

St. Jacob's Lutheran Church

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PASTORAL DEVOTION FOR NOVEMBER

Can You Drink the Cup?

Read Matthew 20:17-28

On his way to Jerusalem, the mother of James and John requested that her sons be given places of honor next to Jesus' throne. Jesus looked at the two disciples and put forth his own question; "Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" Jesus knew the cup he was given by his Father meant he would suffer and die for the sake of God's people. The cup he is to drink is the cup of God's salvation; a cup that comes at the cost of pouring out his life.

Jesus asks, "Can you drink the cup?" In Faith we answer "Yes, but how?" Jesus gives clear instructions; deny yourself and take up your cross. Drinking the cup of Christ means suffering with him, serving others, enduring hardship, and having faith that God will equip us to do these things. It means putting away our selfish ambitions and extending our hands to meet the needs of the poor, hungry, and lost. Drinking the cup means loving God and loving neighbor first, offering our lives to Christ in order to gain life in God's kingdom.

Can you drink the cup? With God's help, yes you can.

Prayer: O Lord, give us the strength and the will to drink your cup, that we may follow Jesus' example of love and service for the sake of others. Amen.

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Pastor Nuottila's sermons are posted on our church website. Please pass this word along to anyone who cannot worship with us on Sundays.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY



Our Wednesday Morning Bible Study is in full swing as we gather each week at 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall. The topic of our study is *Graying in Grace*, *Becoming Mature Disciples of*

Jesus Christ. This study was written for NALC congregations by Pastor Brad Hales, who was our Homecoming guest preacher in August. Come join us. All materials are provided, the only thing missing is you!

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BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER



19 – Cody Meetze

21 – Janet Lindler

21 – Karlee Smith

24 – Levi Doyle

21 – Sandra Dietrich

23 – Amanda Lindler

24 – Tommy Slice, Sr.

25 – Cassidy Lindler

26 – Jonathan Layton

26 - Luke Lindler

28 – Bill Nuottila

29 - Doris Oder

- 01 Crystal Wallace 02 – Robert Wessinger
- 03 Aaron Dietrich
- 03 Madelyn Coker
- 05 -Ruby Slice
- 06 Bryleigh Prosser
- 07 Faye Wessinger
- 07 Eddie Epting
- 07 Robin Lindler
- 08 Chuck Barras
- 08 Travis Eargle
- 09 Chuck Shobert
- 10 Karoline Zeigler
- 11 Isabella Gerity
- 11 1 sabella Gelly
- 13 Billy McTeer
- 14 David Stopher
- 15 Rachel Nuottila
- 16 Jacob Meetze
- 19 Floriede Lindler
- 19-Kathy Epting







YOUTH DIRECTOR & FAMILY MINISTRIES

The second annual Oktoberfest Fall Festival is in the books! Despite the rain, which moved a few activities indoors, it was a great day spent with our church family. I wanted to especially thank everyone who helped out, I couldn't have done it without you! While reflecting on the week, I was reminded just how lucky I am to have a home at St. Jacob's. I have shared with a number of you the many life transitions that I am currently going through and love getting to hear about the times when many of you were where I am. The thing I have learned the most over the past couple of months is that change can be a good thing. God is continuously changing us and molding us to ultimately be like Him. Even though this may not always be comfortable or line up with where we think our lives are going, we can rest in the fact that He has a plan.

The good thing is that He gives us each other to walk through these things with. We can bear one another's burdens, overlook faults, let offenses go quickly, react out of love, show support, and be there to help or maybe just hold. During these times, we are being molded by God Himself and the Word says He will return for a Church without spot or wrinkle, therefore we need to go through the fire, of refinement, we need to press in and through times of change. I want to encourage you with this: if you're going through a transition season, do not let your heart be troubled, see the good, hold fast to the truth of the Word and the promises of God, and press into your family at St. Jacob's. Let's enter this next season like never before. If you have a need, allow someone to meet it. If you want to bless someone, absolutely go for it. If you have an unsolved issue with a brother or sister, take it to the cross and then to that person for forgiveness. It's refining season and I believe we will begin to see the fruit of accepting these changes in and around us.

