



St. Jacob's Lutheran Church

MARCH
Newsletter

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PASTORAL DEVOTION FOR MARCH

Come and Rest

Read Mark 6:7-13, 30-33

The disciples returned from the mission from which Jesus sent them filled with excitement. They couldn't wait to report to their teacher the many things they had done in his name. Pairing up and traveling from place to place, the disciples preached the message of repentance to all who would hear, cast out demons, and healed the sick. Certainly, there was plenty to discuss, but understanding their needs, Jesus invited them to come away to a place of rest.

Life as a disciple of Christ is much the same today. Those who are engaged in ministering to the sick, hungry, homeless, and lost find that there is seemingly no end to such mission. Even the people of God who come weekly to worship often lean heavily upon those called to ministry. Even still, the passion and excitement displayed by the twelve is paralleled by today's disciple. Similarly, just as with the twelve, seldom is there a day when such a disciple may take full advantage of finding a desolate place to rest. Even in that desolate place, the disciple loves those whom God has placed in his charge; he cares for the sick, tends to the needy, and prays for the flock. The notion of rest seems unattainable, yet Jesus realizes and understands their needs.

Following the boat that carried Jesus and the twelve to that "desolate" place was a great crowd. When Jesus saw them, he had compassion and called his disciples to give them something to eat. What followed was perhaps one of Jesus' most powerful miracles. Not only did Jesus feed the multitude, but he also fed the twelve. As we continue to trust and follow our Lord, Jesus continues to feed us with the truth of the gospel, the compassion of God's love and with food from heaven provided in abundance.

The blessing of being in ministry and service in the name of Christ is such that as the disciple grows tired, Jesus fills them with power, even when the desolate place is not so peaceful.

Prayer: Dearest Jesus, bless us in our work of the gospel, and grant us rest in you. Amen.

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

Read Joel 2:12-14

Return to the Lord your God!

Recalling the forty days during which Christ spent in the wilderness, our Lenten journey begins with a call to repentance and to resist temptation. "Return to the Lord your God, who is merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love (*Joel 2:13*)" is the refrain sung by the church at worship. Forsake the ways of the world and return to following the path set before you by your Lord and God. In order that we may do this, we begin our Lenten journey together with the corporate confession of Ash Wednesday and hear the words of God's love and promise of his grace. These are but the first steps along the path toward Golgotha, and ultimately the empty tomb of Easter. So that we may make this journey together in faith, I strongly encourage everyone at St. Jacob's to focus on God's activity in your lives and to participate in the services and activities of Lent.

Return to Worship

The season of Lent is always a good time to center ourselves and our families in the rich traditions of the church. Gathered with God's people on Sundays and again during Wednesday vespers, we renew our commitment to offer God our worship and praise, hear God's Word through sermon and song, and receive his forgiveness and grace through the sacrament of the altar. Lent is a good time to renew our passion for such worship through rich liturgy and prayer, begging Kyrie eleison, Christi eleison, that is Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy. Each Sunday during Lent, our sermon series will focus on the humanity of Christ as God came to live among his people, and how Jesus gave himself away as sacrifice for all so that we may live in God's mercy and be recipients of his grace.

Focus on Scripture

In the early church, the forty days of Lent was a time for instruction in the basic truths of the Christian faith. Commitment to daily reading and study of Holy Scripture; therefore, a central part of one's

faith formation during Lent and beyond. In order to live lives of faith and be followers of Christ Jesus, one must continue to learn of the mighty acts of God and the history of our salvation. So many of our members do not take advantage of Sunday School and small group Bible study, thus my question for you during this Lenten pilgrimage is, from where are you learning the elements of the Christian faith? Where are you learning about your faith and call if not from the church at Sunday School and Bible study? Worship is meant to praise and glorify God while connecting faith and life. It is imperative that Christians continue in life long faith formation within the community of Christ. I strongly encourage each of you to dedicate yourselves to daily reading of Holy Scripture and to participate in study of God's Word in the fellowship of the church.



Focus on Prayer

What is prayer if not our personal and intimate communication with God? Given the reality of what prayer is, let me ask another question; How is your prayer life? Living in such a fast paced world, we often forget to slow down and enjoy conversation with our loving God.

