



St. Jacob's Lutheran Church

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PASTORAL DEVOTION FOR SEPTEMBER

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

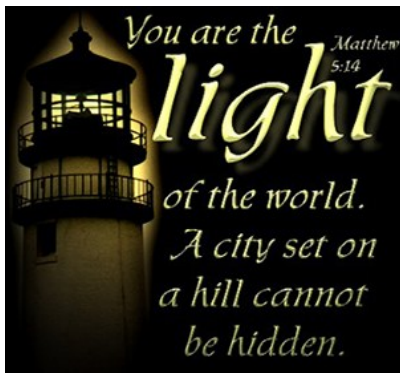
Read Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples, "A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket." God blesses the Church with the most precious treasure there is, the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Every Christian is therefore filled with the light of Christ and called to give witness to the wonders of God's mercy and grace.

Often, it is said to the newly baptized person, "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Our light shines when we love God with all our heart and love our neighbor as ourselves. Shining our light, we share the love of Christ Jesus with all whom we meet.

Jesus of Nazareth is light and life for the world. Baptized into his death and resurrection, the light of Christ dwells within God's people. May you always feel the presence and power of our Lord Jesus. And may your light shine through the darkness of this world, that those within your midst may finally see the glory of the Father and enter the gates of our eternal home.

Prayer: Shine the light of your love, O Lord, and fill me with the power of your love. Amen.



Labor Day

CLOSURE OF THE CHURCH OFFICE

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 6th, in observance of Labor Day. Praying you all have a safe and fun day.

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

In March, I offered to the congregation what I call my Six-Point Vision to enhance our ministry and congregational life for the future of St. Jacob's. The six points as they were presented in the March newsletter are:

1. Create an Intentional Disciple Making Culture.
2. Growing the Christian Education Ministries of our congregation.
3. Raising up Leaders for the Church.
4. Grow in our focus on Mission and Outreach.
5. Develop a welcoming and inviting culture.
6. Grow in our sense of Christian fellowship.

This month, I would like to speak to one of those points that I believe is vital to the future of our life together. Point #2, Growing the Christian Education Ministries of our congregation, is one that has been a generations old problem for many congregations. It is no secret that participation in Sunday School, Confirmation, and Bible Studies have fallen off drastically since the day when many of us were eager participants.

Over my pastoral ministry spanning three congregations, Christian Education teams have been faced with the issue of having too few volunteers to teach classes and a dwindling number of students. The same questions have arisen over the years. "How do we encourage people to teach classes?" "How can we get our children to participate?" Since my initial conversations with the call team four years ago, I understand, St. Jacob's, has struggled with these same questions. Answers, I assure you, do not come easy.

In order to address this complex issue, I asked for the Christian Education Team to meet in August in order to discuss the present condition of our Sunday School Ministry. At the time of this writing and due to newsletter deadlines, the meeting has been scheduled but has not yet taken place. It is my hope that our discussion will prove fruitful and faithful as we speak to the need for Christian Education and

faith formation for all members of our church family.

During the Youth Ministry Workshop at our convocation in Texas, I began a conversation citing the challenges of Sunday school and found that St. Jacob's has not been alone in facing this issue. More recently, I also began an online conversation among pastors and youth ministers which is leading to an understanding among the group that perhaps it is time to begin thinking creatively and unconventionally. On Thursday, August 26th, I participated in an online Zoom discussion centered upon the questions we all face regarding Sunday School. The information brought out during this conversation was astounding. So many congregations are facing dire circumstances when it comes to providing Christian education for our children.



All too often, discussions regarding Sunday School end up with committees and ministry teams suggesting that we turn the clocks back to a time when Sunday School participation was in its heyday, doing the things we did when we were kids. This seldom works given that times have changed, and approaches to teaching and communicating with children are much different. The lack of volunteers willing to serve as teachers is also an issue that remains constant.

Given all of this, there is something that we must never lose sight of. God commands us to teach the Scriptures to our children and to our children's children. For the sake of our families and the generations that will follow, it is imperative that we take God's command seriously. If we don't teach our children and young adults the things God commands, the world will teach them the things that our sinful world demands. This is a concern that weighs heavy upon your pastor's heart.

I pray that we are able to have a faithful and fruitful conversation and that any decisions we make will be in line with God's expectations for our church family. Especially for the sake of our chil-

dren and their families, I ask for your continued prayers and support of our Christian Education Ministry. I will do my best to be a teacher of the faith for you and for those in our community now and into the future. I also pledge to continue to seek God's guidance leading our congregation to develop a greater desire to study God's Word and pass it on to others.