> Grace & Peace, Rachel Shelton

From the Pastor's Heart by Pastor David Nuottila

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100:4-5

Waking up early on Thanksgiving morning, the house is already filled with the most pleasing aroma. The feast is being prepared. Perhaps the pies went in first, then the casseroles. In due time, while the parades are concluding and as the pre-game shows begin, the turkey is popped in the oven. Then, after the game, the table is set and the

food is blessed. Dig in everyone, for that is how we give thanks in this day and age.

If the above paragraph rings true (for the most part) then consider this. Behind the dumpster, which is filled to the brim, a small homeless family seeks warmth and shelter from the cold, misty rain. The mission doesn't open its doors for another two or three

hours so the family waits patiently along with the others who have gathered. Then finally, the doors creak open and the usual crowd shuffles in. Among them are some new faces yet, each has the same expression.

Long tables are set with paper plates and plastic cups. Plastic table cloths decorated in autumn colors blend nicely with the napkins adorned with the same pattern. Then the food arrives; a feast to the eyes and a circus for the senses. The flavors of each dish are matched perfectly with the smiles of those generous souls who volunteered to host the banquet. Then suddenly a pause, a pastor offers grace and asks God's blessing upon not only the meal, but for those who enjoy each bite. This, my friends, is how thanks are given in the kingdom of God.

The psalmist who wrote the prayer of thanksgiving above calls upon the people of God enter the

kingdom with thankful hearts. God has provided and will continue to provide for His people. Made sure and certain by our heavenly Father is the safety and security of His eternal kingdom of glory. The hope of rescue from sin and the grave is made a reality through the offering of His Son Jesus Christ. And since God has acted in such a way for His people, our response to enter His gates with thanksgiving, praising and blessing His name forever.

In *Matthew 25:34-40*, Jesus teaches us that our thankful response begins by serving. We serve

the God we cannot see by loving and serving the neighbor we can see. Jesus says, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt.25:35). To share Christ's love in such a way is to share the kingdom of God with those whom God has placed within our midst. Truly, as we do it unto them, we do it unto Him.

I pray you have a wonderful and joyous Thanksgiving holiday. I pray that as your home is opened to family and friends, it is also filled with smiles, laughter, and the Spirit of love for the Lord. It is also my prayer for our church family, that as we pause for this Thanksgiving Day, we would live lives of thanksgiving for all God has done and continues to do for His people. I pray that, year round, we would share the love of God by loving and serving the neighbor God has shown to us. For in this, we proclaim that the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness is for all generations.

> Grace to you and peace, Pastor David Nuottila



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COUNCIL BRIEFS OCTOBER 2019

The St. Jacob's Church Council met October 1st for its regular meeting.

Good things noted for the month of September:

- Pastor home safe from vacation
- Lutheran Men's Service
- Lutheran Women's Congregational Fundraiser Meal
- Collection for Gideons (Approx \$900 Pastor to confirm)
- Children's Choir starting again (Robes are in)
- Family Outing at Pine Island
- Wednesday Evening Light Services
- Paulette did great job at the Evening Light Services

Important Notes and Dates:

- October 5: Blessing of the Animals
- October 7-9: CMD Clergy Convocation at St. Christopher
- October 19: Oktoberfest
- October 27: Reformation Sunday
- November 3: All Saints Sunday

Ongoing Project Updates:

• Parking Lot: Engineer requested that more elevations be shot of the existing storm drain...these were performed September 30th. Engineer will work with architect and provide drawing for review within 2 weeks.

Next Scheduled Meeting: November 5^{th} at 6:30 PM in the Church Office

Respectfully submitted, Andrew J. (A.J.) Peeples, Secretary St. Jacob's Church Council



MEMORIALS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS SEPT 29–OCT 20, 2019

MEMORIAL FUND

 In memory of Walter Metze's Birthday on October 4th—Michael and Ann Corley

LUTHERAN MEN

• In memory of Harold "Precious" Driver— Billy, Sherrie, Lauren and Parker McTeer

BUS FUND

 In honor of Gerald Lindler, our faithful and patient bus driver; we sincerely appreciate all that he does for the Up and Going— St. Jacob's Up and Going



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UP AND GOING



Thursday, Oct 12th, was a beautiful day as thirteen boarded the St. Jacob's Express for our next adventure. A short business meeting was held. Helen Lindler gave the devotions based on travels and the wonders God has created for our enjoyment. She challenged us to find something new today and give our thanks to God for this gift.

