

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

St. Jakobi had 13 youth and 5 adult chaperones attend the Higher Things Conference at Southern Illinois University. The theme was *Beyond Reasonable Doubt*. As anyone who has attended a Higher Things Conference can attest, the worship is amazing, uplifting, and jaw-dropping. We had opportunities to worship each day, listen to large group presentations, and attend smaller break away sections where the kids got to choose what the topic would be. Of course, there was plenty of time for fun and relaxation. Sleep was pretty low on the list of priorities for most of the kids.

I presented one of the breakaway sessions. I titled my presentation *The World of Duty*. I highlighted an often-overlooked part of the Small Catechism, the Table of Duties. In the Table of Duties Martin Luther lists three estates that Christians live in: The Estate of the Church, of Society, and of the Household.

In the Church, Luther lists Bible passages that speak of the responsibility that pastors owe to God and to the people. Then also, what the hearers of God's Word owe to their pastors. Both the speakers and the hearers are united in love for Jesus and the recognition that God speaks and his people listen.

Luther begins with this estate because having been fed with the Word of God, God's people go forth into the world and know who we are and how we are to love others. Without the Lord and His Word, we would wander aimless and driftless with no true idea of how to treat others.

From there, Luther gives Bible passages for the Estate of Society. These are addressed to the Civil Government and to Citizens. This is helpful because we recognize that all authority on earth comes from God. Governments do have God-given authority, but it can at times be misused. Nonetheless, as citizens we pray for our government, respect it, and contribute in meaningful and Christian ways. In our

form of government, we should be informed and active citizens and voters.

Finally, Luther addresses the Estate of the household. God's people having come from church and then into the world come back home at the end of the day. Thus, the family is addressed last. The various vocations that are listed in the household are Husbands, Wives, Parents, Children, Workers, Employers, Youth, and Widows. No matter your vocation, you have a duty of love to the people around you. God gives very specific commands of how to love people who you are closest to; your family. The people you live with may be the hardest to love because you see all of their sins and they see all of yours. And yet, you have the greatest opportunity to love and to serve within your own household.

Finally, Luther ties it all together with the Estate of Common Love. The commandments are summed up with one word: Love. This is not a selfish love, rather it is a love that puts other people first and recognizes that others need you. You uplift and serve by loving your neighbor and when you see the different vocations you have in life it makes it easier to

see your different responsibilities.

Thus, love is our duty to God and to our neighbor. You can read all of the Table of Duties by looking at pages 33-36 in the new Small Catechism, or look in the Table of Contents of the older Small Catechism that you might have.

Be sure to ask the kids who went to Higher Things about their trip. Ask them about the worship services, about the talks, about the travel, about the dorms, or about the fun activities. They will be happy to share with you because the congregation has made it possible for this to happen by supporting them financially.

In the love of Jesus,
-Pastor Kleinschmidt



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

ST. JAKOBI BOOK CLUB

Following is the list of books chosen for the upcoming months: August 8th – *The Harvest Raise*; September 5th - *Educated*.

WRLHS AT THE COUNTY FAIR

Students, staff, supporters, and association congregation members volunteer to sell tickets and park cars at the Fair. Wolf River Lutheran High School depends on the volunteers to work at this great fund raiser. This year's dates are August 30th – September 4th, 2023. You can email Karen Baker at karbaker16@tds.net, or call her at 715-758-8874 or 715-853-9137 if you are able to volunteer. All shifts are from 9am – 1pm; 1pm – 5pm; and 5 pm-9pm. Thank you for your participation.

CATECHISM MEETING

Students and parents should plan on attending a meeting on August 16th at 6:30pm. Schedules will be handed out along with all the events for Catechism students for the upcoming school year.

LUTHERAN EDUCATION

St. Jakobi has funds available to help pay for tuition at [St. James Lutheran 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.

