

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

The Gospel lesson on July 30th is from Matthew 13:44-52. In this text, Jesus gives the parable of the buried treasure. “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field” (Matthew 13:44). Lots of ink has been spilled by theologians

about what the treasure is. Some think that the buried treasure is the Gospel of Jesus Christ and so we should give all that we have in order to believe in Jesus and follow him. But I think a more compelling interpretation is the one that

is picture in the middle of this page. When we die our casket is laid into the ground and buried. Jesus gives all that he has so that he can have the buried treasure for himself. He pours forth his lifeblood so that death would have no more dominion over his people.

So you see pictured Jesus going into the field to bring the treasure to himself. On the last day Jesus

will raise all the dead. We confess that we believe in the resurrection of the dead. Jesus takes for himself all those who have died and will give them new life in the resurrection.

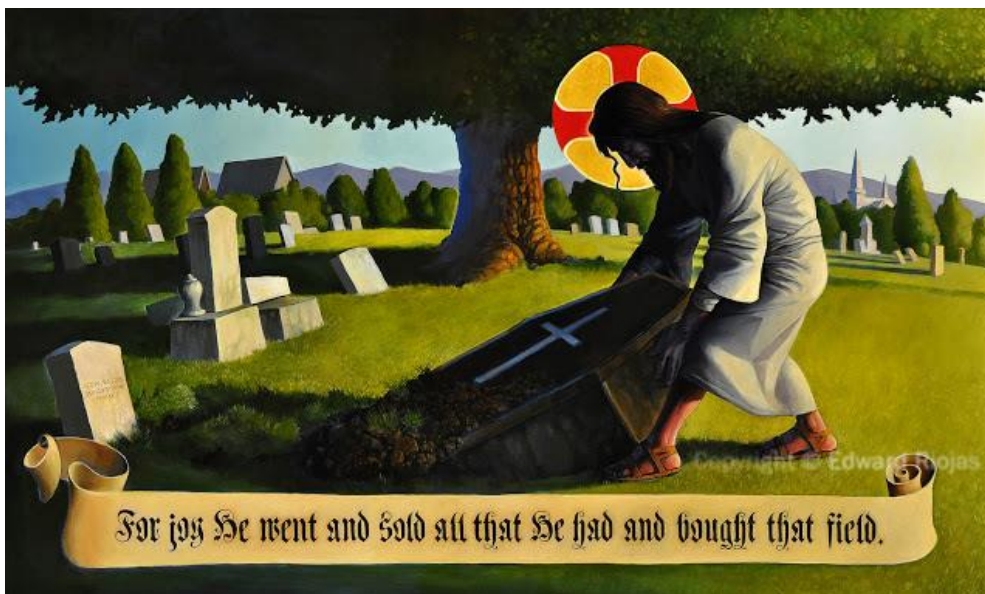
You are a treasure in the eyes of the Lord. Your worth and value doesn't come from the talents you have or the things you do. Your self-image shouldn't

be based upon what you think of yourself, but rather on what the Lord Jesus Christ thinks about you. He values you as worthy of eternal life.

This painting was completed by Edward Riojas of Grand Rapids, MI. He is an LCMS Lutheran who

has done lots of artwork for churches in the United States. We use his bulletin covers often. They are the black and white covers that are in the shape of a circle.

Living in Jesus,
-Pastor Kleinschmidt



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

THANK YOU

Many thanks to everyone who helped to prepare our scrumptious picnic dinner Sunday, June 18th. Thank you for all of the delicious dishes, salads and desserts that you brought to share. Thank you to all who worked in the kitchen, to our grillers who prepared the hamburgers and hot dogs, to all who had fun providing wagon rides and rides in the kiddie carts, and thank you to everyone who worked very hard setting up our new grills, slushie machine, and bouncy house. We enjoyed our day sharing Christian fellowship with everyone. Thank you! Cindy Winkler, and the St. Jakobi Church Picnic Committee.

ST. JAKOBI BOOK CLUB

Following is the list of books chosen for the upcoming months: August 1st - *The Harvest Raise*; September 5th - *Educated*. There will be no book club in July.

