



St. Jacob's Lutheran Church

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PASTORAL DEVOTION FOR JANUARY

A PLACE AT THE TABLE

Read - *2 Corinthians 4:13-5:10, Luke 16:19-31*

As baptismal waters washed over his head, the stain of sin was erased forever, and he was made a new creation. At long last he became a child of God, refreshed, and brought to new life. So it was for a homeless man living on the streets of Charleston who happened to become friends with this particular pastor. Truly, Greg became the best friend I ever had.

It seemed that at every turn, fortune never seemed to smile upon Greg. He was homeless, friendless, and trusted no one. Yet, tired of being alone, he entered the church. There he found compassion. In time, the compassion he discovered taught him to trust; his trust led him to love. Life remained difficult, but through his newly gifted faith, Greg would begin to understand this earthly affliction would one day pass, and the kingdom would be his forever. That day came for Greg soon after I left Charleston to serve a congregation in North Carolina.

As Lazarus longed for food from the rich man's table, not a crumb would fall within his reach. Making a distinction between rich and poor, the rich man failed in his calling to feed the hungry, thus he lived contrary to God's mandate to love his neighbor. Upon his death, the rich man was denied the mercy of God. In short, he received his reward for his selfishness and refusal to care for those in need. Many in this world continue make such distinctions, only helping when they feel the recipient "deserves" to be helped. They make distinctions between people according to appearances. Thus, the lost and hungry often go ignored. But just as God smiled upon Lazarus, all who call upon the Lord will find compassion and take their place at the table of heaven.

Father God, give us hearts for love alone, that we might love and serve our neighbor without distinction. Amen.



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

Trouble with the Church

Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. 1 Peter 2:12

It's obvious; the world has trouble with the church. In virtually all aspects of human life, two messages prevail. The first message seems to be "Get what you can and keep it for yourself." The second is like it, "Do what you want, when you want." Of course, these messages are contrary to the gospel; therefore, the world has a problem with the church.

Sadly, it seems Christians also have trouble with the church. Often, someone will make the statement, "I don't need to go to church to be a Christian." Others say, "I experience God in my own way." Such statements are contrary to scripture. It's for this reason I say even Christians have trouble with the church.

A common reason people remain unchurched is because they don't see any appreciable difference in the way Christians live their lives. Too often, Christians, especially those who go it alone, fall into the worldly pattern of living according to worldly expectations rather than God's calling. We do what we want, when we want. We get as much as we can get and keep it for ourselves. We only give to those whom we deem "worthy." It is no wonder the world has trouble with the church.

All people are sinners and face temptations. Even the most devout and spiritual Christians need to be encouraged in their faith. Thinking you can remain faithful on your own is perhaps Satan's most potent weapon. Keeping our faith "private" and not gathering for worship with other Christians causes many to believe they are living according to a higher standard, when in reality, they are living according to a worldly standard. By ourselves, lone Christians become easy prey for the powers that defy God.

Peter exhorts Christians to live as people who are freed from sin in Christ Jesus, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, selfish attitudes, and

behaviors, but living as true servants of God. The community of faith is a Christian's sure defense against the powers of sin. The very nature of being Christian means we worship together, have fellowship with one another, and strengthen one another in faith. We study the Holy Scriptures together, learning more of the ways of God. Just think of what it might look like if the church was known for its faithfulness, love, and compassion, rather than having the world characterize it as a gathering of hypocrites. That's the kind of trouble I would love for the world to have with the church.

How great would it be if the powers that defy God looked upon St. Jacob's saying, "Look at those Christians and how they love their God and show mercy and compassion to their neighbor." To have our community see St. Jacob's as a living, breathing, example of the power of God's love within our community and wanting to become a part of who we are is just the sort of trouble with the church that I would love to encounter.



Am I just dreaming? Perhaps, or perhaps not. I believe our congregation is quite a collection of God's people blessed with many gifts and talents to become known as just such a place. All we need is prayer and commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Many who were here before us built St. Jacob's while living in the face of similar doubts and challenges. My prayer going into this New Year is that we would become just the sort of congregation the world would have trouble with, trouble understanding how we can find such joy in serving our neighbor through the love and compassion of our Lord Jesus. Yes, that is the sort of trouble with the Church I believe the world needs to experience.

