

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

The Lutheran Church is a confessing church. That means that it is a church that will say what it believes and it will not back down when the world or other religions say it should be quiet. The truth is always the truth, and since we believe that Jesus is the truth we will confess that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. (John 14:6).

On a practical level, this means that as Lutheran Christians we won't be ashamed of who we are as Children of God, the beloved of the Lord. The world would have us hide our identity as Christian. They would shame us and say that we don't have a place in modern society because of our outdated beliefs. Instead, in the face of harsh criticism we will humbly stand upon the truth of God's Word.

Jesus asks the disciples in Matthew 16, "Who do you all say that I am?" Peter responds and says, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Peter's answer is the answer that all of God's people give. When we are called upon to say what we believe we must confess the truth about Jesus. He is the savior of the world and by his death and resurrection there is life for all who believe in his name.

The primary place and way this confession of faith happens is when we come to church and confess our faith using the words of the Creeds. The Apostles' and Nicene Creeds that we use have been confessed by Christians for 1900 and 1700 years, respectively. The Nicene Creed is 1700 years old this year. On Trinity Sunday we will confess our faith using the words of the Athanasian Creed. This long Creed seeks to speak the truth about the humanity and divinity of Jesus and his relationship to the 1st and 3rd Persons of the Holy Trinity, Father and Holy Spirit. While the Athanasian Creed may take longer to say on that Sunday, this 1600 year old Creed lays out the truth. If it is truth, then it is good for it to be on the lips of God's people.

From this Confession of faith in the liturgy we continue to confess our faith to our family and friends that are around us. You will have opportunities to tell others what you believe when your faith informs how you interact with other people. The love you have for your fellow man will lead people to question the motive for why you do things. Then you confess your faith and tell them the truth about Jesus Christ, what he has done for the salvation of the world, and the truth you hear at church, week in and week out.

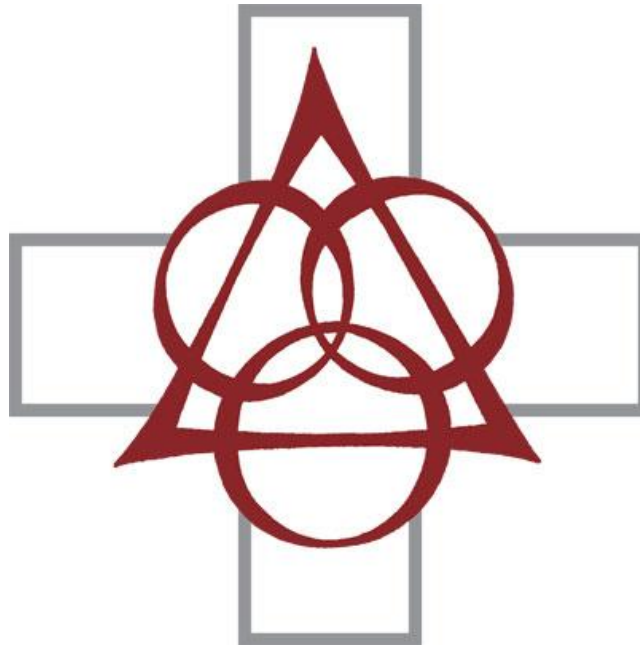
Because of our sinful nature, we are naturally hesitant to confess what we believe to other people. We are afraid of what they will say, what they will think, or what they will do. But you need not fear those who can do you no real harm. Your Lord Jesus Christ will give you the courage to speak the truth and you need not fear others. You are cared for and protected by Jesus, your Good Shepherd.

In the Sermon on the Mount from Matthew 5, Jesus gives the beatitudes and the final two say, "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and

persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Don't be surprised at the reaction of the world to your confession of faith. Not all will like it. Nevertheless, you are blessed by your God and your reward is great for the reward comes to you because of that faith in Christ that would lead you to confess. Your God will continue to be with you and watch over you as you speak the truth in love to your friends and neighbors.

Confessing the truth,
-Pastor Kleinschmidt



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

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.

DISTRICT PRESIDENT

Pastor Kleinschmidt has been nominated to serve as District President of the North Wisconsin District of the LCMS. If he is elected on June 1, then he would no longer be the full-time minister of St. Jakobi. There is more information that was handed out on April 5th on the table in the Narthex.