LIBRARY NOTES

Many of the items found in our library have been donated by members of the congregation, allowing us to keep the expenses down. If you have books or DVD's that you think might fit in the library, please speak with Nancy Thelen before dropping them off. Nancy and Pastor Kleinschmidt will review them to make sure they are material that is acceptable. The books and DVD's already logged into the library are available for all members to check out. We do ask that you put your name of the checkout list, and also mark when you return them. We hope to complete an inventory check in the near future, and want to be able to track any books or DVD's that are missing from the shelves.

POTATO PANCAKE DINNER

The Potato Pancake Dinner will be held on September 24th. Watch the bulletin for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

The first day for Sunday School is September 10th. We are looking for teachers. If you are willing to share your time and talents guiding our children, please speak with one of the Board of Education members: Jenny Stuber, Jenny Murdock, or Patti Samson.

WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE

St. Jakobi will be hosting a Walk Thru the Bible seminar on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024. This is a fun and dynamic, half-day seminar that will chronologically walk us through the Old Testament. We are looking for volunteers to help organize the event. We need people to chair or serve on the following committees: Prayer, Attendance Building (marketing), registration, facilities, Hospitality (greeters), Food services (probably catered), Childcare and Finance. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Mark Schuster at 715-823-4393, or see the sign-up sheet in back of church. For more information or to watch a promotional video please go the www.walkthru.org, and click on "Host an Event" on the right side.

ROOTED & BUILT UP IN CHRIST

Our three-year commitments for the building addition came to completion in July. We have plans to begin another 3-year commitment. You will be receiving information about that this month and Commitment weekend will be September 9th and 10th. For now, we would ask that you continue to give towards the building fund as you have been.

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.



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.

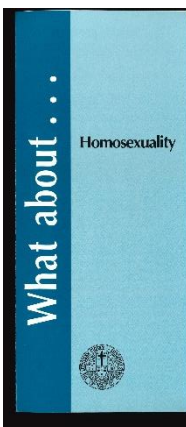
MEN'S CAMPFIRE

All men from St. Jakobi are invited to an evening of fun and fellowship at Gary Weckwerth's house on Thursday, August 10th. Invite somebody that hasn't been at a Men's night yet. Maybe we'll even get a boat ride in. The fun begins at 6:30 pm at W2329 Otter Ponds Court, Keshena.

Men's Campfire for September will be at Rich Raddant's house on September 14th.

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 **Homosexuality**. Of course, this topic is right in front of us a lot. What does the Bible have to say? Can you stand true to Scripture and still be loving? Please take a copy and begin learning about what God has to say and not just what the world has to say.



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.fmssc.org/>.

READINGS AT CHURCH

August 6th: Isaiah 55:1-5
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 13th: Job 38:4-18
Romans 10:5-17
Matthew 14:22-33

August 20th: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32
Matthew 15:21-28

August 27th: Isaiah 51:1-6
Romans 11:33-12:8
Matthew 16:13-20

SPRITUAL OUTREACH

Our next meeting will be on August 12th at 9:00 am. All church members are welcome to attend. We will be discussing the upcoming Bazaar. Bring along your thoughts and ideas.

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>

CHURCH BUILDING LOAN BALANCE

The amount owed for the loan to build the Fellowship Hall addition began at \$1,491,972.69. Our first monthly payment of \$7,369.52 was made January 1st. After making our monthly payments and getting a substantial refund on a construction bill that was paid twice, the balance at the end of the 2nd Quarter was \$1,415,519.20. Thanks be to God for His blessings.

