

## From Pastor Kleinschmidt

In all my catechism classes, I make it a practice with the students to recite together the Evening Prayer as Martin Luther has taught us in the Small Catechism at the end of every class.

The Morning Prayer and the Evening prayer are only three sentences long, and upon close examination are identical except for the last phrases of the first sentence. The beginning and endings are exactly the same. This makes them quite easy to memorize.

These prayers begin with thanksgiving followed by specific petitions regarding our care as our Father's dear children throughout the immediate time that is before us—either sleeping or awake. These prayers with their petitions are in accordance with God's will as recorded in his Word. Jesus teaches us to cast all your cares upon him. Jesus also tells us not to worry about tomorrow, because there is plenty to concern ourselves with in the present time. What is more, we are praying to the heavenly Father just as our Lord Jesus Christ did. And according to the instructions of Jesus we are to pray to the Father through his name who gives glory to his Father and trusts him in all matters here on earth and in heaven above.

I suppose that we (at least in the United States) might think this to be the safest time to live in all of history. And I suppose compared to Luther's time with our security alarms and solid door and window locks, along with Carbon monoxide and smoke alarms, as well as, furnaces and water heaters that shut down if sensors detect a problem, we do live much more guarded lives physically. Even our cars are made with breakaway shock-reducing components and air bags to ensure a better chance for survival with little injury upon a crash. But in the spiritual realm all around us, the devil and his demons are ever as diligent to hurt and devour us as they have been in any age. During your sleep they

desire to threaten you with fear and ultimately take your life. During our wakefulness, they desire the same, but also give us plenty in this world that would occupy us and keep our hearts and minds from God. They would have us hear messages that discredit or are simply outright lies about God and his Word. Their work is to destroy our faith and trust in our heavenly Father, his redemption through his Son, Jesus Christ, and his work through the Holy Spirit to call us by the Gospel, enlighten us with His gifts, and sanctify and keep us in the true faith.

And so we ought pray in thankfulness for God's gracious keeping—both through the night and through the day. Through the day we pray that he would keep us from sin and every evil, so

### The Morning Prayer:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that you would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

### The Evening Prayer:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

that all our doings in life may be pleasing to God. Through the night we pray that as he has graciously kept us throughout the day that he would do so also this night. And because we sin daily, we petition him to forgive us all the sins where we have done wrong—those of which we know and those of which we do not know. With sins forgiven we then know that we have peace and a clear conscience before God.

With that, we are then bold to pray that our entire lives of

both body and soul be commended into his hands for safekeeping. We ask him to keep us from both physical and spiritual threat through the watchfulness of his mighty angels. His angels have power over demons for they are holy and have a sword of God's Word and command. In peaceful thanksgiving we gladly commend ourselves and all things to God whose will for us is served by these most holy beings. It is good to think often of them in your presence and thank God for them.

You see then what wonderful treasure we have in these prayers. Learn them and pray them and your Heavenly Father will hear and answer you.

Prayerfully, Pastor Kleinschmidt

# ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

## 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.

## MEN'S NIGHT

All men of the congregation are invited to a Men's Night at Brennan Price's home, weather permitting, on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm. Bring a snack to share and join us! Next to the church at W8051 County Rd. A.

## ST. JAKOBI BOOK CLUB

The following is the list of books chosen for the upcoming meetings: May 7<sup>th</sup> – *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown; August 6<sup>th</sup> – *Raft of Stars* by Andrew J Graff (we will meet at Marlene Weckwerth's home); September 3<sup>rd</sup> – book to be determined; October 1<sup>st</sup> – *The Wish* by Nicholas Sparks; November 5<sup>th</sup> – *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger; Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> – book to be determined. The Book Club will not meet in June and July.

## SENIOR CONNECTIONS LUNCHEON

Thank you to all who attended the Senior Connections Luncheon on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Our Outreach team will be looking at the surveys that were completed, and will be discussing hosting future luncheons. If you have any further comments or suggestions, please speak with Nancy Thelen or Marlene Weckwerth.

