



St. Jacob's Lutheran Church

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PASTORAL DEVOTION FOR FEBRUARY

Love Yourself

[One of the scribes asked him] "Which commandment is the greatest of all?" Jesus answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." ³The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 12:28-31

Next to the commandment to love God with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength, this is the second greatest commandment. Which begs the question, when is the last time you considered what it means to love yourself?

On the surface, I am sure we would all say we love ourselves. But if that were truly the case, why is it that so many people suffer from low self-esteem or have an unhealthy self-image? We live in a society of comparisons. When one person is judged against another, someone must fall short. The world cannot wait to push you aside. The devil is always ready to steal away whatever remains of your good character. So, how does one who suffers this fate learn to love their self? First, remember the greatest commandment. Love God.

Love the God in whose image you are fearfully and wonderfully made. Love him for his mercy and grace. Love God for the blessing of each new day and for the life he has given you. Love the God who first loved and will always love you. Through him you will find love not only for yourself, but your neighbor as well.

Prayer: Holy God, thank you for the love you have for me. Help me to share such love with others. Amen.

WE CARE

Please continue to bring your donations of non-perishable items for We Care. You may bring your donations to worship with you on Sunday morning, or drop them off at the church office Monday - Thursday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. When the list changes, it will be posted on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex.

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BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

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| 02 – Terry Metze | 23 – Dina Slice |
| 02 – Jaclyn Clark | 25 – Julie Shealy |
| 03 – Claude Lindler | 25 – Collin Meetze |
| 04 – Marie Slice | 27 – Wade Slice |
| 05 – Darriel Maner | 27 – Laura Rushe |
| 08 – Retha Russell | 28 – Jim Griggs |
| 09 – James Richard Lindler | 28 – Kayla Lindler |
| 09 – Cheryl Johnson | |
| 13 – Lauren McTeer | |
| 14 – Bryan Bowers, Sr. | |
| 16 – Abby Sightler | |
| 19 – Annemarie Stanton | |
| 20 – Elvia Lindler | |
| 21 – Barry Rice | |
| 21 – Bryan Metze | |
| 22 – Elizabeth Holmberg | |
| 22 – Virginia Peeples | |
| 22 – Angie Jones | |



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YOUTH DIRECTOR & FAMILY MINISTRIES

NAMES OF GOD

Q R E S U R R E C T I O N A N D T H E L I F E F
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THE WORD SEARCH

- ABBA FATHER
- ELOHIM
- I AM
- LIVING WORD
- RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE
- YAHWEH
- ADONAI
- EMMANUEL
- KING OF KINGS
- MESSIAH
- SAVIOR
- ALPHA AND OMEGA
- FAITHFUL AND TRUE
- LAMB OF GOD
- PRINCE OF PEACE
- SON OF GOD
- ANCIENT OF DAYS
- GOOD SHEPHERD
- LIGHT OF THE WORLD
- REDEEMER
- TRUE VINE

From the Pastor's Heart *by Pastor David Nuottila*

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6

As several within our church family know, I have been engaged in a Doctor of Ministry program (DMIN) for the last few years. In the Spring of 2020, I completed all the required course work for this degree. What is left is to complete my thesis project and dissertation. The focus of my work is to equip and empower parents of all ages to be faith leaders within the family. This extends to parents of all ages with children of all ages. I believe it is crucial that congregations realize the importance of families growing together in faith and their relationship with Christ. Truly, I do not have to look far to see how a parent can struggle with such faithful practice.

While raising my own children, I would love to say I was the picture of the ideal parent. Like so many, Angela and I struggled with balancing things between the secular world and the church. Travel sports teams and other public school events pulled us in several directions, but mostly they would attempt to pull us away from our life of faith. Still, as I watch my oldest son teaching his children, I soon realize there were many things I could have and should have done differently.

As a father, I certainly missed many opportunities to be a faith teacher for my kids. As I search for a reason, I quickly realize that I never learned how to become the faith leader for my family. Back then there was little emphasis placed on equipping parents for the spiritual fight against the powers of the world, even today there are few resources provided parents mired within this struggle. Now as a pastor, I pray that I can help parents become models of faith for their children, especially for their adult children and grandchildren. Doing so means owning up to those times when we recognize that, as parents, we have fallen short in keeping our

baptismal promises made on the behalf of our children.