Yet God is always with us, always walking by our side, leading us to the good gifts of his kingdom. Lent is a good time to remember to slow down, be still and listen to the voice of God. It is a good time to enjoy quiet moments in prayer and hear God's answers to the concerns we bring before him. I encourage everyone during these forty days and beyond to take time for daily prayer, either in the quietness of your homes, or in the quietness of your hearts. Then join your sisters and brothers in Christ on Sundays for the prayer and ritual of worship on Sunday as we join our voices lifting the concerns of others before God.

Focus on Discipleship

As we continue to study God's Word and grow in faith, our thankful response to God's grace grows as well. During the forty days of Lent, Christians recommit their lives to being faithful disciples of Christ, following his example of ministry for the sake of others. Lent, therefore, is a good time to

examine your level of giving of time talent and treasure, to become a cheerful giver of the gifts which God first has given unto us. Again, I strongly encourage everyone to examine their level of giving in each of these areas. I encourage you to participate in the services of the Lord's house, the ministries we share for the sake of those in our community and world, and to give thanks daily for the opportunity to be as Christ for others.

On Ash Wednesday we begin the pilgrimage anew, yet it is the journey of our lives as people of God. Yes, this is a rather lengthy contribution to the newsletter, but hear in my words the invitation to grow in faith, learn the ways of God, and become a blessing for those whom God places in your midst. When the steps toward Golgotha become especially strenuous, remember what it is that Christ endured for our sake. Gather with your sisters and brothers at St. Jacob's, and return to the Lord your God, who is merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Grace to you and peace,



Pastor David Nuottila

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

REMINDER: Since we are now beginning to have regular meetings again with our auxiliary and ministry teams. Please be sure and get your newsletter information to the church office no later than the 20th of each month. This will enable Sherry to put your article in the upcoming newsletter.

LUTHERAN WOMEN

The Lutheran Women will meet on Sunday, March 20th at 4 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Looking forward to seeing you all.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Good Things @ St. Jacob's for January:

- Sunday attendance was up
- Bill Nuottila funeral service was beautiful
- Visitors from out of Chapin
- Record high of 16 views for on-line service

MEMORIALS —

FEBRUARY 13, 2022

GENERAL FUND

- In Memory of Dewey Clark, Steve Meetze, and Bill Nuottila—By: Buddy and Phyllis Bickley
- In Memory of Mark Shealy and Dr. Joe Smith—By: Gerald and Robin Lindler

MEMORIAL FUND

- In Memory of Bill Nuottila and Dewey Clark—By: Miriam Metze

CHURCH PARKING ALERT

With the increase in traffic on Columbia Ave, our Church Council recognizes the existing safety issues with our current parking lot and requests the following: The designated entrance to the church parking lot is at the end in front of the Fellowship Hall. When exiting the parking lot, please drive up the driveway in front of the church office and exit from the driveway. Following this pattern will reduce the risk of accidents as traffic approaches the church coming up the hill on Columbia Ave. Please do not exit the parking lot by simply pulling out onto Columbia Ave.

MID-WEEK MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Mid-week Morning Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, March 9th beginning at 10 AM. Our study will focus on an in-depth reading and study of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus. Traditionally, the church reads the Passion narrative of Jesus on Palm Sunday. This became the norm as people began wandering from attending worship during Holy Week. Without such services, there is no scriptural bridge connecting Palm Sunday to the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord. In

our study, we will follow the events of Jesus' final week of earthly life before his crucifixion, hear the words of the prophets and follow Jesus in his journey to the cross. All are welcome to participate in this study. Invite your friends and loved ones to come with you.

LENTEN VESPERS SERIES AND SCHEDULE

Through the words of the prophet Joel, God called to His people and commanded that they turn from their sinful ways and return to Him for His grace and blessings. This has been the focal point of Lent for Christians as they observe the forty days of this season of penitence and reflection. Lent is a time for listening and responding to the call to return to faithfulness to the God who has been ever faithful to His people. Joel's exhortation, "Return to the Lord, your God" will serve as our call to Lenten vespers each Wednesday leading to Easter. It is more than a verse sung as part of the liturgy. It is a heartfelt directive for our lives as together we follow the pathway of Lent.

