

The Messenger

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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JAKOBI LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SHAWANO, WI

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

I'm continuing my series on death, dying, and funerals. Last month I wrote about the practical details if someone is near death and also what happens in regards to funeral planning after a member of the congregation dies. This month I'm going to write about the funeral service.

First and foremost, I think every member of the congregation should attend at least one funeral at St. Jakobi. It is a great opportunity to hear the Gospel of Jesus and the victory over death that he won for us through his cross and empty grave. But even more than that, we are all a part of the family of St. Jakobi so it makes sense to support your family at St. Jakobi when one of the sheep of the Lord go to be with him in everlasting life. Your presence will make a difference to those who mourn and sit in the front row.

Now, a word about the music at the funeral. The music should reflect the nature of the service and speak a word of comfort to those who are attending. The hymns should focus on Jesus and his resurrection. This is the comfort of music in times of distress for God's people. If you want suggestions of great funeral hymns, ask me. At the funeral it may not be the time to sing the song that is the favorite of the deceased or the family that remains. Just because it's sentimental doesn't mean it's the right time to sing it.

The funeral service begins like all services; with the invocation of God's Triune Name. There will be a remembrance of Baptism and we will hear what Paul writes in Romans 6. Next you will hear the Good Shepherd Psalm, Psalm 23. There will be a prayer and then the Scripture readings.

I will often give options of Scripture readings to the family when we plan the service. I like to use the Confirmation verse of the person who is died. This connects their Baptism, Confirmation, and Funeral.

If there is no preference, I will choose Scripture readings that fit the person or connect to the church year.

We will confess the Apostles' Creed because this is the same faith that the deceased confessed in their earthly life.

The sermon will focus on the love of Jesus for the individual. It will pull out of the Scriptures the comfort of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. I'll speak of the good that the Lord provided for the deceased and also how the Lord worked through that person during their earthly life. Ultimately, my goal is that all who hear would know that death has been

defeated by Jesus and we mourn as those who have the certainty of resurrection and reunion with all who we love who have died in the faith.

After the sermon there will be prayers that implore the comfort of the Lord would be

upon those who mourn. We will also thank the Lord for the gift that this person was to each one of us.

Following the prayers is the final benediction and typically we process out to the cemetery for the burial.

The committal (burial) is a short service where we reflect on the grave of Jesus. It was a temporary resting place. In the same way, the grave of the Christian is a temporary resting place until the Lord Jesus returns on the Last Day and raises all the dead. We bury our dead in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to life eternal.

It may sound odd, but the funeral service is a favorite of mine. It is a culmination of a life of faith and the comfort that Jesus rose from the grave for that person. The Word of God has so much to say to those who grieve.

In the resurrection of Jesus,
-Pastor Kleinschmidt



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Only 1 short month until the Bazaar on Nov. 7th. We will once again be offering homemade arts and crafts, and baked goods for sale. Donations of these items allow us to continue our outreach work without having to ask the congregation for financial support to complete our projects throughout the year. If you would like to donate any baked goods, new arts, or crafts, they can be dropped off Friday, Nov. 6th from 9:00 am to noon. If you would like to help at the Bazaar, we are looking for volunteers. Please see Nancy Thelen or Marlene Weckwerth if interested in helping.

CATECHISM CLASS

The school year is in full swing and that means Catechism class has begun. The first day of class was September 9th. The Catechism students (5th-8th grade) will be attending class weekly and continuing their duties serving as Acolytes. May God bless them during their time of instruction in the Christian faith.

CHURCH VOTER MEETING

The Quarterly Voter meeting will be held on October 25th after church. Preliminary agenda items include the 2027 Budget and election of officers. There will be more agenda items to come.

ONLINE GIVING

With the new commitments, now may be the time that you want to signup for recurring donations to St. Jakobi. You can set it and not worry about having your offering envelope each week. Sign up with the website or QR code. <https://tinyurl.com/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.



ST. JAKOBI BOOK CLUB

The following books have been selected for future meetings: October's choice is *Chained to a Killer* by Kellyann Amelung, and will be hosted by Amy. November's book is *The Book Club for Troublesome Women* by Marie Bostwick.

CHURCH OFFICERS

We are looking for new officers to fill the following positions for our congregation in our upcoming election in October: Treasurer, Elder (2), Trustee, Boards of Education and Evangelism. If you are interested in serving the Lord, please take a form in the narthex to be filled out and place in the Elders box when completed.

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 22-25, 2027. The theme is *Torah*. Registration will begin November 1st, and will need to be completed by December 1st, 2026. This is for all youth who are beginning 8th-12th grades. Stay tuned for more information.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

- 10/4 A Laughable Promise
- 10/11 A Merciful Substitute
- 10/18 A Servant's Mission
- 10/25 Twin Troubles

READINGS AT CHURCH

- October 4th:** Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46
- October 11th:** Isaiah 25:6-9
Philippians 4:4-13
Matthew 22:1-14
- October 18th:** Isaiah 35:5-8
Timothy 4:5-18
Luke 10:1-9
- October 26th:** Revelation 14:6-7
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36

LOOKING AHEAD

On October 25th we will celebrate Reformation Day. On November 1st we will celebrate All Saints' Day. On that Sunday we will also welcome new members into the congregation. There will be a Thanksgiving Day Service at 9am.

COUNCIL MEETING

Reminder that Council will meet on Monday, Oct. 12th at 5:30 pm. All boards should be represented at the meeting. We will be reviewing the 2027 budget that will be voted on at the Oct. 25th Voter's Meeting.

PORTALS OF PRAYER

The Portals of Prayer for October through December 2026 are available in the Narthex. There are a few extra-large print copies for those who would like them. When you have finished with September, you can bring your Portals of Prayer back and place it in the basket beneath the bulletin table, if you wish. These copies are passed on to others to help spread God's word.