LOST & FOUND, AND DISHES

There are still numerous items in the Lost & Found basket in the Narthex. Please check to see if any of these belong to you. There are also numerous dishes and pans on top of the coat rack next to the mailboxes. These are from previous funerals and other events. If these are yours, please pick them up.

PORTALS OF PRAYER

The Portals of Prayer for July through September is available in the Narthex. When you are finished with the prior editions, you can return them to the church and place them in the basket near the bulletins. These copies are handed out to others to share God's word.

HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE

The Youth Group will be traveling to the Higher Things Conference being held at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois on July 18th - 21st. The theme is *Beyond Reasonable Doubt*. This year we have 13 youth and 5 adults going.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS was held June 12-16 and the theme was *God's Living Water*. We had about 100 kids attend during the week. Thank you to all of the volunteers who made it possible to share God's Word with kids in our congregation and also lots of kids in our community.

FUNERAL

Lawrence Schroeder passed away on June 7th. His funeral was on June 9th. Thanks be to God for the blessings he gave through Lawrence.

ROOTED & BUILT UP IN CHRIST

Our three-year commitments for the building addition are coming to completion in July. We have plans to begin another 3-year commitment. You will be receiving information about that in August and Commitment Sunday will be in September. For now, we would ask that you continue to give towards the building fund as you have been.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

Spiritual Outreach will be hosting a Craft and Bake sale on Saturday, November 4th. If you are a crafter (knitting, crocheting, painting, woodworking, etc.) would you be willing to donate a few handmade items to the sale? Proceeds from the sale are used for numerous projects including School Supply Drive, Buckets of Sunshine, and gifts for the shut-ins and those in need. If you have any questions, you can speak with Nancy Thelen.

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.



BAPTISM

Oaklynn Leigh Danley was baptized into Christ on June 11th. Oaklynn is the daughter of Michael & SueAnn Danley. She was born on March 2nd, 2023 and her sponsors are Jonathon Ebert, Aryanna Simonsen, Bryan Vanderloop & Trisha Smith.

READINGS AT CHURCH

- July 2nd:** Jeremiah 28:5-9
Romans 7:1-13
Matthew 10:34-42
- July 9th:** Zechariah 9:9-12
Romans 7:14-25a
Matthew 11:25-30
- July 16th:** Isaiah 55:10-13
Romans 8:12-17
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
- July 23rd:** Isaiah 44: 6-8
Romans 8:18-27
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
- July 30th:** Deuteronomy 7:6-9
Romans 8:28-39
Matthew 13:44-52

LUTHERAN EDUCATION

St. Jakobi has funds available to help pay for tuition at [St. James Elementary School](#), [Wolf River Lutheran High School](#), or at 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. Talk to Pastor if you need assistance or have questions.



SPRITUAL OUTREACH

Our next meeting will be on July 8th at 9:00 am. All church members are welcome to attend. We will be discussing the upcoming Bazaar. Bring along your thoughts and ideas.

CONFIRMATION

On May 28th 9 young people confessed their Christian faith and were confirmed. Those confirmed this year are (left to right) Harper Rettke, Colbie Reinke, Hailey Hawkinson, Addison Fischer, Jai Bisterfeldt, Paige Bedroske, Tristan West, Noah Wendorff, and Elliot Clark. The Lord bless each of them all of their days as they live their lives of faith in Jesus Christ, their Savior.

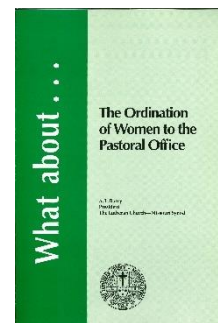


VOTER MEETING

The July Voter Meeting will be held on July 23rd after Church. Watch the bulletin for an announcement of the agenda.

WHAT ABOUT...

Each month we'll be highlighting a tract that can be picked up in the narthex by the guest book. This 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 **Women's Ordination**. The Southern Baptist Convention has been in the news recently about their decisions in regard to this topic. This pamphlet does a great job in detailing what Scripture has to say and why women aren't to serve in the pastoral office.