The group headed to the Center for Advanced Technical Studies located on the Spring Hill High School Campus. Mr. Will McGinty, Assistant Director for the CATS Center, welcomed us for our scheduled tour. Imagine our delight when the first room we passed, we met Sandy Ellisor, a fellow member of St. Jacob's. Several of the areas we toured were different pods, classrooms, and work laboratories. Some of the areas were Engineering Design, Aerospace Engineering, Robot Technology, Movie and Journalism Technology, Computer Nerd Laboratory, Electricity Lab, Construction Technology, Criminal Justice Technology, Veterinary Services, Firefighter Lab, Energy Technology, Nurses/Health Sciences, Hospitality Services, and The Commons Area.

An interesting fact of the Firefighter Lab Studies is students are ready to be hired as a firefighter...ready to go to work, no other training required. Viewing the Chef's Galley with students measuring, cooking, and performing other aspects of the preparation of food was interesting. The Chef answered questions and gave pertinent comments. Fair food was being prepared that day which consisted of funnel cakes, corn dogs, and cookies. They smelled so good.

This list does not include all areas of study and on-hands training. Our tour ended with a

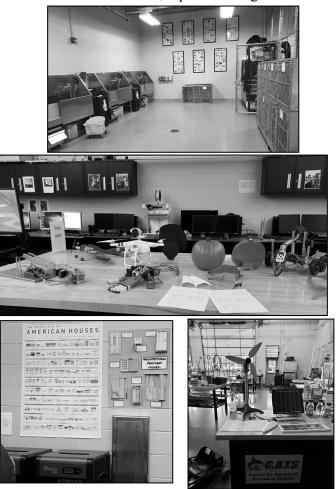
question and answer session and informative comments by Mr. McGinty. The CATS Center is a state-of-the-art facility and serves as an example for local schools and international programs. Approximately 1,000 students attend the CATS Center each day. Last year 11,000 people enjoyed these tours. The CATS Center was simply fascinating to see what is available for our youth to learn. Each area has numerous computers, used for study and design. These classes help to send vouth out into the world prepared to work or to obtain certification in muchless time than normal. These programs benefit both college and non-college bound youth.

To say that we were impressed is an understatement. We were amazed. If only we could of had this opportunity!

Fellowship and lunch was enjoyed at Roma's on Main Street, Prosperity. After lunch, we headed back to St. Jacob's.

Watch the worship folders and bulletin board for November Meeting information.

Helen L. Lindler Team Leader, Up and Going



SOUTH CAROLINA MISSION DISTRICT MEETING

As reported earlier this year, our Carolinas Mission District will divide into four smaller mission districts forming the Carolinas Mission Region. One of these will be the South Carolina Mission District. On November 19th, the NALC congregations in South Carolina will meet at St. Peters Lutheran Church in Chapin. All NALC clergy in South Carolina, and delegates from each congregation will vote to elect a Dean. St. Jacob's will have one delegate. Visitors to the meeting are encouraged to attend. A light meal will be served prior to the meeting at 6:30 PM. Please call the St. Jacob's church office if you plan to attend.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

This year, the Sunday of All Saints will be observed on November 3rd. All Saints Sunday is a day when the Church Militant (those saints who are still living) remembers and gives thanks to God for the lives and the witness of the Church Triumphant (those saints who have passed from earthly life). Traditionally, this is done through prayer and the lighting of a candle. During the Baptismal Rite, candles are given for the newly baptized with the words "Let your light shine before others, that they would see your good work and glorify your Father in heaven.

This year, we especially remember the light and the love of these saints from our church family who have completed their pilgrimage on earth within the last twelve months. Bob Shields, Pearl Cribb, Rie Eargle and Harold Driver have completed the work God gave them, yet their light still shines. Join us on November 3rd for this celebration of saints, and give thanks to God for all His blessings.