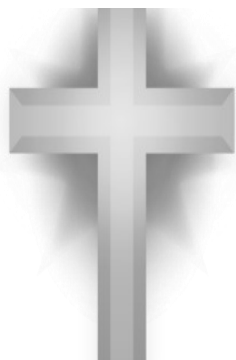
Admitting such is not pleasant, but once understood, an awareness of God's loving grace envelops parents and we soon realize the treasure trove of guidance we have through the words of Holy Scripture and the love and support network of the fellowship of believers. God's compassionate empowerment is there at the ready for anyone who would ask.

Given my many years of service within the Church, and through life experiences and the lessons I have learned from others, my hope is that the children (of all ages) of St. Jacob's will grow in faith and fellowship with their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and that parents will feel they have been equipped to become models of faith for their children.

As my DMIN Work continues, it is my prayer that the fruit of four years of doctoral study will produce helpful resources through which I am able to offer pastoral support for families struggling against the powers that continue in their attempt to pull God's children away from a life of faith.

If you have ever wondered “Why don't my children want to come to church?” Or if you have adult children that seem to have fallen away from the good habits of Christian life, I invite you to come along on this journey with me. Part of doctoral work within the church is engaging people in their faith, meeting them where it matters and doing the work of the gospel together.

This is truly an issue that lies at the heart of your pastor. It is my prayer that God would grant me the wisdom, insight, and patience to see it through. I know he will for as my favorite Bible



passage states, “He who calls you is faithful, he will surely do it.” 1 Thessalonians 5:24
Grace to you and peace,



Pastor David Nuottila

COUNCIL BRIEFS - January

St. Jacob’s Church Council met for its regular meeting on January 8, 2021.

Christopher Doyle moved to position of President, Michael Corley elected Vice President, Larry Shull elected Secretary of the new Council.

Building Team reported that all permits have been submitted or are in progress, drawings for covered entry being revised to account for legal right-of-way, and request for bidders to begin right away.

New Team Leaders:

Christian Education – Kayla Pharis
Congregational Care – Helen Lindler
Discipleship – Lynn Shealy
Property – Nate Nickel
Stewardship – Jo Sullivan
Worship & Music – Brandon Slice

Council Retreat held on January 8th at the church. Very good session together!

Next meeting February 2, 2021.

2021 COUNCIL TEAM MEMBERS

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MEMORIALS

- In Memory of Rev. George M. Rushe—By: Randall, Amanda, Laura, and Alex Rushe

Building

- In honor and with love—Carroll and Melissa Lindler—By: G. W. Lindler

Cemetery

- In memory of Mrs. Eva Clark Martin and Perry Martin—By: Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Martin

MID-WEEK WORSHIP

Please remember that St. Jacob’s offers a mid-week worship service with Holy Communion each Wednesday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. For those who have been easing back into presence in public places and making extra care during the pandemic, this service might be a welcome addition to your weekly schedule. The gathering on Wednesday even is fairly small and there is ample room for physical distancing. The sacrament of Holy Communion is shared each week. This service is also streamed live on our congregation Facebook page. Anyone with questions or concerns may contact Pastor David Nuottila.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday morning Bible study will resume on February 10 at 9:30 A.M. Our topic of study will be an in depth reading of The Lord’s prayer. As with prior online studies, we will meet via zoom.com. Anyone within our church family who desires to participate should contact Pastor David Nuottila for more information. Log in information for Bible study will be sent to each participant by way of email the day before each session.

ST. JACOB’S ONLINE CAMPUS

With all the difficulties surrounding the current pandemic, a new ministry opportunity has presented itself. Beginning with the season of Lent, Pastor David will launch a new format to our Christian Education ministry: the St. Jacob’s Online Campus for Christian Education. Initially, this online campus will be a place for Bible Study, small group discussions, and other learning opportunities. The online campus will include pre-recorded lessons uploaded to YouTube and will also have classes that

meet live on Zoom.com. The online campus is open to anyone who would like to participate.

Our first online class will begin on Monday, February 22nd beginning at 7:00 p.m. Our study will be based on a SOLA Publishing Lenten Bible study entitled “Why Did Jesus Have To Die.” The materials are available through the church office at a price of \$8.00. Everyone who wishes to participate should contact the church office or Pastor David to secure their copy and receive further information.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERIES

It’s hard to believe but the season of Lent is nearly upon us. Our mid-week series will include a set of dramatic readings from characters from the Passion of our Lord Jesus. From the widow who donated her two pennies to the temple treasury to the man who provided Jesus with a donkey to ride on Palm Sunday these unique readings are presented in such a way that we might ponder the “Gifts of Lent.” We look forward to your attending our mid-week Lenten series. Those who would wish to participate in the readings should contact Pastor David.

