

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

This month will mark the celebration of Reformation Day on October 31. On that day Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg. He hoped to have a discussion of some of the abuses associated with indulgences. This led to a questioning of the authority of the Pope, and a re-emphasis on the teaching that people are saved solely by faith in Jesus Christ.

Martin Luther used a seal (logo) that he hoped to communicate some of the Reformation truths to people. You have seen it in artwork, in our stained-glass windows at church and other places. You can see it pictured in the middle of this article.

Luther explained the symbolism of it in the following way:

There is first to be a cross, black [and placed] in a heart, which should be of its natural color, so that I myself would be reminded that faith in the Crucified saves us. For if one believes from the heart he will be justified. Even though it is a black cross, [which] mortifies and [which] also should hurt us, yet it leaves the heart in its [natural] color [and] does not ruin nature; that is, [the cross] does not kill but keeps [man] alive. For the just man lives by faith, but by faith in the Crucified One. Such a heart is to be in the midst of a white rose, to symbolize that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace; in a word it places the believer into a white joyful rose; for [this faith] does not give peace and joy as the world gives and, therefore, the rose is to be white and not red, for white is the color of the spirits and of all the angels. Such a rose is to be in a sky-blue field, [symbolizing] that such joy in the Spirit and in faith is a beginning of the future heavenly joy;

it is already a part [of faith], and is grasped through hope, even though not yet manifest. And around this field is a golden ring, [symbolizing] that in heaven such blessedness lasts forever and has no end, and in addition is precious beyond all joy and goods, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.

Within the heart and around the cross you also see the addition of 4 letters. VDMA stand for the Latin phrase *Verbum Domini Manet Aeternum*. This means "The Word of the Lord Endures Forever. It

is taken from 1 Peter 1:25. It was first used as a Reformation motto in 1522 by Frederick the Wise. This phrase has been a rallying cry of the Reformation because of the focus on God's Word being the only source of true and pure teaching.

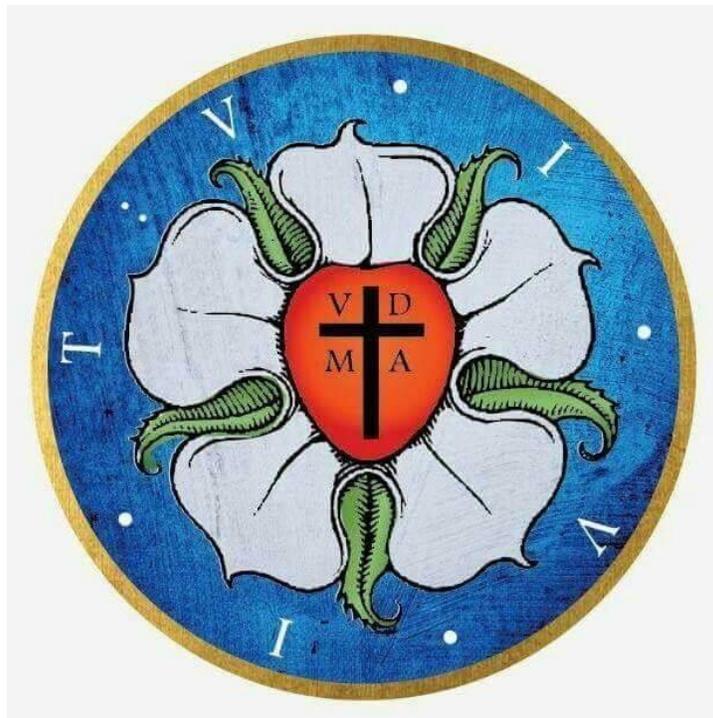
In white letters around the outside of the seal is another later addition. It is the Latin word *Vivit*. It means "He Lives". It is a reference to the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave. The resurrection of Jesus forms the foundation of

our faith. But it was also added to this seal of Luther to emphasize that because Jesus lives, so too does Martin Luther. Luther, who had faith in Jesus, also lives in eternity.

We take great comfort that when we die or our loved ones die, we will live forever for we are united to our Savior by virtue of our faith in Him.

It is certainly true that we can learn a lot just by studying Christian artwork and trying to understand what the artist is attempting to communicate.

Rejoicing in the truth of God's Word,
-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.

CHURCH OFFICERS

We are looking for new officers to fill the following positions for our congregation in our upcoming election in October: Treasurer, Elder (2), Trustee, Boards of Education and Evangelism. If you are interested in serving the Lord for one of the positions, please take a form in the narthex to be filled out and place in the Elders box when completed.

ADDRESSES, EMAILS AND PHONE NUMBERS

If you have changed your address, phone number, or email address; or if you have an adult child who no longer resides with you, please provide the changed information so that we can update our records. We want to make sure that copies of the newsletters and other information are sent to each household. You can either give the information to Pastor or Nancy Thelen, or write it on a piece of paper and leave it in the Administrative Assistant mailbox in the hallway.

READINGS AT CHURCH

October 4th: Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

October 11th: Isaiah 25:6-9
Philippians 4:4-13
Matthew 22:1-14

October 18th: Isaiah 35:5-8
2 Timothy 4:5-18
Luke 10:1-9

October 25th: Revelation 14:6-7
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36

CHURCH VOTER MEETING

The Quarterly Voter meeting will be held on October 25th after church. Preliminary agenda items include the 2021 Budget and election of officers. There will be more agenda items to come.

