

## From Pastor Kleinschmidt

We are finishing a 17-month study of 1 Corinthians in the Sunday Bible class. The 15<sup>th</sup> chapter (out of 16) is the great Resurrection Chapter of all of Paul's Epistles. He brilliantly makes the argument that all things of the Christian faith are founded and built upon the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. We will hear 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 on February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> during the worship service.

Paul writes, "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain." There he begins the foundation that if Jesus is still dead, then everything we do at church is a sham. If we can point to the grave of Jesus and say his bones are still in there then the entirety of Scripture should be ignored.

It's easy to think about church as a place to fulfill your social desires. People can think about the church as a club or as a place where people punch their cards to be sure that they get credit for being there. It can be seen as a business opportunity when people can see you and it might be like free advertising.

In all of those things the resurrection of Jesus is of little, if any, importance. Rather, we should be thinking about each and every Sunday as if it is a little celebration of Easter.

Every time we gather, we are remembering that a God; a man; died and rose from the grave. It should permeate all that we do and its impact can never be understated.

If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1 Corinthians 15:14-20



So, what does it look like for each one of us to live from the truth of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead? Well, first and foremost, it changes how we look at the world. The world is focused on death; or rather the putting off of death. The world wants to make death a last resort and be sure that we don't talk about it or if we do, sanitize it as much

as possible. But we don't do that. We see death for what it is; a portal that leads to life immortal.

It also means that the we shouldn't tire of speaking the truth of Easter morning. It is never a worn out and tired statement: "Christ is risen!" That statement has changed the course of human history. People have dedicated themselves to that statement and have done great things in this world because they believed it

to be true.

For us, we think about Christ risen and we should be excited and thrilled to share it with others.

Our faith is not in vain. You never are wasting your time at worship on Saturday or Sunday. You are never wasting your time reading the Bible at home or attending Bible class. You are never wasting time praying and speaking to the risen Christ. These are things that actually matter and give you the fuel to have a life of joy that is centered on Jesus Christ.

With great joy, live a resurrection life that knows the victory over sin, death, and the devil is in the resurrected Jesus. That is what truly matters in your life above all other things.

In in the Risen Christ,  
-Pastor Kleinschmidt

# ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

## NEW TESTAMENT JOURNEY

St. Jakobi will be hosting a New Testament Bible seminar on **Saturday, February 1, 2025**. We are planning a fun and dynamic, half-day seminar, similar to last year's Walk Thru the Old Testament seminar. This will be led by Pastor Kleinschmidt. There is no cost but we need to know how many people plan to attend. Please register in the bulletin inserts or at this link.



<https://bit.ly/NTClass2025>

## 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.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Upcoming schedule at Sunday School:

2/2 A Mighty Wonder  
2/9 The Fall and a Promise  
2/16 A New Beginning  
2/23 A Call to Action

## FUNERAL

**Randy Trochil** passed away on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025. His funeral was on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

## 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.

## ANNUAL CONGREGATION REPORT

If you were not able to attend the meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>, you can pick up the Annual Report of St. Jakobi that includes the 2024 Financial Statements in the Narthex at church.

## 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

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>:** 1 Samuel 1:21-28  
Hebrews 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-32

**February 9<sup>th</sup>:** Isaiah 6:1-13  
1 Corinthians 14:12b-20  
Luke 5:1-11

**February 16<sup>th</sup>:** Jeremiah 17:5-8  
1 Corinthians 15:1-20  
Luke 6:17-26

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Genesis 45:3-15  
1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42  
Luke 6:27-38

## LENT SERVICES

Ash Wednesday is on March 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be two Communion Services on that day, at 10:30am and 6:30pm. There is also a Lent Dinner at 5pm. Make a habit of coming and growing in your faith in preparation for the celebration of Easter. The remaining Wednesdays in Lent will have just a single service at 6:30pm.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Palm Sunday is April 13<sup>th</sup>, Easter is April 20<sup>th</sup> and Confirmation Sunday is May 18<sup>th</sup>.

## SPIRITUAL OUTREACH

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am in the Jerusalem Room. All members of the congregation are invited to attend. We will be discussing the upcoming Senior Connections Luncheon that will take place in February.

## MEN'S NIGHT

All men from the congregation are invited to the Men's Night on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

## ALUMINIUM CAN RECYCLING

You can turn your aluminum 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!

## ST. JAKOBI BOOK CLUB

The following is the list of books chosen for the upcoming meetings: Feb 4<sup>th</sup> – *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave; March 4<sup>th</sup> – *The Keeper of Hidden Books* by Madeline Martin.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to sign up to provide flowers for the Altar, you can do so on the bulletin board in the hallway at church. The flowers should be here before church on Saturday evening. You can provide them in memory of someone, in honor of someone or some event, or just because. Thanks for beautifying church in this way!

