

## From Pastor Kleinschmidt

There's violence all around us. We have recently been seeing it in Kenosha as there are riots protesting the shooting of Jacob Blake by the Sheriff's Department.

I don't want to make this article political but God's Word does have something to say about the various issues that are work in Kenosha.

First of all, the 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment says that you should not murder. Luther explains it in the Small Catechism and says, "We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body." There isn't a place for any of us to purposefully hurt, harm, or kill others. There are only a few exceptions to that. Romans 13 gives the government authority to punish the evil doer. Law enforcement and the judicial system are tasked with protecting citizens so we must listen and obey as long as they aren't compelling us to break God's law. Hate is leads to violence and murder. In this sense, racism is a breaking of the 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment. It is hate directed at someone because of what they look like.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Commandment is explained in the Small Catechism, "We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way." This would guide us to put the best construction on the words and deeds of others. Don't jump to the worst conclusion, but rather assume the best. The media and some in the government were quick to put the worst construction on the event that led to the rioting. However, we too should put the best construction on what people say and do. We don't know what's in anyone's heart except for what they say and do shows what they actually believe and think.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Commandments explanation says, "We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents **and other authorities**, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish

them." The governing authorities are worthy of respect because God has placed them in our lives. There may be times we disagree with them, but we still are called upon to respect them. There may be a time for peaceful demonstration and there may be a time for outright refusal to obey, but that should be done deliberately and with a full knowledge of the reasons and repercussions.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment says "You shall not steal." Rioting that leads to destruction and theft is stealing from property owners and business people. It's a sin and doesn't lead to anything good.

The common theme throughout all of this is sin. People sin. And it isn't just bad decisions, it's outright denial of God's Word and trespassing against God's holy commands.

But the people who have sinned aren't just in Kenosha. They are around us. In fact, the sinners are you and I. When Jesus was asked why a tower fell and killed people he said, "I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." (Luke 13:5) The sin that happens to others or the tragedy that befalls others is an opportunity to examine our own hearts and acknowledge the sin that resides in there. Each one of us in some way is guilty concerning each of the commandments I have written

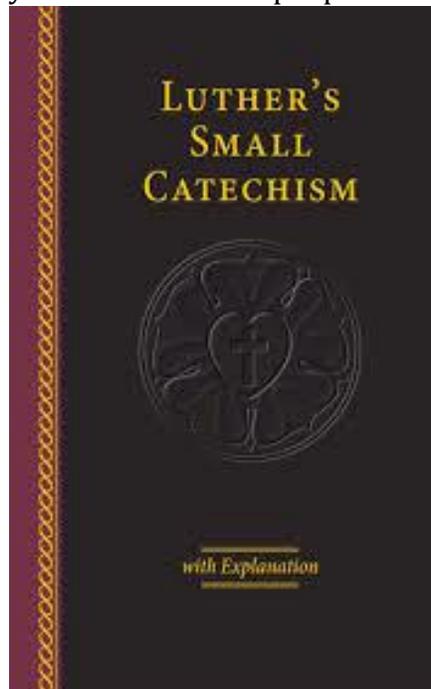
about. We should not have the pharisaical attitude that sees sin in others but never in ourselves.

And yet, a church that doesn't condemn sin and warn against sin is not speaking God's Word. Racism is a sin. Murder is a sin. Stealing is a sin. False Testimony (8<sup>th</sup> Commandment) is a sin. Lack of honor towards authority (4<sup>th</sup> Commandment) is a sin. Repent.

Jesus is the answer to the blood and violence in Kenosha. He is peace in the troubled world. He is your peace and forgiveness when you sin. So, let us speak well of others and find ways to speak of Jesus to others.

Peacefully,

-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 104.5FM. You must be within a quarter mile of the church to pick up the radio signal.

## 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.

## BAPTISM

**Lucas Jeffrey Schuettpelez** was baptized on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. He is the son of Jay & Stephanie Schuettpelez. He was born July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, and his baptismal sponsors are Jordan Lubich and Tony Stuber.

**Kade Joseph Strebel** was baptized on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. He is the son of Jason Strebel & Melissa Rettke. He was born on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and his baptismal sponsors are Ryan Clark, Sheri Wendorf, Rodney Hein and Jaci Lawatsch.

## 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.

## SAVE THE DATE – RED BARN

September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. St. Jakobi will be hosting a brat fry at the Red Barn at Charlie's County Market. Be sure to stop by and get some lunch and support the church and get some great food while you're at it.