Grace to you and peace,



Pastor David Nuottila

YOUTH DIRECTOR & FAMILY MINISTRIES

That's a wrap on Musical Mondays! Thank you to all who participated and helped out- whether it be dropping off each week, providing a meal for our kids, or coming to our showcase to see all that we had learned- Musical Mondays was a huge success! We learned a lot and had a lot of fun doing so. Week one, we learned about why we worship God for all that He has done and all that He continues to do in our lives. Week two, we learned the song "Earth and All Stars" while talking about the creation story. Week three, we learned the story of Moses leading the Israelites through the Red Sea and the Prophetess Miriam leading the people by tambourine and song. Week four, we talked all about the life of David and how no matter what he went through, he always gave praise to God. Week five, we learned about the Psalms and shared the favorite Psalms of people we love. Lastly, Week six, we put it all together to show our friends and family everything that we learned. From tie-dyeing our own handbell gloves, to making tambourines and lyres, musical beanbags, to learning forte and piano with our favorite game "I lost my closet key" -- we had a blast. Thank you again to all who participated, it truly was a great summer together!

Blessings,
Rachel



COUNCIL BRIEFS

GOOD THINGS AT ST. JACOB'S FOR AUGUST

- Getting back to one service on Sundays is going well – attendance up.
- Musical Monday's program has been a great success.
- Baptism of Hannah Joyce Metze.
- The visiting youth from Zion Lutheran, Pittsburgh, PA. were well received. Thanks to the Lutheran Men and all others who made them feel welcome.

BRIEFS:

- Team #6 served the family of Minnie Shealy following her funeral service. Pastor noted that St. Jacob's attendance was pleasantly higher than expected.
- Council is searching for a volunteer for the position of Treasurer of St. Jacob's.

ST. JACOB'S CHANCEL CHOIR

As we continue to return to pre-pandemic activities, one of the final steps for our worship services is to restore the choir to singing each Sunday. Angela Nuottila has volunteered to serve as our interim Choir Director until the congregation finds someone who will assume this position permanently. Choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday evenings following our mid-week worship service. We have certainly missed having an adult choir during worship. Our children's choir has done a marvelous job of providing music for our worship services, and we are very thankful for their talent. If you have not ever considered being a part of the choir, please consider this to be your invitation. You don't need to have the most splendid singing voice. All you need is a desire for enhancing the worship of our congregation as we make a joyful noise unto the Lord on Sunday morning. Anyone who is interested should contact Angela for more information.

90 DAY BIBLE FITNESS CHALLENGE

By the time this newsletter makes it to the congregation, those who are engaged in the 90 Day Bible Fitness Challenge will find themselves in the midst of the final third of their reading plan. The halfway point came on Tuesday, August 24th. As several

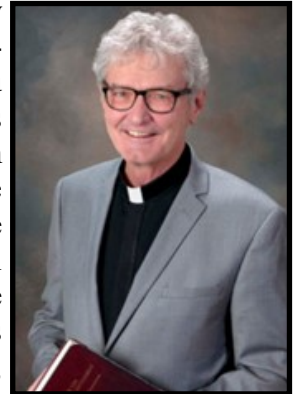
have discussed in our small group sessions, reading chronologically has been a blessing. It has allowed for a greater understanding of the entire story of God's people Israel and the promise of a Savior.

We will do this exercise again sometime in the future. But until we do, St. Jacob's church family members can look forward to more studies that will pique the interest of those who would like to gain further understanding concerning the whole story of God's love according to the Scriptures.

Keep reading your Bibles. For as John wrote in the book of Revelation: *"Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it"* Rev. 1:3.

SEMINARY PRESIDENT VISIT

The Rev. Dr. Eric Riesen, President of the North American Lutheran Seminary will visit St. Jacob's on Sunday, September 26th. As you may recall, Dr. Riesen was scheduled to visit with us in July but due to a family issue his visit needed to be rescheduled. Dr. Riesen will lead a group discussion on the structure of the NALC's seminary network structure, the need for congregations to be involved in the development of pastors for the future and also will help us to understand what we can do to support the seminary network. Be sure to attend and welcome Pastor Riesen to St. Jacob's.



FAREWELL AND GODSPEED

As we prepare to begin a new season of Sunday school and Youth activities, we do so having said goodbye to our friend and sister in Christ, Rachel Shelton. With much of her work happening behind the scenes of everyday congregational life, I would assure you the church office is going to be a much quieter place. Rachel served our congregation well and became an important part of our ministry. As we begin our search for a new Director of Youth and Family Ministries, we do so with thankful prayers and ask God's continued blessing on Rachel in her life and witness to the Gospel.

