

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

The Lord Jesus has conquered death and given life and immortality to all who believe in him. Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." As Christians, death has no power over us. Jesus has risen from the grave and thus our graves are only temporary as we await the resurrection on the Last Day.

Paul writes to the Thessalonians, "But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope." Even though death has been conquered, we still grieve. We grieve the loss of connection with a person. We grieve, but we grieve as those with hope. We know that the resurrection will happen on the Last Day and all of God's people will arise to live with the Lord for eternity. Our hope is in the future resurrection and the life (both body and soul) that we will have with Jesus.

Grief is normal, but it isn't hopeless. We know that there is something more than this life and the grave. There is life in Jesus Christ so we grieve and shed tears knowing that even death is not permanent.

Thus, as we gather as God's people for a funeral we are gathering to remember the person, to share memories, but also to hear the wonderful promises



of God that death has no power over us. We gather to grieve in hope and to comfort one another.

I think it is important to periodically attend a funeral here at St. Jakobi. In so doing, you hear the wonderful Word of God that speaks about the life of Jesus for the deceased, but also for you. You are reassured that death has no power over you.

Another important aspect of this is that we are a community of believers. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 12:26, "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together." It is right that we gather with our grieving brothers and sisters at a funeral. We are a community so we support one another in our times of suffering and our times of honor. I would invite you to attend a future funeral at St. Jakobi. Even if you don't know the person or the family well, you are welcome to attend. We support each other when we help with the meal or just sit in the pew. Even if you don't have words to share, God shares his Word with you and your presence means something to the ones who are grieving.

As a congregation, we grow stronger when we are all united in Jesus and recognize that when one member suffers, we all do. Let us support one another; even when it is uncomfortable to do so. In the love of Jesus,

-Pastor



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

OLD TESTAMENT CONNECTIONS

We walked through the Old Testament in January, we dove into each book of the Old Testament in March, and now we are going to see the connections of the Old Testament to the New Testament. We'll see the prophecies, the foreshadowing, the appearances of the Second Person of the Trinity, and the quotations used in the New Testament. We will have an eye-opening Saturday morning class on **August 24th from 9-11:30am**. On the road to Emmaus when Jesus explained how the Old Testament was about him, they said their hearts "burned within them". This is what we'll have the Holy Spirit work within each one of us. Make plans now and invite your friends and family! This Saturday morning class is preparation for our New Testament Path Class on February 1st.

ST. JAKOBI BOOK CLUB

The following is the list of books chosen for the upcoming meetings: July 30th - *Raft of Stars* by Andrew J Graff (we will meet at Marlene Weckwerth's home); September 3rd - *The Women* by Kristen Hannah; October 1st - *The Wish* by Nicholas Sparks; November 5th - *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger; Dec 3rd - book to be determined. The Book Club will not meet in August.

EDUCATION SAVINGS ENCOURAGEMENT

St. Jakobi received a gift that is to be distributed to the children of the congregation under the age of 18. This gift is meant to encourage parents and family to save for the education expenses of their children. St. Jakobi will give \$100 into a 529 Savings Account to encourage and give a jump start to education savings. Forms to apply are in the Narthex and church office.

PORTALS OF PRAYER

The Portals of Prayer for July through September is available in the Narthex. When you are finished with the prior editions, you can return them to the church and place them in the basket near the bulletins. These copies are handed out to others to share God's word.

CHARLIE'S RED BARN

We have two more scheduled brat sales at Charlie's Red Barn. They are July 22, 23, & 24; and August 8, 9, & 10. If you can help, please see the sign-up sheets that will be placed in the Narthex. Come join the fun and fellowship that we enjoy. If you're not able to work at the Brat Fry, consider supporting St. Jakobi by purchasing a burger or brat.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS was held June 10-14 and the theme was *Celebrate the Savior*. We had about 110 kids attend during the week. Thank you to all of the volunteers who made it possible to share God's Word with kids in our congregation and also lots of kids in our community.

CONFIRMATION

On May 26th 9 young people confessed their Christian faith and were confirmed. Those confirmed this year are Kavion Franklin, Jaelyn Hietpas, Nolan Kleinschmidt, Brooklyn Krueger, McKenzi Kuhn, Colton Peters, Connor Stuber, Blake Weishoff, and Khloe Wendorff. The Lord bless each of them all of their days as they live their lives of faith in Jesus Christ, their Savior.



FUNERAL

August Vorpahl passed away on June 7th, 2024. His funeral was on June 17th, 2024.

WEDDING

On June 8, Skylar Rodenbeck and Mackenzie Boyles were united in marriage. The Lord bless them as they begin their marriage in the Name of the Lord.

SUNDAY SNACK SIGNUP

If you would like to bring a snack to share on Sunday after church, then you can sign up on the counter by the kitchenette in the Narthex.

GIVING OPTIONS

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.



