



St. Jacob's Lutheran Church

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PASTORAL DEVOTION FOR OCTOBER

BE CONTENT

Read 1 Timothy 6:1-10

Songwriter, Harry Chapin spun a tale of a man named Mr. Tanner, a dry cleaner who was very good at his work. He was content with his chosen profession and loved his customers. Tanner was also a baritone who loved singing. Chapin said of Tanner, "He did not know how well he sang, it just made him whole."

As the song goes, Tanner's friends convinced him he should give up dry cleaning and pursue fame and glory. He would be able to leave his business behind, become famous and enjoy a prosperous life. Yet, it was not to be; his debut proved that public performance was not his calling. Dejected, Tanner gave up singing and his life was not the same.

God blesses his people with many gifts and talents. Used for God's purposes, they bring much joy. Humbly sharing our gifts for the sake of others glorifies God through whom such gifts come. Of course, there is always the temptation to seek fortune and glory for ourselves, especially when swayed by others.

Just as Jesus teaches there are people of the world who would lead us astray, so too Paul teaches us that we are to be content with all God provides. Worldly influences may tempt us to seek glory for ourselves, but loving God and using our gifts to his glory brings joy and makes us whole.

Holy God, make us content with all you have provided, that it may be our joy to serve others. Amen.

PASTOR ON VACATION

Pastor David and Angela Nuottila will be away on vacation beginning Monday, October 11th through Sunday, October 24th. St. Jacob's will be served by two supply pastors while Pastor David is away. On October 17th, our old friend Pastor Larry Long will visit St. Jacob's, and then on October 24th, we will welcome Pastor Lester Cutter. Please greet our supply pastors warmly and pray for Pastor David and Angela as they take a little time to rest and relax.

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

When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." Then God said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." Exodus 3:4-5

As you begin reading this month's article, I would ask you to first consider a few questions which I believe will provide perspective and a framework for reflection. When was the last time that you heard God speaking to you? Really, when was the last time you actually became still, and you were able to hear God's voice? What was your response? In that instance when you felt a gentle nudge from the Holy Spirit and heard God's voice calling and inviting you to take part in his work, what did you do?

I am usually amazed at what God can do each time I am invited into difficult and stressful situations in the life of someone whom I am called to minister. Throughout my ministry, I have had my share of extraordinary and difficult moments. There have been many times when God called me to a place I'd rather not go. Suddenly, in those instances, I felt a bit like Moses when he saw the burning bush. My thoughts would sometimes turn into self-doubt. "What makes me so special that they should listen to me?" "What if I don't have the ability to do what is required?" "What good can come out of my simply being there?"

We all know Moses as one of the central characters of the Old Testament narrative, yet before he became such a key figure, he could have been best described as someone who was lacking in confidence and filled with doubt. He was born a slave but raised in the house of Pharaoh and later rejected by even his own people. He had to flee Egypt because he killed a guard. When God finally got Moses' attention, he was but a shepherd tending a flock that wasn't even his own. God's call wasn't extended in dramatic fashion. There were no lightning bolts or loud claps of thunder. Instead, God used the sight of a burning bush.



This is where Moses gives us one of those great theological movements. Instead of sitting there with a puzzled look on his face, Moses turns aside. Turning aside is one of those things we learn about in seminary. Turning aside means dropping what you are doing, forgetting what you are thinking about so that you can look and listen for God. Moses turned aside in order to pay attention and noticed that this bush was not consumed by the flames. Moses turned aside and heard God. Yet, even turning aside isn't always enough.

When God called Moses, his response was to the effect of "Who am I but a poor shepherd, uneducated in your ways and incapable of eloquent speech?" With each excuse Moses was able to conjure up, God promised to do more than simply meet his needs. Fast forwarding several thousand years, we may be quick to offer the same excuses when God calls us to ministry. "Who am I that I should be of help?" "I'm not qualified, send someone else." "In this instance, I don't believe I have what it takes." "I'm not up to the challenge...am I?" Often, at times we sound just like Moses, yet God still takes the time to bless us with the gift of the Holy Spirit and walk with us into the dark valley. Our calling as Jesus' disciples is simply to go and let God be God.

