy has taken a hit. Rather, rejoice that this suffering has turned your eyes away from yourself and towards

God. And so, we recognize the importance during times of suffering to keep hearing the Word of the Lord and receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus. As God's people we need to keep attending church so that this suffering doesn't cause us to despair but rather produces

all of the good fruit that is described in Romans 5.

If you have stayed away from church but want to receive Communion, then please get in touch with me. I would be glad to have a short, small service with you at church or in your home. This is how we are strengthened so that we will rejoice in our sufferings and not despair over our suffering.

You have peace in Christ so don't let the current sufferings turn you away from Jesus but rather build you up in Christ.

Rejoicing,
-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

You can listen to a 30-minute service on Saturday night at 6pm. Tune your radio to 96.1 or 960. You can also listen online at www.bit.ly/WTCHShawano. You can follow along by downloading the bulletin from the church website. These services may conclude in July depending on whether we can keep our time slot on Saturday night.

BAPTISM

Aspen Marie Gast was baptized on June 20th. She is the daughter of Keegan & Casey Gast. She was born April 11, 2020 and her baptismal sponsors are Corrisa Kroenke and Wyatt Rozmenoski.

FUNERALS

Dennis 'Emil' Wendorff passed away on April 3rd and his burial was April 9th. A future memorial service will be held at St. Jakobi. **Kathy Teetzen** passed away on April 11th. A memorial service for Kathy was held on June 20th at St. Jakobi. **Clarice Judd** passed away on May 23rd and her funeral was June 5th at St. Jakobi. We give thanks to God that He called them to faith and blessed them in their earthly life and that they now rest from their labors.

ROOTED AND BUILT UP IN CHRIST

We were forced to postpone our Commitment Sunday celebration on April 5th because of COVID-19. We have rescheduled it for the weekend of August 1st and 2nd. We will have a catered meal on Sunday after church on that day. Immediately after the service there will be a mortgage burning. We will have paid off our loan from the 2006 construction of the church. Mark on your calendar the tentative date of August 16th for the groundbreaking of the addition. More information about these events will be coming to you in the future.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Boards of Elders and Education have made the difficult decision to cancel Vacation Bible School this summer. There were many factors that played into this decision and it wasn't made lightly. There is hope to perhaps have a weekend VBS in the Fall depending on how things change with the pandemic.

WEDDING

Greg Liadis and Debra Booras were united in marriage on June 6th. May the Lord bless them all the days of their marriage.

CONFIRMATION

This year five young adults confessed their Christian faith and were confirmed. Those confirmed this year were Brynlie Boyles, Samuel Gueths(not pictured), Alli Johnson, Braden Teetzen, and Rylee Trochil. The Lord bless each of them all of their days as they live their lives of faith in Jesus Christ, their Savior.



RED BARN

Thank you to all who helped at the Brat Fry at the Red Barn, and all who enjoyed the tasty offerings.

READINGS AT CHURCH

- July 5th:** Zechariah 9:9-12
Romans 7:14-25a
Matthew 11:25-30
- July 12th:** Isaiah 55:10-13
Romans 8:12-17
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
- July 19th:** Isaiah 44:6-8
Romans 8:18-27
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
- July 26th:** Deuteronomy 7:6-9
Romans 8:28-39
Matthew 13:44-52

VOTER MEETING

The July Voter Meeting will be held on **July 26th** after Church. Watch the bulletin for an announcement of the agenda.

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>

WRLHS RUMMAGE SALE

Wolf River Lutheran High School will be having its 3rd annual rummage sale on July 10, 11, and 12. They're looking for gently used items you just don't want or need anymore. Any questions call or text Joan at 715-851-2741. Thanks for all your help in making this another successful fundraiser.

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.

PORTALS OF PRAYER

The Church purchases 125 Portals of Prayer and 5 Large Print. They are free for you to take. This little daily devotional book has a Bible reading and Psalm with a devotion that ties to the reading. There are also prayers in the back that are tied to the Church Year and for each day of the week. You can pick up your copy by the Guest Book or on the Bulletin table. Your old Portals of Prayer can be placed in the basket and they will be donated to Christians who need devotional material.

PICTURE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY

We came across a folder of photos taken at different events at St. Jakobi. We're looking for volunteers who would be willing to sort the photos, and if possible, identify who the photos are of. We'd also like the photos to be placed in either albums or scrapbooks. If you are interested, or have other suggestions, please speak with Nancy Thelen.

