

## From Pastor Kleinschmidt

**W**e continue the series on how to listen to a sermon this month. Last month I explained how a Scripturally faithful sermon will always include law and gospel. It will convict you of your sins or show you the trouble in your world and then show you your savior, Jesus Christ who has rescued you from sin, death, and the devil.

The next thing to keep in mind is that a sermon may talk about sin or it may talk about Jesus but if it is not applied to you, then it has not done the purpose for which God intended it.

You may look for sermons to be about you. And they rightly should be. Sermons should connect with your life and connect you to the story of Holy Scripture and show how you are not disconnected from the story of Salvation History as presented in the pages of Holy Scripture. But a sermon that is only about you will leave you feeling empty. If the sermon is only about you then the pastor is only telling you what you may already know about yourself.

**The sermon will not only be about you but it will be for you.** That is the heart of the Gospel. It is the work of Jesus Christ **for you**. The sermon will proclaim and declare that the promises and riches of God are **for you** and you receive them in your hearing.

We recognize this because we know the Word of God is performative. That means it does what it says. It creates and gives the things of which it speaks.

For example, performative speech is used when God says, "Let there be light." By the words spoken by God, reality is created. In the same way, when you hear that you are forgiven of your sins, it

happens. When you hear that you are one with Christ by faith in him, it is true. When you hear that eternal life is given to **you**, it is given. The performative Word of God is **for you**. It is God doing something in your life that is new. Your life is changed in your hearing of the Word of God.

The entire Small Catechism of Martin Luther is an exercise in giving Jesus for you. The Commandments show you **your sin**. The Apostles' Creed tells you of your God who created, provides, and protects **you**. It tells of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ **for you**. It tells how the Holy Spirit has created faith **for you**. It tells you how to pray and how God answers prayers **for you**. It speaks of how God has called you his own in Holy

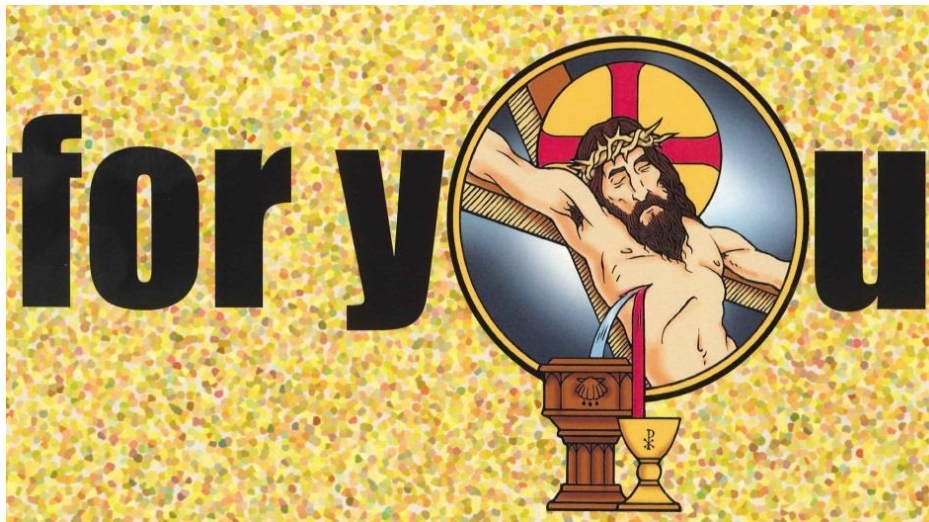
Baptism and given the gift of life **for you**. It teaches of confession and absolution, the word of forgiveness **for you**. It tells you about Holy Communion and how the Sacrament of the Altar is Jesus Christ coming to you with bread and wine and his body

and blood **for you** and your forgiveness, life and salvation.

