

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday. In 1863, during the Civil War, President Lincoln declared that the day be set aside “as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.” Perhaps with the official start of this holiday, President Lincoln gets it right. Thanksgiving can be about turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, football, hunting, family. Those things are all great. I have the fondest of memories of gathering around the table with family to eat delicious meals and then playing cards afterwards and feeling completely stuffed.



But as Christians if we take this holiday as just a time for all of those things mentioned earlier, then we are misusing this holiday that has so much potential.

If we are to give thanks on Thanksgiving, then we have to think about who it is we are giving thanks to. For in everyday life, you never say thank you to nobody. Your thanks are always directed at someone. So on Thanksgiving we consider who it is that we are thanking. And what we are thanking him for.



Of course, we know that we give thanks to God for all the benefits that He has given to us. Our thanks is directed at the one who is the giver of all good things. Even if we direct our thanks to other people in our lives, we also recognize that the people in our lives are the instruments of God. We can thank our employers for giving us jobs. We can thank Mom for making the fabulous Thanksgiving meal. We can thank our family for always being there for us. But even as we do this we also thank

God because he is the ultimate source of all goodness.

In Holy Scripture there are many examples of people giving thanks. There is also one notable one that is generally the reading at Church on Thanksgiving. It is from Luke 17:11-19. Jesus cleanses 10 lepers and they are to go to the temple to show themselves to the priests. And of those 10, only one, “turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks.”



Jesus then looks at him and says, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?” Jesus provides us much for this daily life. For those lepers he provided healing from their affliction. And even though only one gave thanks, all of them were healed. God provides so much to all people. Our desire is to not be like the 9 who fail to acknowledge God’s providence, but instead be like that one who gave thanks to God. Mingled with that thanks is praise to Jesus for all his benefits to us.

Giving thanks isn’t an obligation; instead it is an opportunity to praise God. It’s just like the child who is made to write a thank you note to grandma for the birthday present but doesn’t want to write the note. Knowing of all of God’s gifts we don’t give thanks unwillingly or with a grumbling heart but instead rejoice that we can give thanks and God hears our thanksgiving.

In the words of the hymn, “Give thanks with a grateful heart.” Giving thanks to God for all of you,
-Pastor Kleinschmidt



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

NEW TESTAMENT JOURNEY

St. Jakobi will be hosting a New Testament Bible seminar on **Saturday, February 1, 2025**. We are planning a fun and dynamic, half-day seminar, similar to last year's Walk Thru the Old Testament seminar. This will be led by Pastor Kleinschmidt. 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 in), and Childcare. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Mark Schuster at 715-823-4393 or sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

DONATIONS FOR CRAFT SALE

Items for the craft and bake sale can be dropped off Friday, Nov. 1st, between 12:00 noon and 2:00pm. 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. 2nd and 3rd services. Any remaining items must be picked up the week of November 3rd. Any that remain after Nov. 8th will be donated to either Goodwill or the LCFS Thrift Shop.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Upcoming lessons at Sunday School:

- 11/3 The Unique Greek
- 11/10 The Unknown Revealed
- 11/17 Preaching and Perils
- 11/24 Christmas Program Practice begins

FALL BACK TIME CHANGE!

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 3rd at 2am. Set your clocks one hour back before you go to bed or you will not be on time for church Sunday morning.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

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



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 17th and then it will be distributed to a needy family or the Shawano Area Food Pantry.

MITTEN TREE

Anyone wishing to donate children's mittens, hats or socks 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 to be given to needy children. We had a great response last year and this is a wonderful way to share God's love.

ADVENT SERVICES

Advent services will begin on December 4th. They will be at 6:30pm and there will be a meal served in the Fellowship Hall from 5-6:10pm.

CHURCH BUILDING LOAN BALANCE

The amount owed for the loan to build the new addition as of June 30th was \$1,361,842.24. After our regular payments, the balance at the end of 3rd Quarter is \$1,352,451.92. Thanks be to God for His blessings.

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!

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.



READINGS AT CHURCH

November 3rd: Revelation 7:9-17

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

November 10th: 1 Kings 17:8-16

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

November 17th: Daniel 12:1-3

Hebrews 10:11-25

Mark 13:1-13

November 24th: Isaiah 51:4-6

Jude 20-25

Mark 13:24-37

THANKSGIVING, ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

These are services in addition to normal Worship.

