



St. Jacob's Lutheran Church

FEBRUARY
Newsletter

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PASTORAL DEVOTION FOR FEBRUARY

Together in Faith

1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:5

Christians today certainly face doubts and fears. So, like many in the early church, Christians today benefit from the encouragement of other believers. When left on their own, even the faithful risk becoming distant and inactive in matters of worship and fellowship. The world offers too many alternatives to living a life patterned after the example of our Lord Jesus.

At every turn, the powers that defy God lay in wait to snatch the believer from the community of faith. Worldly temptations meant to lure believers away from heavenly things become stumbling blocks. Relying on the self only, even the most devout can set their minds on earthly things rather than seeking God's kingdom first. This is the great challenge to the faithful while living in a world fallen in upon itself. In such a world, we often rely on the faith of others.

The church certainly faces issues of complacency; many are not as active as we ought to be. Others become lukewarm in their faith. Yet, living in a community of faith, the Holy Spirit strengthens God's people through their hearing the gospel. The epistles of Paul, along with the other biblical authors continue to encourage Christians throughout the world. We are strengthened by their words, for theirs are the Word of God.

PRAYER: Strengthen your church, O Lord; bless the community of those who call upon your name. Amen.



The Church office will be closed on Monday, February 21st in observance of Presidents' Day. Have a great day!

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

DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH FAITH?

Read Mark 7:24-30

Do you have enough faith? Do you have enough faith to pray even when it seems God is not listening? It is not always easy to maintain faithfulness, especially when it seems God is silent to our pleas for help. Just as the Psalmist wrote; "O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest..." (Psalm 22:2) many feel they experience silence from God. On the night he was handed over, Jesus himself prayed that the cup of suffering might be removed from him, yet he remained faithful. The fact remains that Jesus' crucifixion was God's greatest silence.

We have all experienced this silence of God. We pray for something, and the opposite seems to happen. We pray for healing yet still suffer. We pray for companionship, yet we remain lonely. This is where faith enters. Having faith means understanding and believing that Christ was, is and always will be Emmanuel, God with us. Even as we do not understand God's ways, through faith we are enabled to believe that God's mercy endures. Even as we don't always seem to get what we want, the Holy Spirit leads us through faith to realize God gives us what we need.

In the text listed above, the Syrophenician woman pleads for her daughter's healing; she believes the crumbs from the Master's table have the power to save. It is all she needs. Even as we plead, "Lord have mercy", Christ reaches out and fills our empty hands with this same bread from heaven. Christ is our only source for forgiveness of our sins and the promise of eternal life. Through faith in him we are saved.

Do you have enough faith? What do you think? Do you believe that God's blessings are for you even if you are an outsider? Having enough faith is not hoping we will get what we want; it is knowing Jesus is Lord. Having enough faith is believing that no matter what chaos threatens us, we are not alone in a

storm. Having enough faith means knowing Christ is our Lord and our God, and through him only is the way to eternal life.

Grace to you and peace,



Pastor David Nuottila

NALC PASTOR'S CONFERENCE ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Since Pastor will be in Orlando for the NALC Pastor's Conference from Tuesday, February 15th—18th, we will not have Bible Study, Evening Light Service or Choir on February 16th. Please mark your calendars.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Annual Congregational Meeting to accept our Roster and Financial Reporting including our planned spending for 2022 will be held on Sunday, February 20th. Council voted to send this out via email and to only make about 30 copies for those who don't have an email address. (Please do not take a copy from the Narthex if you received the email.)

LUTHERAN WOMEN

The Lutheran Women will meet on Sunday, February 20th at 4 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We are looking forward to meeting on a regular basis again.

LUTHERAN MEN

The Lutheran Men will meet on Sunday, February 20th at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Good Things at St. Jacob's for December:

- The Church decorations for Advent and Christmas were beautiful.
- Christmas caroling was enjoyed by all participants...those singing and those listening.
- There was good attendance for the children's Christmas program; the program was wonderful.

