A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JAKOBI LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SHAWANO, WI

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

Te hosted a Saturday morning Bible class entitled "Old Testament Connections" on August 24th. The goal was to build on the Walk Thru the Bible Old Testament class this past February and then the review of all the books of the Old Testament in March. This class looked at the wonderful connections between the Old Testament and the New Testament. The topics included the presence of Jesus at creation, the Name of the LORD, the Angel of the LORD, Types, and prophecies of Jesus.

There was a heretic in who lived in the second Century named Marcion. He said that the God of the Old Testament was different than Jesus as God and that the books Old Testament should be completely discarded by Christians.

The early church reacted vehemently against Marcion because of the witness of Iesus himself in the Gospels. the frequent quoting of the Old Testament from the Apostle Paul. and the identification of Iesus as the God the Old of

Testament.

As Christians, we embrace the Old Testament and find great value in reading it because the Holy Spirit works through that word. Faith is given, strengthened, and built up. Now, there are many parts of the Old Testament that have little application to us (think the listing of tribes and territories in Numbers), but there is much that has direct impact on how we live and what we believe. For example, the Exodus of the Israelites out of Egypt as they are led by Moses. They cross the Red Sea and escape Pharoah and his army.

The New Testament writers use this as prefigurement of how it is that Jesus will bring his

people out of the bondage of sin and into the promised land of everlasting life. Just as the people crossed the Red Sea on dry ground with water all around them, so we come out of the water of Holy Baptism and are granted entrance into eternal life by the death and resurrection of Jesus.

As Pharoah is almost upon the people on the west side of the Red Sea, God says, "The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent" (Exodus 14:14). In the same way, the Lord has fought for us when death seems immanent. He entered into death so that we would be set free from sin and death. He rose from the grave and conquered all that would harm or molest us. It isn't our work to be a good enough person to get to heaven. Rather, the Lord fights for

us. We only have to stand firm and see the salvation that God works for us. He is the one that works and then the one who gives.

In this little verse from Exodus we understand just a little bit better how it is that Jesus works in the New Testament. This is not just a throwaway book. Rather, all of Scripture

all of Scripture testifies to Jesus and his great sacrificial love for us.

In fact, Jesus explains this to the two Emmaus Road disciples on Easter afternoon; that all of Scripture (including the Old Testament) is about himself. "And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets Jesus interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself" (Luke 24:27).

May you find great joy in reading all of God's Word. Don't hesitate to ask me questions about what you read. Each one of us is on a journey of faith. We are strengthened on the way by the Word of God. In Christ,

-Pastor



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

GOD MADE MARRIAGE GOOD

We are hosting a Joint Circuit Convocation on October 5th at 9am. Twenty-one congregations are invited to our church to hear a presentation by Rev. Rolf Preus entitled, "God Made Marriage Good." On that Saturday morning we'll start at 9am and end with lunch at 12:30. This promises to be an excellent presentation that will speak to the blessings of marriage and the state of marriage in our current culture.

ST. JAKOBI BOOK CLUB

The following is the list of books chosen for the upcoming meetings: September 3^{rd} – *The Women* by Kristen Hannah; October 1^{st} -*The Wish* by Nicholas Sparks; November 5^{th} – *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger; Dec 10^{th} – *The 13^{th} Gift* by Joanne Huist Smith. In December we will need at Judi Raddant's for potluck.

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.

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 Mark Schuster's on Sept. 12th. 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 E12096 Cty Rd C, Clintonville.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

9/8 A Revealing Restoration

9/15 A Walking Wonder

9/22 No Sunday School

9/29 A Centurion Converts

CHURCH PICTURE DIRECTORY

We are taking pictures in September for a new Picture Directory. There is no obligation to purchase the pictures, we only want you to have your picture taken for the directory. You will receive a free church directory when it is completed. Please schedule your pictures by **calling Mortell Studios at 1-800-498-3399**. The dates are below:

Tuesday, September 10th: 2-7pm Thursday, September 12th: 2-7pm Friday, September 13th: 2-7pm Saturday, September 14th: 10am-3pm Tuesday, September 17th: 2-7pm Thursday, September 19th: 2-7pm

POTATO PANCAKE DINNER

The Potato Pancake Dinner will be held on September 22nd. Please set this date aside to help or to eat pancakes. This is a congregation event that is a lot of fun. Your work



assignments have been placed in your mailbox 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.

LUTHERAN EDUCATION

St. Jakobi has funds available to help pay for tuition at <u>St. James</u> Lutheran School, <u>Wolf River Lutheran High School</u>, or at Concordia University if your student is majoring in a church-work field. Don't let tuition be a stumbling block to a Lutheran school education. Talk to Pastor if you need assistance or have questions.

READINGS AT CHURCH

September 1st: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Ephesians 6:10-20

Mark 7:14-23

September 8th: Isaiah 35:4-7a

James 2:1-10, 14-18

Mark 7:31-37

September 15th: Isaiah 50:4-10

James 3:1-12 Mark 9:14-29

September 22nd: Jeremiah 11:18-20

James 3:13-4:10 Mark 9:30-37

September 29th: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The first day for Sunday School is September 8th. Sunday School begins at 10:30 with opening in the Sanctuary. It concludes at 11:30.



