



St. Jacob's Lutheran Church

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Newsletter

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PASTORAL DEVOTION FOR APRIL

ENCOUNTERING THE RISEN LORD

Read John 20:19-31

Isn't it amazing how quickly Easter Sunday comes and goes? Oh, Easter isn't over, just the hoopla that surrounds Easter Sunday. In too many respects, the world doesn't quite understand Easter. The crowds may be gone, but the story hasn't been fully told. That's the difficulty faced by the church. The crowds have not heard the whole story. It is no wonder there is so much confusion with regards to Easter. But there was also plenty of confusion that first Easter day.

Women went to the tomb and found it empty. The great stone was rolled away but no one saw who did it. Angels gave the message that Jesus had been raised. As night fell, the disciples were afraid. They locked the doors out of fear that those who killed Jesus might come after them. Just then, Jesus stood among them very much alive.

Perhaps that's the number one problem so many people have at Easter. Perhaps so many come for the celebration but skip the rest of the story because they are afraid that they might really have an encounter with the risen Lord.

Truly, that's not such a far-fetched idea. All through his ministry, Jesus said that if any would follow him, they must first take up their cross. Jesus expected his followers to bear fruit for the kingdom, love God, worship him, and live for the sake of their neighbor. For so many today, doing these things means a drastic change in the way life is lived.

Encountering Jesus means living on his terms, not ours. Encountering the risen Lord means we actually have to do something faithful. Meeting Jesus means acknowledging our sin and coming to

repentance. It's easy to see why so many do not want to hear the rest of the story. It's easier to simply leave the empty tomb of Easter Sunday and get on with life on Monday. But tombs are meant for the dead, and Jesus is alive.

Jesus left behind what belongs in the tomb, the darkness of sin, death and the devil. The risen Christ brought with him light, life, and the peace of God. Ours is to share the entire story so that others may come to believe.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, empower me to do your will, and go where you lead. Amen.

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BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

03 – Chandler Turney	20 – Jay Alford
03 – Jonathon Lindler	21 – Rich Mueller
04 – Janice Ellisor	21 – Kevin Pharis
05 – Michael Lindler	23 – Tina Kibler
06 – Helen R. Lindler	23 – Carter Lambeth
08 – Chad Lindler	23 – Trey Meetze
10 – Elizabeth Lindler	24 – Chloe Meetze
12 – Alice Rice	28 – Jimmy Boland
14 – Ric Byars	30 – Daniel McDuffie
16 – Dan Frick	30 – Samantha Knight
16 – Mary Ellen Foster	
16 – Adam Slice	
18 – Rene Griggs	
19 – Bryan Lindler	
20 – Dagmar Langley	
20 – Tracy Riser	
20 – Amanda Bise	



YOUTH DIRECTOR & FAMILY MINISTRIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

If you've ever thought about teaching Sunday School, now is your chance! We are now opening our classrooms again to new volunteers. There is only one class for our younger members, and it is a great opportunity to serve and have some fun! The lessons will be given to you two weeks in advance so you will have plenty of time to look over them before your scheduled date. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. We are currently scheduling through the end of the year so there are many dates available. If you have any questions, contact Rachel or Sherrie McTeer. We would love to assist you in any way that we can.

VBS TEACHERS

It's that time again, St. Jacob's! It is very exciting to say that we will be having VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL this summer. The dates will be June 21st-24th. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 CDC guidelines, things will look a little different this year, but we will make the best of it and remain safe while doing so. If you would like to volunteer in any way (crafts, teaching, decorating, etc.) please contact Rachel. There is something for everyone to do - just looking for your willingness and excitement. There

will be more information given as we get closer to the date.

AUDIO/VIDEO

As we continue to livestream our services each week, we are in need of volunteers who would be interested in joining the audio/video team. The system is easy to learn and even easier to work with during the services. If you have the gift of understanding technology, this is a great opportunity for you to serve. A member of the team will gladly work with you until you feel comfortable and confident to do so alone. Reach out to Rachel, Angela, or Brandon with any questions.

NURSERY

We are still in need of Nursery assistants for both services, as we begin to welcome back our younger children. Our Nursery Director, Kelly, is downstairs but we adhere to the "Two-Adult Rule." The service is streamed downstairs so you will still be able to participate in Worship. To sign up, contact Kelly Smothers or Sherrie McTeer.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Thank you to all who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt this past weekend. Events like this could not happen without the servant hearts of St. Jacob's members and the participation of the parents. All pictures taken are posted on our Facebook page! Go check them out!