SENIOR CONNECTIONS LUNCHEON

St. Jakobi Spiritual Outreach will be hosting a Senior Connections Luncheon on Friday, May 30th. All retired and semi-retired members are invited to attend. There will be a guest speaker from the Navarino Nature Center, who will talk about the steam river boats on the Wolf River. We will start at 10:30am, with lunch to follow. The menu for this luncheon will be Build Your Own Sub Sandwiches, with chips and a Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae Bar. Gluten friendly items will be available for those who are on a restricted diet. If you are planning to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex by Sunday, May 25th. If you have any questions, please speak with Nancy Thelen.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Clean up of the church grounds will be on Saturday, May 10th beginning at 9am. Bring your rakes and join us in keeping the grounds beautiful. Many hands make light work.

ST. JAKOBI BOOK CLUB

The following is the book chosen for the upcoming meeting on May 6th – *Shelterwood* by Lisa Wingate. There will be no book club in June or July.

DISTRICT PASTOR CONFERENCE

St. Jakobi is hosting the North Wisconsin District Pastor Conference May 12th-13th. The entire congregation is invited to the Communion service on Monday, May 12th at 5pm. There will also be services on Monday at 12:30 and Tuesday morning at 8:30am. There will be about 100-120 pastors here from the District. The District is Wisconsin from Appleton North and also the Upper Peninsula. District President Lueck will be here and Rev. Dr. Kevin Golden, professor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis will be presenting to the pastors gathered.

READINGS AT CHURCH

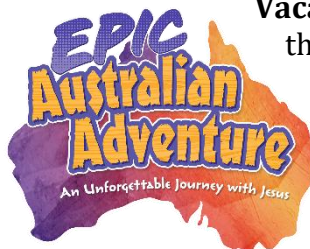
May 4 th :	Acts 9:1-22 Revelation 5:8-14 John 21:1-14
May 11 th :	Acts 20:17-35 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30
May 18 th :	Acts 11:1-18 Revelation 21:1-7 John 16:12-22
May 25 th :	Acts 16:9-15 Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27 John 5:1-9

LOOKING AHEAD

Confirmation Sunday is May 18th, Vacation Bible School is June 2nd-6th, the church picnic is June 8th.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 2nd-6th, in the mornings. The theme this year is Epic Australian Adventure; an Unforgettable Journey with Jesus. Make plans to have your children attend, help, or tell your grandkids and friends about this great opportunity to learn about Jesus. Students and Volunteers can register at <https://bit.ly/JakobiVBS> or the QR Code. We'll need help with crafts, snacks, group leaders, and decorations. What could you do to contribute to this fantastic outreach of St. Jakobi?



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.

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!

HYMNAL RIBBONS

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

BRAT FRY

We will be hosting a brat fry at Qualheim's True Value on Friday & Saturday, May 16th & 17th, from 9-5. Please consider working shifts at this event to support the fund raiser. Proceeds will be used to help pay our children members tuition at St. James Lutheran School and Wolf River Lutheran High School. If you have any questions, you can speak with Jon Wesenberg.

CEMETERY ASSOCIATION NEWS

The cemetery guidelines indicate that planters, vases, and decorations may be placed on or after May 1st. Keep in mind that these items must be removed by October 1st.

CHURCH PICNIC

Our annual church picnic will be held on Sunday, June 8th, following the outdoor service. We will be serving pulled pork, mac n' cheese, hot dogs, and slushies. Please bring a dish to pass or a dessert. Fun activities include a bounce house and barrel rides.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

5/4 A King Forever
5/11 The King's Table (Last Day of Sunday School)

ROOTED AND BUILT UP IN CHRIST

The 2025 1st Quarter started with a loan balance of \$1,350,136 and after making our regular payments the quarter finished with a balance of \$1,345,667.

WRLHS EVENTS

Check the Wolf River Lutheran High School Bulletin Board in the hallway for upcoming events: Indian Taco Sale, Rummage Sale, and Summer Camp options.

THANKS FOR THE MEALS!

Thank you to all who donated food and their time for this year's Easter Breakfast. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Lent meals as well. What a great time to gather for fellowship as God's people at St. Jakobi.