DAILY DEVOTIONS by Pastor David

It has been my pleasure to share daily devotions with the congregation and our friends on Facebook the past nine months. This has been an unexpected blessing for me in our current condition of the COVID-19 pandemic. So much so that it has become an enjoyable part of my daily routine. As we flip the page to 2021, I plan to continue this time of devotions and prayer throughout the year. I pray that more of our church family members will make these devotions a part of their morning routine. Please, feel free to share these devotions with your friends and family on Facebook as you are able.

CONTINUING COVID RESPONSE

In our continuing effort to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus, St. Jacob’s will continue our current protocols for social distancing and protection. Please remember these simple steps.

- Entrance to the church on Sunday morning is through the Fellowship Hall doors. This is to prevent groups from gathering in the narthex as others come in to find their seat.

- Use hand sanitizer as you enter the church nave. Sanitizer is provided on the table at the narthex doors.
- Although masks are not required to enter the building, they are required when the congregations sing liturgy or hymns. It is also a best practice to wear your mask while sitting in the pews. For this reason, everyone is to have a mask in their possession.
- Please remember to fill out a record of worship card and place it in the tray on the table at the narthex doors.
- Upon conclusion of the worship service, everyone is to depart the building. The aisle and hallways are to be kept clear. Conversations may be held outside.

These protocols are in place to ensure the health and well-being of our church family and visitors. The Pastor and Church Council will revise them as necessary to ensure the safety of everyone in attendance.

READING THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

With the new year comes the opportunity to renew your commitment to reading the Holy Scriptures every day. The simplest way to accomplish this is to commit to reading the Bible from cover to cover in one year. It only takes fifteen minutes or so each day. Before you know it, you are well on your way to meeting your goal. Even if you get a late start, you can read just a little extra and it won’t take long before you’re caught up.

Several of our church family members have taken up the challenge and succeeded. Other have begun but have not quite made it. No matter. Just keep reading. God takes delight in those who grow in their faith through reading His Word. Reading plans are in the narthex. Pick one up today.

ST. JACOB’S ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP

You can still sign up for Altar Flowers. The chart is hanging in the Narthex. NOTE: During Advent/Christmas Seasons only one vase of flowers is needed. Also, artificial flowers are never to be used in the altar vases and pot plants are to be used to enhance services on Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, Pentecost Sunday and Christmas Services - not as altar flowers.



Pastor David and Angela,
We wanted to thank you for all you, along with council and staff, have done to get our church back to normal. You have gone to great lengths to bring our church

family together again.

We know these are trying times but wanted you to know that your efforts are noticed and greatly appreciated.

Thank you—Michael & Donna Fulmer
God doesn't promise the road will be easy—only that He will be with us.

SISTERCARE **Freeing Families From Fear**

January 11, 2021

Dear St. Jacob's Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$250.00 from St. Jacob's Lutheran members. Your gift to Sistercare allows us to continue with our mission to assist Midlands residents subjected to interpersonal violence.

These funds contribute to Sistercare's continuing ability to address the needs of survivors and their children who seek shelter and services in order to escape the abuse in their lives. The support of loving congregations place Sistercare in a better position to counteract the effect of domestic violence on survivors' lives and break the cycle of family violence.

We are always grateful for your strong, continuing support of Sistercare and your concern for families and individuals who receive our services.

Sincerely,
Nancy Barton
Executive Director

August 2020

Dear Friend of the NALS,

My name is Ben Blobaum, and I am in candidacy with the North American Lutheran Church, beginning my third year of seminary at Trinity School for Ministry and the NALS in Ambridge, Pennsylvania. I am writing to express my deep gratitude for the generous tuition scholarship provided by the NALC. This is a tremendous gift, both financially and as encouraging affirmation, to experience God's people—the church—standing behind me, walking beside me.

Prior to entering candidacy and beginning seminary, I served as a lay missionary for eight years in full-time prison ministry in Chicago. The settings and the people with whom I've been privileged to work and interact have profoundly shaped me and have deepened my faith and my understanding of God's love for the world. I have encountered men and women of extraordinary faith behind bars. I have witnessed joy where I least expected to find it.

Now, in my final year of academic formation and preparation for the ministry of word and sacrament, I am humbled and joyful to continue discerning, with the church, the call of God. I am thankful for the privilege to study and to be formed within the community of students and faculty at Trinity and the NALS. What a blessing to receive such excellent instruction in Lutheran theology, liturgy, and preaching, and to be entrusted with "the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3).