Rachel



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

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. Mark 16:2

Writing this installment of my monthly letter to you, I cannot help but reflect upon our celebration of Easter 2020. Being somewhat naïve in our response to COVID-19 last year, we had hoped that after only three weeks of online worship only, the church would be filled with people on Easter Sunday. In hindsight, we certainly understand how wrong we were. Still, as Christians are called to do, we proclaimed the resurrection of Christ to the best of our ability for all to hear.

And now here we are about a year later. The COVID-19 pandemic is still a reality, but once more the church will proclaim the resurrection of our Lord to the best of our ability. For truly there is nothing that can defeat the power of the Risen Christ. So once more we hear the sweet refrain, "Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!"

These are such wonderful words for a child of God to proclaim. Because Jesus offered his life as ransom for our sin, God has forgiven all who believe in him. And because Christ died and was raised to new life, the power of death is destroyed and all those who confess Jesus as Savior and Lord have the promise of eternal life. It's no wonder that the sweet refrain "I know my Redeemer lives" is such sweet music to sooth our souls.

For over forty days, the Church has made its annual metaphoric Lenten pilgrimage to the city of Jerusalem where we are witnesses to the Passion of our Lord Jesus. His saving work is there for all to see. Lifted high on the cross bearing the weight of our disobedience, the victory over sin, death and the power of the devil is made sure. Still, even now, the events of Good Friday are difficult to bear

for those who realize that it's our sin that led to Jesus' crucifixion. I can't even begin to imagine the heartbreak and sorrow of those who witnessed it firsthand.

Mark's account of the resurrection of Jesus seems to convey the gravity and power of the cross. Early in the morning, just as the sun breached the horizon, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome made their way to the tomb to finish the burial rite. Still reeling from the sight of Jesus's death, theirs was a mission of duty according to Jewish custom.

There is no doubt they loved Jesus; their devotion toward him was true. No amount of fear could keep them from completing that which was proper according to their law.

How would you feel if all of these things occurred before your eyes, and it was incumbent upon you to fulfill the duties of these women? Roman guards were on high alert. The temple authorities were tuned in to the activities of anyone who would claim to be a follower of Jesus, and the actions of his disciples would have most certainly been scrutinized closely. And when you finally make your way to the tomb...it is EMPTY!

Such were the circumstances for these women according to Mark. Fear had seized them and the thought of telling anyone seemed unlikely at best. Still, the angel's words are clear and concise; "Go and tell the disciples and Peter."

The good news of Jesus' resurrection, as told to the women by the angel, was confirmation that God indeed has kept his promise to redeem that which was lost; to save his people from their sin and to reconcile all of creation unto the One who created the heavens and the earth. This good news of God's salvation is still the sweetest refrain ever sung. As the psalmist writes, "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!" People of



God, the good news of Easter is the treasure God has entrusted unto you to share with the world around you. Christ has won the victory; through him sinners are forgiven and those who believe in him and are baptized into his death and resurrection will be saved. Do not be afraid to share this Easter joy. Take it to heart, proclaim it to those near and far. Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified is risen. And because he lives, we shall live also. Christ is risen; he is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Grace to you and peace,



Pastor David Nuottila

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FOR MARCH MEETING

Good Things at St. Jacob’s for February:

- Congregational Meeting to Receive Reports
- Dixon’s friend graduated Navy boot-camp!

Youth did a wonderful job in assisting worship on Youth Sunday

Council Highlights for March, 2021:

- Building Team is making progress on Parking Lot and Renovations
- Looking for volunteers to assist Kelly in the Nursery during 8:30 AM service
- Christian Education Team hosting an Easter Egg hunt on March 27th at 10:00 AM
- Plans underway for VBS on June 21-24, 2021. Volunteers will be needed!
- The OWL program has started up again and more adult volunteers are needed

The Young Adult Bible Class will begin meeting again in a room downstairs.

THE SPIRITUALITY OF WINE

For our next installment of the St. Jacob’s Online Campus, we will study the God works in created things for the enjoyment of his people. Specifically, we will study the beauty and centrality that vineyards and the wine produced from their fruit play within the rich tradition and history of God’s people. Along with the Holy Scriptures, The Spirituality of Wine written by Gisela Kreglinger will be our primary source for our study and conversation. Those who would like to participate should send an email to Pastor David or the church office to be added to the list. There are no materials to be purchased. All lesson plans will be provided to participants by way of email. Everyone is also invited to enjoy a glass of their favorite wine as we study. You may wish to share with the group what it is that makes this wine special for you. The goal of this study is to understand how wine is used as a part of faith and practice in the lives of God’s people.