The sermon will distinguish law and gospel and declare that all of these things are **for you**. It's personal, so personal that it is all **for you**! You should listen to what is being declared as **for you**. It should be Jesus **for you**. "**For you**" implies that something is being delivered and so that thing being delivered is very important. Every sermon should deliver Jesus and his free gospel of forgiveness and life **for you**. Every time! There are no exceptions. It isn't truly Christian preaching unless you are hearing Jesus **for you**.

In Christ,

-Pastor Kleinschmidt



# ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

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## DONATIONS FOR CRAFT SALE

Items for the craft and bake sale can be dropped off Friday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, in the morning. We will be setting up for the sale at that time. If you need to make other arrangements for drop-off, please check with Nancy Thelen. Unsold items will be available for sale after the Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> services. Any remaining items must be picked up the week of Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. Any that remain after Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> will be donated to either Goodwill or the LCFS Thrift Shop.

## ST. JAKOBI BOOK CLUB

The following is the list of books chosen for the upcoming months: November 7<sup>th</sup> – *Orphan Train*; December 5<sup>th</sup> – *Catching Christmas*.

## BAPTISM

Baptized into Christ on October 8<sup>th</sup> was **Walker James Jashinsky**. He is the son of Keith and Katelyn Jashinsky. His baptismal sponsors are Kraig, Koby & Kole Jashinsky.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

- 11/5 Living Water
- 11/12 The Poolside Sign
- 11/19 The Matthew Matter
- 11/26 Christmas Program Practice Begins

## THANKSGIVING, ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

These are services in addition to normal Worship.

- 11/22 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Worship (HC)
- 12/6 6:30 PM Advent Worship
- 12/13 6:30 PM Advent Worship
- 12/17 3:00 PM Children's Christmas Service
- 12/20 6:30 PM Advent Worship
- 12/23 No Saturday Evening Service
- 12/24 9:00 AM Worship (HC)
- 12/24 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship (HC)
- 12/24 9:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight
- 12/25 9:00 AM Worship (HC)

## FALL BACK TIME CHANGE!

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 2am. Set your clocks one hour back before you go to bed or you will not be on time for church Sunday morning.

## 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.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

This year we will begin practice for the Christmas program on November 26<sup>th</sup>. There will also be Saturday morning practices on December 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. The program will be held on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

## YOUTH GROUP

We had a great turnout at our first youth group of last month! Once again, we'll meet on a Wednesday; November 8<sup>th</sup>. We'll have a meal at 5:30 followed by a devotion with Pastor and then an activity at church. 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to attend

## 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.

## CEMETERY ASSOCIATION NEWS

Help us prepare for Veteran's Day on November 11<sup>th</sup>. The cemetery guidelines indicate that planters, vases, and decorations placed on or after May 1<sup>st</sup> are to be removed by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Items not removed may be removed or discarded. Winter or Veteran decorations may be placed November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## FUNERALS

**Elfrieda Buettner** passed away on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Her funeral was on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.

**Elmer Ackermann** passed away on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023. His funeral was on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> is New Member Sunday. Be sure to come and welcome the new members to the congregation.

## MEN'S CAMPFIRE

All men at St. Jakobi are invited for an evening of fun and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm.

## 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.



## 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>

## HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE

We will begin planning for a Youth Group trip to the Higher Things Conference being held at Concordia University, Mequon, WI next summer, June 25-28, 2024. The theme is *Who am I?* Registration will be completed by January 2024. This is for all youth who are beginning 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Stay tuned for more information.



## WEDDING

Tom Teetzen and Stacey Bartz were united in holy marriage on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The Lord bless them in their life together.

## HARVEST DISPLAY

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for our Harvest Display here at St. Jakobi. You may bring your items to any of the church services and put them around the Harvest Display in the front of the church. The last day we will collect the food is November 19<sup>th</sup> and then it will be distributed to a needy family or the Shawano Area Food Pantry.