LUTHERAN MEN

The Lutheran Men are having their Annual Sausage Sale. Orders must be placed by 10 AM on November 18th. Cost will be \$4 per pound and sold *in bulk only*. Pick up will be Monday, November 25th from 4-6:30 PM. Please see one of the Lutheran Men to place your order.

HUB REQUEST FOR THE CONGREGATION

This year St. Jacob's has been requested to support The HUB by supplying 225 slices of pound cake for Thanksgiving meals. Please drop your donated cakes or wrapped cake slices in the fellowship hall on Wednesday prior to the Thanksgiving Eve Service. Several individuals will get together following the service to complete wrapping and boxing the cake slices for delivery. The Hub is looking forward to providing Thanksgiving meals to 500 people in our community.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Our Thanksgiving Eve worship will take place on Wednesday, November 27th beginning at 6:30 PM. All are welcome to come give thanks to the Lord and share Holy Communion. Following worship, we will prepare pound cake slices for delivery to The Hub for the annual Thanksgiving meals delivery. We look forward to seeing you there.

LUTHERAN WOMEN

With the Holidays coming upon us, we want to remind everyone that we continue to collect food and non-perishable items for WE CARE. The collection box is in the fellowship hall. Also, we have some Rada items and Happy Home Flavoring for sale. If you would like to look at these items or a catalog, please see Phyllis Bickley or Sandra Brown.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Lutheran Men's and Lutheran Women's Annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on Sunday, December 1st immediately following the church service. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Those individuals under 3 years of age and over 80 years of age is free. Please plan to attend and enjoy the delicious meal and great fellowship.



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<u>Ushers</u> – Nov 03 Arthur Langley, Carroll Lindler, Jr., Davis Brown,	<u>Ushers</u>					
Eddie Eargle Nov 10 Gerald Lindler, Julie Stuck, Ken Smith, Leon Lindler Nov 17 Paul Lindler, Robert Wessinger, Bob Ziemer, Sherrie McTeer Nov 24 Terry Metze, Walt Shealy, Wayne Stuck, Billy McTeer						
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<u>Grounds Cutting:</u> Team B— Gerald Lindler, Co-Chair; Robert Lindler, Co-Chair; Jeremy Lindler, Chad Lindler, Billy Harden, Scott Sightler, Paul Lindler, Sr. , Paul Lindler, Jr., Michael Shealy, Barry Rice, Tracy Lindler, Albert Lindler						
MEMBERS SHUT-IN OR IN FACILITIES Trail, Michael Lindler 250 Leaning Pines	5					



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Lou Addy 236 Commons Way, Apt # 318, Williamsburg, VA 23185 Ph: 757-345-3354

NOV Serving Assistants | DEC Serving Assistants

rs – Dec 01 Lynn Shealy, Don Dease, Wade Slice. Danny Shealy 8 Arthur Langley, Carroll Lindler, Jr., Davis Brown, Eddie Eargle 5 Gerald Lindler, Julie Stuck, Ken Smith, Leon Lindler Paul Lindler, Robert Wessinger, Bob Ziemer, Sherrie McTeer 2 Terry Metze, Walt Shealy, Wayne Stuck, Billy McTeer 9 te – Dec 01, 08, 15 — Isabelle Peeples Dec 22, 29 — Jack Wallace fer – Dec – Jay Alford eader – Dec 01, 08, 15 — Rachel Shelton Dec 22, 29 — Carroll Lindler, Jr. **Communion Assistants** AJ Peeples, Angela Nuottila, Larry Shull B Phyllis Bickley, Don Dease, Judy Dease 5 AJ Peeples, June Lindler, Robert Lindler 2 Julie Stuck, John Wallace, Larry Shull John Riser, Tracy Riser, Sherrie McTeer 9 en Contact Person – Robert Lindler communion Teams Homebound – Carroll Lindler, Jr. **hool Sunday School -- Dec** - Sherrie McTeer: entary Sunday School — Dec – Chris & Renee Doyle e & High Sunday School --- Dec -- Billy McTeer Don Dease, David Kibler Flowers – Dec <u>ery –</u> Dec 1 Johanne Sullivan Dec 01 Henry & Erline Clark **8** Kayla Lindler Dec 08 Bob & Gloria Ziemer 5 Gail Epting Dec 15 Wade & Marie Slice 2 Open Dec 22 Pastor David Nuottila 9 Kathy Lynn Slice Dec 29 Sandra & Davis Brown nds Cutting: Team C— Billy McTeer, Co-Chair; Lynn Shealy, Co-Chair; Walt Shealy, Danny Shealy, Davis Brown, Bryan Metze, David Kibler, Donald Turner, AJ Peeples, Arthur Langley, Terry Metze, Jason Wicker,