11/28 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Worship (HC)

12/4 6:30 PM Advent Worship

12/11 6:30 PM Advent Worship

12/18 6:30 PM Advent Worship

12/22 3:00 PM Children's Christmas Service

12/24 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship (HC)

12/24 9:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight

12/25 9:00 AM Worship (HC)

12/31 6:30 PM Worship (HC)

RAISE RIGHT CARDS

Do you need a Christmas gift? 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.

ST. JAKOBI BOOK CLUB

The following is the list of books chosen for the upcoming meetings: November 5th – *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger; Dec 10th – *The 13th Gift* by Joanne Huist Smith. In December we will meet at Judi Raddant's for potluck.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

This year we will begin practice for the Christmas program on November 24th. There will also be Saturday morning practices on December 14th and 21st from 9-11:30. The program will be held on Sunday, December 22nd at 3:00 p.m.

MEN'S CAMPFIRE

All men at St. Jakobi are invited for an evening of fun and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, Nov. 14th, at 6:30pm.

SPIRITUAL OUTREACH

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, November 9th. We'll be discussing the results of the Bazaar, along with plans for the Cheer Boxes for the elderly and shut-ins that we'll deliver in December. All members of the congregation are welcome to join us for our meeting.

HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE

We will begin planning for a Youth Group trip to the Higher Things Conference being held at Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska next summer, July 8-11, 2025. The theme is *All Things New*. Registration will begin November 1st, and will need to be completed by January 2025. This is for all youth who are beginning 8th-12th grades. Stay tuned for more information. <https://higherthings.org/events/all-things-new-2025/>



NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Sunday, November 3rd is New Member Sunday. Be sure to come and welcome the new members to the congregation.

POTATO PANCAKE DINNER

We served 665 people and couldn't have done it without so much support and help in the congregation. Thank you to everyone who helped, invited friends, or gave financially.

DID YOU KNOW?

The last three Sundays in the Church Year are November 10th, 17th, and 24th. These last three weeks of the church year focus on the return of Christ. We'll hear about how to be prepared for the coming of Jesus, what the last day will be like, and that we are to be watchful for Jesus' 2nd Coming.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 - Katelyn Jashinsky
2 - Colbie Reinke
3 - Skye Breitrack
3 - Debra Daley
3 - Kersten Stueck
4 - Stacie Robbins
5 - Marshal Giese
7 - Layden Plaster
8 - Jim Oberstein
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 - Lillien Murdock
15 - Rylee Trochil
16 - Michael Daley
16 - Norma Martzke
16 - Rebecca Owen
16 - Bob Ritter
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 - SueAnn Danley
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

02, 1969 - Bob & Chris Johnson
05, 2022 - Taylor & Ashlee Pethke
06, 2021 - Joshua & Brinlee Gueths
06, 1971 - Curt & Margie Wendorff
10, 1973 - Bill & Darlene Ross
13, 2021 - Nate & Lindsey Cumberland
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 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elders: Sat: Brian Sperberg Sun: Mike Daley Jon Wesenberg Special: Mike Daley	Altar Guild: Lisa Evenson Joan Stoehr Karlene Brei Laura Prodell				1	2 9:00 Bazaar 6:30 Service (HC) <i>Acolyte:</i> Jace Bisterfeldt
3 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour <i>Acolyte:</i> Reegan Clark	4 6:15 Choir 7:00 Altar Guild	5 1:00 Book Club	6 3:45 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	7 1:00 Bible Study	8	9 9:00 Spiritual Outreach 6:30 Service (HC) <i>Acolyte:</i> Raelyn Krueger
10 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour <i>Acolyte:</i> Ayva Plaster	11 5:00 Elders 6:15 Choir	12	13 3:45 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	14 1:00 Bible Study 6:30 Men's Night	15	16 6:30 Service (HC) <i>Acolyte:</i> Zoey Riesenber
17 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour <i>Acolyte:</i> Ian Stuber	18 6:15 Choir	19	20 3:45 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	21 1:00 Bible Study 5:30 Fellowship @ Luigi's	22	23 6:30 Service (HC) <i>Acolyte:</i> Cooper Clark
24 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Education Hour <i>Acolyte:</i> Blaze Ejnik	25 6:15 Choir	26	27	28 <i>Thanksgiving</i> 9:00 Service (HC) <i>Acolyte:</i> Hailey Fischer	29	30 6:30 Service (HC) <i>Acolyte:</i> Layden Plaster

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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

