

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

The Epistle reading on the 2nd Sunday after Pentecost is Galatians 3:23-4:7. You will hear this read at church on June 22nd. In this letter to the church in Galatia, Paul seeks to reinforce for the Christians that they are children of God and that they have been set free from the accusation of the law.

And yet, to be set free from the accusations of the law doesn't mean that we are set free from the law. There is a stream of Christianity that wants to set aside all aspects of the Commandments. They want to see anything that restricts their sinful will as out of bounds. They see the 6th Commandment and it's forbidding of adultery and sexual sins as unnecessary for us Christians. They want to see the 1st Commandment's prohibition against idolatry as only a suggestion because they desire to prioritize all sorts of other earthly items, people, and activities over the Lord God.

But Galatians 3 & 4 is clear that while Jesus has fulfilled the entire law of God, it is still applicable to us. I recently was teaching the Small Catechism to an individual and I made the comment to them that if all of God's people kept the 10 Commandments well, then life would go so much easier for everyone.

If everyone properly respected parents and other authorities (4th Commandment), if everyone helped other people in their physical needs and didn't hurt or harm people (5th Commandment), if everyone properly cherished and loved their

spouse and future spouse (6th Commandment), if everyone helped other people protect and improve their possessions and income (7th, 9th, 10th Commandments); if all these things happened, then life would go beautifully for all of us.

We would find that there would be so much less heartache, pain, and suffering. We would be truly living in a community that seeks not the good of the self, but rather the good of all people. We would be living selflessly and thus lifting up others. Others would be lifting us up and we would all be flourishing and thriving.

This would all be happening because the law is actually good for us. Yes, it condemns us and points us to our savior, Jesus Christ. But it also gives us the way for a good and holy life that is for our good and the good of other people. God does know what is best for us and so we listen and abide by the commandments because this is one of the ways that the Lord blesses us. He shows us holiness and guides our feet in the way of peace and tranquility.

As Martin Luther's Catechism hymn on the Commandments says in the first verse, "The Law of God is good and wise And sets His will before our eyes, Shows us the way of righteousness, And dooms to death when we transgress." The law of God is truly good and wise and we would do well to let it shape our lives as we live in the

continual grace of God that is earned by Jesus and given to us by the Holy Spirit.

In Christ,
-Pastor Kleinschmidt



²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

¹I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Galatians 3:23-4:7



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

CHARLIE'S RED BARN

The youth who are attending Higher Things will be working at Charlie's Red Barn on July 3rd, 4th and 5th. Proceeds will be used to cover expenses to attend the Higher Things Youth Conference in Seward Nebraska. If you are able, please support this worthy cause.



CONFIRMATION

Five youth were confirmed on Sunday, May 18th. They are: Cooper Clark, Blaze Ejnik, Hailey Fischer, Layden Plaster and Payton Skalitzky.

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.

ST. JAKOBI BOOK CLUB

There is no Book Club in June or July. The following books have been selected for future meetings: *We Are The Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter will be discussed in August. Marlene Weckwerth will be hosting that meeting at her home. For September, the book selected is *The Duzy House of Mourning* by K A Hancock. Barb Teetzen will be hosting this meeting at church. October's choice is *Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah, and will be hosted by Liz McDowell.

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.



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.

JULY NEWSLETTER

There will not be a newsletter for July. Copies of the July calendar and the Birthday-Anniversary list will be available in the Narthex on the Bulletin table the last weekend of June.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

It's time to get your creative juices flowing. Spiritual Outreach will be hosting their Annual Bazaar on Saturday, November 1st. 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 new arts or crafts, or if you have any questions regarding the sale, please speak with either Nancy Thelen or Marelene Weckwerth. And yes, fresh cinnamon rolls will be available again this year.

READINGS AT CHURCH

June 1 st :	Acts 1:12-26 Revelation 22:1-20 John 17:20-26
June 8 th :	Genesis 11:1-9 Acts 2:1-21 John 14:23-31
June 15 th :	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Acts 2:14a, 22-36 John 8:48-59
June 22 nd :	Isaiah 65:1-9 Galatians 3:23-4:7 June 8:26-39
June 29 th :	Acts 15:1-21 Galatians 2:1-10 Mathew 16:30-39

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.

PARISH EDUCATION

Sunday School is done for the school year and will begin again the weekend after Labor Day. We will continue to have Adult Bible Class on Sundays after church along with the Thursday afternoon class that studies the Bible readings for the upcoming weekend.

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!

