



St. Jacob's Lutheran Church

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Newsletter

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PASTORAL DEVOTION FOR APRIL

IN THE UPPER ROOM

John 13:1-38, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

If we were in the upper room the night Jesus was handed over, we would have been in the same boat as the apostles. There is no way they could have imagined the unfolding of events that night. Certainly something was different. Jesus' words and actions seem so much more intimate and, well, final. He said to his disciples, one would betray him, another would deny him, and as he departed, they would not be able to go with him, but he would come again to take them where he was going.

On that night, we would have been as confused as the rest. Thankfully, we stand on the other side of the empty tomb. God's people today know that even as Jesus was betrayed into the hands that would kill him, Jesus himself laid down his life for the sake of humanity. Even as he was buried, the grave could not hold him. Jesus' death put sin to death, his resurrection opened the gates of eternal life for all who believe.

Once more, on Maundy Thursday, we hear anew the account of the upper room, Jesus with his disciples on the night he was betrayed. We mark this time as pastors wash the feet of lay persons, children receive their first Holy Communion, and altars are stripped of the symbols and appointments that point to Christ our Lord. As we do these things, we are once witnesses to the events of the upper room.

We must face the betrayal of our sin. Christians must admit that because of our disobedience we have grieved God's heart, turned away from his goodness and lived for ourselves. Yet, as Christ assured those in the upper room, he assures us as well. He offers his very body and blood, given and shed for the sake of those whom he came to save.

Bless us and keep us O Lord, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name. Amen.



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

The page on the calendar indicates the month of April is finally upon us, and the highlight for the Church will certainly be the Easter celebration that comes on April 17th. Yet, as I prepared to write this column and offer an Easter message, I realized that at the time of this writing, we are but halfway through our Lenten journey. As the children of God, we long to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord at Easter, but in order to be faithful, we cannot look past the lessons of Lent and the events of Holy Week. Of course, there are plans underway for our traditional Easter breakfast and Easter egg hunt. Yet, in the midst of all these plans for celebration, if we fail to consider the journey of Christ to the cross, suddenly the story loses much of its meaning.

Since Ash Wednesday, Christians the world over have focused on our need for repentance and our reliance on God's mercy and grace. Lent is a season of penitence, a time for spiritual renewal and a time of dedication to discipleship and following Christ. Each Wednesday, our congregation, along with four other congregations, have been engaged in a series based on the prophet Joel's call to "Return to the Lord." As we consider what Christ endured on our behalf, we hear God's call to turn away from our betrayal, bearing false witness, and denial. We have also heard the message that God calls us to return to him in prayer, seeking his kingdom first above all else.

Each Wednesday, we continue to hear the call to return to the Lord from neighboring pastors who have prepared messages for us according to our theme. These voices of repentance provide us with very real examples of how we are to respond to God's grace. God meets us where we are and in our every need. He provides that which we need to live and calls us to share these good gifts with others. Just as Christ loves us, God calls us to love our neighbors and be as Christ to them.

Finally, as we prepare for the week the Church calls Holy, we look to Jesus' triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem where he was greeted as king and called blessed. The Bible study we have shared concerning the Passion of Christ has focused attention to those events of Holy Week that have

been leading up to Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion. For me, it has been a particularly meaningful time of Bible study. I strongly encourage those who are able, come on Wednesday morning and join in. We will engage Scriptures as we read of Jesus before Caiaphas, Herod and ultimately Pilate. We will consider his passion as the ones whom he came to save. And finally, we will study and meditate on Christ words from the cross as he completes his earthly mission and wins the victory over the powers that defy God.

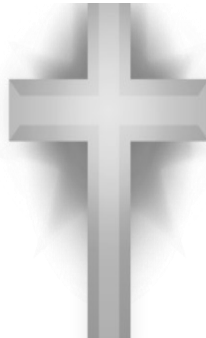
Many of you will come to the service of Palm Sunday and hear the passion narrative of our Lord Jesus. Many more of you will come to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and feel the power of God's love, mercy, and grace. Still, I encourage you to attend the services of worship during Lent and especially Holy Week. This is the time to consider what God in Christ Jesus has done and continues to do for the sake of God's people. This is the time to dedicate yourselves to deepening your relationship with God. This is the time to cast away those aspects of our lives that do us harm and give thanks to God for rebirth as children of God as we bathe in the waters of our baptism onto Christ.

The Easter celebration is not far off, but it is also not yet here. In order that we may fully and joyfully experience the wonders of Christ's empty tomb, we must also hear and consider his journey to the cross. I look forward to seeing more and more of you as Easter approaches. I look forward to sharing the gospel story of Jesus with you and receiving the feast of Christ body and blood that God sets before us each week. And most certainly I look forward with great anticipation to sharing with you the Easter proclamation that Christ is risen, he is risen indeed!