Grace to you and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Nuottila", is written in a cursive style.

Pastor David Nuottila

ELDERS OF ST. JACOB'S

From Pastor David

At a recent meeting, several Mission District pastors lamented about the unavailability of NALC supply pastors within the Carolinas. Currently, there are few retired NALC pastors available for supply. During August you will recall that when I was quarantined due to Covid-19, we did not have Holy Communion at worship on the two Sundays I was away. That was because there were no pastors available for pulpit supply. The issue came again in October for several of our South Carolina NALC pastors who hoped to take some much-needed vacation time. Again, there were not enough supply pastors to fill in.

The answer to this problem was for pastors to identify lay members who are gifted to serve as Elders to lead worship in the pastor's absence when no supply pastor is available. An Elder is a lay person authorized to distribute consecrated elements of bread and wine for Holy Communion. Elders are trained by the pastor and act under his direction.

Being an Elder is an extraordinary ministry which does not take the place of the ministry of ordained clergy but serves as a means to distribute Holy Communion during a time of unavoidable pastoral absence. Here at St. Jacob's, I have identified four persons who I believe are gifted to serve in such capacity. David Kibler, Carroll Lindler, Sherrie McTeer, and A.J. Peeples have all completed brief training with me to serve as Elders for St. Jacob's. They will be authorized by me to distribute the Sacrament if I am not able, and no supply pastor is available. These four Elders will be publicly recognized on January 2nd.

WELCOME NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2022-2023 TERM

Following is a listing of your newest Council Members for the 2022-2023 term.

Don Dease,
Donna Fulmer
Billy McTeer,
Brenda Smith,
Gloria Ziemer.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a called congregational meeting prior to worship on Sunday, January 9th for the purposes of ratification of an amendment to the NALC Constitution. Any such action approved by the NALC Convocation must receive a ratifying vote of two thirds of the congregation in the North American Lutheran Church. Voting members who were eligible to vote at our December 5th congregational meeting are eligible to vote on January 9th. The vote to ratify only requires a simple majority to pass. Information regarding the amendments will be supplied to the congregation by way of email prior to the called meeting.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Good Things at St. Jacob's for November:

- Don & Leon took the water and flood-bucket supplies to Disaster Center in Kings Mountain, NC.
- Gerald & Robert (Lindler Plumbing) repaired the water lines for the church and office and supplied a much-needed cut-off valve.
- Received three new members this month, Ken and Linda Mostiler by transfer, and Tessa Monts by Holy Baptism.
- Thanksgiving celebration.
- New Advent Wreath made by Danny Shealy.

Council Briefs:

- Lutheran Women and Lutheran Men are resuming regular meetings.
- The Discipleship Team is working on the "Mercy Buckets" program – watch for coming news.
- Council approved re-opening the position for Choir Director.
- Worship & Music to purchase new Chrismon trees.
- Pastor will hold two training sessions in December for the Elders.
- New Finance Procedures approved for Policy and Procedures Manual.
- There will be a special called Meeting of the Congregation on January 9, 2022 to ratify the NALC Constitution changes.
- Council Retreat to be held on January 14th & 15th, 2022 at St. Jacob's.



CHOIR NOTES

“Music is one of the fairest and most glorious gifts of God” Martin Luther.

Beginning on Christmas Eve, we are returning to singing hymns during the administration of communion. Although many think of the Rite of Communion as a very private, personal encounter with God, we actually need to look at the name of the rite itself, communion, to see that it is actually a time of community. It is the moment in our service when we join not just with the other members of our congregation but also with the saints of all times and in all places. We meet each other at the table as one body of Christ with our hands outstretched to receive our Lord’s body and blood which he so selflessly gave to us all. The purpose of singing during communion which starts with our singing of *Lamb of God* is to unite our spirits through the unity of our voices as we go forward to the table. We continue to sing throughout the distribution joining our voices with those gathered around the throne of heaven.