MEMORIALS — August 22, 2021

• GENERAL FUND

In memory of Minnie Lee Shealy — By:
Derriel and Lynn Amick

In memory of Minnie Lee Shealy and
Chrissy Bundrick — By: Gerald and
Robin Lindler

In memory of Lenard Shealy—By:
Frances Shealy

In memory of Hazel Rauch—By: Gerald and
Robin Lindler

• BUILDING FUND

In memory of Minnie Lee Shealy — By:
Robert and June Lindler;
Billy, Sherrie, Lauren, Parker and
Anna Lee McTeer;

Miriam Metze;
Terry and Barbara Metze;
Betty Ann Shealy;
Danny and Brenda Shealy;
Richard and Earline Shealy

In memory of Minnie Lee Shealy — By: Kim
and Vida Smallwood; Tana Roberson and
Ty Fleming

In memory of Minnie Lee Shealy — By:
Grace Shealy, Celia Shealy, Eunice Shealy,
Rev. Pierce, Clarice Evans, and Elvie Kinard

In honor of Carroll and Melissa Lindler's 30th
Wedding Anniversary — By: Glenda Lindler

• MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Minnie Lee Shealy — By:
Craig and Melissa Harmon; David and
Marilyn Sease



ST. JACOB'S HOMECOMING 2021

Our annual Homecoming celebration is scheduled for Sunday, October 10th. Having missed out on homecoming in 2020 due to the pandemic we can all look forward to a wonderful service. Please invite members of St. Jacob's past and present to join us. Our Homecoming guest preacher will be our old friend, Pastor Marty Ramey. Please circle the date on your calendars and be sure to come enjoy the celebration.

CARD FROM WE CARE

St. Jacob Lutheran Church

Thank you for your donation of 340 pounds of food for
The month of July, 2021.

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



WE CARE CENTER

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Items Needed

1. Grits
2. Corn
3. Boxed pasta
4. Canned collards/greens
5. Syrup
6. Chunky/Progresso soup
7. Sugar/flour: 2 pound bags
8. Chili
9. Canned salmon
10. Personal care items

We also ALWAYS need laundry
detergent, paper products and
cleaning supplies. THANK YOU!



FINANCIAL INFORMATION WEEK OF AUGUST 22, 2021

Weekly Giving: \$2,365

Budget Requirements: \$5,726

MTD Actual Giving: \$16,250.24

MTD Budget Requirements: \$22,904

YTD Actual Giving: \$170,817.77

YTD Budget Requirements: \$194,684

JULY GIVING FROM TREASURER

Month to Date Giving: \$21,484.74

Year to Date Giving: \$172,890.53

Year To Date Budget: \$171,780.00

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER

05-Sept - Open

12-Sept - Miriam Metze

19-Sept - Open

26-Sept - Doug and Jo Sullivan

GROUNDS TEAM FOR SEPTEMBER

Co-Chairs—Billy McTeer, 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 SEPTEMBER

Date	Usher	Lay Reader	Communion	Acolyte	Crucifer
05-Sept	Leon Lindler Eddie Eargle Robert Ziemer Wade Slice	Tina Kibler	Marie Slice Kristen Nickel	Audrey Doyle	***
12-Sept	Lynn Shealy Chris Doyle Billy McTeer Carroll Lindler	Angela Nuottila	Nicki Peeples Nate Nickel	Harper Monts	***
19-Sept	Davis Brown Tracy Eargle Robert Wessinger Helen Lindler	Larry Shull	A.J. Peeples Robert Ziemer	Isabelle Peeples	***
26-Sept	Leon Lindler Eddie Eargle Robert Ziemer Wade Slice	Carroll Lindler	Angela Nuottila Susan Shealy	Jackson Wallace	***

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BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER

- 01 – Stephanie McDuffie
- 01 – Nicki Peeples
- 03 – Phyllis Bickley
- 03 – Susan S. Shealy
- 04 – Caleb Meetze
- 05 – Evan Riser
- 05 – Lia Clark
- 06 – Les Sutphin
- 07 – Gracie Daniels
- 09 – Erline Clark
- 09 – Jason Jones
- 10 – Melissa Lindler
- 11 – Barbara Metze
- 11 – Rachel Boland
- 12 – Easton Amick
- 12 – Taylor Monts
- 13 – Jeff Kleckley
- 13 – Julie Stuck
- 13 – Anna Claire Lindler
- 15 – Lynne Amick
- 18 – Kayleigh Riser
- 19 – Frances Slice
- 19 – Dawn Daniels
- 20 – Judy Turner
- 20 – Renee Doyle
- 22 – Renee Shields
- 22 – Jill Lindler
- 22 – Walt Shealy
- 23 – Earline Shealy
- 23 – Danny Shealy
- 23 – Melissa Wicker
- 24 – Caroline Lindler
- 25 – Kayla Pharis
- 28 – Jim Foster
- 28 – Lily Wallace
- 30 – Andrew Lindler



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We would like to say we appreciate all of St. Jacob's thoughtfulness following the passing of our mother, Minnie Lee Shealy. Thank you so much for all your calls, cards, text, visits, and the meal provided to our family.

The Turner Family

BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

*Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.
Mark 9:50*

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday—9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Worship Time: Sundays—10:00 AM

Sunday School—9:00 AM

Wednesday Service—7 PM

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