MEMORIALS — JANUARY 9, 2022

MEMORIALS

- In Memory of Rothell and Martha Martin—By: Gary Mitchell Martin
- In Memory of Joseph and Veterie Slice—By: Retha Russell
- In Memory of Lou Addy—By: Chapin Ruritan Club
- In Memory of J.B. Addy and C. L. Ellisor Families—By: David and Joyce Ellisor
- In Memory of Steve Meetze—By: Ansel and Rose Stuck

GENERAL FUND

- In Honor of Copeland's 10th Birthday—By: A.J. and Nicki Peeples
- In Memory of Steve Meetze, Bill Nuottila, and Dewey Clark—By: Gerald and Robin Lindler
- In Memory of Steve Meetze—By: Billy, and Sherrie McTeer
- In Memory of Steve Meetze—By: Doug, Johanne and Brian Sullivan
- In Memory of Joseph and Veterie Slice—By: Their Children
- In Memory of all members who passed away this past year—By: Derriel and Lynne Amick
- In Memory of Aunt Ruth "Lucy" Lindler and Gary Derrick—By: Derriel and Lynne Amick
- In Memory of Roger Legg—By: Gerald and Robin Lindler
- In Memory of Ruth "Aunt Lucy" Lindler and Uncle Gary Derrick—By: Rion Williams

CONGO MISSIONS

- In Memory of Bill Nuottila—By: Doug, Johanne, and Brian Sullivan

CONGO MISSIONS CONTINUED

- In Memory of Bill Nuottila—By: Robert and June Lindler

LUTHERAN MEN

- In Memory of Steve Meetze—By: Henry and Erline Clark
- In Memory of Bill Nuottila—By: Billy and Sherrie McTeer
- In Memory of Dewey Clark—By: Joe and Eileen Richardson

HOLIDAY GIVING

- In Memory of Bill Nuottila—By: Don and Judy Dease

BUILDING FUND

- In Memory of Fred and Minnie Lee Shealy—By: Donald and Judy Turner
- In Honor of Carroll and Melissa Lindler—By: Glenda W. Lindler
- In Memory of Steve Meetze and Dewey Clark—By: Leon and Helen Lindler
- In Memory of Dewey Clark—By: Billy and Sherrie McTeer
- In Memory of Steve Meetze, Dewey Clark and Bill Nuottila—By: Terry and Barbara Metz
- In Memory of Steve Meetze, Dewey Clark and Bill Nuottila—By: Betty Ann Shealy

CEMETERY FUND

- In Memory of Steve Meetze, Dewey Clark and Bill Nuottila—By: Frances Slice
- In Memory of Dewey Clark and Bill Nuottila—By: Ken and Brenda Smith

WE CARE

- In Memory of Steve Meetze and Dewey Clark—By: Ramonia Lindler
- In Memory of Steve Meetze and Dewey Clark—By: Robert and June Lindler
- In Memory of Bill Nuottila—By: Ramonia Lindler

WE CARE & SISTER CARE

- In Honor of Ramonia Lindler, our children and grandchildren AND in Memory of Susan Hardin—By: Robert and June Lindler

TITHING ENVELOPES

Tithing envelopes for 2022 will be available in the Narthex until February 13th. 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) or the church office to schedule a time to pick up your envelopes.

ACOLYTE TRAINING

Training for children who would like to serve as Acolyte during our worship services will be held immediately following the Children's Choir rehearsals on Sunday, February 13th. All current acolytes should also attend this training session so that everyone will be on the same page when it comes to serving. Please contact Pastor David with any questions you may have.

MINISTRY TEAM LEADER MEETING

Pastor David is calling all St. Jacob's Ministry Team Leaders to a meeting on Saturday, February 12th from 9AM-12 Noon in the Fellowship Hall. There will be several important items to be discussed concerning ministry team functions, financial responsibilities, communications, and record keeping. Please plan to attend. If you are not able, a member of your ministry team should be in attendance.