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.

ALUMINIUM CAN RECYCLING

You can turn your aluminum cans in south of the church. Put the cans in closed bags and then place the bags inside the fence. The youth group will receive the proceeds of the recycling. Thank you!

MEN'S NIGHT

All men from the congregation are invited to the Men's Night on Thursday, October 15th at 6:30 at Brennan Price's house. Bring your own beverages and snack to pass. We'll share in fellowship and friendship. His house is at W8051 County Road A.

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.

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.
<https://tinyurl.com/JakobiNewsletter>

HYMNAL RIBBONS

We are trying to preserve the hymnal ribbons for as long as possible. Please do not braid or pick at the end of the ribbons in the hymnals.

ALTAR GUILD LUNCH

The Altar Guild is hosting an Autumn Blessings lunch on Saturday, October 17th at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for Faith, Food, and Fellowship. Bring a guest and be entered into a drawing. Everyone is invited!

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES

We have had hearing assistance devices the past several years that can help those people who have trouble hearing at church. These small devices fit in a pocket and there are three different options for how they transmit the sound to you. They can have (1) an in-ear speaker, (2) an over the ear speaker (this works on the outside of a hearing aid), (3) or a hearing loop system. The hearing loop system is worn around your neck and transmits the sound directly to the t-coil of your hearing aid. We've had great reviews of these devices. **They work!** Talk to an usher before church and he will help you get acquainted with these new devices. *Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ.* (Romans 10:17)

CEMETERY ASSOCIATION NEWS

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

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

Do you want the Small Catechism on your smartphone or tablet? There's an app for that. You can download the free Small Catechism for iOS at <http://bit.ly/iOSCatechism> or for Android at <http://bit.ly/AndroidCatechism>



WEDDINGS

Congratulations to **Braiden and Ally Mott** on their marriage on August 29, 2026

Congratulations to **Danny and Alexa Darling** on their marriage on September 5, 2026

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY

1 - Huntleigh Buettner
1 - Keegan Gast
2 - Brandon Clark
2 - Mike Hein
3 - Ben Kallies
4 - Tristan Buntrock
6 - Ellie Buntrock
6 - Elizabeth McDowell
7 - Barbara Bahr
7 - Audrey Sperberg
8 - Bernadette Conradt
8 - Gavin Opperman
8 - Shirley Ritch
10 - Garrett Giese
10 - Gunnar Hein
10 - Chris Matsche
10 - Matthew Horne
10 - Mark Kroenke
11 - Taylor Genke
11 - David Schoenike
12 - Roxy Martzke
12 - Mandi Reinke
12 - Jay Schuettpelz
12 - Mollie Schuster
13 - Wade Bohl
14 - Brad Teetzen
15 - Will Teetzen
16 - Carl Gebert
18 - Liam Buntrock
19 - Donna Lopez
20 - Austin Hartmann
21 - Emelia Gueths
22 - Nolan Kleinschmidt
22 - Seth Schroeder
22 - Tom Tuma
25 - Laura Prodel
26 - Rehn Schmidt
27 - Justin Cotter
29 - Josh Krueger
30 - Lisa Evenson
31 - Winstyn Carroll
31 - Jameson Sperberg

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.

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

02, 1993 - Tabb & Sarah Magee
02, 1999 - Gregg & Emily Pleshek
02, 1999 - Shawn & Wanda Stueck
04, 2008 - Nate & Brandi Ejnik
04, 2014 - Derek & Courtney Drake
05, 2019 - Tyler & Miranda Hoyer
06, 1967 - Jim & Judy Oberstein
08, 2005 - Jeremy & Nicki Meyers
08, 2011 - Bob & Pam Fenn
10, 2003 - Danny & Lisa Otto
11, 1986 - Bruce & Michelle Teetzen
13, 1978 - Steve & Bernadette Conradt
13, 2012 - Josh & Bobbi Jo Ladwig
16, 1971 - Virgil & Cindy Gueths
16, 2004 - Mike & Holly Weatherwax
16, 1999 - Scott & Lori Wendorff
17, 1987 - Robert & Lori Buettner
19, 1974 - Richard & Judi Raddant
20, 2018 - Daniel & Elizabeth Buettner
20, 1979 - Joe & Vicki Buettner
25, 1975 - Gary & Marlene Weckwerth
26, 1985 - Brad & Heidi Teetzen
28, 1989 - Brad & Lorine Raddant
28, 2017 - Jordan & Stacie Robbins

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.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Elders: Sat: Mike Daley Sun: Mike Waldvogel Tim Massey Special: Tom Tuma	Altar Guild: Kathy Fonger Lisa Everson Cathy Hoffman			1 1:00 Bible Study	2	3 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Brysen Halvorson
4 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Carson Hietpas	5 6:15 Choir 7:00 Altar Guild	6 1:00 Book Club	7 4:00 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	8 1:00 Bible Study 4:30 Elders	9	10 9:00 Spiritual Outreach 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Kinlee Meyers
11 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour 2:00 Youth Group Acolyte: Lincoln Ejnik	12 5:30 Council 6:15 Choir	13	14 4:00 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	15 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Men's Night @ Price's house	16	17 11:00 Altar Guild Lunch 4:00 New Member Class 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Adam Kleinschmidt
18 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour Acolyte: Brielle Reinke	19 6:15 Choir	20	21 4:00 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	22 1:00 Bible Study	23	24 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Jase Bisterfeldt
25 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Sunday School Voters Meeting after service Acolyte: Lexi Brady	26 6:15 Choir	27	28 4:00 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	29 1:00 Bible Study	30	31 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Reegan Clark

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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

