

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

In the last two articles I have written about Christian death and then preparing for your own death. In this article I'm going to speak about the purpose of the funeral service and then next month I will write about what a Lutheran funeral service delivers and thus looks like.

In my mind, the funeral service serves several purposes. First, it is a testimony to those who attend of the faith in Christ that the deceased had. To have a Christian funeral is a statement to family, friends, and community that this person is a Christian. The congregation serves the deceased's family by making this bold testimony that the faith of the one who has gone to be with the Lord was important to them.

Secondly, the funeral service serves as an opportunity to mourn the death of a loved one. As Christians, it is right to mourn death and to grieve. 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." (2 Thess 4:13) This says that Christians grieve. There is nothing wrong with being sad about the death of a loved one. Death creates a separation between you and the one who has died. This is painful. We can rightly grieve that, but we grieve as those who have hope. Jesus is risen from the grave! Since Jesus lives, then we know that the Christian who dies will rise again on the Last Day. We grieve with hope because we are looking forward to the certain day of the resurrection of all the dead.

To mourn and grieve with others gives opportunity for mutual healing, for companionship, and for the sharing of memories. The Lord has created us to be a part of a community and so it is good for the community to gather together, to grieve together, to remember together, to heal together. The funeral service provides this opportunity to the family, friends, and congregation.

Third, the funeral service provides the opportunity for the clear confession of the resurrection of Jesus Christ for the one who has died. Christian comfort doesn't come in the form of platitudes and pithy sayings. Christian comfort comes from the preaching and speaking of the resurrection. The one who has died had faith in Jesus, and so we all need to hear the assurance that Christ who died on the cross for that person will also raise that person on the last day. The funeral service provides the opportunity for the work of Jesus Christ to be applied directly to the deceased and for those who hear it to be comforted.

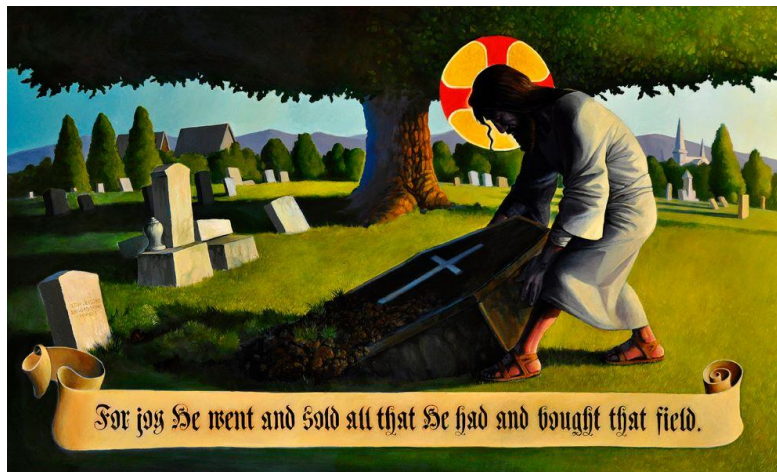
The one who died lived in Christian faith and the funeral causes us to reflect on the ways that that the individual lived in faith towards their God and love towards their neighbors.

Finally, the Christian funeral service brings the touchstone points of the Christian life to completion. For most of us, you were baptized in the church and then

confessed your faith during Confirmation and received the Lord's Body and Blood. Then you were married in the church and finally the funeral service happens in the church. It is a reminder to those who mourn that the faith of the deceased covered every aspect of the deceased one's life. You even see this outline and structure in the hymnal when the Baptism rite, Confirmation rite, Marriage rite, and Funeral rite are all in order.

The funeral service is designed to bring the comfort of the resurrection to the grieving, proclaim the work of Christ for the deceased, celebrate the works of service and love of the individual, and provide time for grieving for the community. It's a treasure for us as God's people to gather and hear God's Word when death hits so close to home.

In the life of the resurrected Jesus,
-Pastor Kleinschmidt



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

THE CATECHISM REVISITED

St. Jakobi, W8089 County Rd. A, Shawano will host another seminar on Saturday, August 22, 2026 from 9am-Noon. Registration begins at 8:30 with snacks and a free meal will be provided at Noon. Together, we'll explore the many treasures of the Catechism. We'll learn about the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, and the Lord's Prayer. This first half of the Catechism convicts us, guides us, and opens our mouths to confess and pray. You will look at the Catechism and your Christian faith completely differently than you did when you first learned the Catechism as a youth. Bring your copy of the Small Catechism or we'll have plenty of extra copies for people to borrow or purchase. Pastor Kleinschmidt will lead the class. You can register online at <http://www.tinyurl.com/CatechismRevisited> or by scanning the QR Code. There is no cost, but we need to know how much food to prepare.



