



St. Jacob's Lutheran Church

MAY
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PASTORAL DEVOTION FOR MAY

THE GREAT DECEPTION

Read *Matthew 28:11-15*

From Galileo to Columbus, the world has had difficulty accepting things that challenge long held belief. The earth is the center of the solar system and the world is flat. When challenged, these long held truths found support by kings and emperors. Pope Urban VIII even had Galileo stand trial because he dared question these perceived realities. One might think that the Church would be open to new possibilities, especially since it is the Church which was born out of such a discovery. After all, once crucified and buried, dead men do not escape the grave.

After making their report to the authorities, the guards assigned to Jesus' tomb were paid to keep the story from spreading. After all, if the resurrection were real, then everything Jesus said and taught would also be true. The priests and Pharisees would have some explaining to do. Better to keep it quiet.

Since that first Easter day, the world has tried to do just that; keep news to the resurrection quiet. All sorts of stories and theories have been offered, the oldest one being concocted by the temple authorities claiming the disciples stole his body. Some asserted that Jesus did not die, and when he was taken from the cross was revived. Still others say Jesus wasn't crucified at all; it was an imposter who hung on the cross. Try as they might, such claims cannot be substantiated because they are not true.

God sent his Son into the world to save people from their sin and that's just what he did. All who believe and are baptized are saved. Just as the world is

round and the earth revolves around the sun, God's people are raised to new life through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. There really can be no point in raising new questions, defending old assertions and supporting the notion of life without Christ, unless one intends to live apart from God.

Prayer: *Almighty God, fill us with your truth, that we may tell others the news of Christ's victory. Amen.*

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BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY

01 – Mallory Lindler	17 – Carolene Floyd
02 – Patricia Woodard	19 – Helen L. Lindler
02 – June Lindler	19 – Jo David
02 – Michael Shealy	19 – Blake Bise
03 – John Smith III	21 – Joe Richardson
04 – Joyce Ellisor	21 – Isabelle Robinton
06 – Kristen Johnson	22 – Shirley Nuottila
07 – Raine Lindler	22 – M. O’Neal Lindler
09 – Owen Jones	22 – Don Dease
10 – Steve Epting	22 – Randy Coker
10 – Tommy Bowers	22 – Emma Ballentine
11 – Lou Addy	22 – Harper Monts
11 – Davis Brown	27 – Ryan Slice
12 – J. L. Lindler	27 – Christopher Stanton
12 – Parker McTeer	29 – Steve Slice
14 – John J. Stroke	29 – Andrew Kibler
14 – North Hollingsworth	29 – Jolene Amick
14 – Nicholas Barras	30 – William Morris
16 – Donna Fulmer	



and meets it." We are all of the same body, brothers and sisters, and there is no doubt that we love each other here at St. Jacob's. There is no better way to show love than to let God work in and through us by helping one another. If we learned anything this past year, it's that we don't want to do life alone. We're not made for that. Even the most introverted people need to know that someone is in their corner. As we begin to open up, welcome people back, and begin having events, I want to encourage you to participate. There is so much to do and so many people to catch up with. I don't want to ever take for granted how blessed we are to have each other here. Don't be afraid to reach out to try something new or attend something new. We need to trust that God will equip us, guide us, and give joy for the work.

In Christ,
Rachel Shelton

YOUTH DIRECTOR & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Spiritual gifts are specific ways the work of the Holy Spirit is manifested in our lives. These gifts - on top of our interests, hobbies, abilities, likes and dislikes - join together to form who we are and how we participate in the work God is doing all around us. We all have needs, and when you put us all together to make up a church, those needs become the church's needs. As we hear the Gospel, it changes our hearts. Our attention will begin to turn away from ourselves to those around us. *Galatians 6:10* says "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." You can see the Gospel through the local church all across the world. Our church is sustained by faithful volunteer service. The church is people who love Jesus parking cars, holding babies, reading the Scriptures together, pouring tea and lemonade, and opening their homes. The Lord can use anybody. All you have to do is be willing to answer the call. This seems so small, but it really does require a change of heart. A good measure of our spiritual health is our depth of concern for other people. A phrase my friends used to say in college was "love finds a need

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.

