



St. Jacob's Lutheran Church

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PASTORAL DEVOTION FOR JUNE

INVITED TO THE BANQUET

Joel 1:1-13, Revelation 18:15-24, Luke 14:12-24

The table is set, the banquet prepared. Everything is ready. It is time for the feast. There is only one problem; the guests have decided not to attend. It seems there are more pressing things on the agenda, other things, personal things, worldly things. Each declined, one by one. Yet, even as the guests spurned the invitation, the master vowed that the banquet would proceed, the meal will be served.

How often do we sinners decline God's invitation? How many times do we opt out of worship, excuse ourselves from Bible study, or fail to perform acts of service, just so we can engage in our personal pleasures? The dilemma is before us; shall we come to God's banquet, or do we cancel? After all, we have been invited. Our Baptism into Christ serves as the initial invitation. Even in our disobedience, God set his seal upon us. Through Christ, we have a place at the table.

Like the plague of locusts in our reading from Joel, sin continues to lay the world to waste. Lovers of money search for fulfilment through material means. The self-righteous turn their backs to the needy. Even so, God has reconciled that which was lost. In Christ there is redemption. For those who seek God's grace there is forgiveness. The Lord says "Come, the banquet is ready."

Prayer: Feed us at your table Lord, and fill us with your love. Amen.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Our morning Bible study has resumed meeting in person each Wednesday at 10:00 AM. Our topic for study through the end of June is I AM WHO I AM – A Study of the Holy Name of God. Everyone is invited to attend as they are able. There are no special materials required and no experience necessary. All you need is a desire to gather with members of our church family as we learn more from God's Word together. Bring your Bible with you and enjoy this time of study and reflection.

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BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 01 – Brittany Amick | 16 – Judy Mueller |
| 02 – Walter Slice | 18 – Judy Dease |
| 03 – Chris Lambeth, Jr. | 18 – Karla Griggs |
| 03 – Austin Miller | 19 – DeAndria Amick |
| 03 – Hank Shealy | 20 – Jasmine Bise |
| 04 – Betty Ann Shealy | 21 – Samantha Boland Furr |
| 04 – Paul E. Lindler, Jr. | 22 – Dewey Clark |
| 04 – Martin Wessinger | 22 – Larry Shull |
| 06 – Mitchell Martin | 23 – Gloria Ziemer |
| 07 – Jason Wicker | 23 – Susan McCaslin |
| 09 – David Duke | 24 – Theodore McClain |
| 10 – Susan C. Shealy | 26 – Allan Mack |
| 11 – Samantha Monts | 27 – Tracy Lindler |
| 12 – Mary White-Epting | 30 – Crystal Coker |
| 12 – Julie Zeigler | |
| 12 – Drew Meetze | |
| 13 – Robert Lindler | |
| 15 – Andy Turner | |
| 15 – Isabelle Peeples | |



YOUTH DIRECTOR & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Last week, Pastor David and I were able to travel to Kings Mountain, NC to tour one of the two disaster response warehouses in the Carolinas Mission Region. We were able to see what items were needed and how they facilitate collection and distribution. The flood buckets and health kits even grew in quantity while we were there. This was also very special because we were joined by the NALC Bishop, Dan Selbo, and many other CMR Pastors. We have many ideas for our congregation to partner with the warehouse and Mission Region in the future. We are collecting cases of bottled water over the next month. This was the biggest need that we saw while we were there, and we would love to help where we see a need. If you would like to help, you can place the case(s) on the specified table in the Fellowship Hall. We will collect over the next couple of weeks and delivery will be announced at a later date.

Thank you in advance,
Rachel



More pictures on Page 9.