FELLOWSHIP HALL RENTAL

The Fellowship Hall is available for rent by members of St. Jakobi. If you are interested in renting it, you can speak with Pastor or Nancy Thelen, and they will check the calendar for available dates. The cost to rent the hall is \$50. We ask that that you place the money in a blue envelope(found near the guest book in the Narthex) and add your name and the date you are renting. The envelope can be placed in the collection plate or given to Nancy Thelen. Payment should be made prior to the date you are renting the hall.

WEDDING

On June 24 Tyler Grzymalski and Gabrielle Tuma were united in marriage. The Lord bless them as they begin their marriage in the Name of the Lord.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

We have the opportunity to travel to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sheboygan Falls to help pack nutritious MannaPack meals. These meals assist in reversing and preventing undernutrition for those who are in need. The date is Saturday, October 7th. We're hoping to have enough interest that we can caravan in several vehicles. If you would be interested in joining us in the special Outreach project, or if you have questions, you can speak with Marlene Weckwerth. You can also learn more by going to: <https://www.fmsc.org/>.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Austin Buntrock
1 - Douglas Evenson
1 - Lucas Schuettpehl
1 - Tony Stuber
3 - Allen Lange
3 - Heather Pyatskowitz
3 - Brinlee Gueths
4 - Jordan Thompson
4 - Lydia Walby
6 - Ashley Bennett
7 - Carson Hietpas
9 - Derek Hartmann
9 - Faron Skalitzky
10 - Brody Schutt
10 - Holly Weatherwax
10 - Michael Winkler
11 - Steven Damveld
12 - Nimue Berendt
12 - Jacob Schoenike
13 - Karen Cotter
13 - Jason Lange
14 - Dawn Buntrock
15 - Axlyn Erickson
17 - Keith Jashinsky
17 - Raelyn Krueger
17 - Kadu Kunze
17 - Elizabeth Teetzen
19 - Megan Gebert
19 - James Lange
19 - Joshua Lange
19 - Eli Magee
19 - Tucker Reinke
19 - Nick Thiel
20 - Lance Lindner
21 - Dennis Fonger
22 - Rhett Jashinsky
22 - Sally Kroenke
22 - Jayne Mott
23 - Kinlee Meyers
24 - Blake Hartmann
25 - Timothy Massey
25 - Jim Szucs, Sr.
25 - Blake Weishoff
26 - Cindy Gueths
26 - Barbara Peterman
26 - Paul Picard
27 - Adam Carroll
28 - Virgil Gueths
28 - William Hanke
28 - Mary Theis
30 - Brynlee Carroll
30 - Kylie Teetzen
30 - Tristan West



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.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

02, 1966 - August & Marjorie Vorpahl
04, 1981 - Mark & Mollie Schuster
07, 1979 - Bill & Jayne Mott
11, 1987 - Jerele & Carrie Westphal
14, 2007 - Tony & Jennifer Stuber
14, 2001 - Tom T & Judy Tuma
19, 1980 - Paul & Jennifer Utecht
20, 1991 - Jesse & Dawn Buntrock
22, 2017 - Austin & Katie Gueths
26, 1983 - Steve & Carol Verstoppen
27, 1968 - Bob & Joanne Behrens
30, 2016 - Keith & Katelyn Jashinsky
31, 2004 - Travis & Noël Kleinschmidt

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.



JULY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elders: Sat: Bob Behrens Sun: Mark Schuster Brian Sperberg Special: Rich Raddant	Altar Guild: Donna Lopez Noel Kleinschmidt Barb Teetzen Brenda Gast					1 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Connor Stuber
2 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Colton Peters	3	4	5	6 1:00 Bible Study	7	8 9:00 Spiritual Outreach 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: McKenzie Kuhn
9 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Brooklyn Krueger	10	11	12	13 1:00 Bible Study 7:00 Council	14	15 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Nolan Kleinschmidt
16 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Jaelyn Hietpas	17	18	19	20	21	22 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Kavion Franklin
	HIGHER THINGS CONFERENCE					
23 9:00 Service (HC) Quarterly Voters Meeting Acolyte: Payton Skalitzky	24 Noon-5pm Blood Drive	25	26	27	28	29 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Layden Plaster
30 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Hailey Fischer	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