READINGS AT CHURCH

- July 7th:** Ezekiel 2:1-5
2 Corinthians 12:1-10
Mark 6:1-13
- July 14th:** Amos 7:7-15
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29
- July 21st:** Jeremiah 23:1-6
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-44
- July 28th:** Genesis 9:8-17
Ephesians 3:14-21
Mark 6:45-56

COUNCIL AND VOTERS MEETINGS

The Church Council will meet on Thursday, July 11th, at 7:00pm. All boards should be represented at the meeting. The Voters Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 21st following the Worship Service. Plan to attend to keep informed as to what is happening at St. Jakobi.

RAISE RIGHT CARDS

Do you have an upcoming celebration for which you need a gift? Perhaps a birthday or wedding? Maybe you know someone who could use some help, and you'd like to give them a gift card. Check out the large selection of gift cards available through RAISE RIGHT!! Cards ordered on Monday arrive Friday afternoon.

LWML - LUTHERAN WOMEN MISSIONARY LEAGUE

The national organization has been serving others for 80 years. They have filled 475 grants for over \$28,000,000 in 89 countries. They do this by collecting mites which is small change that each member collects and periodically it gets sent to the treasurer.

Here at St. Jakobi some of the Altar Guild members and friends have been sending in their mites three times a year and attending the Spring and Fall LWML Rallies held at various churches in our area. We have also attended Spring and Fall retreats at Camp Luther in Three Lakes. Some of us are going on a short-term mission trip to Detroit in August.

We would like to extend an invitation to the ladies in the congregation to consider joining us by simply collecting mites or attending some of the events. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Barb Teetzen (715-584-2242) or Barb Bubolz (715-524-4492). Check out www.nwdlwml.org or www.lwml.org

MEN'S NIGHT

BRING A FRIEND TO THE MEN'S CAMPFIRE! All men at St. Jakobi are invited for an evening of fun and fellowship at Darryl Prodell's on Friday, July 19th. Invite somebody that hasn't been at a Men's Night yet. Bring your own beverage, and a munchie to share if you wish. The fun begins at 6:30 p.m. at W5033 Forest Court, Shawano.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to everyone who helped to prepare our scrumptious picnic dinner Sunday, June 16th. Thank you for all of the delicious dishes, salads and desserts that you brought to share. Thank you to all who worked in the kitchen, to all who had fun providing wagon rides and rides in the kiddie carts, and thank you to everyone who worked very hard setting up the slushie machine and bouncy house. We enjoyed our day sharing Christian fellowship with everyone. Thank you! The St. Jakobi Church Picnic Committee.

HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE

The Youth Group travelled to the Higher Things Conference held at Concordia University, Mequon on June 25-28th. The theme was *Who Am I?* This year we have 17 youth and 4 adults going.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Austin Buntrock
1 - Douglas Evenson
1 - Lucas Schuettpelz
1 - Tony Stuber
3 - Allen Lange
3 - Heather Pyatskowitz
3 - Brinlee Gueths
4 - Jordan Thompson
4 - Lydia Walby
6 - Ashley Bennett
7 - Carson Hietpas
9 - Derek Hartmann
9 - Faron Skalitzky
10 - Brody Schutt
10 - Holly Weatherwax
10 - Michael Winkler
11 - Steven Damveld
12 - Nimue Berendt
12 - Jacob Schoenike
13 - Jaelyn Ciancio
13 - Karen Cotter
13 - Jason Lange
14 - Dawn Buntrock
15 - Axlyn Erickson
17 - Keith Jashinsky
17 - Raelyn Krueger
17 - Kadu Kunze
17 - Elizabeth Teetzen
19 - Megan Gebert
19 - James Lange
19 - Joshua Lange
19 - Eli Magee
19 - Tucker Reinke
19 - Nick Thiel
20 - Lance Lindner
21 - Dennis Fonger
22 - Rhett Jashinsky
22 - Jayne Mott
22 - Sally Schick
23 - Kinlee Meyers
24 - Blake Hartmann
25 - Timothy Massey
25 - Jim Szucs, Sr.
25 - Blake Weishoff
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 - Shayla Kroenke
30 - Kylie Teetzen
30 - Tristan West

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 & Jayne Mott
11, 1987 - Jerele & Carrie Westphal
14, 2007 - Tony & Jennifer Stuber
14, 2001 - Tom T & Judy Tuma
16, 2022 - Michael & SueAnn Danley
19, 1980 - Paul & Jennifer Utecht
20, 1991 - Jesse & Dawn Buntrock
22, 2017 - Austin & Katie Gueths
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 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elders: Sat: Jon Wesenberg Sun: Mark Schuster Mike Daley Special: Brian Sperberg	1	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5	6 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Payton Skalitzky
7 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Hailey Fischer	8	9	10	11 1:00 Bible Study 7:00 Council	12	13 9:00 Spiritual Outreach 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Hailey Fischer
14 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Adam Kleinschmidt	15	16	17	18 1:00 Bible Study	19 6:30 Men's Night	20 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Layden Plaster
21 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Voter Meeting Acolyte: Brielle Reinke	22	23	24	25	26	27 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Payton Skalitzky
	BRAT FRY - CHARLIE'S RED BARN					
	6:00 Cemetery Assoc.					
28 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Layden Plaster	29	30 1:00 Book Club	31			Altar Guild: Noel Kleinschmidt Cindy Winkler 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