KIDS FOR CHRIST

St. Jacob's Kids for Christ will meet immediately following Children's Choir rehearsal on Sunday, February 13th from 4 PM – 5 PM. Acolyte training will be a part of this event but shouldn't take too long. KFC will take on a project to reach out to our church family members. All children from grades 1st through 6th are welcome to participate. Parents are also welcomed to come and sit in on the fun.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Our mid-week Morning Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, February 2nd beginning at 10 AM. Our topic will be based on a book "Reviving the Aging Church" written by our friend, Pastor Brad Hales from the NALC Staff. We will take a close look at the scriptures pertaining to God's blessing the faithful with long life and many years. This will be a great study and produce good fruit for our congregation as we live into the "golden" years. There are no special materials needed, just bring your Bible and a desire to explore God's Word with members of your church family.



CHOIR NOTES

Part of worship planning is choosing the liturgy that we will use during the different seasons of the church year. I grew up Lutheran like most of you. I know that we are a liturgical church. We follow a liturgy in our worship each Sunday, and our church year and lessons are based on the liturgical seasons. It all got me thinking about liturgy, what it means and where it comes from. Like all good Lutherans, I have learned about this throughout the years, but I could use a refresher. I've always heard that liturgy means "the work of the people" so, I was prepared to ask myself "how hard am I working?" I mean do I show up each Sunday ready to give one hundred and ten percent or am I keeping my head low hoping the boss doesn't realize that I'm just not feeling it this week? Being a retired librarian, I decided I ought to do some research. To my surprise I found that the word liturgy does not mean the work of the people.

The word liturgy comes from the Greek, and it translates as "work done for the people." What? Well, there goes the newsletter article I've been composing in my head for the last two weeks! On the bright side, I'm off the hook. I don't need to worry if I'm praying fervently enough or listening closely to the sermon. If someone else is doing the work, does it really matter if I am there or not? And whose job is it anyway, the pastor's?

No. The work done on behalf of the people is done by Christ. Christ leads our worship. He comes each Sunday and opens the scriptures for us just as he did for the two disciples on the road to Emmaus after his resurrection. *Luke 24:27* tells us that “beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the scriptures concerning himself.” We gather on Sunday on our own road to Emmaus weighed down by all our fears and confusion just like these disciples, and Christ is right here at St. Jacob’s. He opens the Word for us and helps us to understand all that God has promised and done for you and me. And then he breaks the bread and opens our eyes.

Does this mean that I am off the hook? Not at all! Each Sunday do I give my full attention to Christ on that road as he talks to me or do I walk away thinking that Christ’s words left me flat this Sunday, I couldn’t really follow what he was saying? And just like those two disciples, do I rush to tell my friends of the encounter I have had with Christ? Paul tells us in *1 Corinthians 12* that through our baptism we have been made a part of the body of Christ. Every part of the body works together and not one part can be left out. We are all essential to the work of God. Christ has saved us, Christ opens our eyes and explains God’s word to us. United with each other and Christ we roll up our sleeves to get the work done for the people, all of God’s people.



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Thank you for supporting the North American Lutheran Church. The generous support of our donors and congregations is very encouraging. Please consider including the NALC in your estate planning.

Contribution Statement

Contribution Detail:

Date:	Check Number:
1/8/2021	7817
1/8/2021	7818
1/8/2021	7819
1/8/2021	7820
4/2/2021	7855
4/2/2021	7856
4/2/2021	7857
4/2/2021	7858
7/2/2021	7901
7/2/2021	7902
7/2/2021	7903
7/2/2021	7904
11/2/2021	7965
11/2/2021	7966
11/2/2021	7968
11/2/2021	7969

Fund:	Amount:
General	\$3,250.00
Great Commission	\$625.00
Disaster Response	\$250.00
Theological Education-Seminary	\$250.00
General	\$3,250.00
Great Commission	\$625.00
Disaster Response	\$250.00
Theological Education-Seminary	\$250.00
General	\$3,250.00
Great Commission	\$625.00
Disaster Response	\$250.00
Theological Education-Seminary	\$250.00
General	\$3,250.00
Disaster Response	\$250.00
Theological Education-Seminary	\$250.00
Total Contribution for 2022:	\$17,500.00

Only intangible religious benefits were provided. No goods or services were provided in exchange for this tax-deductible contribution.