## ADVENT SERVICES

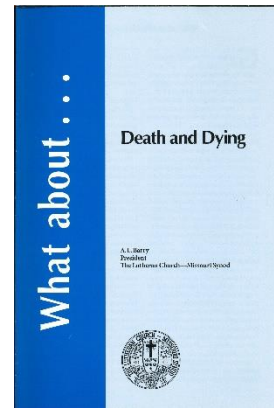
Advent services will begin on December 6<sup>th</sup>. They will be at 6:30pm and there will be a meal served in the Fellowship Hall from 5-6:10pm.

## MITTEN TREE

Anyone wishing to donate children's mittens, hats or stockings to our Mitten Tree project please bring them and put them on the tree in the Narthex. Right after Thanksgiving we will be collecting all of them and taking them to area schools for needy children. We had a great response last year and this is a wonderful way to share God's love.

## 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 **Death and Dying**. Is death natural? How should we face death? What happens when we die? As Christians, can we grieve? There are lots questions that we have, and this little pamphlet gives nice, short answers. Please take a copy and begin learning about what God has to say and not just what the world has to say.



## READINGS AT CHURCH

- November 5<sup>th</sup>:** Revelation 7:9-17  
1 John 3:1-3  
Matthew 5:1-12
- November 12<sup>th</sup>:** Amos 5:18-24  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Matthew 25:1-13
- November 19<sup>th</sup>:** Zephaniah 1:7-16  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:14-30
- November 26<sup>th</sup>:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
1 Corinthians 15:20-28  
Matthew 25:31-46

## BULLETIN INSERT CHANGES

Starting the weekend of Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, we'll be using inserts that look a bit different. You'll see that the Collect of the Day will no longer be listed. The prayer will be prayed by Pastor Kleinschmidt. The information about the cover of the bulletin will now be listed in that area, allowing us more room in the bulletin for announcements.


## WALK THRU THE BIBLE

WALK THRU THE BIBLE: Mark your calendars! Our Old Testament Event will take place Saturday, February 3, 2024. Fellowship begins at 8:30 a.m. with the event occurring from 9:00 to noon with a lunch after. Come and experience God's Word like you never have before as we walk through the Old Testament from Genesis to Malachi. Registration will begin in early December.

## ADULT CATECHESIS

There is a New Member Class that is beginning October 28<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are six classes over the course of six months. This is a great review for long-time members and an opportunity to bring a friend to learn about St. Jakobi. Talk to Pastor to get more information.

## THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

If you are a Thrivent Member,  you may have choice dollars that you can designate to be given to St. Jakobi, or Wolf River Lutheran 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](http://www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to make your designations.

## LUTHERAN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION



In order to assist LCMS Lutherans and congregations, a new Credit Union 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](http://www.lutheranfcu.org).