FUNERALS

Phyllis Habeck passed away on September 15th. A service will be held in the future. We give thanks to God that He called Phyllis to faith and blessed her in her earthly life and that she now rests from her labors.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

10/4 A Call to Action
10/11 A Promising Dream
10/18 Hope in Hardship
10/25 Fiery Directions

RED BARN

Thank you to everyone who worked at the Red Barn at Charlie's County Market in September. Thank you as well to everyone who stopped by to buy a burger or brat. We had great weather and it ended up being a great fundraiser. A total on the proceeds will be printed in the bulletin after all the expenses are paid.

MORTGAGE BURNING

We paid off our loan from the 2006 building of the sanctuary. The loan amount started off at over \$557,000 and we paid it off in just shy of 14 years. Praise the Lord! At the moment we have no mortgage payment. After construction of the new addition is complete there will be a new loan amount and a new monthly payment.

PORTALS OF PRAYER

The Church purchases 125 Portals of Prayer and 5 copies that are in 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. 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 redistributed.

CEMETERY ASSOCIATION NEWS

Help us prepare for Veteran's Day on November 11th. The cemetery guidelines indicate that planters, vases, and decorations placed on or after May 1st must be removed by October 1st. Items not removed may be removed or discarded. Winter or Veteran decorations may be placed November 1st.

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>

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>.



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.

ROOTED AND BUILT UP IN CHRIST BUILDING UPDATE

About 90 dump trucks of sand have been brought in and compacted to make the area level with the church. Very soon the digging for the foundation will begin and then the foundation and frost wall will be poured.

PRAYER PARTNERS

In Matthew 7, our Father invites us to approach Him in prayer with our requests. He already knows our needs and the desires of our hearts. He doesn't require a wish list from us, but when our prayers are answered; our eyes are opened to His loving kindness to us. Let the Prayer Partners here at St. Jakobi help you in times of need or in celebration. All prayers are kept confidential. Phone your requests to: 715-524-4347 or email church@stjakobi.org.



YOUTH GROUP

The next Youth Group meeting will be on Saturday, October 24th at 5:00. We will have a holiday party with candy, a bunch of games, prizes and themed food. We will follow that up with a movie and ice cream sundaes! We have decided NO costumes. We don't want to promote anything evil by wearing something inappropriate.

ALUMINIUM CAN RECYCLING

The can collection has restarted. You can turn your cans in south of the church. Put the cans in closed bags and then place the bags inside the fence. The youth group will receive the proceeds of the recycling. Thank you!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY

1 - Huntleigh Buettner
1 - Keegan Gast
1 - Kailyana Zaitz
2 - Elfrieda Buettner
2 - Brandon Clark
2 - Mike Hein
2 - Jennifer Kroenke
4 - Tristan Buntrock
6 - Marilyn Burlo
6 - Elizabeth McDowell
7 - Barbara Bahr
7 - Audrey Sperberg
8 - Gavin Opperman
8 - Shirley Ritch
10 - Garrett Giese
10 - Gunnar Hein
10 - Matthew Horne
10 - Mark Kroenke
11 - Taylor Genke
11 - Roy Habeck
11 - David Schoenike
12 - Roxy Martzke
12 - Mandi Reinke
12 - Jay Schuettpelz
12 - Mollie Schuster
13 - Wade Bohl
14 - Brad Teetzen
15 - Will Teetzen
16 - Carl Gebert
18 - Liam Buntrock
19 - Donna Lopez
20 - Wyatt Rassmussen
22 - Nolan Kleinschmidt
22 - Seth Schroeder
22 - Thomas Tuma
25 - Laura Prodell
27 - Justin Cotter
29 - Josh Krueger
30 - Lisa Evenson
31 - Jameson Sperberg

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.

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

02, 1999 - Gregg & Emily Pleshek
02, 1993 - Tabb & Sarah Magee
02, 1999 - Shawn & Wanda Stueck
03, 1959 - Lewis & Carol Popelka
04, 2014 - Derek & Courtney Drake
05, 2019 - Tyler & Miranda Hoyer
08, 2005 - Jeremy & Nicki Meyers
11, 1986 - Bruce & Michelle Teetzen
13, 1977 - Darwin & Darlene Drake
13, 2012 - Josh & Bobbi Jo Ladwig
16, 1971 - Virgil & Cindy Gueths
16, 1999 - Scott & Lori Wendorff
16, 2004 - Mike & Holly Weatherwax
17, 1987 - Robert & Lori Buettner
19, 1974 - Richard & Judi Raddant
20, 2018 - Daniel & Elizabeth Buettner
20, 1979 - Joe & Vicki Buettner
22, 1960 - Leroy & Audrey Sperberg
25, 1975 - Gary & Marlene Weckwerth
26, 1985 - Brad & Heidi Teetzen
28, 1999 - Brian & Kris Johnson
28, 1989 - Brad & Lorine Raddant
28, 2017 - Jordan & Stacie Robbins

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.

OCTOBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elders: Sat: Rich Raddant Sun: Jon Wesenberg Bob Behrens Special: Mike Kroenke	Altar Guild: Betty Szucs Liz McDowell Darlene Hoffman Donna Ward			1 1:00 Bible Study	2	3 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Lily Felckowski
4 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Kennedi Meyers	5 7:00 Altar Guild	6 6:30 Elders	7 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	8 1:00 Bible Study	9	10 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Laci Sperberg
11 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Tucker Reinke	12	13 6:30 Council	14 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	15 1:00 Bible Study	16	17 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Hadley Rettke
18 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Lainey Peters	19	20	21 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	22 1:00 Bible Study	23	24 5:00 Youth Group 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Ella Stuber
25 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Voters Meeting after service Acolyte: Teagen Thompson	26	27	28 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	29 1:00 Bible Study	30	31 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Jayden West

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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