Pastor David will join four other NALC pastors in a preaching series where each will visit one another's congregation and preach according to five themes of Lent. The schedule for our Lenten series at *St. Jacob's is:*

- 1st Week in Lent – Pr. Bill White
(St. Peter's Lexington) – Return from Betrayal
- 2nd Week in Lent – Pr. David Nuottila
- Return to Prayer
- 3rd Week in Lent – Pr. Dave Tholstrup
(St. Peter's Chapin) – Return from Denial
- 4th Week in Lent – Pr. Andrew Loomis
(Immanuel, Sumter) – Return to the Kingdom of God
- 5th Week in Lent – Pr. Cassie Boehringer
(St. Peter's, Lexington) – Return from False Witness

The liturgy we will follow for the Wednesday Vespers is Holden Evening Prayer. Please note that traditional Vespers liturgy does not include the Sacrament of Holy Communion, so there will not be communion on the Wednesdays in Lent. Please plan on attending each week as we journey together

toward repentance and the cross of Christ, and finally are confronted with our risen Lord at the empty tomb of Easter. As it has been our tradition, a meal will be served prior to our Lenten mid-week worship services. Keep an eye on our weekly worship bulletin for more details.

WELCOME MATT BURT

St. Jacob's will welcome our new Director of Youth and Family Ministries, Matt Burt, on Sunday, April 3rd during our Sunday service of worship. Matt is a graduate of Columbia International University with a degree in Youth and Family Ministry and Culture. He and his wife Kaily have served as missionaries to China.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

As we emerge from the pandemic, many aspects of our life together will reemerge as well. One such event will be our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Our Lutheran Men will serve as our cooks for the evening, providing a delicious breakfast for our supper time meal. The pancake supper will begin at 7 PM on Tuesday, March 1st in the Fellowship Hall.

UPDATE ON UP AND GOING

St. Jacob's senior's group, Up and Going, is in need of a new group leader. Helen Linder has served in this position for a number of years and is planning to step down from the role. Anyone who is interested in stepping up should contact Helen for a description of what it means to be the leader for Up and Going. Pastor David is also willing to lend any assistance necessary.

LUTHERAN MEN SAUSAGE FUNDRAISER & MEETING

Our Lutheran Men Sausage Fundraiser is back! Lutheran Men are selling a pound of their famous sausage for \$5. Pick up time will be from 4-6 PM on Friday, March 25th or 8-10 AM on Saturday, MARCH 26th. See one of the Lutheran Men to

place your order. The last day to order will be March 13th.

The Lutheran Men are seeking new members as we plan to start back our Lutheran Men fellowship, activities and fundraisers. Please consider joining our Lutheran Men. It is our members who make us who we are. If you are not interested in joining our Lutheran Men but would like to assist us in our activities, please contact Lynn Shealy or Billy McTeer. Our next meeting is March 20th at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

The Congregational Care Team is actively seeking members. If you are willing to serve on our team, please contact Billy McTeer.



CHOIR NOTES

I recently read the book, *Chasing Francis: A Pilgrim's Tale* by Ian Morgan Crone. The book tells the story of a man facing his crisis of faith by following in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi, and although fictional it raised a lot of thought-provoking ideas about faith and worship. One that stood out to me was the question of when worship begins. Crone suggests that worship begins when you get into your car to head to church. He says that worship starts when you begin to step away from the worldly thoughts and enter into God's presence. This struck me because I'd never understood why the alarm goes off at 5 AM on Sunday mornings, I'm not a morning person, or why there isn't much conversation over coffee before heading out to church. I was intrigued by this passage because I realized that this is when David begins to enter into worship, and I wondered, when do I? As I prepare to meet Jesus on my own personal road to Emmaus so that He can open the scriptures for me and explain all that has happened so far, when do I start to put aside all the worldly thoughts that will keep me from focusing on what

He is about to share. Perhaps it is worry over children, or bills, or the to do list that seems to grow longer each week that distracts me. It may even be excitement about upcoming activities that need to be put aside.

When do you begin to step away from the world and prepare for worship? I would expect most of you are like me and that's not at 5 AM. For several of you it begins in Sunday School when you start to study God's word. For most, this probably happens as you step into worship. Our worship service begins with an opportunity to do this, the prelude. Although this is often a time when we catch up with people we haven't seen all week, the prelude is there to give us a moment of quieting our mind. It's a chance to put away all those thoughts that will keep us from hearing what Jesus has to tell us and to be fully present with our Lord. We are so fortunate to have it played so beautifully by an extremely talented musician, Sarah. I encourage you to take advantage of this moment to prepare for worship and to consider this week, "when do I begin to enter into worship with my Lord?"

