

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

This month our congregation marks the beginning of an important annual journey. **Ash Wednesday is February 22nd and it will be another opportunity to examine our own lives, call on the name of the Lord, and receive the forgiveness of sins.** This is something that Jesus calls us to do every day, but it is certainly an emphasis during the season of Lent, of which Ash Wednesday is the first day of.

There are so many things that pull people in different directions. You may have lots of activities at school, with family, or work commitments. But with all of those activities, there is a place of rest and solace. It is where the Lord speaks to you. In the Divine Service at Church, God speaks through the words of Holy Scripture. It's a personal word addressed to each and every believer.

For this reason the people of God slow down a bit during Lent. We focus on God and the great mercy that God the Father has had upon us by sending His Son, Jesus Christ to earth to pay the penalty for our sinfulness. **Lent is a time of reflection and repentance.**

Reflection means study of God's Word. **The Lutheran Church has historically used the time of Lent to study God's Word through the Small Catechism.** This year in church we will be reciting portions of the Small Catechism in all mid-week and weekend services. You



can also read through the Small Catechism at home by finding your Catechism on your bookshelf or in a box somewhere. You can also read it online at <http://www.cph.org/t-topic-catechism.aspx>. Perhaps your daily routine during Lent could be to read through one of the six chief parts every day. It would take just a couple minutes to help refresh your understanding of what the

Catechism teaches.

After reflection, repentance is another important emphasis of Lent. We are to look at our lives as we measure them against the 10 Commandments and where we have failed to live by God's Word, confess our sins and receive the abundant and never-ending grace of God. Repentance is a turning away from sin and a turning towards the cross of Jesus and the free and abundant forgiveness won there by our Lord and Savior.

This year at the midweek services we will be hearing about the gift of God's forgiveness as it is spoken of from various Psalms. I encourage you to read Psalms 6, 102, 51, 38, 32, 143, 116, and 130. This will

prepare you to hear the messages of how God works to bring forgiveness to a world in need.

May the Lord bestow upon you his grace as you journey to the cross this Lent season and rejoice in the resurrection from the dead as Jesus defeats the great enemy, death.

In Christ,
Pastor Kleinschmidt

Weekly Catechism Reading Schedule

Sunday: 10 Commandments
Monday: Apostles' Creed
Tuesday: Lord's Prayer
Wednesday: Sacrament of Baptism
Thursday: Confession & Absolution
Friday: Sacrament of the Altar
Saturday: Daily Prayers & Table of Duties

ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

LENT SERVICES AND SUPPER:

Make a weekly habit this year during the season of Lent to attend the Mid-week service along with the supper. Services are at 10:30am and 6:30pm. There is a supper provided between 5:00 and 6:00.



SNAIL MAIL? EMAIL?

You can receive this newsletter in your mailbox at church or by email. Just send an email to stjakobi@frontiernet.net and you will be signed up for email delivery.

FELLOWSHIP GROUP:

Fellowship will meet on Friday, February 10th at 6:30 and have dinner at Hunter's Haus. Everyone is welcome to attend. Call Don & Joanne at 526-5315 if you would like to attend.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:



Thanks to the eligible members that received Thrivent Choice Dollars and designated them to St. Jakobi and other Lutheran organizations. We have received \$3016 through December, 2011. This money was designated to go to our building fund (new church).

There are a number of eligible members that have not designated their funds. You have until March 31, 2012 to designate your 2011 funds. If you have questions on how to designate them you may contact your Financial Representative or call the Thrivent home office at 800-847-4836 and state "Thrivent Choice". Remember this is "your money, free money" and if not designated by March 31 it is no longer available.

DID YOU KNOW?

The ashes that are used on Ash Wednesday are from the palm branches that were used on a previous Palm Sunday. The palms that were used to proclaim the entry of our King into Jerusalem are then used to remind us of our own mortality and need for the King who comes to Jerusalem to die for us.

YOUTH GROUP:

There will be a youth group event February 26th at 1pm. We will meet at church and then go sledding at Maple Hill just south of Shawano. This is open to 5th through 8th graders and all high-schoolers.

MOVIE NIGHT:

On February 19th at 1pm we will be watching a movie at church. It is based on the life of C.F.W. Walther. He was one of the founders of the LC-MS. This fall we studied a bit about his life and the founding of our denomination in the 1840's. Even if you didn't attend the Bible class, you can still watch the movie and understand what is going on. It should be an afternoon of fun and a great chance to learn more about the beginnings of our Lutheran Church.



MEN'S BREAKFAST:

The second Saturday of every month, the men of the congregation are invited to have breakfast in the Parish Hall. Good food and fellowship is followed by a discussion of a topic recently in the news and how Christians react to it. If you haven't come before, come see what it's like.

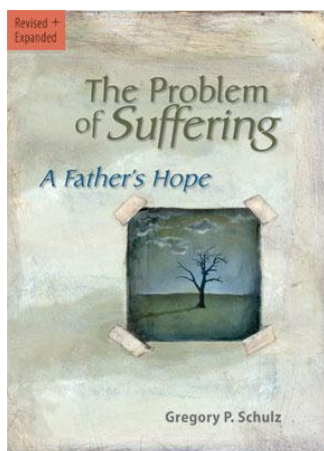
ME, A PASTOR? ME, A DEACONESS?

If you have found yourself asking this question, now is the time to discuss your future! Pastor John Dreyer from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, is going to be at St. Jakobi Lutheran Church on February 15th from 11am to 1pm. Come and explore the possibilities! Men of all ages are invited, as are their wives, fiancées, and parents. Women interested in the deaconess program are also invited, along with their families. Conferences are individual and informal.

Reservations are not required but are greatly appreciated. Pastor Dreyer's cell and text number is: [1.260.452.7512](tel:12604527512). You may also email Pastor Dreyer at john.dreyer@ctsfw.edu to notify him that you are coming.