Grace to you and peace,



Pastor David Nuottila



COUNCIL BRIEFS

Good Things @ St. Jacob's for February:

- Attendance is up
- Lutheran Men and Lutheran Women making plans for Shrove Tuesday and Lenten Meals

WELCOME MATT AND KAILY 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. Kaily is a teacher who has specialized in teaching English as a second language. Matt and Kaily have previously served as missionaries to China. We look forward to welcoming these two newest members of our family of faith here at St. Jacob's. Be sure to attend worship on April 3rd and warmly welcome Matt and Kaily. Immediately following the worship service we will have a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

MEMORIALS — MARCH 27, 2022

WE CARE

- In memory of Roger Legg—By: Ramonia Lindler
- In memory of Roger Legg—By: Robert and June Lindler

GENERAL FUND

- In memory of Tommy Crooks—By: Gerald and Robin Lindler
- In memory of Chris Rauch—By: Gerald and Robin Lindler

MEMORIAL FUND

- In memory of Dewey Clark—By: Greg Evans, McSwain-Evans Funeral Home
- In memory of Mark Shealy—By: Nettworth Financial Group

LUTHERAN WOMEN

- In memory of Henson and Myrtis Roof—By: Leon and Helen Lindler

MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Our current Mid-week Morning Bible Study centered on the Passion of our Lord will conclude on Wednesday, April 6th. Bible Study will resume following Holy Week and the Easter Celebration. Wednesday Morning Bible Study will resume on April 27th. In response to the sample survey sent out earlier in the year, Pastor David will also offer a new Bible Study on Monday evenings beginning on Monday, April 25th at 7 PM. The topic for our study will be "Walking Together: The Importance of Fellowship for Disciples of Christ."

"Walking Together" will include nine lessons presented in a "come as you are" level requiring no previous study or homework. Each lesson will be presented in such a way that it will be easy to invite a friend or neighbor to join in for a single lesson or for the entire study. Each lesson will cover a primary reading from the Bible and ask open ended questions concerning our life together as the people of God. All are welcome to participate. No special materials are required. Just bring your Bible and a willingness to study God's Word together.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Holy Week services begin on Sunday, April 10th with our Palm Sunday celebration. On Palm Sunday, we will begin outside in front of the church and hear the Gospel narrative of Jesus' Triumphant Entry into the city of Jerusalem. From there we will process into the church nave where we will again hear the reading of Christ's passion as presented in the Gospel according to Luke.

We will not have a Wednesday Service on April 13th.

Our Maundy Thursday Service will begin at 7 PM on Thursday, April 14th. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion and also observe the traditional Stripping of the Altar. The congregation will depart in silence and reassemble in silence the next evening, Good Friday, for our traditional Tenebrae Service of Shadows. Once

again the congregation departs the darkened church in silence and reassembles on Easter Sunday morning with joy and celebration for our 7 AM Sunrise Service. It is a busy week filled with worship opportunities and all are encouraged to attend.

UPDATES FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

As you begin planning for your 2022 tithes and financial gifts, the following list of funds have been approved by Council for any financial gifts. If you make a financial gift to a fund not listed below, a member of the Finance Team will contact you to determine 1) if you would like to choose another account or 2) if you would prefer to have your gift returned.

Please make your financial gifts to one of the accounts listed below:

- General Fund (operating expenses)
- Building Fund (property and facilities)
- Cemetery Fund
- Memorial Fund (Memorial gifts not designated)
- Lutheran Men Fund
- Lutheran Women Fund
- Lutheran Youth Fund
- Up and Going
- Mercy Buckets (We Care Meals for a Week)
- Congo Mission
- Holiday Giving (Lent, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas)
- Global Mission/Great Commission (Mission within and outside of the United States)
- Good Works (Chapin Mission)
- NALC Disaster Relief
- Carolina Mission Region - Mission Congregation (within our SC NC Region)
- NALC Seminary Scholarship
- Sister Care
- Sola Publishing (NALC Approved Publisher)
- Water Mission
- We Care (Chapin Mission)

Thanks...Your Finance Team

LUTHERAN MEN

The Lutheran Men will not have a meeting in April. Our next regular meeting will be held on May 15th for our ladies night supper.