God bless you all,
Angela



We are beginning to prepare music for the Easter season. Please come join us. I'm still praying for you to hear God's call to serve.

EASTER LILY ORDERS

Worship and Music will once again be accepting orders for Easter Lilies to be placed in the church for our Easter Services in honor and/or memory of loved ones. The cost for each plant is \$14.00 and orders must be placed on or before Sunday, March 27th. If you're interested in purchasing an Easter Lily, please pick up an order form on the "Offering Table" or at the church office. The completed form and payment should be turned in to Marie Slice on or before the deadline date. Also, the form is on the next page in your newsletter and you can use it as well.



It's Time to Order Easter Lilies

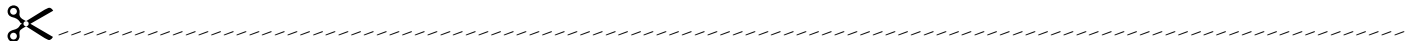
Worship & Music will once again be accepting orders for Easter Lilies to be placed in the church for our Easter services in honor and/or memory of loved ones. This year the cost per lily will be **\$14.00** each.

Order forms will be available on the "Offering Table" or at the church office. If you would like to order a lily, please submit your completed order form AND payment to Marie Slice. If it is more convenient, you may mail your completed order form and payment to:

Robin Lindler, 805 Crooked Creek Road, Chapin SC 29036.

The deadline for placing your order is **Sunday March 27th**. Please turn your completed order form & payment in early, NO orders can be accepted after the deadline.

As in the past, each lily will be labeled with the name of the person purchasing the plant.
Please remove YOUR plant(s) from the church following the last Easter Service.
Worship & Music will discard ALL lilies not removed as of Wednesday, April 20, 2022.



2022 Easter Lily Order Form

_____ Easter Lilies @ **\$14.00** each \$_____ Enclosed _____Check _____Cash
(Make checks payable to St. Jacob's Lutheran Church)

PLEASE PRINT – Please DO NOT put "same as last year" - this form is used to compile remembrance list!

IN HONOR OF _____

GIVEN BY: _____

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IN MEMORY OF _____

GIVEN BY: _____

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IN HONOR OF _____

AND

IN MEMORY OF _____

GIVEN BY: _____



January 21, 2022

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

Dear Pastor Nuottila,

Thank you for partnering with Water Mission to transform lives with safe water. Together, we brought best-in-class safe water, sanitation, and hygiene solutions to our global neighbors in developing countries, refugee camps, and disaster areas.

With your generous support of \$1,000.00 in 2021, we served more than 1.4 million people. Below you will find a detailed listing of your donations to Water Mission from this past year.

We are humbled and grateful for the opportunity to share safe water and God's love with people in need around the world. **On behalf of the men, women, and children whose lives were changed for the better, thank you.** If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call our office at (843) 769-7395 or email donorcare@watermission.org.

Blessings,

George C. Greene IV, PE
 CEO and President

GIFT DATE	DEDUCTIBLE AMOUNT
1/13/2021	\$250.00
4/8/2021	\$250.00
7/8/2021	\$250.00
11/12/2021	\$250.00

Under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, Water Mission is a tax-exempt not-for-profit organization. This letter serves as your official 2021 gift statement. Unless otherwise noted, no goods or services were provided in exchange for these donations.



2-9-22

St. Jacob's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$375.00 to GoodWorks. Your support helps us to be able to reach out to those in need in the community.

God bless you,
 In His Service,
 Mary Higginbotham

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February 9, 2022

St. Jacob's Lutheran Church
 844 Columbia Avenue
 Chapin, SC
 29036

Dear Friends of Sistercare,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$500.00 to Sistercare. This financial gift helps us to support our mission to assist Midlands residents subjected to intimate partner abuse.

