

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

The Epistle reading for August 4th comes from Ephesians 4:1-16. There in verse 1-3 it says, “I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” You have been called by the Lord. This call is not about a cell phone or your home phone line (if you have one anymore). Rather, it is the call you have to be a Christian.

In the explanation to the Third Article in the Small Catechism, Luther writes, “The Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel.” You have been called to faith by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit calls to people to put their trust in Jesus Christ for salvation. And the Spirit works. You have been called.

Those who have been called are part of the called-out ones. That is what the Greek word for church is, “Called out ones.” The Greek word is ἐκκλησία or ekklesia. The church consists of those who have been called by the Spirit. The church isn’t the building, the pastor, or the fun activities of a group of

people. The church is the gathering of those who have been called. You belong to this fellowship because of what the Holy Spirit has done in you. You don’t belong based upon your ethnicity, income, clothes, possessions, or house. You belong because you are called.

Paul continues and writes to the Ephesians that they are to live in a manner worthy of this calling. The called-out ones are to live out this faith in Jesus Christ. Faith in Jesus is not just a Sunday morning activity. It forms how you look at the world, how you interact with people, and your view of what is true.

You look at the world through the lens of Scripture. God’s Word is true and so all you see, hear, and experience is to be filtered through the lens of Holy Scripture. You are also called to live in love towards your neighbor. You live according to the Ten Commandments because this is the good plan for you. It is the worthy thing to do. You should rightly seek the good of others and count yourselves as lesser than the other person. In addition, you know what is true not based upon political ads, news reporters, or any such thing. Truth is revealed in Holy Scripture. Yes, put the best construction on all things, but also realize that there are many lies in this world that Satan will use to draw the called ones away from Jesus Christ.

As one of the called ones you are to live with humility, gentleness, and patience. These are three hard attributes. It is difficult to put others first, to not react with violence or hatred, and bear with others patiently. It is a test of faith; but yet it is also an expression of trust. It is trust in the Lord that you can live the sort of life that you strive to live with others in peace.

That applies to co-workers and bosses. It applies to family and extended family. It extends to your neighbors and friends. As much as it depends upon you, live in peace with all. This is what you have been called to and it is a worthy thing to strive for.

You have been called to faith in Jesus and you have been called to a holy life of love. Live this gift and receive that gift from others. Here, at St. Jakobi, we are the called-out ones who live in our holy callings to be God’s beloved children.

In Christ,
-Pastor



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

OLD TESTAMENT CONNECTIONS

We walked through the Old Testament in January, we dove into each book of the Old Testament in March, and now we are going to see the connections of the Old Testament to the New Testament. We'll see the prophecies, the foreshadowing, the appearances of the Second Person of the Trinity, and the quotations used in the New Testament. We will have an eye-opening Saturday morning class on **August 24th from 9-11:30am**. On the road to Emmaus when Jesus explained how the Old Testament was about him, they said their hearts "burned within them". This is what we'll have the Holy Spirit work within each one of us. Make plans now and invite your friends and family! This Saturday morning class is preparation for our New Testament Path Class on February 1st.

ST. JAKOBI BOOK CLUB

The following is the list of books chosen for the upcoming meetings: September 3rd – *The Women* by Kristen Hannah; October 1st–*The Wish* by Nicholas Sparks; November 5th – *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger; Dec 3rd – book to be determined. The Book Club will not meet in August.

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

BRING A FRIEND TO THE MEN'S CAMPFIRE! All men at St. Jakobi are invited for an evening of fun and fellowship at Jon Wesenberg's on Thursday, August 15th. Invite somebody that hasn't been at a Men's Night yet. Bring your own beverage, and a munchie to share if you wish. The fun begins at 6:30 p.m. at N6087 Crestline Dr., Shawano.

CHARLIE'S RED BARN

We have one more scheduled brat sale at Charlie's Red Barn on August 8, 9, & 10. If you can help, please see the sign-up sheets that will be placed in the Narthex. 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.



POTATO PANCAKE DINNER

The Potato Pancake Dinner will be held on September 22nd. Watch the bulletin for more information.

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.



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.

READINGS AT CHURCH

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| August 4th: | Exodus 16:2-15
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:22-35 |
| August 11th: | 1 Kings 19:1-8
Ephesians 4:17-5:2
John 6:35-51 |
| August 18th: | Proverbs 9:1-10
Ephesians 5:6-21
John 6:51-69 |
| August 25th: | Isaiah 29:11-19
Ephesians 5:22-33
Mark 7:1-13 |

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

The first day for Sunday School is September 8th. We are looking for substitute teachers. If you are willing to put your name on the list, please speak with one of the Board of Education members: Patti Samson, Rachelle Price, or Elizabeth Schroeder.

