

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

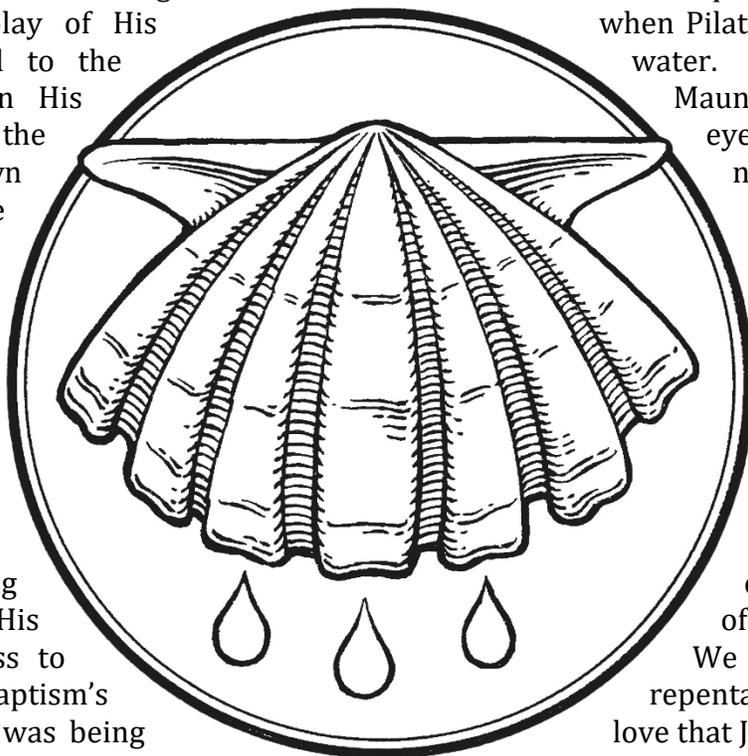
One of the early church fathers was a man named Tertullian. He lived 145AD till about 220AD. He lived in Carthage, a city of North Africa. He wrote in Latin and is considered one of the fathers of the Latin church. He was the first author that we have record of that used the word 'Trinity'. While not everything he wrote is in concord with Scripture, much of what he said is still valuable to us Christians today.

When he was writing about Baptism he said,

"How mighty is the grace of water, in the sight of God and His Christ, for the confirmation of Baptism! Never is Christ without water: He who is Himself baptized in water; inaugurates in water the first display of His power when invited to the wedding in Cana; in His preaching He invites the thirsty to His own eternal water; He approves, among the works of charity, the cup of water offered to a poor child; He gathered his strength at a well; walks over the water; calms the waves; and serves His disciples with washing by water. Even His Passion bears witness to the power of Baptism's waters, for while He was being handed over to the cross, water intervened and was a witness against Pilate's hands. And when He is wounded, after His death, water bursts forth from His side that had been pierced with the soldier's lance."

This quote from Tertullian will form the basis for our Lent devotions this year during the midweek and Holy Week services. We'll see the many ways that the Lord uses water in the Old Testament to foreshadow how he will work in the New Testament with Jesus.

On Ash Wednesday we will hear Jesus tell us to wash our face when we fast for fasting is not the cause of our righteousness. On March 1 we'll hear how the Israelites crossed the Red Sea on dry ground and the waters came crashing down on Pharaoh and all his host. The next week will be the last Old Testament lesson and it will focus on the water that came forth from the rock during the Exodus. On March 15th the focus will be on the Wedding at Cana and how Jesus turns water into wine. The week after will concentrate on Jesus' discussion with the woman at the well and his words, "I am the living water." The last Wednesday of Lent we'll hear part of the Passion narrative when Pilate washes his hands in the water.



Maundy Thursday will turn our eyes to the upper room on the night Jesus was betrayed. He washed his disciples' feet with water. On Good Friday Jesus hangs from the cross and the spear pierces his side and water and blood flow out of his dead body.