CHOIR

It's that time again to get ready for another chance to sing praise to the lord. The first practice is Monday, September 11th, at 6:15 pm. It's important for us to get off with a running start because we agreed to be a part of the city-wide Christmas Program on Sunday Dec. 10th, at 2:00 pm. We have music to learn for that event, along with our own church service music. We'll need everyone to start practice on Sept. 11th and then attend Mondays faithfully. Hope to see all of you at practice. It will be fun.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 - Amy Casetta
1 - Dustin Fischer
1 - Dave Hoffman
1 - Debra Liadis
2 - Lena Johnson
2 - Makenzie Schroeder
3 - Cheryl Arthur
3 - Isabella Buettner
4 - Kris Avery Averoe
4 - Lorine Raddant
5 - Dave Betzig
5 - Colsyn Fischer
6 - Brantley Buettner
6 - Michael Cotter
6 - Lainey Peters
7 - Kerry Breitrack
8 - Scott Breitrack
9 - Natalie Sperberg
11 - Joshua Bahr
11 - Vicki Bahr
11 - Cooper Clark
11 - Joan Stoehr
11 - Nancy Thelen
11 - Josh Krueger
12 - Ryatt Watters
13 - Jim Wendorff
14 - Tim Teetzen
15 - Amy Kleinschmidt
15 - Corey Marcell
16 - Krystal Buettner
16 - Kenneth Murphy III
18 - Katie Horne
18 - Dylan Yorton
19 - Colton Olson
19 - Korbin Price
19 - Cindy Winkler
20 - Tamra Buntrock
21 - Lily Felckowski
21 - Lee Lindner
21 - Marion Ruhbusch
22 - Barbara Bubolz
22 - Linsey Carroll
22 - Hailey Hawkinson
22 - Rob McDowell
22 - Brooke Sperberg
23 - Diane Ireland
23 - Vicki Waldvogel
24 - Patti Samson
25 - Alicia Giese
26 - Julie Burr
26 - Jaklyn Sperberg
26 - Wanda Stueck
26 - Shawn Verstoppen
27 - Karter Westphal
28 - Marilyn Picard
28 - Teagen Thompson

29 - Carrie Westphal
29 - Jana Yorton
30 - Chase Benser
30 - Janelle Lange
30 - Teresa Schuettpelz
31 - Kelsey Gast
31 - Terry Moede
31 - Barb Teetzen

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.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

01, 1998 - Terry & Pam Moede
03, 2019 - Lucas & Rachel Bedroske
06, 1983 - Mark & Kathy Kroenke
09, 1997 - Michael & Hope Peters
09, 2003 - Randy & Jennifer Schroeder
10, 1958 - Don & Joanne Bublitz
10, 2012 - Dan & Stephanie Laabs
11, 2012 - Josh & Corine Krueger
12, 2017 - Dylan & Sabrina Schmidt
14, 2004 - Jeremy & Sarah Benser
14, 2010 - Matt & Christie Hietpas
16, 2014 - Jay & Stephanie Schuettpelz
19, 2000 - Wade & Carrie Bohl
19, 2017 - Nick & Desirae Thiel
20, 2005 - Pete & Cheryl Arthur
20, 2005 - Bob & Kay Marquardt
20, 2005 - Ben & Amanda Reinke
21, 2010 - Trevor & Jennifer Murdock
24, 2002 - Bradley & Amanda Felckowski
25, 1990 - Jim & Katie Horne
26, 2006 - Brad & Jenni Sperberg
28, 2010 - Grant & Amy Riesenberg
31, 1968 - Dennis & Kathy Fonger

AN ANNIVERSARY OF MARRIAGE PRAYER

O Lord Jesus, Your mercies are new ever morning. We thank You for another year of married life together for name and name. Open their hearts always to receive more of You 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.

AUGUST 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elders: Sat: Jon Wesenberg Sun: Rich Raddant Brian Sperberg Special: Mark Schuster		1	2	3	4	5 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Blaze Enjik
6 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Cooper Clark	7	8 1:00 Book Club 5:00 Elders	9	10 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Men's Campfire at Gary Weckwerth's	11	12 9:00 Spiritual Outreach 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Khloe Wendorff
13 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Blake Weishoff	14	15	16 6:30 Catechism Meeting	17 1:00 Bible Study	18	19 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Connor Stuber
20 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Colton Peters	21	22	23	24 1:00 Bible Study	25	26 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: McKenzie Kuhn
27 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Brooklyn Krueger	28	29	30	31 1:00 Bible Study		Altar Guild: Lisa Evenson Carol Magee Betty Szucs Noël Kleinschmidt

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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