The burning bushes are out there in our midst. God continually calls his people to action using the most ordinary of means but spotting those burning bushes takes patience and it takes practice. If we are not listening for God, if we are not paying attention, we might not recognize a burning bush when we see one. As we go about our busy day, Christian folk need to be actively looking and listening for God. We need to be tuned in to the burning bushes in our midst, always remembering that as we are called to ministry, God is with us and provides what is needed to do his will.

So again, I ask the questions that I have considered these last few weeks. When was the last time that you heard God speaking to you? When was the

last time you actually became still so you could listen? What was your response? I pray that God will fill you with his presence and power as you hear him calling you to greater discipleship. *For 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

Good Things at St. Jacob's for

August:

- Carroll and Sherrie did a great job filling in for Pastor
- Good attendance at the "farewell reception" for Rachel
- Good to have choir back in the service, welcome to new member Tommy Faulk

Council Briefs:

- Building Team received the final drawings on the Parking Lot Project along with estimate of cost increases, and recommends that Council bring the new estimated costs to the congregation.
- New Confirmation Class begins Sept. 12th, 2021 with two confirmands.
- Carolinas Mission Region Annual Convocation will be September 24th-25th at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Gastonia, NC.
- Rev. Dr. Eric Riesen, President of NALS, will be visiting with us and will preach on Sunday, September 26th. He will lead a discussion in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour.
- Homecoming Sunday is October 10th, with Pastor Marty Ramey as our guest preacher. There will be NO meal on Homecoming Sunday.
- Pastor Nuottila will be on vacation October 11th through October 25th.
- On Sunday, October 3rd, there will be one Sunday School class for all ages in the

Fellowship Hall.

- There will be only one usher on Sundays, and the offering plate will be placed on the table at the entrance of the Sanctuary.

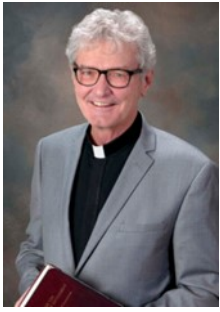
ST. JACOB'S CHANCEL CHOIR

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. Choir rehearsals are held each Wednesday evening following our mid-week worship service. 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 mornings. Anyone who is interested should contact Angela for more information.

90 BIBLE FITNESS CHALLENGE

We are nearing the finish line for our 90 Day Bible Fitness Challenge. The truth be told, a few of our participants have already finished. Several others will finish a few days early. What a joy it has been to read the entire Bible, one verse at a time, and complete it in 90 days. The challenge seemed at first to be quite a lofty goal, and it is. But nineteen of our church family members have made it this far. Certainly, meeting once per week in small groups has enhanced our mutual endeavor, and the conversations have been amazing. Now the question remains, what will these folks do now that the challenge has been met? Most have said they really enjoyed the NLT Chronological Study Bible and plan to go through it again, taking a long look at all the study notes and illustrations. Another question that has been asked by several who have not participated is, "Will we do this again?" The answer is "Yes, we will, but the time hasn't been determined yet." Thanks be to God for revealing his Word to his people and guiding us with the Holy Spirit as we read the Bible in 90 days. Congratulations to all who took the challenge. Well done, good and faithful servants!

SEMINARY PRESIDENT VISIT



The Rev. Dr. Eric Riesen, President of the North American Lutheran Seminary, joined us on Sunday September 26th and led a small group discussion on the NALC Seminary network. Following his presentation, Pastor Riesen served as our guest preacher for the day. Pastor Riesen wanted to pass along his regards to everyone and say that

he noticed the congregation at St. Jacob's is one that certainly shares the warmth and welcoming nature of God's love. We are thankful for the opportunity to greet Pastor Eric and ask God's continued blessings upon him and our North American Lutheran Seminary.

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 day of wonderful fellowship. 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. Later that afternoon, church family members are invited to go sing for St. Jacob's members who are not able to attend worship. We will share time with them singing some of those good old hymns that everyone loves to sing while visiting folks whom we have not seen for a while. Join us on October 10th at 3 PM. We will travel in cars and share the gift of the church's music making a joyful noise unto the Lord. Please circle the date on your calendars and be sure to come enjoy this day of celebration.