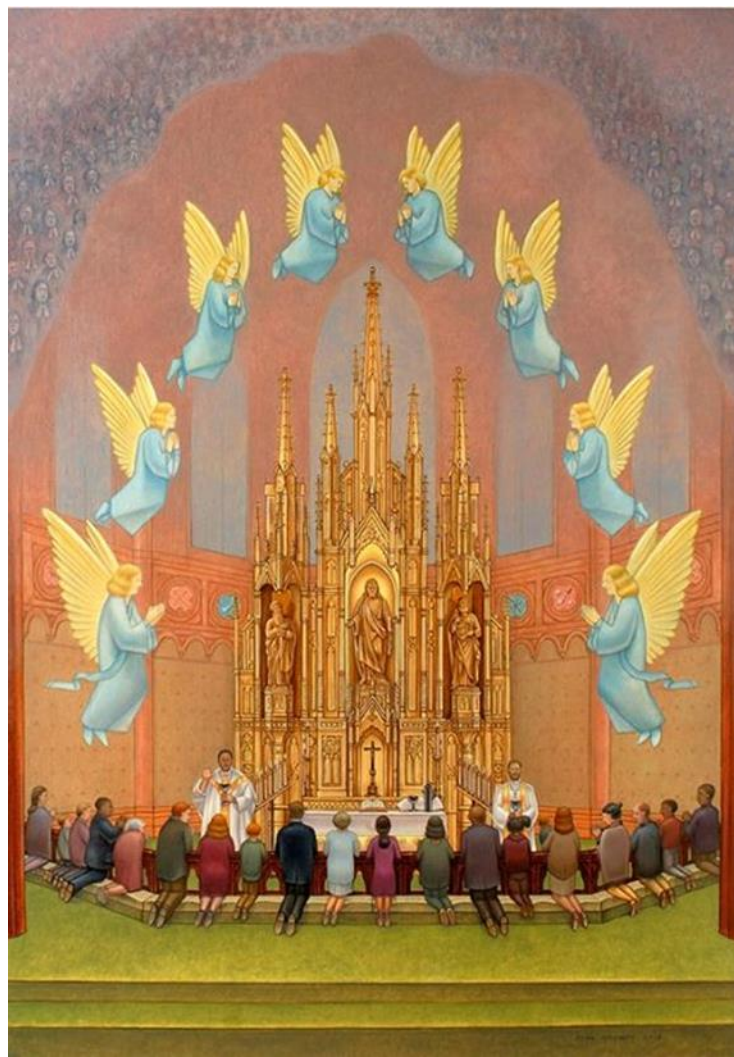
## THANKSGIVING SERVICE

There will be a Thanksgiving Service on Thanksgiving Day at 9am.



## ALL SAINTS' DAY

November 1st is All Saints' Day. The Church remembers in great joy those who have gone before us and have received the blessing of life eternal. The picture on this page is designed to give great comfort to God's people. Death is often a great sadness to those who remain on earth because of the separation between those living and those who have died in the faith. This picture is designed to show that you are most closely connected to those who have died in the faith when you come up to the Communion rail to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus. It is for this reason that the pastor says before Communion, "With angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and saying..." Then the people sing the song of the angels from Isaiah 6, "Holy, Holy, Holy!" Those who have died in the faith are numbered in the company of heaven so you are around the Altar with your loved ones who are in heaven. So the next time you approach the Altar rail, be reminded that you join in Communion with Christ not just with the people at St. Jakobi, but also all the saints in heaven



## USED PORTALS OF PRAYER

When you turn in your used Portals of Prayer into the basket in the Narthex they are collected and sent to the LWML of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Forestville, Wisconsin. They recently sent Christian literature in 54 huge boxes throughout the world via an organization named Love Packages. This organization exists to glorify God through the distribution of Christian reading material. Please support this effort by returning your Portals of Prayer when you are done with it so other Christians can be edified and uplifted. You can learn more at [www.lovepackages.org](http://www.lovepackages.org).

## CHURCH BUILDING LOAN BALANCE

The amount owed for the loan to build the new addition as of June 30<sup>th</sup> was \$1,415,519.20. After our regular payments, the balance at the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter is \$1,405,325.47. Thanks be to God for His blessings.

## ROOTED AND BUILT UP IN CHRIST

Our new 3-year commitments have been collected. There were 67 commitments made for a total amount of \$308,925. These go from September 2023 through September 2026. This puts us in excellent financial situation as it is more than the loan payments over that same period.

## ISSUES, ETC

*Issues, Etc.* is an internet radio program hosted by LCMS pastor, Todd Wilken. They address topics in the news from an intentionally Lutheran Christian perspective and interview guests about issues within the church. **Recent programming features Social Media, Journalism, and the Israel-Hamas War; Luther's insights into Mental Illness; Why Babies Should be Baptized; and Your unanswered Bible Questions.** You can listen to what you want, when you want at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org). You can download the episodes to your Smart Phone or stream on any device.