CHURCH PARKING ALERT

With the increase in traffic on Columbia Avenue, 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 Avenue. Please do not exit the parking lot by simply pulling out onto Columbia Avenue.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Lutheran Women are sponsoring our annual Easter Egg Hunt for children ages infants to 12 years of age on Saturday, April 9th from 10 AM—12 PM. There will be crafts to do and plenty of eggs to hunt. Also, a light lunch will be served. PLEASE BRING A FRIEND! A special appearance will be made by the Easter Bunny!

UP AND GOING NEEDS A GROUP LEADER

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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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

WORSHIP & MUSIC

We'd like to say a big thanks to all the groups that served Lenten Meals in March. Lutheran Women, Lutheran Men, the Children's Choir, as well as the Church Council. We appreciate all the individuals that took the time to serve us the delicious meals.



"For whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life." — John 4:14

February 15, 2022

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

Dear Pastor Nuottila:

Your gift to Water Mission is making a transformative difference in the lives of people who lack access to safe water. Together, we strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus as we serve those in need.

Thanks to the love and generosity of your congregation, we are providing innovative, sustainable safe water solutions in communities worldwide. Access to safe water frees women from making dangerous journeys to collect contaminated water. It frees children from the waterborne illnesses that too often hold them back from their educations and bright futures. Your support also makes it possible to share the hope of Jesus, the true Living Water, with entire communities through the life-changing, physical gift of safe water.

Water Mission's vision is that all people would have safe water and an opportunity to experience God's love. Your generosity is helping to make this vision a reality.

For your prayers, financial support, and all that you are making possible, thank you!

Blessings,

George C. Greene IV, PE
Chief Executive Office and President

P.S. We've prepared many resources to help engage your congregation in the fight against the global water crisis. Please visit watermission.org/get-involved.

Gift Information

Gift Date: 2/10/2022
Gift Amount: \$250.00
Designation: Where Most Needed

Water Missions International is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by the law. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your generous donation. If this donation has been designated for a specific project or purpose, Water Missions International will make a good-faith effort to fulfill that request. In the event that more funds are donated than can be used by a specific need, or if that need changes, Water Missions International will use the funds in a way that most closely aligns with the donor's intent and the mission of the organization. Please retain this letter as your receipt for tax purposes.

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WE CARE APRIL NEEDS

Cereal, White rice, Canned Salmon,
Collard greens/turnip greens, Chili beans,
Yams/sweet potatoes, Large cans baked beans, Peas,
Paper towels, Toothbrushes (adult/children).
ALWAYS need Laundry detergent, Paper products,
and Personal toiletries. Thank You!



3-17-22

To St Jacobs Lutheran Church,
Thank - you for your gift
of \$ 375.00. Your support of
Goodworks helps us to reach
out to those in need in our
community.
God bless you!
In His Service
Mary Higginbotham

St. Jacob Lutheran Church

Thank you for your donation of 30 / 28 pounds of food for
The month(s) of January & February, 2022.

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



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February 27, 2022

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*"Love wasn't put in your heart to stay.
Love isn't love until you give it away."*

Love moves. It moves from the heart to the hand. It moves from thought to deed. It moves from what is felt to what can be seen, and in all this movement, we can experience active, convincing love.

As we celebrate the gift of LOVE this Valentine's Day, please know how deeply thankful we are for your kindness to demonstrably give love away to our clients through your generous gift of \$3926!

Please know that it is with sincere gratitude that we tell you that not only do we receive the love you send, but we are hopeful you know how much we love you as well! We work in the ebb and flow of love given and received, and we pray you know how very much we love and appreciate you!

February directs our hearts to the joy of continuing to celebrate the bounty of all we were able to accomplish together for our community last year: nearly \$1,200,000 worth of food given to almost 7,000 clients served in Chapin, plus thousands more in Newberry through mobile distributions, nearly \$75,000 in utility assistance, and special programs like Thanksgiving and Christmas for hundreds of families, all in the midst of the continuing pandemic! Now more than ever, we are so very thankful that our clients' needs are being met by such a caring community of support!

As you celebrate Valentine's Day, may you know the love you are giving and the difference it makes in the lives of our clients, and may you feel that love returned in great abundance. God bless you!

Sincerely,

Alecia Klauk
Executive Director

Donation Receipt

Organization: Chapin We Care Date: 2/9/2022
Check Number: 8028 Donation: \$3926

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



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February 23, 2022

"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, flowing style.

Pastor Steve King, Managing Editor

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Choir Notes

Before our service even truly begins, spoiler alert, the start of the communion service is the opening hymn, we usually have the brief order of confession and forgiveness. These words are so familiar to us that it can be easy to say them without giving a lot of thought to what we are saying. Our worship service comes to us from scripture, from glimpses of heavenly worship shown to man in Revelation and the prophets, and from our early church fathers. The words we hear each week in the confession, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us...” comes from *1 John 1:8-9*. There is something very comforting to me in knowing that the words of our liturgy have been said by so many worshipers before me and were given to us by God.