Lent is always a special time in the church year as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord from the grave. We are to come to him in repentance, consider the great love that Jesus shows from the cross, and take the time to learn the great narrative of Scripture that declares to us the wonders of God.

I pray that this Lent season will be one of deepened faith when you consider the great ways that the Lord uses water to bring about your salvation and teach you about his mercy and forgiveness.

In Jesus Christ,
-Pastor Kleinschmidt

ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

LENT – NEVER WITHOUT WATER

Lent begins on February 22nd with Ash Wednesday. We'll have a 10:30 and 6:30 service that day. The remaining Wednesdays will only have a 6:30 service. At the Wednesday Lent Services we will be hearing about the many ways that the theme of water appears in the Old Testament that points forward to Christ and then how and why water is used in the Passion of Jesus.

LENT SERVICES

Ash Wednesday is on February 22nd. There will be two Communion Services on that day, 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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

2/5 God Provides for Elijah
2/12 Elijah and the Prophets of Baal
2/19 Elijah is Taken to Heaven
2/26 Naaman and Elisha

PICNIC COMMITTEE

Although the church picnic isn't until June, we are looking for volunteers to work together to plan this event. If you are interested, you can sign up on the sheet located on top of the Memorial Cabinet in the Narthex. Watch future bulletins for the meeting date. The planning of the picnic will include deciding on the food that will be served, and the games/entertainment that will be provided.

ST. JAKOBI BOOK CLUB

Book Club: Following is the list of books chosen for the upcoming months: February 7th – *Lilac Girls*; March 7th - *The Secret Lives of Bees*; April 4th – *House of the Living Stones*; May 2nd – *The Choir Immortal*; August 1st – *The Harvest Raise*. There will be no book club in June and July.

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.

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:

Feb. 22nd - Church Officers
March 1st - Elders
March 8th - Evangelism
March 15th - Trustees
March 22nd - Higher Things Youth
March 29th - Board of Education

MEN'S NIGHT

February Men's Night: All men of the congregation are invited to join us for a night of fun and fellowship on Thursday, February 9 at 6:30 p.m. at church. We plan on playing dartball (baseball with darts). Bring your own beverage and if you desire, a snack to share. Any questions, please contact Mark Schuster at 715-823-4393. If anyone has a dart ball board, darts, stand and/or backdrops that we could use please contact Mark. Hope to see you there!

LOOKING AHEAD

Palm Sunday is April 2nd, Easter is April 9th, Confirmation Sunday is May 28th and the Outdoor service and church picnic is planned for June 18th.

READINGS AT CHURCH

February 5th: Isaiah 58:3-9a
1 Corinthians 2:1-12
Matthew 5:13-20
February 12th: Deuteronomy 30:15-20
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37
February 19th: Exodus 24:8-18
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9
February 26th: Genesis 3:1-21
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

GIVING OPTIONS

Contact the church office for a monthly direct giving form. You can also donate online at <http://bit.ly/DonateStJakobi>. This can be setup as a one-time donation or a recurring donation.

ST. JAKOBI ON FACEBOOK

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

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

If you are a Thrivent Member,  *Thrivent Financial for Lutherans*
Let's thrive! you may have choice dollars that you can designate to be given to St. Jakobi, or Wolf River Luthern 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 to make your designations.

PORTALS OF PRAYER

The Portals of Prayer for the first quarter of 2023 were assembled incorrectly. Many of the copies were missing pages or had duplicate pages. If you picked up one of these, you can replace with a correct copy. They are located in the Narthex on the bulletin table, or on top of the cabinet near the door. The incorrect copies can be tossed out.

SPRITUAL OUTREACH

We will be meeting on Saturday, February 11th, at 9:00 to create angel ornaments. If you are a crafter and would like to help, feel free to stop by that morning. We'll be working from 9-11. All materials will be provided, along with some tasty snacks, a lot of laughter, and great fellowship. Even if you don't want to help create the ornaments, you're welcome to join us.