MARTIN LUTHER EASTER QUOTE

"Christ died; death devoured the Son of God. But in doing so death swallowed a thorn and had to get rid of it. It was impossible for death to hold Him. For this Person is God; and since both God and man in one indivisible Person entered into the belly of death and the devil, death ate a morsel that ripped his stomach open." LW 22:355

NEW MEMBERS

New members welcomed into the congregation on Sunday are: Jared Krull (Klayton), Zachary Pedersen (Rhet, Dayton), Andy & Lori Schmidt, Jeff Teske, and Rev. Leonard & Kateri Wildauer (not pictured).



MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Greg Samson
1 - Jennifer Stuber
2 - Tucker Pyatskowit
3 - Sarah Benser
3 - Connie Kunze
4 - Lori Wendorff (Scott)
5 - Jenni Sperberg
6 - Carol Popelka
7 - Michael Kroenke
7 - Lisa Otto
7 - Paul Wollangk
8 - Jonathan Ebert
8 - Chase Erickson
8 - Aspen Gehnke
8 - Kayden Price
9 - Steve Gueths
10 - Kevin Herrmann
10 - Amber Schmidt
10 - Janell Wesenberg
11 - Bryce Bohl
12 - Natineal Kunze
12 - Danny Otto
12 - Andrew Theis
12 - Marlene Weckwerth
12 - Jamison Yorton
13 - Jerry Fisher
13 - Jim Fiskien
13 - Sawyer Schuettpelz
14 - Tom Teetzen
14 - Hailey Weishoff
15 - Amie Olson
16 - Pete Arthur
16 - Brandon Buettner
17 - Ruth Cummings
17 - Kathy Fonger
17 - Caleb Wendorff
18 - Jeff Schuettpelz
18 - Madisyn Skalitzky
18 - Connie Steinke
20 - Everly Gueths
21 - MaryJane Kucksdorf
22 - Darlene Drake
22 - Megan Pederson
23 - Kloie Boyles
23 - Abby Parilek
23 - Emily Raddant
24 - Luke Kleinschmidt
25 - Susan Giese
27 - Joanne Behrens
27 - Nathaniel Gueths
27 - Paul Kroenke
27 - Brooklyn Krueger
27 - Keonna Lindner
27 - Levi Wendorff
28 - Tammy Burr
28 - Richard Raddant
29 - Paige Bedroske

29 - Justin Buntrock
29 - Kade Strebel
29 - Jim Szucs, Jr.
29 - Gloriann Watzlawick
29 - Margaret Wendorff
30 - Katie Carroll
31 - Sue Klemens

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.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

05, 2007 - Eric & Kim Wendorff
07, 2005 - Brandon & Jessy Clark
12, 2012 - Justin & Ashley Weishoff
13, 1989 - Craig & Karleen Brei
15, 2004 - Jeff & Tina Hartmann
21, 1983 - Randy & Tammy Burr
21, 2005 - Kevin & Sheila Herrmann
24, 2003 - Jim & Cathy Hoffman
25, 1985 - Steve & Theresa Gueths
25, 1996 - Tom & Marjorie McGahan
27, 1989 - David & Noelle Buettner
27, 1967 - Darwin & Darlene Drake
28, 1955 - Dan & Shirley Krueger



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.

MAY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Elders: Sat: Mike Waldvogel Sun: Mark Schuster Jon Wesenberg Special: Tom Tuma		Altar Guild: Chris Johnson Barb Bubolz Lisa Evenson Judi Raddant		1 1:00 Bible Study	2	3 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Lincoln Ejnik
4 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Adam Kleinschmidt	5 6:15 Choir Practice 7:00 Altar Guild	6 1:00 Book Club	7 3:45 Catechism	8 1:00 Bible Study 6:15 Elders	9 6:30 Men's Night	10 9:00 Spring Cleanup 9:00 Spiritual Outreach 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Brielle Reinke
11 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:00 Service (HC) Last Day of Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Jace Bisterfeldt	12 12:30 Service 5:00 Service (HC) 6:45 Choir Practice	13 8:30 Service	14	15 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Confirmation Examination Acolyte: Reegan Clark	16	17 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Raelyn Krueger
	District Pastor Conference				Brat Fry – Qualheim's 8:30 – 5:00	
18 <i>Confirmation Sunday</i> 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Ayva Plaster	19	20	21	22 1:00 Bible Study	23	24 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Zoey Riesenberg
25 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Ian Stuber	26 <i>Memorial Day</i>	27	28	29 <i>Ascension Day</i> 1:00 Bible Study	30 10:30 Senior Connection Luncheon	31 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte:

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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