Luther tells us that *“next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise...After all, the gift of language combined with the gift of song was only given to man to let him know that he should praise God with both word and music.”*

So please raise your voice during communion. Join the hymn and sing along with all your loved ones who have gone before you, all your friends and family scattered around the world giving praise to God for his gift of salvation.

God bless you,
Angela



just know that your support means so much to our children and to me.

I would like to thank all those who helped make our Christmas program such a success. Thank you especially to Francis Slice, who organized that wonderful reception. I am not going to try to name everyone because I know I will miss someone. Please

ROSTER CHANGES

If you have any changes to your phone number or address, now is the time to provide that information. Contact Robin Lindler (robinlindler54@gmail.com) or Sherry in the church office so your information will be correct in the 2022 Roster.

MEMORIALS — NOVEMBER 28, 2021

GENERAL FUND

- In Memory of Kelly Lindler Watts—By: Gerald and Robin Lindler
- In honor of Copeland’s 10th Birthday—By: A.J. and Nicki Peebles

BUILDING FUND

- In Memory of James C. Lindler and Kelly Watts—By: Ramonia Lindler
- In memory of Fred and Minnie Lee Shealy—By: Donald and Judy Turner

BUILDING FUND AND WE CARE

- In Memory of James C. Lindler, Kelly Watts and Grover and Greta Sandel—By: Robert and June Lindler

CEMETERY FUND

- In memory of Rothell and Martha Martin—By: Gary Mitchell Martin

MEMORIAL FUND

- In memory of Joseph and Veterie Slice—By: Retha Russell

LUTHERAN WOMEN MEETING

All Lutheran Women are requested to attend a brief meeting on Sunday, January 16th at 4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

TITHING ENVELOPES

Tithing envelopes for 2022 will be available in the Narthex until February 13, 2022. Please make plans to pick up your envelopes and those for any other family member, friend or neighbor who may be unable to get to the church. Following the February 13th service, the envelopes will be removed from the Narthex and you will need to contact Robin Lindler (robinlindler54@gmail.com or 803-622-9247).

2021 Christmas Poinsettias

Plants may be removed following the 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service.

Given in HONOR and MEMORY ...

In honor of Ramonia Lindler AND In loving memory of James C. Lindler; N. Ray and Jonnie H. Sites; Susan Sites, AND Sallee Sites
By: Gerald and Robin Lindler Family

Given in HONOR of ...

Dawn, Gracie, Lauren, Jill, Robert and Tommy
By: Gerald and Robin Lindler

Betty Ann Shealy | By: Lynn and Susan Shealy

Carolyn and Fred Splittgerber | By: Lynn and Susan Shealy

Our Family - Tracy, Raine, Joe, Cheyenne, Aubrey, Ashton, Damon, Loretta, Ashleigh, Teague, Troy, Christy & Ryan
By: O'Neal and Helen Lindler

Our parents – Shirley and Harvey Fulmer AND Agnes Padgett
By: Michael and Donna Fulmer

Our Grandchildren – Theo, Michael, AJ, Caleb, and Samuel
By: Michael and Donna Fulmer

Church Musicians | By: Joan and Gary Marco

Given in MEMORY of ...

Precious, Noni, Pops, Alice, Grand and Pa
By: Billy, Sherrie, Lauren, Parker and Anna Lee McTeer

A loving daughter, sister and aunt – Kelly Michelle Lindler Watts
By: Gerald, Robin, Dawn, Jill, Gracie, Lauren and Tommy

James Carroll Lindler AND Kelly Lindler Watts | By: Ramonia Lindler

Boots and Annie Epting | By: David and Angie Russell

Given in MEMORY of ...