## CHURCH PICNIC

Our annual church picnic will be held on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 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. For planning purposes, there are sign-up sheets in the Narthex if you plan on attending.

## BRAT FRY

We will be hosting a brat fry at Qualheim's True Value on Friday & Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, from 9-3. We are looking for volunteers to help us on both days. If you are able to help, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Proceeds from the event will be used to help pay our children members tuition at St. James Lutheran School and Wolf River Lutheran High School. If you have any questions, you can speak with Jon Wesenberg.

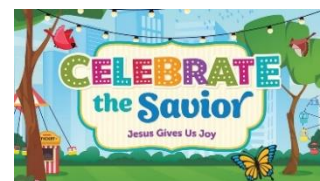
## CHARLIE'S RED BARN

This year we have 3 scheduled brat sales at Charlie's Red Barn. They are June 6, 7, & 8; July 22, 23, & 24; and August 8, 9, & 10. We will be putting a sign-up sheet in the Narthex in the near future for those days. Come join the fun and fellowship that we enjoy. If you're not able to work at the Brat Fry, consider supporting St. Jakobi by purchasing a burger, or brat.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held the week of June 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> in the mornings. The theme this year is Celebrate the Savior. The week of VBS is the week after school gets out. Registration is now open for children and volunteers. You can register at <https://vbsmate.com/JakobiVBS> or the QR code. If you would like to help, there are numerous possibilities, including guiding children from station to station, helping with crafts, working in the kitchen, or making snacks.



## CEMETERY ASSOCIATION NEWS

The cemetery guidelines indicate that planters, vases, and decorations may be placed on or after May 1<sup>st</sup>. Keep in mind that these items must be removed by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## 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.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Examination of Confirmands will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup>, Confirmation Sunday is May 26<sup>th</sup>, VBS is June 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, and the Outdoor service and church picnic is June 16<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 SCHOOL SCHEDULE

5/5 Standing Trial  
5/12 The Living Wonder  
5/19 The Proof Room (Last Day of Sunday School)



## ISSUES, ETC

SANCTIFYING YOUR COMMUTE WITH THE WORD OF GOD...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Resurrection of Jesus, Easter hymns, topics in politics and the news, and more. You can listen live or on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

## READINGS AT CHURCH

**May 5<sup>th</sup>:** Acts 10:34-48  
1 John 5:1-8  
John 15:9-17

**May 12<sup>th</sup>:** Acts 1:12-26  
1 John 5:9-15  
John 17:11b-19

**May 19<sup>th</sup>:** Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Acts 2:1-21  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

**May 26<sup>th</sup>:** Isaiah 6:1-8  
Acts 2:14a, 22-36  
John 3:1-17

## SPIRITUAL OUTREACH

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am in the Jerusalem Room. All members are invited to attend. We will be discussing the Senior Connections Luncheon, along with a project calendar and future projects for the remaining year. We will also be packing Buckets of Sunshine, to be distributed to Safe Haven and SAM25.

## ROOTED AND BUILT UP IN CHRIST

The 2024 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter started with a loan balance of \$1,396,502 and after making our regular payments the quarter finished with a balance of \$1,390,160.

## NEW MEMBERS

New members welcomed into the congregation on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> were: Jim Darling; Jim & Judy Oberstein; Skylar Rodenbeck (pictured with Mackenzie Boyles), Jan Schroeder and Tina Ellis (Not pictured).





## MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Greg Samson  
1 - Jennifer Stuber  
2 - Tucker Pyatskowitz  
3 - Sarah Benser  
3 - Connie Kunze  
4 - Lori Wendorff (Scott)  
5 - Jenni Sperberg  
6 - Carol Popelka  
7 - Michael Kroenke  
7 - Lisa Otto  
7 - Paul Wollangk  
8 - Jonathan Ebert  
8 - Chase Erickson  
8 - Aspen Gehnke  
8 - Kayden Price  
9 - Steve Gueths  
10 - Kevin Herrmann  
10 - Amber Schmidt  
10 - Janell Wesenberg  
11 - Bryce Bohl  
12 - Natineal Kunze  
12 - Danny Otto  
12 - Andrew Theis  
12 - Marlene Weckwerth  
12 - Jamison Yorton  
13 - Jim Fiske  
13 - Sawyer Schuettpelz  
14 - Tom Teetzen  
14 - Hailey Weishoff  
15 - Amie Olson  
15 - Thomas Theis  
16 - Pete Arthur  
16 - Brandon Buettner  
17 - Ruth Cummings  
17 - Kathy Fonger  
17 - Caleb Wendorff  
18 - Jeff Schuettpelz  
18 - Madisyn Skalitzky  
18 - Connie Steinke  
20 - Everly Gueths  
21 - MaryJane Kucksdorf  
22 - Darlene Drake  
22 - Megan Pederson  
23 - Kloie Boyles  
23 - Abby Parilek  
23 - Emily Raddant  
24 - Luke Kleinschmidt  
25 - Susan Giese  
27 - Joanne Behrens  
27 - Nathaniel Gueths  
27 - Paul Kroenke  
27 - Brooklyn Krueger  
27 - Keonna Lindner  
27 - Levi Wendorff  
28 - Tammy Burr  
28 - Richard Raddant  
29 - Paige Bedroske

29 - Justin Buntrock  
29 - Jim Szucs, Jr.  
29 - Gloriann Watzlawick  
29 - Margaret Wendorff  
30 - Katie Carroll  
31 - Susan Klemens

## 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.

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

05, 2007 - Eric & Kim Wendorff  
07, 2005 - Brandon & Jessy Clark  
12, 2012 - Justin & Ashley Weishoff  
13, 1989 - Craig & Karleen Brei  
15, 2004 - Jeff & Tina Hartmann  
21, 1983 - Randy & Tammy Burr  
21, 2005 - Kevin & Sheila Herrmann  
24, 2003 - Jim & Cathy Hoffman  
25, 1985 - Steve & Theresa Gueths  
25, 1996 - Tom & Marjorie McGahan  
27, 1989 - David & Noelle Buettner  
27, 1967 - Darwin & Darlene Drake  
28, 1955 - Dan & Shirley Krueger



## 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.*

# MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Elders:</b> <b>Sat:</b> Jamison Yorton <b>Sun:</b> Mike Daley Darryl Prodell <b>Special:</b> Jon Wesenberg			<b>1</b> <b>4:15 Catechism</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>2</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Cooper Clark
<b>5</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Education Hour</b> Acolyte: Blaze Ejnik	<b>6</b> <b>6:15 Choir</b> <b>7:00 Altar Guild</b>	<b>7</b> <b>1:00 Book Club</b>	<b>8</b> <b>4:15 Catechism</b>	<b>9 Ascension Day</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b> <b>6:30 Men's Night</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>9:00 Spiritual Outreach</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Hailey Fischer
<b>12 Mother's Day</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>10:30 Education Hour</b> Acolyte: Payton Skalitzky	<b>13</b> <b>6:15 Choir</b>	<b>14</b> <b>6:30 Elders</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b> <b>6:30 Confirmation Examination</b> Acolyte: Adam Kleinschmidt	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>9-3 Brat Fry at Oualheim's True Value</b> </div> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Lincoln Ejnik
<b>19</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> <b>Last Day of Sunday School</b> Acolyte: Layden Plaster	<b>20</b> <b>6:15 Choir</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>6:30 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Brielle Reinke
<b>26 Confirmation Sunday</b> <b>9:00 Service (HC)</b> Acolyte: Cooper Clark	<b>27 Memorial Day</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>1:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Carol Magee Barb Teetzen Kathy Fonger

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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