## GROUNDBREAKING

Official Groundbreaking for the new addition took place on August 16<sup>th</sup>. This year we will complete the excavation work, pour the concrete footings and foundation, and place many of the utilities. Next Spring we will pour the concrete slab and begin building upwards with a target completion date of October 31, 2021. If you want to see more pictures, including drone pictures, then go to [www.facebook.com/lcmsjakobi](http://www.facebook.com/lcmsjakobi). You don't need to have a facebook account to view the pictures.



## READINGS AT CHURCH

- September 6<sup>th</sup>:** Ezekiel 33:7-9  
Romans 13:1-10  
Matthew 18:1-20
- September 13<sup>th</sup>:** Genesis 50:15-21  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 18:21-35
- September 20<sup>th</sup>:** Isaiah 55:6-9  
Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30  
Matthew 20:1-16
- September 27<sup>th</sup>:** Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32  
Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18  
Matthew 21:23-27

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SOON

The first day for Sunday School is September 13<sup>th</sup>. Class starts in the Sanctuary at 10:30 with an opening led by Pastor and then class continues until 11:30. **New this year will be a class for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders.** They will meet upstairs in the Parish Hall. Thanks to all the volunteer teachers this coming year. We look forward to seeing the tree in the hallway at church grow leaves representing the children growing in their faith each time they attend Sunday School.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

9/13 A Mighty Wonder  
9/20 The Fall and a Promise  
9/27 A New Beginning

## SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Bible class will begin on September 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be studying various hymns of the church. If part of your commitment was to attend Bible class, now is a great time to begin.

## FUNERALS

**Dale Buettner** passed away on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020. His funeral was on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We give thanks to God that He called Dale to faith and blessed him in his earthly life and that Dale now rests from his labors.

**Jeff Habeck** passed away on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. His committal was on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We give thanks to God that He called Jeff to faith and blessed him in his earthly life and that Jeff now rests from his labors.

## YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will be restarting. There will be an initial gathering on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. We'll play some games, have a devotion, and talk about what the kids want to do in the future.

## FUNERAL LUNCH HELP NEEDED

The funeral coordinators appreciate the help that they have been getting with the preparation and serving of the food at funeral lunches. They are looking for an additional 10-15 volunteers (men or women) to help with serving. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or you can call one of the coordinators, if you are willing to help: Bonnie Sperberg (715-524-3266), Donna Lopez (715-851-5414) or Barb Teetzen (715-584-2242).

## ROOTED AND BUILT UP IN CHRIST 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 August 28<sup>th</sup>, we have commitments totaling \$431,814. 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.

## BUILDING UPDATE

The LP tanks have been moved to their new location and new lines buried to the church and the parsonage. Because of the number of furnaces in the new addition, a third LP tank was bought and installed.

A new well has been drilled and the water pressure and quality are excellent. Some water lines from well have been buried so they will be below the frost wall.

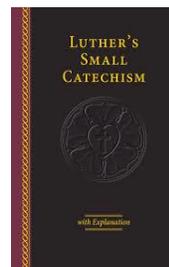
On September 8<sup>th</sup> fill will begin to be brought in. It's estimated we'll need about 1200 yards of fill to make the area level with the church. After the fill is done the digging for the foundation will begin and then the foundation and frost wall will be poured.

## 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.

## CATECHISM CLASS

The School year will be in full swing and that means Catechism class begins again. The first day of class is September 9<sup>th</sup>. The Catechism students (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) will be attending class weekly and continuing their duties serving as Acolytes. May God bless them during their time of instruction in the Christian faith.