St. Jacob's Lutheran Church Winter Retreat 2020

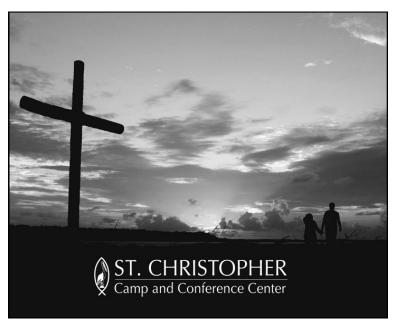
Friday January 10th - Sunday, January 12th Camp St. Christopher - Seabrook Island, SC

> Living and Growing as Disciples of Jesus Christ

Retreat: (noun) A place set apart, one of renewal, rejuvenation, rest; a period of time used to pray and study quietly, or to think carefully, away from normal activities and duties.

Members and friends of St. Jacob's are invited to retreat to beautiful Camp St. Christopher and spend a weekend in thought, prayer, discussion and fellowship. Topics will include: What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? How family members share faith with one another. Take up the cross? Really?

> Enjoy God's wonderful Creation Beautiful private beach Watch the dolphins swim and play Hiking trails throughout the camp Saturday evening campfire and vespers



Registration information is located on the back of this page.

Winter Retreat 2020 Registration Friday January 10th - Sunday, January 12th Camp St. Christopher - Seabrook Island, SC

Living and Growing as Disciples of Jesus Christ





Name:

Email:

Phone:

Cost of registration is \$150.00 per participant. The following is included with your registration: Weekend Lodging (Friday evening -Sunday morning) Saturday Breakfast and Supper - Sunday Breakfast (Friday supper and Saturday lunch are on your own)

Please make checks out to: St. Jacob's Lutheran Church Memo line designate: Winter Retreat

Please list any dietary or special needs:

Assistance is available to help cover costs of registration. Please contact Pastor David Nuottila if there is a need for such assistance. Strictly confidential. Page 11



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 8:30 AM Youth Prayer Breakfast (FH)	3	1	2 12-9 PM Karlee Smith (FH)
			9:30 AM Morning Bible Study with Pastor David (FH)			
			6:30 PM Evening Light Service Choir Practice following the service			
3 Daylight Savings Time	4	5	6 8:30 AM Youth Prayer Breakfast (FH)	7	8	9
BACK			9:30 AM Morning Bible Study with Pastor David (FH)			
3 PM Children's Choir (S) 5 PM Youth (S)		6:30 PM Council	6:30 PM Evening Light Service Choir Practice following the service			
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4 PM LW (FH) 5 PM Youth (S)	12-3PM Chapin Chirpers (K, FH)	1st SC Missions District Meeting and Dinner at	9:30 AM Morning Bible Study with Pastor David (FH)			
6 PM LM (FH) Women's Night	Last Day to place bulk sausage order with LM	St. Peters Lutheran Church in Chapin	6:30 PM Evening Light Service Choir Practice following the service			
24 3 PM Children's Choir (S)	25 4-6:30 PM Lutheran Men sausage sale pickup (FH)	26	27 8:30 AM Youth Prayer Breakfast (FH) 9:30 AM Morning Bible Study with Pastor David (FH) 6:30 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service Choir Practice and wrapping cake slices for the Hub following the service	28 Thanksgiving Church Office Closed	29	30 FH Reserved for LM/LW Annual Congregational Christmas Luncheon

ST. JACOB'S FACILITIES CALENDAR DEFINITIONS (FH) Fellowship Hall; (O) Office; (S) Sanctuary; (K) Kitchen; (AR) Activity Room; (MR) Music Room; (PR) Purple Room; (OR) Orange Room; (LR) Lesson Room; (HS SSC) High School Sunday School Class