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<http://bit.ly/iOSCatechism> or for Android at <http://bit.ly/AndroidCatechism>

## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Four members of St. Jakobi Lutheran Church recently participated in the Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sheboygan Falls. There were 99 volunteers during this two-hour pack session. 108 boxes were packed which totaled 23,328 meals. 64 children in need will receive a meal per day for a year. We serve God with our hearts and hands when we serve others. Prayerfully consider participating in this mission trip in October 2024.



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 - Katelyn Jashinsky  
2 - Colbie Reinke  
3 - Skye Breitrick  
3 - Debra Daley  
3 - Anna Laabs  
3 - Kersten Stueck  
4 - Stacie Robbins  
5 - Marshal Giese  
7 - Layden Plaster  
9 - John Boyles  
9 - Scott Wendorff  
10 - Judi Raddant  
10 - Jessica Van Buren  
11 - Randy Burr  
11 - Cathy Hoffman  
13 - Lucas Bedroske  
13 - Mckenzi Kuhn  
13 - Alec Raddant  
14 - Stephanie Laabs  
14 - Lillien Murdock  
15 - Rylee Trochil  
16 - Michael Daley  
16 - Norma Martzke  
16 - Rebecca Owen  
17 - Brittney Angeli  
17 - Connor Angeli  
17 - Jed Schuettpelz  
17 - Kayla Szucs  
18 - Elliot Clark  
18 - Hope Peters  
18 - Henry Pleshek  
18 - Brielle Reinke  
18 - Bruce Teetzen  
19 - Barbara Berkhahn  
19 - Dale Magee  
19 - Jonathan Riesenberg  
19 - Morgan Riesenberg  
20 - Travis Kleinschmidt  
21 - Daniel Buettner  
21 - Gerald Ludolph  
22 - Nicole Horne  
23 - Jacob Berkhahn  
23 - Jennifer Utecht  
24 - Randy Giese  
24 - Ian Stuber  
24 - Lori Buettner (Robbie)  
25 - Bonnie Cotter  
25 - Jamie Massey  
25 - Ashlee Pethke  
26 - Noah Wendorff  
26 - Shania Skalitzky  
28 - Georgia Ladwig  
29 - Tom McGahan  
29 - Steve Verstoppen

## 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.

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

05, 2022 - Taylor & Ashlee Pethke  
06, 2021 - Joshua & Brinlee Gueths  
06, 1971 - Curt & Margie Wendorff  
10, 1973 - Bill & Darlene Ross  
14, 2014 - John & Jennifer Kriewaldt  
15, 1986 - Doug & Barbara Berkhahn  
26, 1994 - Douglas & Brenda Gast  
26, 1966 - Dale & Carol Magee

## 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.*

# NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Elders:</b> <b>Sat:</b> Brian Sperberg <b>Sun:</b> Rich Raddant Jon Wesenberg <b>Special:</b> Bob Behrens			<b>1</b> 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	<b>2</b> 1:00 Bible Study 7:00 Adult Catechesis	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00 Craft & Bake Sale 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Blaze Ejnik
<b>5</b> <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i> 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Hailey Fischer	<b>6</b> 5:30 Elders 6:15 Choir 7:00 Altar Guild	<b>7</b> 1:00 Book Club	<b>8</b> 4:15 Catechism 5:30 Youth Night 6:30 Bible Study	<b>9</b> 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Men's Night	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Payton Skalitzky
<b>12</b> 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Lincoln Ejnik	<b>13</b> 6:15 Choir	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	<b>16</b> 1:00 Bible Study	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Adam Kleinschmidt
<b>19</b> 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Layden Plaster	<b>20</b> 6:15 Choir	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <i>Thanksgiving</i> 9:00 Service (HC) Acolyte: Jaelyn Hietpas	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 3-5 Caroling @ Franklin Park 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Kavion Franklin
<b>26</b> 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Brielle Reinke	<b>27</b> 6:15 Choir	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 4:15 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	<b>30</b> 1:00 Bible Study		<b>Altar Guild:</b> Jana Yorton Elizabeth McDowell Judi Raddant Karleen Brei

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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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