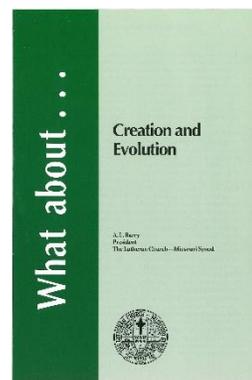
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Plans are being made for VBS to be held the week of **June 12th - 16th** in the mornings. The theme this year is God's Living Water; Covered in Jesus' Grace. The week of VBS is the week after school gets out and the week before Summer School begins. Make plans now to have your children attend, help, or tell your grandkids and friends about this great opportunity to learn about Jesus. Look for registration material in the coming months.



WHAT ABOUT...

Each month we'll be highlighting a tract that can be picked up in the narthex by the guest book. There is a series that was written by the former President of the LCMS, Rev. A. L. Barry. They cover a multitude of topics. This month we look at **Creation and Evolution**.



ANNUAL CONGREGATION REPORT

If you were not able to attend the meeting, you can pick up the Annual Report of St. Jakobi that includes the 2022 Financial Statements in the Narthex at Church.

BAPTISMS

Evelyn Noelle Bedroske, daughter of Lucas & Rachel Bedroske, was baptized on January 8th. She was born on December 15th, 2022. Her baptismal sponsors are Daniel & Lynette Keinath.

Rehn Michael Schmidt, son of Dylan & Sabrina Schmidt, was baptized on January 29th. He was born on October 26th, 2022. His baptismal sponsors are Hunter Schmidt, Alyxandria Schmidt, and Nicole Nelson.

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

The ashes that are used on Ash Wednesday are from the palm branches that were used on previous Palm Sundays. 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.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Jai Bisterfeldt
2 - Ken Damveld
2 - Lucas Gast
2 - Abigael Owen
2 - Laci Sperberg
3 - Joseph Kleinschmidt
3 - Ayva Plaster
5 - Lawrence Schroeder
6 - Patti Bohm
6 - Barb Lindner
7 - Jesse Buntrock
7 - Isaiah Gueths
8 - Troy Kuhn
8 - Nicki Meyers
9 - Casey Gast
9 - August Vorpahl
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 - Gary Weckwerth
19 - Tara Bohm
20 - Judy Buettner
21 - Stephanie Boyles
21 - Kaitie Gueths
22 - Noah Bedroske
22 - Hannah Hein
22 - Jaelyn Hietpas
23 - Alyssa Wendorff
24 - Nancy Schroeder
24 - James VanScoik
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 - 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

09, 2003 - Ross & Amber Fischer
18, 2022 - Dale & Lisa Hawkinson
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 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elders: Sat: Brian Sperberg Sun: Jon Wesenberg Mark Schuster Special: Bob Behrens			1 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	2 1:00 Bible Study	3	4 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Khloe Wendorff
5 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Cooper Clark	6 6:15 Choir 7:00 Altar Guild	7 1:00 Book Club	8 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	9 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Men's Night	10	11 9:00 Spiritual Outreach 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Blaze Ejnik
12 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Hailey Fischer	13 5:00 Elders 6:15 Choir	14	15 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	16 1:00 Bible Study	17	18 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Layden Plaster
19 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Paige Bedroske	20 6:15 Choir	21	22 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 10:30 Service (HC) 4:15 Catechism 5:00 Lent Meal 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Jai Bisterfeldt	23 1:00 Bible Study	24	25 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Addison Fischer
26 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Hailey Hawkinson	27 6:15 Choir	28				Altar Guild: Carol Magee Lorine Raddant Jana Yorton Kathy Fonger

Listen to WTCH 960 AM for weather cancellations or check www.stjakobi.org or www.facebook.com/lcmsjakobi

St. Jakobi Lutheran Church

W 8089 County Rd. A
Shawano, WI 54166
715-524-4347
www.stjakobi.org

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