Walter F. Metzke AND Baby "Russ" Metzke | By: Miriam Metzke

Walter F. Metzke (Ann's father) and C. Richard Lindler
By: Michael and Ann Corley

John Pat and Mable Lindler AND Our Grandparents
By: Henry and Erlene Clark, Alice Morefield; AND
Leon and Helen Lindler

Randy Morefield
By: Alice Morefield; Scott, Lora, Landon and Peyton Whittle

PaPa and Granny | By: Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

Libbie Shealy AND Joan Splittgerber | By: Lynn and Susan Shealy

Mr. and Mrs. Henry O. Clark; Lewis, Ray and Bobby Clark;
Dorothy Black; Janie Meetze; Rose Richardson, Georgie Bailey
AND Lena Hammond
By: Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Clark AND Mr. and Mrs. Dewey C. Clark

Ben and Eula Whittington | By: Bobbie Clark

Erskine and Melvera Livingston; Murray Lindler, Annie Julia Lindler
Wessinger AND Lawrence Wessinger | By: O'Neal and Helen Lindler

Our Parents – John and Virginia Slice AND Clayton and Bessie Marco
By: Gary and Joan Marco

Sergio and Julita Rimando AND Bo and Patty Bagnall
By: Doug, Johanne and Brian Sullivan

Michael Harmon, Capt. William Harmon, Tom & Nell Seay, AND
Gilbert & Kathryn Ziemer
By: Gloria and Bob Ziemer

Plants may be removed following the 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service.



December 3, 2021
 To St. Jacob's Lutheran Church,
 Thank-you for your gift of
 \$375 to Goodworks. Your support
 helps us to be able to reach
 out and lift up those in need
 in our community.
 God bless you!
 In His Service,
 Mary Wignambert



"With joy, you will draw water from the wells of salvation."—Isaiah 12:3

Pastor David Nuottila
St. Jacob's Lutheran Church
844 Columbia Ave
Chapin, SC 29036-9308

Dear Pastor Nuottila,

We are so thankful for your partnership in 2021! You enabled Water Mission to serve more than 1.2 million people with safe water and the hope of God's love. Together, we brought best-in-class safe water, sanitation, and hygiene solutions to our global neighbors in rural communities, refugee settings, and disaster areas.

With your support, lives are being transformed. I'm excited to share the enclosed reports about how the Lord is working mightily in this hurting world through your gifts and prayers. I hope you are encouraged as you read about the impact of your generosity on those in desperate need.

Maria, a grandmother in Honduras, is one of these people. After fleeing hurricanes with her grandkids, she feared COVID-19 and waterborne illnesses in the crowded shelter. Your generosity delivered emergency safe water systems, hygiene kits, and a sense of relief that the family would survive the harrowing ordeal. Your heart for serving others also brought great comfort to thousands of parents like Gladys, a widow in Peru. She and her six young daughters are safer now because they have access to safe water and a home latrine.

On behalf of the hundreds of thousands of men, women, and children that you impacted in 2021 with safe and Living Water, thank you.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Garber".

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*Thank you to everyone at St. Jacob's
for blessing us and those we're serving in
Christ's name!* Ken



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November 18, 2021

St. Jacob's Lutheran Church
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In this season of thanksgiving, please receive our sincere thanks for your generous donation of \$375! We are in an extremely busy season as we are preparing for Thanksgiving and Christmas, in a continuing pandemic no less! In addition to those special programs, this time of year also brings a significant increase in the number of people seeking assistance, especially as the cold weather begins.

As we respond to greater need, we not only continue to seek ways to meet the needs that come through our doors, but we also are always reaching further, wanting to meet need wherever it is. We continue to distribute food through our mobile outreach, helping to feed hundreds of people every month! That is in addition to the hundreds we serve every week in Chapin. We always want to do more to feed the hungry!

Looking for ways you can do more? Become a sponsor for our Christmas outreach! It's not too late but deadlines are quickly approaching! Call us for more details. We expect to again serve over 500 children this year and need all the help we can get! You can also donate for Thanksgiving - we anticipate serving nearly 1,000 people that most special family meal. Thank you!

With so much unrest all around us, it gives me profound peace to daily experience the generosity of God's people as we work together. Our clients are so deeply grateful, and we long to serve them with open hearts and hands. We could not be more grateful for your help!

