

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

We have been studying the book of Galatians at our Wednesday night Bible Class. This book of Scripture is a truly a gift from God. There is so much for God's people to meditate upon and it's a great source of comfort for people who are struggling with sin in their lives.

I would encourage you to take 60 minutes out of your week and try attending Bible class on Wednesday at 6:30. I promise I won't embarrass you; you will get questions answered, and you will grow in your Christian faith. But since that time may not work for you, I have a couple of thoughts I'd like to share with you from Galatians.

First, a comment on Galatians 1:6: "I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ." Here, we hear about how Paul is surprised that the people of Galatia are deserting the truth of God's Word and turning to something that really provides no comfort. What are they turning to? A gospel of works. The people have been led to believe that salvation is dependent on them keeping God's law. This is works righteousness; the belief that you become righteous and holy by how well you keep the law. In Galatians 1 we hear how big of a folly that is. To trust in yourself and not in God for your salvation is to reject Christ and all that he has done for you.

But there's still a lot of us that still do this. We say things like, "Good people go to heaven." Or we come to a funeral and we comfort ourselves with the knowledge that someone is in heaven because they were a nice person. That's the different Gospel spoken of in Galatians 1:6. Christ alone is the way of salvation and this is not of your own doing.

Next, Galatians 3:1: "It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified." It's interesting to note that none of the people of Galatia would have seen Jesus crucified. They lived too far away and wouldn't have been in Jerusalem. So what does Paul mean when he says that

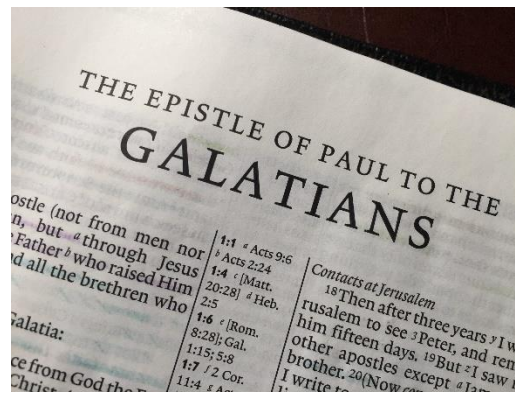
they saw Jesus publicly portrayed as crucified? It means that in the preaching of Paul he sought to put before the eyes of the people Jesus as the dying savior of the world. He did this by speaking the eloquent word of God that is all about Jesus and him crucified. As you listen to God's Word preached, you should always be hearing about Jesus Christ crucified. This means that you are hearing about the reason for his death (your sin), you're hearing about the result of his resurrection (forgiveness), and you're hearing about the great love that God has for you that would send His son to the cross. The cross of Jesus is the center of Christian preaching and a goal of mine; to preach Jesus Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 1:23).

Finally, Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." It's tempting to see someone suffering and say something like, "I hope it gets better for them." or "I'm glad that's not me." In every instance, as Christians we are called upon to bear one another's burdens. That means that we will be there for one another when we are suffering. The suffering of one

leads to the bearing of that by the whole community. For us at St. Jakobi that means that when one person is hurting, we, as a family, step forward to help and support that person. We don't let someone suffer alone and feel as if they are abandoned. No, instead we gather around to help and be of comfort as we share the love of Christ with them. The Christian is never alone. The Christian has Christ with them, but also the community of believers. We are to step forward and share God's love with people who desperately need it.

I hope this brief look at just a couple verse of Galatians has whet your appetite to hear more. Join us on Wednesday night. The present time is always the best time to start a new journey of studying God's Word and strengthening your faith in Jesus Christ.

In Christ,
-Pastor Kleinschmidt



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

PARKING LOT SERVICES

If you are concerned about coming into the sanctuary to worship, please worship in your cars in the parking lot. Tune your radio to 104.5 and you can listen to the entire service. Bulletins are available in the entry way of church or you can download one from www.stjakobi.org. The Corona Virus shouldn't be an excuse to not worship the Lord who is your Good Shepherd.

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.

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.

FALL BACK TIME CHANGE!

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 1st at 2am. Set your clocks one hour back before you go to bed or you will not be on time for church Sunday morning.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

There will be a Thanksgiving Service on Thanksgiving Day at 9am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

- 11/1 The Egypt Exit
- 11/8 The Land at Last
- 11/15 A Judge Leads
- 11/22 A Prophet Serves
- 11/29 A King Forever



BUILDING PROGRESS

Concrete trucks have been at church recently. About half of the footings and frost walls has been put in. Soon those holes will be back-filled and then excavation for the remaining footings and frostwall will take place.

PARISH HALL FOR THE KIDS

With kids doing at-home schooling and the weather getting colder, they may not be able to play outside and stay active. Your family can use the Parish Hall to let the kids run off some energy and have fun. Sign up for a one-hour slot at <https://bit.ly/ParishHallPlay>

READINGS AT CHURCH

- November 1st:** Revelation 7:9-17
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12
- November 8th:** Amos 5:18-24
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13
- November 15th:** Zephaniah 1:7-16
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30
- November 22nd:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
1 Corinthians 15:20-28
Matthew 25:31-46
- November 29th:** Isaiah 64:1-9
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 11:1-10

SCRIP PROGRAM NEWS

Are you looking to buy gift cards for Christmas presents? Then Scrip is your answer. You can look over the list of participating retailers at church. You will find great gift card ideas like Bath & Body Works, Target, Dick's, Home Depot, iTunes Store, Aeropostale, GameStop, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Cold Stone Creamery, Panera, Gap, Cabela's and many more! You can see an entire list and shop online for cards at www.shopwithscrip.com. The last day to order scrip cards for Christmas is Monday, December 16th. Don't wait till the very end and then not be able to get what you want; order early.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Sunday, November 1st is New Member Sunday. Be sure to come and welcome the new members to the congregation.