Please call Anne Gleason if you have any questions: 651-633-6004.

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January 18, 2022

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you so much for your financial support to the Carolinas Mission Region. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, as it makes it possible for ministry to happen in North and South Carolina and around the world.

Below is a list of the contributions we have received from you from 1/1/21 through 12/31/21. This does not include any registration fees you may have paid to any CMR events. If you have any questions about this report, please feel free to contact me via email at cmdtreasurer@nalc.org or via phone at 828-598-0342.

May God richly bless you in 2022 as you seek to faithfully proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ for the salvation of the world.

Serving Christ,

Kathy Hefner

Kathy Hefner
 Treasurer, Carolinas Mission Region NALC

CHECK #	FOR	AMOUNT
7812	Benevolence – 1 st Quarter	\$275.00
7844	Benevolence – 2 nd Quarter	\$275.00
7898	Benevolence – 3 rd Quarter	\$275.00
7960	Benevolence	\$275.00
Total =		\$1,100.00

No goods or services were provided by the Carolinas Mission Region in return for this donation. The only benefit received was an intangible religious benefit. The Carolinas Mission Region of the NALC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Federal Tax ID #45-4263952.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

Weekly Giving: \$3,126

Budget Requirements: \$5,682

MTD Actual Giving: \$9,861

MTD Budget Requirements: \$22,728

YTD Actual Giving: \$9,861

YTD Budget Requirements: \$22,728

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY

Feb 6 Gloria and Bob Ziemer

Feb 13 Open

Feb 20 Open

Feb 27 Open

GROUNDS TEAM FOR FEBRUARY

Co-Chairs—Gerald Lindler , Robert Lindler

Jeremy Lindler, Chad Lindler, Billy Hardin, Paul Lindler Sr., Paul Lindler Jr., Michael Shealy, Michael Corley, Barry Rice, Tracy Lindler, Albert Lindler, Claude Michael Lindler

SERVING ASSISTANTS FOR FEBRUARY

Date	Usher	Lay Reader	Communion	Acolyte	Crucifer
Feb 6	Robert Wessinger Davis Brown	Larry Shull	David Kibler Susan Shealy	Isabelle Peeples	***
Feb 13	Tracy Eargle Lynn Shealy	Angela Nuottila	A.J. Peeples Kristen Nickel	Copeland Peeples	***
Feb 20	Helen Lindler Leon Lindler	Carroll Lindler	Sherrie McTeer Judy Dease	Jackson Wallace	***
Feb 27	Carroll Lindler Bob Ziemer	A.J. Peeples	Angela Nuottila Dixon Wallace	Harper Monts	***

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BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY



02 – Terry Metze
 02 – Jaclyn Clark
 03 – Claude Lindler
 04 – Marie Slice
 05 – Darriel Maner
 08 – Retha Russell
 09 – James Richard Lindler
 09 – Cheryl Johnson
 13 – Lauren McTeer
 14 – Bryan Bowers, Sr.
 16 – Abby Sightler

19 – Annemarie Stanton
 20 – Elvia Lindler
 21 – Barry Rice
 21 – Bryan Metze
 22 – Virginia Peeples
 22 – Angie Jones
 22 – Elizabeth Holmberg
 23 – Dina Slice
 25 – Julie Shealy
 25 – Collin Meetze
 27 – Wade Slice
 27 – Laura Rushe
 28 – Jim Griggs
 28 – Kayla Lindler

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BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

*Strive to excel in building up the church.
 1 Corinthians 14:12*

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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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