MEMORIALS — SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

- LUTHERAN WOMEN
In memory of Minnie Lee Shealy—By: Joe and Eileen Richardson
- BUILDING FUND
In memory of Mabyn Gifford—By: Gerald and Robin Lindler

In memory of Minnie Lee Shealy—By: Chad and Caroline Lindler
- MEMORIAL FUND
In memory of Mabyn Gifford—By: Ken and Brenda Smith

In memory Mabyn Gifford—By: Jim and Carolyn Kibler

In memory of Rivers, Cora, and Arthur Wayne Slice and Ron Stopher—By: David and Jennifer Stopher

CHOIR NOTES

**Mark your calendars for
3 PM October 10th!**



It's Homecoming, and as we gather to worship God with a guest pastor and beautiful music, we will also celebrate the family of faith we have all found at St. Jacobs. Unfortunately, there are members of our congregation who are no longer able to attend Homecoming in person. So, let's take Homecoming to them.

We will meet at the church at 3 PM and caravan to the homes of our shut-in members. Think Christmas caroling, only in October, and sharing some of the favorite songs and hymns of our faith. Join us in taking St. Jacobs home for these cherished members of our family.



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

Dear Friends of St Jacob's Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the staff and Board of Sola Publishing, thank you for your gift of \$250.00 that we received in July 2021.

You have blessed our hearts with your support of our ministry to provide solid, biblical resources for use in preaching and teaching God's Word. Because of your gifts, we are able to keep the cost of our materials low for those churches struggling to keep their ministries viable.

We are deeply thankful for your gracious gift.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steve King, Managing Editor

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To St. Jacob's Lutheran Church,
Thank-you for your gift of \$375
to Goodworks. Your support helps
us to continue to reach out to
those in need in our community.
God bless you all!
In His Service,
May H.

G.I.F.T. Sunday School October 3rd

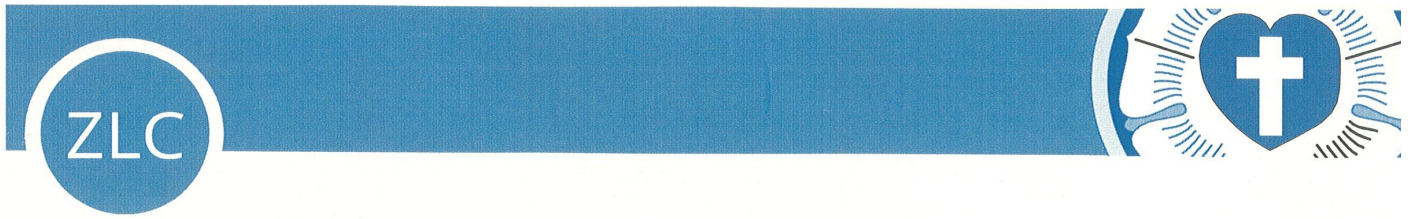
On October 3rd, we will have a cross generational Sunday school class in the fellowship hall. G.I.F.T which means, **Gather In Faith Together** will be an opportunity for our youngest and oldest church family members to share a time of music and Christian learning together. Moms and Dads, bring your kids. Grandparents, bring your grandchildren. Everyone is invited. This is Sunday school in a new and fun way. Come and join the fun at 9 A.M. on Sunday, October 3rd, as we **Gather In Faith Together**.

WE CARE CENTER October Most Needed

1. Jam/jelly
2. Canned corn
3. Pork & beans/baked beans
4. Canned peas
5. Canned collard greens
6. Progresso soup
7. Boxed pasta
8. Jello
9. Canned tomatoes
10. Dry beans

We also ALWAYS need laundry detergent, paper products and personal toiletries. THANK YOU!





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July 19, 2021

Dear People of St. Jacob's:

On behalf of our mission trip team I wanted to thank you for allowing us to use your building for a night of rest while journeying on our mission trip. The hospitality you showed us went above and beyond just having a place to stay.

To those who cooked us breakfast in the morning, you gave our group a true taste of the south. Pastor David had been really talking up those sausages for weeks. The meal was delicious.

We were glad to join in on Rachel's Sunday school class as well. It was a blast having the opportunity to cheer on the students during their Jeopardy game.

Finally, thank you to Pastor David for leading us in Sunday worship and giving us the message we needed to hear as we embarked on a week of service. "You give them something to eat," Jesus said. That is exactly what we journeyed to do. God be praised that he has equipped us to do such important work in his name.