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

Come and explore a world of concrete and cranes, rivets and rebar, bulldozers and backhoes, and learn to build your faith on Jesus as we uncover the truth that 'He who began a good work will be faithful to carry it on to completion!' St. Jacob's Lutheran Church will host Vacation Bible School Monday, June 21st - Thursday, June 24th from 6:00-8:00 PM each night. Join us at 5:45 PM for a shared meal before we kick off each night learning about God through games, lessons, crafts, and music! There are classes for all ages, even adults! Come, fellowship, and learn about how to build a **STRONG FOUNDATION** of love, forgiveness, worth, and promises of Jesus! We cannot wait to see you there. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, reach out to Rachel-rachelshel10@outlook.com

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

And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:10-11

Mark does not tell us exactly where John was located while he was baptizing, except that he baptized in the waters of the Jordan River. Many people went out into the wilderness to hear John preach his message of repentance and to be baptized by him. This ritual washing was their means of declaring their turning from sinful behavior in order to live a more godly life. When Jesus came to the Jordan River to be baptized by John, he had no need to repent. Jesus did so to "fulfill all righteousness" and to completely identify himself with those whom he came to save. As he came up out of the water, Jesus heard the voice of his Father; "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

How many children long to hear such words from their father? These words of love and acceptance are words each child craves, yet many never hear such words from their father's lips or feel the warmth of their father's embrace. Many others grow up living with the absence of their father. Yes, some fathers turn from family responsibilities, but for so many children, love isn't so plainly expressed simply because fathers are apprehensive to show their compassionate side. All too often, fathers feel they must be seen as strong and unwavering. Indeed, I will say the reality is that it takes even more strength to overcome such stigma and show the tenderness of a father's love.

For so many people, the world seems a lonely place, one in which there is little love shown toward others. As we make our way through the trials and pitfalls of earthly life, we do so searching for love. Especially when times are difficult and it seems the world is against us, we long to hear the words Jesus heard from his Father; "You are my

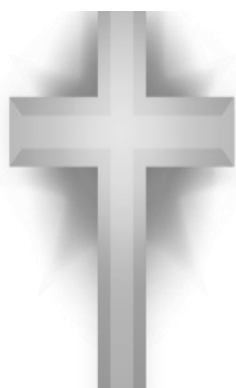
beloved [child]." For the baptized, this is a reality that cannot be overlooked.

Through his Son Jesus Christ, God has demonstrated the lengths he will go to save his people, rescuing them from the powers of sin and death. There is no other love that is greater than the love of the Father in heaven. There is no greater value than that the Father places upon his children, those whom he has claimed in baptism to be his own forever.

God desires to have a relationship with all people; he desires to save all people from their sin. As we hear the message of the gospel, the Holy Spirit moves us toward the waters of Holy Baptism. Through the waters connected to God's Word and promise, our heavenly Father reaches out to us and holds us in his loving embrace. In a discussion during our annual Pastor's Conference, it was presented to the ministerium that in Holy Baptism, we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. While participation in the Spirit entails a variety of blessings, the Spirit *is* the promise. The Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and the Son. He cleanses us of sin and brings us into that divine relationship. Our life within the church is inseparable from this fellowship with God. The Baptized are joined to the Son, in spirit filled anticipation of the kingdom, such that, with Christ, we may call God "Father." (Yoder, 2021)

As we emerge from the waters of the baptismal flood, we are greeted with the very words God spoke to Jesus, "You are my beloved [child]." Living in the bonds of the Father's love, the baptized enjoy a relationship like no other. It is the forever assurance that no matter what happens in this temporary world, the Father, whose kingdom has no end, will love us and cherish us forever.

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God bless the men of St. Jacob's who are both, loving fathers and examples of fatherly love for the children of our congregation. And God bless us all as we live together in the Father's love.

Grace to you and peace,



Pastor David Nuottila

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAY MEETING

1. Attendance is up.
2. Easter gatherings were joyful and well attended.
3. Pews opened up (less restrictions).

SIX-POINT VISION UPDATE

In the March newsletter, I provided a six point vision for our near future ministries here at St. Jacob's. This month, I would like to update the congregation concerning each of these ministry vision points.

Create an Intentional Disciple Making Culture - I have met with our Discipleship Ministry Team leader Lynn Shealy, and we are working on a congregational activity to help us begin growing a culture of discipleship and mission. We hope to invite the congregation to be a part of this at some point during the summer.

Growing the Christin Education Ministries of our Congregation – The goal of this vision point is to enhance our Christian Education Ministry for all ages. The beginning steps are working with the children. Progress toward this goal is happening through the efforts of Angela Nuottila and Rachel Shelton and their plan for Musical Mondays. Children will learn what it means to praise God throughout their life. I am also dedicated to continue posting daily morning devotions and conducting Bible studies using our St. Jacob's Online Campus on Zoom.com.