## POTATO PANCAKE DINNER

Due to Covid-19, the Potato Pancake Dinner has been cancelled for this year.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Carol Paiser  
1 - Leroy Sperberg  
2 - Brenda Price  
3 - Krista Buettner  
3 - Amanda Gehnke  
3 - Austin Gueths  
3 - Brittany Opperman  
3 - Corrina Tuma  
4 - Mark Wendorff  
5 - Gavin Prodel  
6 - Jodi Angeli  
6 - Curt Wendorff  
7 - Paul Utecht  
8 - Jase Bisterfeldt  
9 - Warren Gueths  
9 - Dominick Thorson  
10 - Gary Felckowski  
10 - Alice Laabs  
11 - Steve Buettner  
11 - Dayton Davis  
11 - Amy Riesenberg  
12 - Bryan Teetzen  
13 - Marvin Bahr  
13 - Tylene Bohl  
13 - Andrew Giese  
13 - Darlene Hoffman  
13 - Phyllis Olson  
14 - Eva Teetzen  
15 - Faith Teetzen  
16 - Eileen Skalitzky  
16 - Janet Wendt  
17 - Shirley Popp  
19 - Tom T. Tuma  
21 - Janice Grosskopf  
22 - Marvin Buettner  
22 - Daniel Moede  
24 - Brian Sperberg  
24 - Theresa Gueths  
25 - Bill Laehn  
25 - Kyle Raddant  
26 - Joshua Theis  
27 - Shirley Glock  
27 - Noël Kleinschmidt  
28 - Justin Engel  
29 - Jeremy Meyers  
30 - Jacob Burr  
30 - Martha Gebert  
30 - Emma Magee

## 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.

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1, 1990 - Brian & Bonnie Sperberg  
4, 1954 - Lee & Sandy Habeck  
5, 2015 - Mike & Cindy Winkler  
6, 2017 - Casey & Linsey Carroll  
6, 2014 - Shawn & Allyssa Verstoppen  
7, 1996 - Greg & Patti Samson  
7, 2019 - Tyler & Lydia Walby  
8, 1984 - Steve & Lori Buettner  
8, 1990 - Russell & Bonnie Cotter  
9, 1978 - John & Susan Klemens  
9, 2006 - Darryl & Laura Prodel  
12, 2015 - Keegen & Casey Gast  
13, 1975 - Keith & Judy Buettner  
13, 2014 - Mike & Amber Schmidt  
14, 1996 - Andrew & Debra Schneider  
16, 1967 - Jim & Betty Szucs  
18, 2004 - William Grab & Patti Burr  
19, 1953 - Marvin & Elfrieda Buettner  
19, 1970 - Gerald & Mary Ludolph  
19, 1965 - Paul & Marilyn Picard  
20, 1958 - Thomas & Nancy Theis  
21, 2019 - Brandon & Alyson Buntrock  
22, 2001 - Corey & Nancy Marcell  
22, 2002 - Bryan & Melissa Teetzen  
24, 1977 - Dave & Darlene Hoffman  
27, 1997 - John & Stephanie Boyles  
28, 2019 - Zach & Megan Pederson  
28, 2013 - Ben & Alison Sperberg  
28, 1996 - Jim & Vicky Szucs

## 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 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.*



# SEPTEMBER 2020

| Sunday  | Monday                 | Tuesday | Wednesday                                | Thursday                              | Friday   | Saturday   |
|---|------------------------|---------|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
|   |                        | 1       | 2  | 3<br>1:00 Bible Study                 | 4  | 5<br>6:30 Service (HC)   |
| 6<br>9:00 Service (HC)  | 7 <i>Labor Day</i>     | 8       | 9<br>4:15 Catechism<br>6:30 Bible Study  | 10<br>1:00 Bible Study                | 11   | 12<br>8:00 Men's<br>Breakfast<br>6:30 Service (HC)                               |
| 13<br>9:00 Service (HC)<br>10:30 Education Hour                     | 14<br>7:00 Altar Guild | 15      | 16<br>4:15 Catechism<br>6:30 Bible Study | 17<br>1:00 Bible Study<br>6:00 Elders | 18   | 19<br>6:30 Service (HC)  |
|   |                        |         | Brat Fry at Red Barn/Charlie's           |                                       |  |  |
| 20<br>9:00 Service (HC)<br>10:30 Education Hour<br>4:00 Youth Group | 21                     | 22      | 23<br>4:15 Catechism<br>6:30 Bible Study | 24<br>1:00 Bible Study                | 25   | 26<br>6:30 Service (HC)  |
| 27<br>9:00 Service (HC)<br>10:30 Education Hour                     | 28                     | 29      | 30<br>4:15 Catechism<br>6:30 Bible Study |                                       | <b>Elders:</b><br><b>Sat:</b> Jamison Yorton<br><b>Sun:</b> Mark Schuster<br>Mike Kroenke<br><b>Special:</b> Rich<br>Raddant | <b>Altar Guild:</b><br>Liz McDowell<br>Brenda Gast<br>Roxy Martzke<br>Donna Ward |

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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