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 September 30th, we have commitments totaling \$435,264.28. 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.

NEWSLETTER IN COLOR

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>

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

HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE

We will begin planning for a Youth Group trip to the Higher Things Conference being held at Calvin University, Grand Rapids Michigan next summer, July 20th - 23rd, 2021. The theme is *Forgiven*. Registration forms need to be given to Pastor by December 1st. This is for all youth who are beginning 8th-12th grades. You can get more information at <https://higherthings.org/2021-forgiven>.



HARVEST DISPLAY

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for our Harvest Display here at St. Jakobi. You may bring your items to any of the church services and put them around the Harvest Display in the front of the church. The last day we will collect the food is November 22nd and then it will be distributed to a needy family or the Shawano Area Food Pantry.

MITTEN TREE

Anyone wishing to donate children's mittens, hats or stockings to our Mitten Tree project please bring them and put them on the tree in the Narthex. Right after Thanksgiving we will be collecting all of them and taking them to area schools for needy children. We had a great response last year and this is a wonderful way to share God's love.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The Children's Christmas Service will take place at a different time this year. It will be at 3pm on Sunday, December 20th. This will enable people to spread out over three weekend services instead of just two. We will have normal church services on Saturday night and Sunday morning that weekend. Especially this year, when there may be parents who don't have their kids participate due to Covid, please contact the church office if you want your child to participate. Practices will begin November 29th during Sunday school and will also include two Saturday morning practices on December 12th and 19th.

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



NEWS FROM THE TWIETMEYERS

Dear Friends at St. Jakobi: We are back in Fort Wayne and Andrew's final year here has begun. Time has flown! This year we found a house to rent, -our third Fort Wayne home. We live near a small airport about 3 miles from campus. We are happy to see Andrew's classmates (and their families) again. It's also a nice feeling to be back on the seminary grounds.

Andrew, Jane, and Eve are all students this year. Jane is in first grade and Eve is in preschool, both homeschooled. Sometimes we say Andrew is in the 20th grade! Jane in particular has been interested in ballet lately. Eve is proud to be able to ride her new bike with training wheels. Both enjoy being read to, playing dress up, and Sunday movie night. They sure are looking forward to Halloween.

Leaving our vicarage congregation was very difficult and super sad. We keep in touch with our friends there and might even visit this year. As a fourth year student, Andrew has no assigned church or field work responsibilities so we have chosen our own church for the time being. Sincerely: Andrew, Elizabeth, Jane and Eve Twietmeyer.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 - Katelyn Jashinsky
2 - Colbie Reinke
3 - Debra Daley
3 - Anna Laabs
3 - Kersten Stueck
4 - Stacie Robbins
5 - Marshal Giese
9 - John Boyles
9 - Scott Wendorff
10 - Judi Raddant
10 - Jessica Van Buren
11 - Randy Burr
11 - Cathy Hoffman
13 - Mckenzi Kuhn
13 - Alec Raddant
14 - Stephanie Laabs
14 - Lillien Murdock
15 - Rylee Trochil
16 - Michael Daley
16 - Norma Martzke
16 - Rebecca Owen
17 - Brittney Angeli
17 - Connor Angeli
17 - Jed Schuettpeiz
17 - Kayla Szucs
18 - Elliot Clark
18 - Hope Peters
18 - Henry Pleshek
18 - Brielle Reinke
18 - Bruce Teetzen
19 - Barbara Berkhahn
19 - Dale Magee
19 - Jonathan Riesenber
19 - Morgan Riesenber
20 - Travis Kleinschmidt
21 - Daniel Buettner
21 - Gerald Ludolph
22 - Misty Buettner
22 - Nicole Horne
22 - Lisa VanScoik
23 - Jacob Berkhahn
23 - Jennifer Utecht
24 - Randy Giese
24 - Ian Stuber
24 - Lori Buettner (Robbie)
25 - Bonnie Cotter
25 - Jamie Massey
26 - Sandy Habeck
26 - Shania Skalitzky
26 - Noah Wendorff
28 - Georgia Ladwig
29 - Tom McGahan
29 - Steve Verstoppen

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.

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

06, 1971 - Curt & Margie Wendorff
10, 1973 - Bill & Darlene Ross
15, 1986 - Doug & Barbara Berkhahn
15, 2014 - John & Jennifer Kriewaldt
26, 1994 - Douglas & Brenda Gast
26, 1966 - Dale & Carol Magee

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.

NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i> 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Levi Wendorff	2 7:00 Altar Guild	3	4 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	5 1:00 Bible Study	6	7 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Kendra Westphal
8 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Cienna Kuhn	9	10	11 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	12 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Elders	13	14 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Derek Hartmann
15 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Joseph Kleinschmidt	16	17	18 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	19 1:00 Bible Study	20	21 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Josie Gueths
22 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Hailey Hawkinson	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Joshua Lange	27	28 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Emmali McDowell
29 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Kadence Meyers	30			Elders: Sat: Mike Kroenke Sun: Jamison Yorton Mark Schuster Special: Bob Behrens		Altar Guild: Joan Stoehr Sally Kroenke Barb Bubolz

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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