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

“And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Acts 2:21

In just a few short weeks, we will celebrate the day of Pentecost. Of course, this is the day when God poured out his Holy Spirit upon the apostles. It is also known to Christians as the birthday of the Church. There is no way the remaining eleven apostles could have understood that their proclamation of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, made to the people of Jerusalem, would be such a defining moment and set in motion a mission and ministry that would endure throughout the world for over two-thousand years. But here we are, that far removed from the day the Holy Spirit came upon those gathered together in prayer waiting, as Christ commanded, for “power from on high.” The power received by the apostles is the greatest power known to the earth. No other powers can stand against the power of God’s Holy Spirit nor can any earthly power take away the promise of God’s salvation, made certain and true, through the death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth.

Surely, the powers that defy God continue to attempt to undo what God has done through Christ. The devil and his minions will hurl their fiery weapons at believers, but God will not allow those unto whom he has poured out his Spirit to falter. Even the COVID-19 pandemic that fell upon the whole earth was not strong enough to silence the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

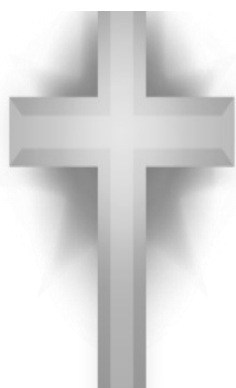
One year ago, as you will recall, St. Jacob’s like so many congregations throughout the country had ceased meeting in public for worship. Our very first gathering since halting our weekly in person worship services was on Pentecost Sunday, May 31st. We gathered outside in the parking lot, heard God’s Word, sang our thankful praises, and celebrated Holy Communion. As we participated in our service, a number of cars, vans, and trucks

passed by. Our worship service on that beautiful sunny day served as a visible reminder of God’s love for his people and that the proclamation of the Gospel cannot be silenced even by a world-wide pandemic. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the best news anyone could ever hope to receive. It is our story to tell, our life to share, and our hope for everlasting life in God’s kingdom of glory.

My prayer this Pentecost is that God would stir our congregation to such faithfulness that we cannot help but share the gospel of Christ Jesus, and that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we experience the disciples’ joy, living in the fullness of God’s grace, loving our neighbor and extending our Savior’s love to all who are in need. Like the apostles who first proclaimed this wonderful news of God’s grace, we must continue to provide such a faithful witness to the world and community around us. Who knows? In keeping with the rich tradition of the Church of Jesus Christ, as begun by those twelve ordinary men whom our Lord called to be apostles, the Good News we share just might live on in the hearts and minds of our neighbors here in Chapin, and become a power that not even the devil himself can oppose. This is the Pentecost message. That God has poured out his Holy Spirit upon all who are Baptized into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Spirit will move as he will, transforming those who hear and respond to the Gospel.

Nearly two-thousand years ago it all began with twelve ordinary men whom Christ had chosen. And now it continues, for Christ has chosen you to be his witness to the world around you. God bless you as you live out your calling to be his disciple, sharing the Good News with all whom you meet.

See next page for prayer....



Come Holy Spirit. Stir up the hearts of your, faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Amen.

Grace to you and peace,



Pastor David Nuottila

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FOR APRIL MEETING

Good Things @ St. Jacob's for April:

- Lenten Services and Palm Sunday services were great.
- Easter Sunday attendance was 150.
- Children's Choir Bells on Maundy Thursday and again on Easter were excellent!

COUNCIL BRIEFS:

- Building Team is progressing with the renovation plan.
- VBS planning is underway!
- The Kibler Genealogy Annual Meeting is planned for Oct. 15th-16th in the Fellowship Hall.
- The TV in the Nursery will be upgraded for viewing the service being broadcast.

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

Our efforts continue to keep the coronavirus from becoming a greater issue for worshippers at St. Jacob's. Please remember to follow these simple guidelines.

- Use hand sanitizer upon entering the worship space. Hand sanitizer is provided on the table at the entrance to the nave.
- Wear a face mask when within six feet of others. Face masks are available on the table at the entrance to the nave.
- Wear a face masks while singing.