SUFFERING IS REAL!

Issues, Etc. is an internet radio program hosted by LCMS pastor, Todd Wilken. Daily, they tackle tough issues in the church and in the society. They have recently interviewed Rev. Gregory Schulz, who has written a book entitled *The Problem of Suffering: A Father's Hope*. The book and the radio interview present a Biblical answer to the suffering that we all encounter at some point and in some way. You can listen by going to www.issuesetc.org or buy the book at www.cph.org.



DO YOU WANT SOMETHING IN THE NEWSLETTER?

If you have something you would like placed in the monthly newsletter, contact Wendy at 524-4347 or stjakobi@frontiernet.net and she will be sure to include it.

GET TO KNOW YOUR CHURCH OFFICERS!

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UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH:

February 5th: Isaiah 40:21-31

1 Corinthians 9:16-27

Mark 1:29-39

February 12th: 2 Kings 5:1-14

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Mark 1:40-45

February 19th: 2 Kings 2:1-12

2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 4:1-6

Mark 9:2-9

February 26th: Genesis 22:1-18

James 1:12-18

Mark 1:9-15

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL REPORT

You can pick up the Annual Report of St. Jakobi in the Narthex at Church that includes the 2011 Financial Statements.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

2 - Ken Damveld
2 - Lucas Gast
2 - Breanna Brodhagen
2 - Laci Sperberg
2 - Abigael Owen
3 - Joseph Kleinschmidt
5 - Lawrence Schroeder
6 - Patti Bohm
6 - Barb Lindner
7 - Jesse Buntrock
7 - Isaiah Gueths
8 - Dale Buettner
9 - Casey Kroenke
10 - Alexander Owen
10 - Andy Popp
13 - Jade Waldvogel
13 - John Popp
14 - Adam Theis
15 - Doris Kroenke
19 - Tara Bohm
20 - Judy Buettner
21 - Stephanie Boyles
24 - Nancy Schroeder
24 - James VanScoik
25 - Andrew Gueths
26 - Wendy Gueths
26 - Curt Angeli
27 - Jeff Theis
27 - Melissa Teetzen
28 - Justin Opperman
28 - Sarah Magee
28 - Isaac Buettner

A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

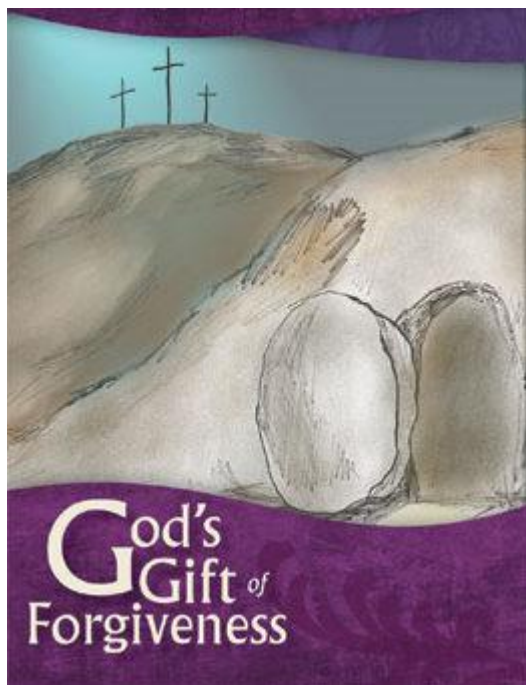
Heavenly Father, our times are in Your hands. Look with favor on name as he/she celebrates his/her birthday. Grant that he/she may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. Strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness and bless him/her with Your abiding love all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ,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

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

07, 1952 - Erwin & Bev White
13, 1943 - Irvin & Dorothy Kroenke
16, 1957 - Marvin & Barbara Bahr
26, 1994 - Thomas & Corrina Tuma
26, 1972 - Mike & Karen Cotter

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, on god, now and forever. Amen.



~ February 2012 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 1:00 Ladies Aide 3:30 Catechism 7:00 Bible Study	2 1:00 Bible Study	3	4 6:30 Service Acolyte: Emma Magee
5 9:00 Service (HC) 0:30 Education Hr Acolyte: Dayton Davis	6 6:15 Choir Practice 7:00 Altar Guild	7	8 3:30 Catechism 7:00 Bible Study	9 1:00 Bible Study	10 6:30 Fellowship @ Hunter Haus	11 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Mackenzie Boyles
12 9:00 Service 10:30 Education Hr Acolyte: Brittney Angeli	13 6:15 Choir Practice 7:00 Elders Meeting	14	15 11am-1pm Seminary Admissions 3:30 Catechism 7:00 Bible Study	16 1:00 Bible Study	17	18 6:30 Service Acolyte: Connor Angeli
19 9:00 Service(HC) 10:30 Education Hr Acolyte: Kaci Wendorff 1:00 Walther Movie	20 6:15 Choir Practice	21	22 Ash Wednesday 10:30 Service 3:30 Catechism 5:00 Supper 6:30 Service	23 1:00 Bible Study	24	25 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Lucas Schoenike
26 9:00 Service 10:30 Education Hr Acolyte: Brandi Gueths 1:00 Youth Group Sledding	27 6:15 Choir Practice	28	29 10:30 Service 3:30 Catechism 5:00 Supper 6:30 Service	Notes: Elders: Sat: Rich Raddant Sun: Darryl Prodell Spec: Tom Tuma Altar Guild: Deb Laehn, Mary Theis & Carrie Westphal		

Listen to WTCH 960AM or check www.stjakobi.org for weather cancellations.

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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 7:00pm, Thursday at 1:00pm, and Sunday at 10:30am.

Sunday School:

Sunday at 10:30am