God's peace and blessings to you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "PASTOR MATHEW MAGERA".

Pastor Mathew Magera
And the whole mission trip team.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Weekly Giving: \$2,545

Budget Requirements: \$5,726

MTD Actual Giving: \$19,457.24

MTD Budget Requirements: \$22,904

YTD Actual Giving: \$193,178.01

YTD Budget Requirements: \$223,314

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER

03-Oct - Ann and Michael Corley

10-Oct - Gail Epting

17-Oct - Sherrie McTeer

24-Oct - Open

31-Oct - Gary and Joan Marco

GROUNDS TEAM FOR OCTOBER

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

SERVING ASSISTANTS FOR OCTOBER

Date	Usher	Lay Reader	Communion	Acolyte	Crucifer
03-Oct	Leon Lindler Eddie Eargle	Larry Shull	Carroll Lindler Dixon Wallace	Copeland Peeples	***
10-Oct	Lynn Shealy Billy McTeer	A.J. Peeples	Sherrie McTeer Judy Dease	Audrey Doyle	***
17-Oct	Davis Brown Tracy Eargle	Chris Doyle	Marie Slice Robert Ziemer	Harper Monts	***
24-Oct	Leon Lindler Robert Ziemer	Helen Lindler	Kristen Nickel Nate Nickel	Isabelle Peeples	***
31-Oct	Lynn Shealy Chris Doyle	Angela Nuottila	Angela Nuottila Susan Shealy	Jackson Wallace	***

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BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER

- 01 – Judy Long-Riesner
- 02 – Eileen Richardson
- 02 – Kristen Slice
- 03 – Rion Williams
- 05 – Gail Epting
- 05 – Dixon Wallace
- 09 – Brenda Smith
- 09 – Kevin Shields
- 09 – Anna Grace Zeigler
- 11 – Addy Stuck
- 11 – Stephen Wise
- 12 – Leon Lindler
- 14 – James Russell Slice
- 14 – Jason Johnson
- 17 – Bob Ziemer
- 17 – Ann Corley
- 18 – Miriam Metze
- 18 – Alex Rushe
- 19 – Sharon Walker
- 20 – Mandy Rushe
- 21 – Linda Smith
- 25 – Gena Shields
- 30 – Cameron Lindler
- 30 – Jacob Kibler
- 31 – Jo Anne Lindler
- 31 – Wendy Lindler
- 31 – Audrey Doyle



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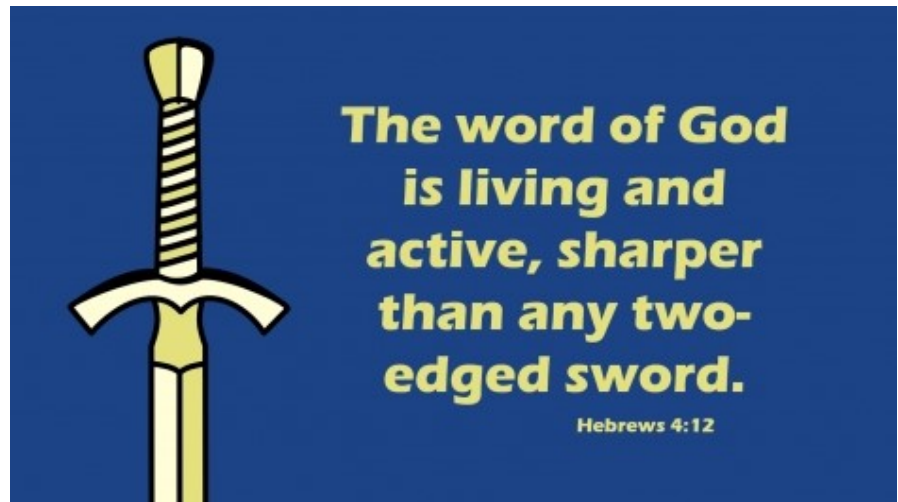
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BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

*You shall eat and be full and you shall bless the Lord your God.
 Deuteronomy 8:10*

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

Worship Time: Sundays—10 AM

Sunday School—9 AM

Wednesday Service—7 PM

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