THE CONGO MISSION

Initially, July 2021 was the scheduled date for my next Mission trip to the Democratic Republic of Congo. Sadly, as it has disrupted so much throughout the world, the COVID-19 pandemic has forced a change in schedule for my mission partner Pastor Kalonji and me. I will not be accompanying him to Congo this summer. Every other year, Pastor Kalonji travels to a region in Congo where we recognize, that due to many circumstances, it might not be wise for me to go. So Pastor Kalonji will make this year's trip alone, according to our previous protocols.

Still, I will be active in the mission of the Gospel for the sake of the Christian people in Congo. My chief role continues to be that of raising awareness of this ministry and raising funds through partnerships with other congregations of the NALC. We have set a very ambitious itinerary for Pastor Kalonji's trip in July. One that includes purchasing motorcycles for two pastors who serve on the Bishop's staff in Congo. Transportation is extremely difficult in Congo and these two pastors must travel throughout the countryside in order to visit congregations under their charge. As we provide reliable transportation for them, they will be more effective in their mission and ministry.

Pastor Kalonji will also engage in the more regular aspects of our shared mission, namely, providing education for pastors and lay people, feeding orphaned children, and freeing mothers and their newly born babies from detention in hospitals due to lack of payment. This ministry is one that I am convinced God has called me to be a part of and I do so with joy. I also invite everyone at St. Jacob's to participate with me in this mission through your donations and prayerful support.

Our goal for 2022 is to continue supplying food for children throughout the year as we have been doing. We also hope to bring two pastors from the Congo to the United States so they can visit with the congregations who have supported them for the past ten years of this mission. I am truly looking forward to introducing St. Jacob's to my friends from the Congo; and I pray that you will help make this dream a reality. Thank you all again for your prayers and support for those brothers and sisters in Christ who are so far away.

RECORD OF WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

As a reminder to the congregation, when attending worship on either Sunday or Wednesday, please be sure to complete a Record of Worship and Communion card. Our newly adopted constitution states that to be considered an active / voting member one must have a record of at least twelve worship services attended and have communed the same number of times within the liturgical year (December-November). Also, active / voting members of the congregation will have at least one contribution of record during the liturgical year. It is important to note that purchasing flowers, poinsettias, or Easter lilies are not considered a contribution of record.

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 congregation sings 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.

EMAILS FROM ST. JACOB'S

During the week, we send out emails to all those members who have given us an email address. This information is to keep you up to date with items going on in the life of the church. Please be sure to open your emails.

REMINDER

Please refrain from having food or beverages in the Sanctuary during the worship service.



St. Jacob's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donations of 345 pounds of food for the month of February.

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

URGENT REQUEST FOR WE CARE

It has come to our attention that We Care is experiencing a low volume of household and toiletry supplies for their clients. Following are some suggestions: Toilet Paper, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Paper Towels, Feminine Products, Men & Women's Deodorant, Soap, Dishwashing Detergent, Cleaning Supplies, etc. If you are able to assist with this need, your donations are most appreciated.



Card to St. Jacob's from Good Works

February 23, 2021

Thank you for your gift of \$250 on January 8, 2021, to Good Works. Your support helps us to improve the living conditions of the less fortunate in our community. God bless you all!

In His Service,
Mary Higginbotham





Thank you so much for all the calls, cards, thoughts, and prayers following my recent surgery. Also, I appreciate all the expressions of sympathy, prayers and support following the passing of my brother-in-law, Carl.

I'm thankful for my St. Jacob's family.

In Christ Love,

Ann Lindler

MEMORIALS—None

Easter Lily memorials or acknowledgements will be in the Easter Sunday Service Worship Folders.

CHURCH OFFICE

The Church office will be closed on Monday, April 5th on Easter Monday.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION WEEK OF MARCH 21, 2021

Weekly Giving: \$3,580

MTD Actual Giving: \$13,777.24

YTD Actual Giving: \$58,605.22

Budget Requirements: \$ 5,726

MTD Budget Requirements: \$17,178

YTD Budget Requirements: \$68,712

FEBRUARY GIVING FROM WALT SHEALY

Month to Date Giving: \$19,943.74

Year to Date Giving: \$44,827.98

Year To Date Budget: \$51,534.00

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR ARIL

April 4 Buddy and Phyllis Bickley

April 11 Open

April 18 Michael and Ann Corley

April 25 Michael and Donna Fulmer



- ♦ If you or your family would like to give flowers for a specific Sunday, you can sign up on the Flower Chart located on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you would like something in the worship folder in honor or memory of someone, contact Sherry in the church office.