I am incredibly grateful to the NALC for awarding me this generous scholarship. Thank you for your partnership in my formation and preparation to lead and to serve. Your generosity, your encouragement and support, your love, and your prayers, are invaluable to me. I strive to do my very best for the sake of Christ and his church. Please continue to pray for me. I can't do this without you.

With much gratitude and love,
Ben Blobaum
Seminarian and NALC Pastoral Candidate

Ben is the son of Pastor Blobaum



We would like to say thank you for all the love, calls, and expressions of sympathy shown to our family following our recent loss. Your support at this difficult time was very much appreciated and a great comfort. Please continue to pray for us.

In Christian Love,
Derriel and Lynne Amick



Thank you so much for all your thoughts, prayers, calls, and meals following my time in the hospital and after coming home. What a wonderful church family we have.

God bless you all,
Helen and Leon Lindler

ALTAR FLOWERS FEBRUARY

7-Feb Bob and Gloria Ziemer
14-Feb Don and Judy Dease
21-Feb Open
28-Feb Open

** You still have time to sign up.

GROUNDS TEAM FOR FEBRUARY

Co-Chairs—Gerald and Robert Lindler
Jeremy Lindler, Chad Lindler, Billy Hardin,
Paul Lindler, Sr., Paul Lindler, Jr., Michael Shealy,
Michael Corley, Barry Rice, Tracy Lindler,
Albert Lindler, Claude Michael Lindler

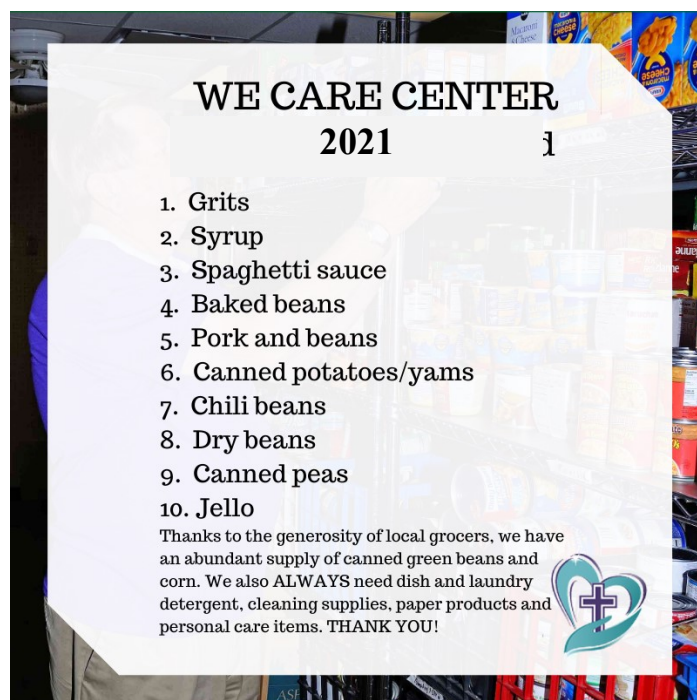


St. Jacob Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donations of 441 pounds of food for the month of November.

Your continued support allows us to follow the lead set forth in Proverbs 22:9, “A generous man will himself be blessed, for He shares his food with the poor.” Thank you again!

God Bless you,
Alicia Klauk
Executive Director



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FINANCIAL INFORMATION WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 2021

Weekly Giving: \$5,397.74

Budget Requirements: \$ 5,726

MTD Actual Giving: \$14,796.74

MTD Budget Requirements: \$17,178

YTD Actual Giving: \$14,796.74

YTD Budget Requirements: \$ 17,178

SERVING ASSISTANTS FOR FEBRUARY

Date	Time	Usher	Lay Reader	Communion Assistant	Acolyte
7-Feb	8:30 10:30	Billy McTeer Chris Doyle	Phyllis Bickley Angela Nuottila	Susan Shealy Kristen Nickel	*** Audrey Doyle
14-Feb	8:30 10:30	Carroll Lindler Robert Ziemer	Rachel Shelton Gary Marco	Sherrie McTeer Marie Slice	*** Isabelle Peeples
21-Feb	8:30 10:30	Lynn Shealy Tracy Eargle	Sherrie McTeer A.J. Peeples	Carroll Lindler Don dease	*** Jack Wallace
28-Feb	8:30 10:30	Billy McTeer Chris Doyle	Carroll Lindler Helen Lindler	Rachel Shelton Judy Dease	*** Copeland Peeples

BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

*While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Romans 5:8*

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday—9 AM-2 PM

Worship Time: Sundays—8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Sunday School—9:40 AM

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