RAISE RIGHT CARDS

Do you have an upcoming celebration for which you need a gift? Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthday, graduation or wedding? Check out the large selection of gift cards available through RAISE RIGHT!! Cards ordered on Monday arrive Friday afternoon.

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.

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.

ST. JAKOBI ON FACEBOOK

St. Jakobi has a [Facebook page](#). Stay up to date on happenings at church by liking the page.



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. <http://www.bit.ly/Jakobisignup>

SENIOR CONNECTIONS LUNCHEON

Thank you to all who attended the Senior Connections Luncheon on Friday, May 30th. We had a great turnout. We hope to host one more Luncheon in 2025, tentatively set for late September. If you have any comments or suggestions for the Luncheon, please feel free to speak with an Outreach Member. Don't know who the members are? You're welcome to join our meetings on the second Saturday of each month, at 9:00am in the Jerusalem room.

BAPTISM:

Baptized into Christ on May 11 was Lily Ann Matsche. She is the daughter of Christopher and Kelly Matsche. Her sponsors are Amanda McKeown and Taylor Matsche.

LUTHERAN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

In order to assist LCMS Lutherans and congregations, a new Credit Union



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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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Christians confess three historical, ecumenical Creeds. They are the Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed. We say the Athanasian Creed once a year on Trinity Sunday. This year Trinity Sunday is June 15th. The Creeds summarize what the Holy Scriptures teach about who God is and what He has done and is doing.



PICNIC TABLE

There is a free wooden picnic table on the East side of the church's shed. First come, first serve.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 - Willow Berendt
1 - Courtney Drake
1 - Debra Schneider
2 - Callie Boyles
2 - Kristi Skalitzky
2 - Alison Sperberg
3 - Joshua Berkhahn
3 - Dan Krueger
3 - Taylor Pethke
3 - Jeremy Pyatskowit
4 - Bob Johnson
5 - Christie Hietpas
6 - Lincoln Ejnik
6 - Amanda Felkowski
6 - Sheila Herrmann
7 - Wendy Kroenke
8 - Steven Verstoppen Jr
9 - Darryl Prodel
10 - Wyatt Krueger
12 - Kourtney Erickson
12 - Paul Romberg
14 - Owen Gueths
14 - Chad Wendorff
16 - Kelly Matsche
17 - Bobbi Jo Ladwig
17 - Betty Szucs
19 - Landon Lindner
19 - Dana Price
20 - Dayton Pedersen
20 - Kaitlyn West
21 - Mark Schuster
21 - Rebecca West
21 - Jerele Westphal
23 - Jeff Buettner
26 - Ashley Damveld
26 - Chuck Stoeher
27 - Derek Drake
27 - Samuel Gueths
27 - Emily Teetzen
28 - Carrie Bohl
28 - Boston Buntrock
28 - Daxon Drake
28 - Harper Ejnik
28 - Peggy Parsons
28 - Marjorie Vorpahl
30 - Carrie Fink
30 - Mary Jung

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.

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

1, 2019 - Jesse & Brittany Waldvogel
3, 2017 - Peter & Mikayla Carroll
7, 1980 - Jeff & Mary Theis
11, 2021 - Dustin & Kassandra Fischer
14, 1969 - Marshal & Susan Giese
16, 1984 - Timothy & Jamie Massey
18, 2016 - Adam & Katie Carroll
18, 2005 - Faron & Kristi Skalitzky
21, 1980 - Jeff & Teresa Schuettpelz
27, 2020 - Tristan & Courtlynn Buntrock
30, 2007 - Cory & Rachel Neville
30, 1990 - Michael & Vicki Waldvogel

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.

JUNE 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Adam Kleinschmidt	2	3	4 5:30 Higher Things Meeting	5 1:00 Bible Study	6	7 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Jase Bisterfeldt
	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9 - Noon					
8 9:00 Outdoor Service 10:30 Church Picnic	9	10	11	12	13 6:30 Men's Night at Rich Raddant's	14 9:00 Spiritual Outreach 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Reegan Clark
15 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Raelyn Krueger	16	17	18	19	20	21 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Ayva Plaster
22 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Jase Bisterfeldt	23	24	25	26	27	28 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Ian Stuber
29 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Lincoln Ejnik	30			Elders: Sat: Jon Wesenberg Sun: Mike Daley Mark Schuster Special: Mike Waldvogel		Altar Guild: Mary Jung Noel Kleinschmidt Barb Teetzen Joan Stoehr

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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