Raising up Leaders for the Church – I have had an initial meeting with a small group of church family members to help in discernment concerning St. Jacob's as an NALC internship site. The cost of internship is steep, but there is assistance available through the Carolinas Mission Region. We will continue to meet and discuss the possibilities of hosting an NALC intern in the future. I am also in the process of inviting the president of the North American Lutheran Seminary to come visit with our congregation and provide more insight concerning the need to raise up candidates for ordained ministry within the NALC. Team members for discernment

are: Susan Shealy, Judy Dease, Michael Corley, Danny Shealy, John Riser

Grow in our Focus on Mission and Outreach – In May, Rachel Shelton and I took a tour of the NALC Disaster Warehouse and spoke with the administrators and our NALC Bishop. We will be planning ways for our congregation to become greater supporters of this ministry as the need continues to grow.

Develop a Welcoming and Inviting Culture – This is something that St. Jacob's has been good at throughout the years, but we need to remain very intentional in inviting others to join us for worship and to become a part of our life together. I hope to meet with the Worship and Music Team soon so, we can plan an "Invite a Friend Sunday" when we welcome friends and extended family members to come worship with us.

Grow our Sense of Christian Fellowship – Perhaps the greatest challenge for us is to overcome the sense of social distance following the COVID-19 pandemic. As restrictions are eased and more people are vaccinated against the virus, we are able to open up our congregation to more activities. I am hoping that our auxiliaries (Men, Women, Up and Going, Youth) will resume monthly meetings and enjoy time together.

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

St. Jacob's honors this year's high school graduates, Jack Howard Ballentine, Lauren Daniels, Anna Layton, Lily Wallace and Lauren Wise. Jack Howard Ballentine will graduate from Spring Hill High School on June 18th. Lauren Daniels, Anna Layton, and Lauren Wise will graduate from Chapin High School on June 19th. Lily Wallace is a graduate of Lamplight Academy. Her graduation was held on May 15th. A reception with cake and punch will be held in the Fellowship Hall following worship on June 13th. God bless these graduates as they begin the next chapter in their lives. Congratulations!

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 is not considered a contribution of record.

SMALL STEPS TOWARD NORMAL

In the wake of Governor McMaster's removal of the state-wide mask mandate, face masks are no longer required for singing at St. Jacob's during worship. Those who wish to continue to wear facemasks are welcome to do so. As we continue our journey toward resuming our pre-pandemic practices for worship, we will enjoy singing hymns and liturgy without the wearing of facemasks. We will also resume standing while singing during the appropriate times of our service (during singing of hymns and liturgy). Also, facemasks will not be needed by children during the Children's sermon. Hand sanitizer will remain available on the table near the entrance to the church nave as will a supply of disposable facemasks for those who wish to wear one. Thank you to all for your understanding throughout the time of our COVID-19 response during the past year.



WE CARE

Don't forget we are still sponsoring We Care and appreciate all donations you are able to supply them to help our neighbors. Following is a list of needs: cornbread mix, grits, chili beans, pancake mix/syrup, canned potatoes/yams, tuna, canned peas, jello, canned tomatoes, and cereal. Also, ALWAYS need dish and laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, paper products, and personal care items. (Please leave all donations in the Fellowship Hall.)

MEMORIALS — May 16, 2021

• GENERAL FUND

In honor of our granddaughter Lauren's 18th Birthday—By: Gerald and Robin Lindler

In honor of our grandson, Tommy's 17th Birthday—By: Gerald and Robin Lindler

In memory of Oneita Dease and Louise Rauch—By: Gerald and Robin Lindler

In memory of Oneita Dease—By: Billy and Sherrie McTeer

• BUILDING FUND

In memory of Kelly Lindler Watts—By: Chad and Caroline Lindler

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"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