- DO NOT REMOVE OR TEAR BLUE TAPE FROM THE PEWS. While some pews have been reopened, some pews toward the front of the nave remain closed. This is for the well-being of the worship leaders and worship assistants.
- Upon completion of the worship service, DO NOT gather in the aisle for conversation. This presents obstacles for those who wish to depart the building.
- Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



SISTERCARE

Freeing Families From Fear

Letter from Sistercare

April 5, 2021

Dear Friends,

Please know how much we greatly appreciate the generous donation of \$250 from St. Jacob's Lutheran Church in support of Sistercare's work with midland's county survivors of intimate partner violence and their children.

The contribution will help Sistercare in providing safe housing, basic needs, counseling, and legal advocacy for those who are escaping the violence in their homes. Financial support from caring congregations enables Sistercare to provide for those who are most at risk.

We are grateful for the support of Sistercare and concern for families and individuals who receive our services.

Sincerely,
Nancy Barton
Executive Director



Card to St. Jacob's from Good Works

April 12, 2021

Thank you for your gift of \$250 on January 8, 2021, to Good Works. Your continued support helps us to reach out and lift up those in need in our community. God bless you all!

In His Service,
Mary H.



Card from We Care

Thank you for your donation of 393 pounds of food for the Month of March.

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

Alecia Klauk
Executive Director

Letter to St. Jacob's from We Care
April 12, 2021

Happy Easter! What a joyous time as we celebrate the resurrection of our King Jesus!

Hope is embodied in no more powerful way than the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. We seek every day at We Care to demonstrably extend that hope to our clients who struggle to meet life's most

basic necessities. Your gift makes that possible! Please know how deeply thankful we are for your kindness to extend hope to our clients through your generous donation of \$250.

Through a partnership with the Hewitt Foundation, we are pleased to have Easter baskets for our clients' children! We also continue to provide kerosene vouchers as the weather cannot decide when to end winter and begin spring. Food moves out the door daily and utility bills are being paid. We continue to joyfully serve the community through your kind generosity!

There is so much happening at We Care! We are receiving applications for scholarships for clients' families, getting ready to send clients' children back to summer camp again this year, hosting another free pet care clinic for clients, and of course continuing to serve hundreds of people with much needed food and utilities as the pandemic continues to impact the health and finances for our clients.

We rejoice in the abundance of capacity we have been blessed with and know it is only possible because of the community of donors that support us. We are so very thankful that our ever-increasing client needs are being met by an ever-giving community of support!

As you celebrate Easter, may you know the hope you are giving and the difference it makes in the lives of our clients, and may you feel that hope returned in great abundance. God Bless you!

Sincerely,
Alecia Klauk,
Executive Director

Date: 04/05/2021 Donation \$250

URGENT SUPPLIES REQUESTED

We Care is currently experiencing a low volume of household and toiletry supplies for their clients. The following are some suggestions: Toilet Paper, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Paper Towels, Feminine Products, Men & Women's Deodorant, Soap, Dishwashing, Detergent, and Cleaning Supplies. Donations for We Care can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning prior to worship. Thank you for your assistance.



Letter to St. Jacob's from Water Mission

April 12, 2021

The Lord is using your faithful generosity to change the lives of people around the world.

Your recent gift to Water Mission will bring safe and Living Water to those who need it most. As we join God in the work He is already doing, we have the privilege of seeing how these gifts can have a positive and lasting impact on the health, education, and income of entire families.

Because of you, women around the world no longer spend hours every day collecting contaminated water. Children attend school without waterborne illnesses holding them back. God's love is shared with entire communities through the life-changing gift of safe water.

Water Mission's vision is that all people have safe water and an opportunity to experience God's love. Your generosity is helping to make this vision a reality.

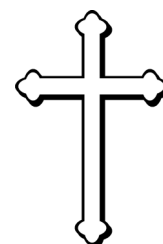
For all this and more, *I thank you.*

Blessings,

George C. Greene IV, PE
Chief Executive Officer and President

P.S. Get updates about the impact you're making by subscribing to our blog at watermission.org/news.