GROUNDS TEAM FOR APRIL

Co-Chairs—Don Dease, John Riser

Tracy Eargle, Wayne Stuck, Robert Wessinger, Nate Nickel, Kevin Pharis, Ken Smith, Eddie Eargle, John Wallace, Dixon Wallace, Mitchell Martin, Chuck Shobert

Date	Time	Usher	Lay Reader	Communion	Acolyte
4-Apr	7:00	Billy McTeer	Rachel Shelton	Carroll Lindler	***
	10:30	Leon Lindler	Angela Nuottila	Judy Dease	Copeland Peeples
11-Apr	8:30	Lynn Shealy	Larry Shull	Carroll Lindler	***
	10:30	Chris Doyle	Angela Nuottila	Dixon Wallace	Jackson Wallace
18-Apr	8:30	Billy McTeer	Carroll Lindler	Sherrie McTeer	***
	10:30	Robert Ziemer	A.J. Peeples	David Kibler	Isabelle Peeples
25-Apr	8:30	Carroll Lindler	Susan Shealy	John Riser	***
	10:30	Davis Brown	Gary Marco	Don Dease	Audrey Doyle

IT IS SCHOLARSHIP TIME!

Continuing your education after high school? Attending a College/University? Attending a Technical College? Attending Trade School? Continuing your education? If the answer to any of those questions is YES, you want to keep reading.

There are two types of scholarships. The first is a \$250 scholarship that can be awarded to all members who meet the requirements. The second is a \$1,000 scholarship in memory of Mr. Bud Sites and Mrs. Lottie Sites and will be awarded to two members who meet the requirements.

What are the requirements?

- Must be a member of St. Jacob's Lutheran Church.
- Must attend church services at a minimum 12 times a year. Students in college can also show proof of attendance to college campus ministry services or to other church services.
- Must participate in a minimum of 4 church activities/events. Proof of community services or campus ministry activities will also be accepted.
- 3.0 Grade Average.
- Completed "Application for The Bud and Lottie Sites Scholarships"
- For the \$1,000 Scholarship, the same requirements above, a copy of your acceptance letter, and a 1,500 word essay. The essay question is on the application.

Other important facts to know:

- Applicant may apply many times.
- Applications are required each year.
- \$250 scholarship is only awarded to a student one time.
- Applicant can receive the \$1,000 scholarship two years.

Ready to apply? Contact Sherry in the church office for an application.

Applications must be sent to the church office and are due on June 1, 2021. Do not miss out on this opportunity for additional education funds.

EASTER EGG HUNT PICTURES



Application for The Bud and Lottie Sites Scholarships \$250 and \$1,000

The Bud and Lottie Sites Scholarships are for high school graduates and continuing higher education students who are members of St. Jacob's Lutheran Church. There are two types of scholarships, \$250 and \$1,000, being offered. Continuing higher education includes college, technical college, trade school, etc.

Name:					
Address:					
City:		State:		Zip:	
Email:				Phone:	()
Member of St. Jacob's Lutheran Church:	Yes or No				
Name of Technical, Trade, College or University:					
Grade Point Average:					
Dates of Church Attendance - January 1, 2020 - Present: (Minimum of 12)					
1.		5.		9.	
2.		6.		10.	
3.		7.		11.	
4.		8.		12.	
Dates of Church Activities - January 1, 2020 - Present: (Minimum of 4)					
1.		3.		5.	
2.		4.		6.	
If applying for the \$1,000 Bud and Lottie Sites Scholarships, attach the following:					
1. Copy of your acceptance letter					
2. Copy of your most recent transcript					
3. Attach 1,500 word essay - What is your favorite scripture and why?					

Submit your application by June 1, 2021 to the Church Office.

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**Congratulations to
our First Communion
recipients who
received Holy
Communion on
Palm Sunday.
*Audrey Doyle,
Levi Doyle,
Anna Claire Lindler,
Marion Boozer,
and
Bryleigh Prosser***



BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

*This is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus
Christ and love one another. 1 John 3:23*

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

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

Wednesday Service 7 PM in person or on Facebook

Sunday School—9:40 AM

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