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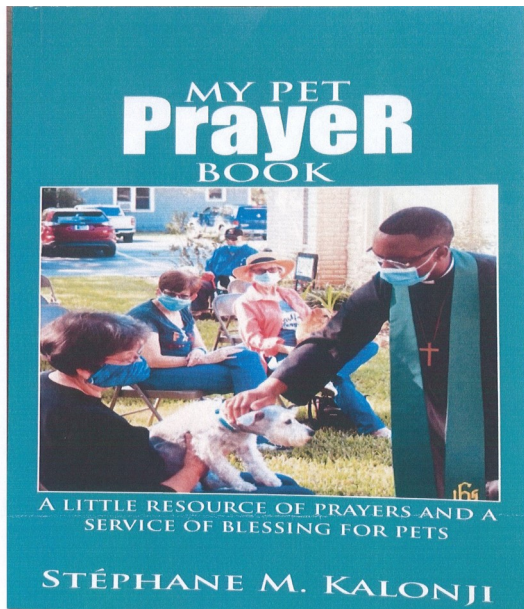
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Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steve King, Managing Editor

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KFC Movie Night

Thanks to all who came to our first KFC Movie night. We watched the new Lion King Movie and had a great time together. I am looking forward to doing this again in the future. Thank you to all who helped set up and supplied snacks. Spending time with our church family really is a gift.



MOTHERS DAY AT ST. JACOB'S



CONGRATULATIONS TO PHILLIP SANDI ON HIS GRADUATION FROM THE LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SOUTHERN SEMINARY



Congrats



FINANCIAL INFORMATION WEEK OF MAY 16, 2021

Weekly Giving: \$7,140

MTD Actual Giving: \$21,028.74

YTD Actual Giving: \$105,935.81

Budget Requirements: \$5,726

MTD Budget Requirements: \$17,178

YTD Budget Requirements: \$114,520

APRIL GIVING FROM WALT SHEALY

Month to Date Giving: \$20,574.74

Year to Date Giving: \$84,907.07

Year To Date Budget: \$97,342.00

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR JUNE

JUN 06 - Lynn & Susan Shealy

JUN 13 - Terry & Barbara Metze

JUN 20 - Joshua & Taylor Monts

JUN 27 - O'Neal & Helen Lindler

- ♦ 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 in memory of someone, contact Sherry in the church office.

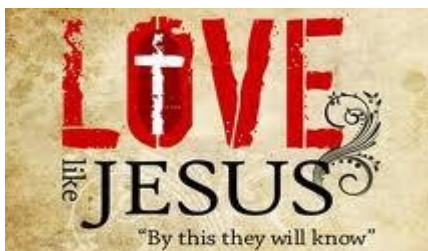
GROUNDS TEAM FOR JUNE

Co-Chairs—Billy McTeer and Lynn Shealy

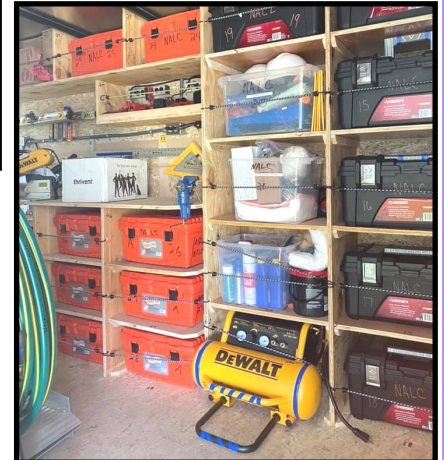
Walt Shealy, Danny Shealy, Davis Brown, Donald Turner, Jeff Kleckley, Arthur Langley, A.J. Peeples, Josh Monts, Jason Wicker, Bryan Metze, David Kibler

SERVING ASSISTANTS FOR JUNE

Date	Time	Usher	Lay Reader	Communion	Acolyte
06-Jun	8:30	Wade Slice	Sherrie McTeer	John Riser	****
	10:30	Leon Lindler	Angela Nuottila	Judy Dease	Cora Wallace
13-Jun	8:30	Lynn Shealy	Larry Shull	Lauren Wise	****
	10:30	Robert Wessinger	Helen Lindler	Nicki Peeples	Copeland Peeples
20-Jun	8:30	Gerald Lindler	Carroll Lindler	Rachel Shelton	****
	10:30	Bob Ziemer	A. J. Peeples	David Kibler	Audrey Doyle
27-Jun	8:30	Billy McTeer	Rachel Shelton	Larry Shull	****
	10:30	Davis Brown	Gary Marco	A.J. Peeples	Isabelle Peeples



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BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

*Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
Psalm 124:8*

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Worship Time: Sundays—8:30 AM in person

10:30 AM in person or on Facebook

Sunday School—9:40 AM

Wednesday Service 7 PM in person or on Facebook

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