ST. JAKOBI BOOK CLUB

The following books have been selected for future meetings: *The First Time I Saw Him* by Laura Dave will be discussed in August. This is a sequel to "The Last Night He Told Me". For September, the book selected is *The Harvey Girls* by Juliette Fay. October's choice is *Chained to a Killer* by Kellyann Amelung, and will be hosted by Amy Riesenberg.

GIVING OPTIONS

You can now give online by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/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.



CATECHISM MEETING

Students and parents should plan on attending a meeting on August 18th at 6:30 pm. Schedules will be handed out along with all the events for Catechism students for the upcoming school year.

SUPPLIES

If you are hosting or in charge of a meal in the fellowship hall, we ask that you please check the inventory of the kitchen supplies used. If we are running low there is a supply order form on a clipboard in the storage room off the kitchen. Please mark down what needs to be ordered and place the form in the administrative assistant mailbox.

FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVATIONS

We have new procedures on renting the fellowship hall. If you would like to rent the hall, you will need to complete the new St. Jakobi Fellowship Hall Rental Form. This will ensure accuracy in booking the fellowship hall as well as gathering all necessary information that our church office and trustees will need. You can find blank forms in the Narthex. If you have already booked the fellowship hall, you do not need to complete this form.

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS

Bible class is canceled until September 3rd because of Pastor's vacation and family commitments.

HYMNAL RIBBONS

We are trying to preserve the hymnal ribbons for as long as possible. Please do not braid or pick at the end of the ribbons in the hymnals.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

It's time to get your creative juices flowing. Spiritual Outreach will be hosting their Annual Bazaar on Saturday, November 7th. We will once again be offering homemade arts and crafts, along with baked goods for sale. Donations of these items allow us to continue our outreach work without having to ask the congregation for financial support to complete our projects throughout the year. If you would like to donate any baked goods, new arts or crafts, or if you have any questions regarding the sale, please speak with either Nancy Thelen or Marlene Weckwerth. And yes, fresh cinnamon rolls will be available again this year.

SENIOR CONNECTIONS LUNCHEON

The next Senior Connections Luncheon will be on Friday, September 18th. Our theme will be Tailgate Party! Watch future bulletins for more information.

READINGS AT CHURCH

August 2nd: Isaiah 55:1-5
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 9th: Job 38:4-18
Romans 10:5-17
Matthew 14:22-33

August 16th: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32
Matthew 15:21-28

August 23rd: Isaiah 51:1-6
Romans 11:33-12:8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 30th: Jeremiah 15:15-21
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

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!

WRLHS AT THE COUNTY FAIR

Volunteers needed to help WRLHS's fundraiser at the Shawano County Fair from September 3-7. Jobs include directing people where to park, selling tickets, or being a flagman. Shifts are four hours long: 9am-1pm; 1pm-5pm; and 5pm-9pm. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Karen Baker at karbaker16@tds.net or 715-853-9137 or Donna Klemens at 715-853-3127. Thanks in advance.

FUNERAL

Darwin Drake passed away on July 18th. A private service and committal were held on July 24th. Blessed are those who die in 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.

NEWSLETTER IN COLOR

The pictures in the newsletter look best in color. You can sign up to view them on your computer by going to this website.
<https://tinyurl.com/JakobiNewsletter>

MEN'S NIGHT

All men from the congregation are invited to the Men's Night on Wednesday, August 26th at 6:00 at Darryl Prodell's house. Bring your own beverages and snack to pass. We'll share a meal and fellowship. His house is at W5033 Forest Court, Shawano, WI 54166

CONFIRMATION CLASS & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Confirmation Class starts September 9th. Sunday School starts September 13th. Parent of school-age children will receive additional information in the mail.

POTATO PANCAKE DINNER

The Potato Pancake Dinner will be held on September 27th. Watch the bulletin for more information

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS was held June 1-5 at St. Jakobi. The kids heard the good news of Jesus Christ; faith was strengthened and God's people served others. What joy there is in loving the littlest of those among us.



HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE

Fourteen youth from our congregation attended the Higher Things Conference in St. Louis, MO on the campus of Washington University. The trip was a fun, faith-building adventure. Thank you to everyone who supported the kids throughout the year with their fundraising.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 - Amy Casetta
1 - Nate Ejnik
1 - Dustin Fischer
1 - Dave Hoffman
1 - Debra Liadis
2 - Lena Johnson
2 - Makenzie Schroeder
3 - Cheryl Arthur
3 - Isabella Buettner
4 - Kris Avery Averoe
4 - Lorine Raddant
5 - Dave Betzig
5 - Colsyn Fischer
5 - Patrick Lehman
6 - Brantley Buettner
6 - Michael Cotter
6 - Lainey Peters
7 - Kerry Breitrick
8 - Scott Breitrick
8 - Melissa Halvorson
8 - Letha Seering
9 - Natalie Sperberg
11 - Joshua Bahr
11 - Cooper Clark
11 - Joan Stoehr
11 - Nancy Thelen
11 - Josh Krueger
12 - Ryatt Watters
13 - Pamela Drake
13 - Jim Wendorff
14 - Malachi Bedroske
14 - Jim Darling
14 - Tim Teetzen
15 - Amy Kleinschmidt
15 - Corey Marcell
16 - Krystal Buettner
16 - Kenneth Murphy III
18 - Katie Horne
18 - Dylan Yorton
19 - Brandi Ejnik
19 - Colton Olson
19 - Korbin Price
19 - Cindy Winkler
20 - Tamra Buntrock
20 - Jeff Teske
21 - Lily Felckowski
21 - Lee Lindner
21 - Marion Ruhbusch
22 - Barbara Bubolz
22 - Linsey Carroll
22 - Hailey Hawkinson
22 - Rob McDowell
22 - Brooke Patrick
23 - Diane Ireland
23 - Vicki Waldvogel
24 - Patti Samson
25 - Alicia Giese
26 - Julie Burr
26 - Jaklyn Sperberg
26 - Wanda Stueck
26 - Shawn Verstoppen
27 - Karter Westphal
28 - Marilyn Picard
28 - Teagen Thompson
29 - Chris Johnson

29 - Devin Mayer
29 - Carrie Westphal
29 - Jana Yorton
30 - Chase Benser
30 - Janelle Lange
30 - Ann Kestell
30 - Daxton Mayer
30 - Teresa Schuettelpelz
31 - Kelsey Gast
31 - Terry Moede
31 - Barb Teetzen

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.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

01, 1998 - Terry & Pam Moede
03, 2019 - Lucas & Rachel Bedroske
06, 2011 - Benjamin & Bridgette Kallies
06, 1983 - Mark & Kathy Kroenke
09, 1997 - Michael & Hope Peters
09, 2003 - Randy and Jennifer Schroeder
11, 2012 - Josh & Corine Krueger
12, 2017 - Dylan & Sabrina Schmidt
14, 2004 - Jeremy & Sarah Benser
14, 2010 - Matt & Christie Hietpas
16, 2014 - Jay & Stephanie Schuettelpelz
19, 2000 - Wade & Carrie Bohl
19, 2017 - Nick & Desirae Thiel
20, 2005 - Pete & Cheryl Arthur
20, 2005 - Bob & Kay Marquardt
20, 2005 - Ben & Amanda Reinke
21, 2010 - Trevor & Jennifer Murdock
24, 2002 - Bradley & Amanda Felckowski
25, 1990 - Jim & Katie Horne
25, 1990 - Patrick & Dawn Lehman
26, 2006 - Brad & Jenni Sperberg
27, 2005 - Jeff & Jennifer Brady
28, 2010 - Grant & Amy Riesenberg
31, 1968 - Dennis & Kathy Fonger

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.

AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Elders: Sat: Jeff Buettner Sun: Tim Massey Darryl Prodell Special: Mike Daley		Altar Guild: Lorine Raddant Cindy Winkler Brenda Gast				1 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Zoey Bartz
2 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Ayva Plaster	3	4 1:00 Book Club	5	6	7	8 9:00 Spiritual Outreach 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Brysen Halvorson
9 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Kinlee Meyers	10	11	12 4:30 Elders	13	14	15 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Emma Ladwig
16 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Carson Hietpas	17	18 6:30 Catechism Info Meeting	19	20	21	22 9:00 Catechism Revisited 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Hailey Weishoff
23 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Lincoln Ejnik	24 5:30 Sunday School Teachers Meeting	25	26 6:00 Men's Night @ Prodell's	27	28	29 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Jase Bisterfeldt
30 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Brielle Reinke	31					

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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