## LUTHERAN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

In order to assist LCMS Lutherans and congregations, a new Credit Union has been started. This credit union is for members of LCMS congregations and offers a full-range of banking products. They offer online and mobile banking with a network of over 5,000 ATMs. This no-cost banking option may be just what you are looking for with the service you desire. You can find out more at [www.lutheranfcu.org](http://www.lutheranfcu.org).



## LENT MEALS

Lent is fast approaching. We will again have a meal before the evening Lent services this year. It will be served from 5-6pm in the new Fellowship Hall. The following will be in charge of the meals:

March 5<sup>th</sup> -Elders

March 12<sup>th</sup> – Board of Ed

March 19<sup>th</sup> – Trustees

March 26<sup>th</sup> - Evangelism

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Higher Things Youth

April 9<sup>th</sup> - Officers

## SENIOR CONNECTIONS LUNCHEON

Spiritual Outreach will be hosting the Senior Connections Luncheon on Friday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, at 11:30am. The meal will include pulled pork sandwiches with sides including salads and dessert. We'll be playing bingo following the meal, with prizes to be won. If you are a retired or semi-retired member of St. Jakobi, come join us for great fun and fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you plan on attending. This helps us plan the meals and activities.

## THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

If you are a Thrivent Member, you may have choice dollars that you can designate to be given to St. Jakobi, or Wolf River Lutheran High School. You can designate by calling 800-847-4836 (Mon-Thur 7:00am—8:00pm, Fri 7:00am—5:00pm, best to call between 5pm—8pm) or go on line to [www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to make your designations.



## CONSIDERING A LUTHERAN SCHOOL?

St. Jakobi has funds available to help pay for tuition at [St. James Elementary School](#), [Wolf River Lutheran High School](#), or a 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. Also available for students enrolled at Wolf River Lutheran High School is a \$1000 discount for each student. Talk to Pastor if you need assistance or have questions.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Jai Bisterfeldt  
2 - Ken Damveld  
2 - Lucas Gast  
2 - Abigael Owen  
2 - Jayden Ritter  
2 - Laci Sperberg  
3 - Joseph Kleinschmidt  
3 - Ayva Plaster  
6 - Patti Bohm  
6 - Barb Lindner  
7 - Jesse Buntrock  
7 - Isaiah Gueths  
8 - Troy Kuhn  
8 - Nicki Meyers  
8 - Ann Wollangk  
9 - Casey Gast  
10 - Alexandar Owen  
10 - Andy Popp  
10 - Chris Popp  
11 - Chloe Bohl  
13 - John Popp  
13 - Jade Velicer  
13 - Justin Weishoff  
14 - Jim Hoffman  
15 - Doris Kroenke  
16 - John Kriewaldt  
16 - Hadley Rettke  
18 - Pam Moede  
18 - Gary Weckwerth  
19 - Tara Bohm  
21 - Stephanie Boyles  
21 - Kaitie Gueths  
22 - Noah Bedroske  
22 - Hannah Hein  
22 - Jaelyn Hietpas  
23 - Alyssa Wendorff  
24 - Nancy Schroeder  
25 - Andrew Gueths  
26 - Curt Angeli  
26 - Jacob Nevins  
26 - Nancy Theis  
27 - Melissa Teetzen  
27 - Jeff Theis  
28 - Betty Booras  
28 - Isaac Buettner  
28 - Michael Danley  
28 - Sarah Magee  
28 - Justin Opperman

## 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.

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

18, 2022 - Dale & Lisa Hawkinson  
24, 2018 - Bob & Amber Ritter  
26, 1972 - Mike & Karen Cotter  
26, 1994 - Thomas & Corrina Tuma

## 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.*

# FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Elders:</b> <b>Sat:</b> Mike Daley <b>Sun:</b> Jon Wesenberg Darryl Prodell <b>Special:</b> Mark Schuster		<b>Altar Guild:</b> Elizabeth McDowell Brenda Gast Mary Theis Lorine Raddant				<b>1</b> <b>9:00 New Testament Journey</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Cooper Clark
<b>2</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Education Hour</b> Acolyte: Blaze Enjik	<b>3</b> <b>6:15 Choir</b> <b>7:00 Altar Guild</b>	<b>4</b> <b>1:00 Book Club</b>	<b>5</b> <b>3:45 Catechism</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>6</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>9:00 Spiritual Outreach</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Hailey Fischer
<b>9</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Education Hour</b> Acolyte: Layden Plaster	<b>10</b> <b>6:15 Choir</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>3:45 Catechism</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>13</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b> <b>6:30 Men's Night</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Payton Skalitzky
<b>16</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Education Hour</b> Acolyte: Lincoln Ejnik	<b>17</b> <b>5:00 Elders</b> <b>6:15 Choir</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>3:45 Catechism</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>20</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>21</b> <b>11:30 Senior Connections Luncheon</b>	<b>22</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Adam Kleinschmidt
<b>23</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Education Hour</b> Acolyte: Brielle Reinke	<b>24</b> <b>6:15 Choir</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>3:45 Catechism</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>27</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>28</b>	

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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