The support of loving congregations like that of St. Jacob's Lutheran Church places Sistercare in a favorable position to counteract the effect of domestic violence on survivors' lives. Sistercare provides trauma informed comprehensive services including emergency housing, transitional & permanent housing, crisis intervention, individual, children and family counseling and legal advocacy to survivors of domestic violence and their children in the Midlands community. The support of caring donors like you make it possible for us to expand our programs assisting those who rely upon us and our donors to help them break the cycle of violence.

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

Warmest Regards,

Ann Kita, M.A.
 Executive Director

You all are a blessing!

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**WE CARE CENTER
 MOST NEEDED ITEMS**

1. Jam/jelly
2. Corn muffin mix
3. Spaghetti sauce
4. Chili beans
5. Jello
6. Soup - all varieties
7. Pancake mix
8. Spaghettois
9. Grits
10. Oatmeal

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



FINANCIAL INFORMATION WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13, 2022

Weekly Giving: \$5,100.74

MTD Actual Giving: \$16,705.87

YTD Actual Giving: \$36,917.61

Budget Requirements: \$5,703

MTD Budget Requirements: \$11,406

YTD Budget Requirements: \$39,921

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR MARCH 2022

Mar 6 Open
 Mar 13 Ann Lindler
 Mar 20 Open
 Mar 27 Pastor David Nuottila

GROUNDS TEAM FOR MARCH

Co-Leaders—Billy McTeer, Lynn Shealy

Walt Shealy, Danny Shealy, Davis Brown, Donald Turner, Jeff Kleckley, Arthur Langley, A.J. Peoples
 Josh Monts, Jason Wicker, Bryan Metze, David Kibler

SERVING ASSISTANTS FOR MARCH

Date	Usher	Lay Reader	Communion	Acolyte	Crucifer
Mar 6	Robert Wessinger Tracy Eargle	Brandon Slice	David Kibler Nate Nickel	Emma Covalt	***
Mar 13	Davis Brown Lynn Shealy	Helen Lindler	A. J. Peoples Kristen Nickel	Bryleigh Prosser	***
Mar 20	Billy McTeer Leon Lindler	Susan Shealy	Marie Slice Nicki Peoples	Samantha Monts	***
Mar 27	Carroll Lindler Bob Ziemer	A.J. Peoples	Angela Nuottila Dixon Wallace	Isabelle Peoples	***

2022 COUNCIL TEAM MEMBERS

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 Brandon Slice – Brandons@prtcom.com
 Gloria Ziemer - snoggyfrog@aol.com

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BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH

02 – Robert Slice	16 – Jeremy Shealy
03 – Kiersten Mack	16 – Ashton Lindler
04 – Gary Marco	19 – Johnny Wessinger
04 – David Kibler	22 – Sandra Brown
05 – Blaine McCaslin	22 – Eddie Zeigler
06 – Kristen Nickel	22 – Margaret Eargle
08 – Jake Warner	26 – Doug Sullivan
09 – Angela Barras	28 – Sherry Floyd
09 – Adrian Meetze	29 – Tim Slice
11 – Jennifer Stopher	30 – Frances Shealy
12 – Mattie Jane Lindler	30 – Jason Slice
12 – Joe Lindler	30 – Blake Turney
13 – Elizabeth Hall	31 – Rachel Lindler
14 – Scott Sightler	
15 – Derriel Amick	

Happy Birthday!

MEMBERS SHUT-IN OR IN FACILITIES

Michael Lindler 250 Leaning Pines Trail Lexington, SC 29072 Ph: 803-356-4100	Shirley Nuottila 431 East Boundary St. Room 306 Chapin, SC 29036
Letha Sites 1024 Freshly Mill Rd. Irmo, SC 29063 Ph: 803-345-2300	Jim Haack 431 East Boundary St. Room Chapin, SC 29036 Ph: 803-360-4661
Stanley & Lucy Slice 431 East Boundary St. Room 205 Chapin, SC 29036 Ph: 803-807-8321	



During the past few months, God's Grace, along with family and friends have brought comfort that only love can provide and warmth that only friendship can give.

I am appreciative for the caring thoughts, phone calls, cards with words of sustenance, food, your prayers, and memorials made in memory of Dewey.

I am grateful to everyone who has offered support and showed compassion. For all these things, I am thankful!

Sincerely,

Bobbie Clark

BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

***Mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God.
Jeremiah 26:13***

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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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