As you celebrate Thanksgiving, may you know the difference you are making in the lives of our clients, giving them a truly Happy Thanksgiving! THANK YOU!

Sincerely,

Alecia Klauk, Executive Director

Donation Receipt

Organization: Chapin We Care Date: 11/8/2021
 Check Number: 7961 Donation: \$375

We Care is thankful to be a SC Secretary of State Angel!

We Care is a 501(c)3 organization providing food and emergency assistance to those in need in Chapin and the surrounding areas.





December 7, 2021

St Jacob's Lutheran Church
Pastor David Nuottila
844 Columbia Ave
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Dear St Jacob's Lutheran Church,

It would be hard to overestimate the importance of forming the next generation of pastors and lay leaders for tomorrow's Church. The NALS is committed to the goal of providing the finest theological education and pastoral formation for Lutheran leaders in North America. To do this we need your prayers and your financial support. Thank you for both!

We all know that we live in challenging times for the Church. The culture is less supportive of the Church, and the pandemic has exacerbated the difficulties of congregational ministry. Still, the Holy Spirit continues to inspire, encourage, and strengthen the Body of Christ and its mission. As we work and pray, God will do, "more than we can ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20 NIV).

I thank you again for your generous gift to the NALS!

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Dr. Eric M. Riesen
President, NALS

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November 23, 2021

"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.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven King". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Pastor Steve King, Managing Editor

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2021

Weekly Giving: \$3,944

Budget Requirements: \$5,726

MTD Actual Giving: \$14,099.74

MTD Budget Requirements: \$17,178

YTD Actual Giving: \$248,293.23

YTD Budget Requirements: \$292,026

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR JANUARY

Jan 2 - Open
 Jan 9 - Open
 Jan 16 - Open
 Jan 23 - Richard and Earline Shealy
 Jan 30 - Don and Judy Dease

GROUNDS TEAM FOR JANUARY

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, Tommy Faulk

SERVING ASSISTANTS FOR JANUARY

Date	Usher	Lay Reader	Communion	Acolyte	Crucifer
Jan 2	- Robert Wessinger Davis Brown	Larry Shull	Nicki Peeples Susan Shealy	Isabelle Peeples	***
Jan 9	- Tracy Eargle Lynn Shealy	Angela Nuottila	Sherrie McTeer Kristen Nickel	Copeland Peeples	***
Jan 16	- Helen Lindler Leon Lindler	Carroll Lindler	A.J. Peeples Judy Dease	Jackson Wallace	***
Jan 23	- Carroll Lindler Bob Ziemer	A.J. Peeples	David Kibler Dixon Wallace	Harper Monts	***
Jan 30	- Billy McTeer Wade Slice	Helen Lindler	Carroll Lindler Marie Slice	Bryliegh Prosser	***

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BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY



02 – Carroll T. Lindler
 03 – Jackson Wallace
 04 – Jack Howard
 Ballentine
 08 – Frances Bowers
 09 – Wendy Rauch
 09 – Brilynn Floyd
 12 – Todd Ballentine
 13 – Allen Lindler
 13 – Brian Dietrich
 13 – Brandon Slice

13 – Samantha Dietrich
 15 – Mimi Foster
 15 – Kenzie Foster
 16 – Tori Lambeth
 17 – Lorene Cannon
 17 – David Nuottila
 18 – David Ellisor
 18 – Gage Shealy
 21 – Sherrie McTeer
 21 – Anna Layton
 25 – David McClain
 27 – Letha Sites
 27 – Henry Clark
 27 – Kim Meetze
 27 – Bryson Metze
 28 – Brantley Bise
 30 – Joshua Monts
 31 – Nate Nickel

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CONGREGATION SURVEY

Pastor David will be sending a survey to the congregation in early January regarding the study of the Holy Scriptures. The survey will be online from the website Survey Monkey. It will be most helpful if everyone who receives this survey would complete it. It is totally anonymous and there is no way anyone can be identified. Once the survey is completed all one has to do is click the submit tab and answers will be automatically collected. Thank you in advance for helping out in this way.

BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

*You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased.
 Luke 3:22*

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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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