RAISE RIGHT CARDS

Do you have an upcoming celebration for which you need a gift? Perhaps a birthday or wedding? Maybe you know someone who could use some help, and you'd like to give them a gift card. Check out the large selection of gift cards available through RAISE RIGHT!! Cards ordered on Monday arrive Friday afternoon.

LWML - LUTHERAN WOMEN MISSIONARY LEAGUE

The national organization has been serving others for 80 years. They have filled 475 grants for over \$28,000,000 in 89 countries. They do this by collecting mites which is small change that each member collects and periodically it gets sent to the treasurer.

Here at St. Jakobi some of the Altar Guild members and friends have been sending in their mites three times a year and attending the Spring and Fall LWML Rallies held at various churches in our area. We have also attended Spring and Fall retreats at Camp Luther in Three Lakes. Some of us are going on a short-term mission trip to Detroit in August.

We would like to extend an invitation to the ladies in the congregation to consider joining us by simply collecting mites or attending some of the events.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Barb Teetzen (715-584-2242) or Barb Bubolz (715-524-4492). Check out www.nwdlwml.org or www.lwml.org

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 29th-September 2nd, 2024. There are 3 4-hour shifts per day. You can work as a ticket seller, parker, or flagman. Contact Donna Klemens at 715-853-3127 if you are interested in helping.

CATECHISM MEETING

Students and parents should plan on attending a meeting on August 21st at 6:30pm. Schedules will be handed out along with all the events for Catechism students for the upcoming school year.

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 12th. 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/>.

SENIOR CONNECTIONS

St. Jakobi Spiritual Outreach has set the date for the next Senior Connections Luncheon on Oct. 18th. The menu will include soup, sandwiches, and dessert. If you are retired, or semi-retired, we invite you to join us for some great food and fellowship. We do ask that if you are planning on attending, that you sign up on the sheet that will be placed in the Narthex some time in September. If you have any questions, please speak with Nancy Thelen.

BAZAAR

St. Jakobi Spiritual Outreach will be hosting our annual Bazaar on Nov. 2nd. We will be offering new arts and crafts, along with baked goods for sale. We'll also have cinnamon rolls and coffee to eat in or take out. All proceeds will go to help people in need, including Buckets of Sunshine for SAM25 and Safe Haven; Personal Care kits for Hospice patients; supplies for area schools; and gift cards for families in need. By holding this sale, we can avoid having to ask the congregation for monetary donations throughout the year. If you would like to help us out, we will accept new arts and crafts items, along with home-baked goods, the day before the sale. Watch future bulletins and newsletters for further information. If you have any questions, you can speak with Nancy Thelen or Marlene Weckwerth.

CHURCH BUILDING LOAN BALANCE

The amount owed for the loan to build the Fellowship Hall addition began the second quarter at \$1,390,159.92. After making our monthly payments and an additional \$22,000 on principal (about 3 payments), the balance at the end of the 2nd Quarter was \$1,361,842.24. Thanks be to God for His blessings.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 - Amy Casetta
1 - Nate Ejnik
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 - Jim Darling
14 - Tim Teetzen
15 - Amy Kleinschmidt
15 - Corey Marcell
16 - Krystal Buettner
16 - Kenneth Murphy III
18 - Katie Horne
18 - Dylan Yorton
19 - Brandi Ejnik
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 - Chris Johnson
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, 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 every morning. We thank You for another year 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.

AUGUST 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elders: Sat: Mark Schuster Sun: Mike Daley Jamison Yorton Special: Darryl Prodell		Altar Guild: Betty Szucs Cathy Hoffman Karlene Brei Laura Prodell		1 1:00 Bible Study	2	3 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Lincoln Ejnik
4 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Cooper Clark	5	6	7	8	9	10 9:00 Spiritual Outreach 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Brielle Reinke
BRAT FRY – CHARLIE’S RED BARN						
11 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Lincoln Ejnik	12 6:00 Cemetery Assoc. Meeting	13 6:30 Elders Meeting	14	15 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Men’s Night	16	17 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Blaze Ejnik
18 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Adam Kleinschmidt	19	20	21 6:30 Catechism Class Meeting	22 1:00 Bible Study	23	24 9-11:30 OT Connections 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Cooper Clark
25 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Blaze Ejnik	26	27	28	29 1:00 Bible Study	30	31 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Payton Skalitzky

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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