Date: 04/08/21 Donation \$250



MEMORIALS — APRIL 18, 2021

- BUILDING FUND
In honor of Danny Shealy—
By: W.B. Tillery
- HOLIDAY GIVING
In Memory of James C. Lindler and
Kelly Watts AND in Honor of my Children,
Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren—
By: Ramonia Lindler
- WE CARE
 - ◇ In Memory of James C. Lindler and
Kelly Watts; Grover and Greta Sandel and
Susan Hardin AND in honor of our Children
and Grandchildren—By: Robert and
June Lindler
 - ◇ In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Duvall—
By: J.L. and Janet Lindler
- LUTHERAN WOMEN
In Memory of Landon Monts—
By: Patricia Woodard
- MEMORIAL FUND
In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Rothell Martin —
By: Mitchell and Julieta Martin

PASTOR OUT OF OFFICE

Pastor David will be away for the annual NALC Clergy Meeting with Bishop Dan Selbo in San Antonio, Texas from Sunday afternoon, May 2nd – Saturday, May 8th. Pastor David will be here to lead worship on May 2nd and May 9th. Then from Monday, May 10th through Sunday, May 16th, the Pastor will be on vacation visiting with grandchildren. Pastor Gary Blobaum will be our guest preacher on May 16th. Please be aware that there will be only one service on May 16th at 10:30 AM. Sunday school will take place at its regular time.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES

Due to the NALC Clergy Meeting and Pastor's vacation, we will not have Wednesday evening services on May 5th and May 12th. We will begin back on May 19th. Looking forward to seeing you then.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

We will not have practice on Sunday, May 2nd. See you all on Sunday, May 9th.

MUSICAL MONDAYS

Musical Mondays starts June 28th. We are so excited to offer singing, handbells, games, and crafts, all praising God through music. This is open for all children who have completed first grade and up. Sign up on the Narthex bulletin board by May 22nd so that we can purchase music and supplies. We will meet each Monday from June 28th-August 9th from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM with lunch included. Due to the NALC Convocation, there will be no meeting on August 2nd. Musical Mondays will conclude with an evening presentation, more information will follow.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PROVIDE MEALS FOR MUSICAL MONDAYS

We are looking for volunteers to provide lunch each week for Musical Mondays and that sign-up sheet is also in the Narthex. If you are not comfortable serving, you can prepare and drop off; and we will gladly serve. Once sign-ups have closed, we will have the number of children attending and possibly some suggestions for meals, if needed. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Rachel Shelton or Angela Nuottila.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Please note that the young adults will be meeting for Sunday School each Sunday downstairs as well as the younger children. The older adults will continue to meet in the Fellowship Hall.

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 you may have.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION WEEK OF APRIL 18, 2021

Weekly Giving: \$4,471

Budget Requirements: \$ 5,726

MTD Actual Giving: \$17,054.74

MTD Budget Requirements: \$17,178

YTD Actual Giving: \$81,387.07

YTD Budget Requirements: \$91,616

MARCH GIVING FROM WALT SHEALY

Month to Date Giving: \$19,463.85

Year to Date Giving: \$64,291.83

Year To Date Budget: \$74,438.00

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR MAY

MAY 02 - Lisa Amick

MAY 09 - Robert and June Lindler

MAY 16 - Judy and Don Dease

MAY 23 - OPEN

MAY 30 - Gary and Joan Marco

- ◆ 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 MAY

Co-Chairs—Gerald Lindler 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

SERVING ASSISTANTS FOR MAY

Date	Time	Usher	Lay Reader	Communion	Acolyte
2-May	8:30	Wade Slice	Rachel Shelton	John Riser	***
	10:30	Leon Lindler	Angela Nuottila	Judy Dease	Cora Wallace
9-May	8:30	John Riser	Larry Shull	Carroll Lindler	***
	10:30	Robert Ziemer	Helen Lindler	Dixon Wallace	Jackson Wallace
16-May	8:30	No 8:30 Service this day (Pastor on vacation).			
	10:30	Chris Doyle	A.J. Peoples	David Kibler	Audrey Doyle
23-May	8:30	Carroll Lindler	Susan Shealy	Larry Shull	***
	10:30	Davis Brown	Gary Marco	Don Dease	Harper Monts
30-May	8:30	Larry Shull	Carroll Lindler	Rachel Shelton	***
	10:30	Tracy Eargle	Brandon Slice	A.J. Peoples	Isabelle Peoples

April 25, 2021
Baptism of Erin Ellison Patterson



Parents: Karlee Smith and Austin Patterson

BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.
Luke 24:45

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

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