LETTER FROM SEMINARIAN

ANDREW TWIETMEYER

Dear Friends at St. Jakobi, 5/31/20

A new vicar has been placed at Zion! He and his family are arriving in July. Andrew's last Sunday is July 12. We hope to move back to Fort Wayne that week, but that will depend on housing. We sure are sad to be leaving and moving, but we have much to look forward to during Andrew's final year of seminary.

Jane and Eve both celebrated their birthdays recently; they are now 6 and 4 respectively. Andrew did not harvest a turkey this spring, but he has had success fishing. On Memorial Day, we all explored a local creek! The kids spent their time building a stone bridge. Ohio enjoyed lots of beautiful spring weather before the summer heat arrived in May.

By and large, we have been lucky in the flurry of coronavirus-related closures and restrictions. Both Andrew and Elizabeth can still work, and we have always been able to buy what we need. Our family and Pastor's have remained healthy, and churches have legally been able to remain open in Ohio. Zion has continued services of small groups, taking many precautions. We miss having the congregation together and look forward to everyone's healthy return! We are sure you feel the same.

Sincerely, Andrew, Elizabeth, Jane and Eve Twietmeyer

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Austin Buntrock
1 - Tony Stuber
3 - Allen Lange
3 - Heather Pyatskowitz
3 - Brinlee Yorton
4 - Lydia Walby
4 - Jordan Thompson
6 - Ashley Bennett
9 - Derek Hartmann
9 - Faron Skalitzky
10 - Michael Kriewaldt
10 - Brody Schutt
10 - Holly Weatherwax
10 - Michael Winkler
11 - Steven Damveld
12 - Nimue Berendt
12 - Jacob Schoenike
13 - Karen Cotter
13 - Jason Lange
14 - Dawn Buntrock
15 - Marcos Kriewaldt
15 - Axlyn Erickson
17 - Keith Jashinsky
17 - Raelyn Krueger
17 - Kadu Kunze
17 - Peggy Lange
17 - Elizabeth Teetzen
19 - Megan Gebert
19 - James Lange
19 - Joshua Lange
19 - Eli Magee
19 - Tucker Reinke
20 - Lance Lindner
20 - Sara VanScoik
21 - Dennis Fonger
22 - Rhett Jashinsky
22 - Sally Kroenke
22 - Jayne Mott
23 - Kinlee Meyers
24 - Blake Hartmann
25 - Jim Szucs, Sr.
26 - Cindy Gueths
26 - Barbara Peterman
26 - Paul Picard
27 - Adam Carroll
28 - Virgil Gueths
28 - William Hanke
28 - Mary Theis
30 - Brynlee Carroll
30 - Kylie Teetzen
30 - Tristan West
31 - Jeff Habeck

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.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

02, 1966 - August & Marjorie Vorpahl
04, 1981 - Mark & Mollie Schuster
07, 1979 - Bill & Jane Mott
09, 1960 - Roger & Sally Ann Piehl
11, 1987 - Jerele & Carrie Westphal
14, 2007 - Tony & Jennifer Stuber
14, 2001 - Tom T & Judy Tuma
19, 2003 - Lance & Sundai Lindner
19, 1980 - Paul & Jennifer Utecht
20, 1991 - Jesse & Dawn Buntrock
22, 2017 - Austin & Katie Gueths
26, 1969 - Allen & Peggy Lange
26, 1983 - Steve & Carol Verstoppen
27, 1968 - Bob & Joanne Behrens
30, 2016 - Keith & Katelyn Jashinsky
31, 2004 - Travis & Noël Kleinschmidt

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.

JULY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elders: Sat: Mark Schuster Sun: Mike Kroenke Jamison Yorton Special: Jon Wesenberg	Altar Guild: Betty Szucs Joanne Bublitz Kathy Fonger Judi Raddant		1	2	3	4 6:30 Service (HC)
5 9:00 Service (HC)	6	7 6:30 Elders	8	9	10	11 6:30 Service (HC)
12 9:00 Service (HC)	13	14	15 7:00 Council	16	17	18 6:30 Service (HC)
19 9:00 Service (HC)	20	21	22	23	24 6:30 Initial Commitments Event	25 6:30 Service (HC)
26 9:00 Service (HC) Voters Meeting after service	27	28	29	30	31	

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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