I thought it would be interesting to see where in scripture some of the other elements of our weekly service are located. So, I challenge you to a matching game. Look up the scriptures below to match them to a few of the parts of our worship service. There are many other scriptural references for liturgies we use at different times of the year.

Joel 2:13	Sanctus- Holy, holy, holy Lord...
Matthew 6:9-13	The Blessing- The Lord bless you and keep you...
Isaiah 6:3 and Matthew 21:9	Words of Institution- In the night in which he was betrayed...
Luke 22:19-20	Lenten Gospel Acclamation- Return to the Lord your God...
John 1:29	Lord's Prayer
Numbers 6:223-27	Agnus Dei- Lamb of God...

Thank you to all of you that have worked hard in the new year to bring our gift of song to God. Our children have been busy learning a new song on hand chimes, the choir has been hard at work preparing to help lead worship each Sunday, and a quartet of ringers has been practicing an Easter prelude. Please continue to pray for the music program of our church and as always, I invite you to share your voice and musical gifts with God and our congregation.

Thank you to Heather Gerity for getting the food donated for the Children's Choir Lenten meal and thank you to all those who helped to prepare, serve, and clean up.

Angela

UP AND GOING NEWS

Helen L. Lindler has agreed to be the interim leader of the Up and Going until we can get a new leader. We will have a May Day Gathering on Monday, May 2nd, in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 AM. All Up and Going, guest, and members of the congregation are invited to attend. Chapin Chirpers will provide the entertainment. A light lunch will be served which will be provided. Come dressed in your pretty May Day colors.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION WEEK OF MARCH 27, 2022

Weekly Giving: \$6,705

MTD Actual Giving: \$23,105.24

YTD Actual Giving: \$67,524.85

Budget Requirements: \$5,703

MTD Budget Requirements: \$22,812

YTD Budget Requirements: \$74,139

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR APRIL 2022

Apr 3 Patricia Woodard
 Apr 10 Ed and Sharon Walker
 Apr 17 Michael and Donna Fulmer
 Apr 24 Ann and Michael Corley

GROUNDS TEAM FOR APRIL

Co-Leaders—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 APRIL

Date	Usher	Lay Reader	Communion	Acolyte	Crucifer
Apr 3	Robert Wessinger Bob Ziemer	Angela Nuottila	A.J. Peeples Nate Nickel	Isabelle Peeples	***
Apr 10	Davis Brown Lynn Shealy	Tina Kibler	Marie Slice	Jackson Wallace	***
Apr 14	Billy McTeer Bob Ziemer	Susan Shealy Susan Shealy	Angela Nuottila Carroll Lindler	Copeland Peeples	***
Apr 17 Sunrise	TBA TBA	TBA	TBA TBA	TBA	
Apr 17 10 AM	Tracy Eargle Leon Lindler	Susan Shealy	Angela Nuottila Kristen Nickel	Copeland Peeples	***
Apr 24	Wade Slice Bob Ziemer	A.J. Peeples	Nicki Peeples Judy Dease	Bryleigh Prosser	***

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BAPTISM OF WYATT AND BRANTLEY BISE

MARCH 6, 2022

On Sunday March 6th, we welcomed Wyatt and Brantley Bise into God's family of faith through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Congratulations Wyatt and Brantley, our newest brothers in Christ! Welcome to St. Jacob's!



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BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

02 – Hannah Metze	23 – Carter Lambeth
03 – Chandler Turney	23 – Trey Meetze
03 – Jonathon Lindler	24 – Shep Lindler
04 – Janice Ellisor	24 – Chloe Meetze
05 – Ken Mostiler	28 – Jimmy Boland
05 – Michael Lindler	30 – Lauren Daniels
06 – Helen R. Lindler	30 – Daniel McDuffie
08 – Chad Lindler	30 – Samantha Knight
10 – Elizabeth Lindler	
12 – Alice Rice	
16 – Dan Frick	
16 – Adam Slice	
18 – Rene Griggs	
19 – Bryan Lindler	
20 – Dagmar Langley	
20 – Tracy Riser	
20 – Amanda Bise Duggan	
20 – Jay Alford	
21 – Rich Mueller	
21 – Kevin Pharis	
22 – Tessa Monts	
23 – Tina Kibler	



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BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

*Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.
Psalm 118:19*

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Worship Time: Sundays —10 AM

Sunday School —9 AM

Wednesday Service —7 PM

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