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.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

We have the opportunity to travel to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sheboygan Falls to help pack nutritious MannaPack meals. These meals assist in reversing and preventing undernutrition for those who are in need. The date is Saturday, October 12th. If you would be interested in joining us in the special Outreach project, or if you have questions, you can speak with Marlene Weckwerth. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please sign up by September 15th. You can also learn more by going to: https://www.fmsc.org/.

CATECHISM CLASS

The school year will be in full swing and that means Catechism class begins again. The first day of class is September 4th. The Catechism students (5th-8th 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS

If you have an announcement for the bulletin or newsletter, or a request for Nancy Thelen, please place these items in the Administrative Assistant mailbox across from the office, or email them to the church. Announcements should be written out the way you want them to read. This will help insure that they are viewed, and not overlooked. Requests for something other than an announcement can also be called in to the church voicemail, and Nancy will address them when she is in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

SENIOR CONNECTIONS

For the Senior Connections Luncheon on October 18th, we will have a guest speaker from the Shawano Sheriff's Department who will talk about scams and fraud, what to watch for, and how to avoid them. The luncheon will begin at 11:00am with the speaker, followed by a lunch of soup, sandwiches and dessert served at 11:30. If you are retired, or semi-retired, and plan on attending, there will a sign-up sheet placed in the Narthex near the end of September. For planning purposes, we ask that you sign up by October 13th.

ANNUAL CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

The Spiritual Outreach team will be sponsoring the Craft and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 2nd. All proceeds are used to continue our outreach projects, including school supply donations to surrounding school districts; Buckets of Sunshine for Safe Haven and Sam 25; Christmas Cheer Boxes for the shut-ins and elderly; and gifts for those who are facing difficult times in their lives. By holding the sale, we can continue our work without having to come to the congregation requesting door offerings and other donations. This year for the sale we will be looking for donations of baked goods, homecanned goods, and new craft items. If you would like to contribute, we would be most appreciative of your generosity. Watch future newsletters and bulletins for drop-off day and time. We're also looking for volunteers to help on the day of the sale. If you have any questions, please speak with Nancy Thelen or Marlene Weckwerth.

CHURCH OFFICERS

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Carol Paiser
- 2 Peter Carroll
- 2 Brenda Price
- 3 Krista Buettner
- 3 Amanda Gehnke
- 3 Austin Gueths
- 3 Brittany Opperman
- 3 Corrina Tuma
- 4 Draxton Bartz
- 4 Mark Wendorff
- 5 Krew Cumberland
- 5 Gavin Prodell
- 6 Jodi Angeli
- 6 Curt Wendorff
- 7 Paul Utecht
- 8 Jase Bisterfeldt
- 8 Kavion Franklin
- 8 Naomi Wendorff
- 9 Warren Gueths
- 9 Dominick Thorson
- 10 Gary Felckowski
- 11 Steve Buettner
- 11 Dayton Davis
- 11 Amy Riesenberg
- 12 Bryan Teetzen
- 13 Tylena Bohl
- 13 Andrew Giese
- 13 Darlene Hoffman
- 14 Eva Teetzen
- 15 Faith Teetzen
- 16 Karleen Brei
- 16 Eileen Skalitzky
- 16 Janet Wendt
- 17 Shirley Popp
- 18 Parker Carroll
- 19 Desirae Thiel
- 19 Tom T. Tuma
- 21 Janice Grosskopf
- 22 Marvin Buettner
- 22 Daniel Moede
- 24 Brian Sperberg
- 24 Theresa Gueths
- 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 Williams

A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, our times are in Your hands. Look with favor on <u>name</u> as <u>he/she</u> celebrates <u>his/her</u> birthday. Grant that <u>he/she</u> may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. Strengthen <u>his/her</u> trust in Your goodness and bless <u>him/her</u> with Your abiding love all the days of <u>his/her</u> life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1, 1990 Brian & Bonnie Sperberg
- 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 Prodell
- 12, 2015 Keegen & Casey Gast
- 13, 2014 Mike & Amber Schmidt
- 14, 1996 Andrew & Debra Schneider
- 15, 2023 Brian & Jessica Goodreau
- 16, 1967 Jim & Betty Szucs
- 18, 2021 Justin & Tamra Buntrock
- 18, 2004 William Grab & Patti Burr
- 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, 2023 Tom & Stacey Teetzen
- 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 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.

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Hailey Fischer	2 Labor Day	3 1:00 Book Club	4 3:45 Catechism 5:15 SS Meeting 6:30 Bible Study	5 1:00 Bible Study	6	7 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Adam Kleinschmidt
8 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Lincoln Ejnik	9 6:15 Choir 7:00 Altar Guild	10 Directory Pictures	11 3:45 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	12 Directory Pictures 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Men's Night at Mark Schuster's	13 Directory Pictures	14 9:00 Spiritual Outreach Directory Pictures 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Layden Plaster
15 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Blaze Ejnik	16 6:15 Choir	17 Directory Pictures 6:30 Elders	18 3:45 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	19 Directory Pictures 1:00 Bible Study	20	21 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Hailey Fischer
22 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Pancake Dinner Acolyte: Payton Skalitzky	23 6:15 Choir	24	25 3:45 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	26 1:00 Bible Study	27	28 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Lincoln Ejnik
29 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Adam Kleinschmidt	30 6:15 Choir		Elders: Sat: Mike Daley Sun: Jamison Yorton Brian Sperberg Special: Jon Wesenberg			Altar Guild: Mary Theis Cathy Hoffman Donna Ward Jayne Mott

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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



