



St. Jacob's Lutheran Church

May
Newsletter

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PASTORAL DEVOTION FOR MAY

God Will Help

Read Luke 16:19-31

He is dirty, has a long scraggly beard and holds a sign in his hands that simply said "Hungry. Anything will help." His name is Lazarus.

Does this sound familiar? Likely you have driven past him as you entered the parking lot at the shopping center or fast-food restaurant. Responding to his predicament is a tough call. On one hand, Jesus teaches us that we are to care for the needy, feed the hungry, and offer help to the poor. On the other hand, we don't know if the person begging from us is truly in need, or if they are trying to take advantage of a person's generosity.

Street corners and parking lots are a haven for beggars. For some, it is food for their children. With others, gas for the car, or medicine for a particular ailment. Today, Jesus teaches us that we should be kind to those in need, sharing what we have for the sake of the poor and hungry without judging them. The question is, do we help?

Focusing on the man we drove by as we entered the parking lot consider this, in Hebrew, the name Lazarus means "God will help." No, not every beggar is in such need. We won't always be willing to let go of those precious dollars we worked so hard to get. But we can act in good faith, for we have Moses and the prophets to teach us. We have God's commandments and we have the parables of Jesus. The truth is, God will help. He helps Lazarus, and he will help us too.

Prayer: *Father in heaven, give us hearts for compassion, and the will to be generous to those in need. Amen.*

WE CARE 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.

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From the Pastor's Heart by Pastor David Nuottila

What follows is a copy of an essay shared with me by a friend who received it from one of his former students. I found this to be a powerful witness coming from one who felt he had to share his experience upon reading the narrative of Jesus' death and resurrection for the first time. My friend edited some parts to preserve the student's anonymity. Permission has been given for my sharing it with you.

Prior to attending this class, I had not been exposed to Christianity. I hadn't read the Bible before. I knew a famous story about the Last Supper and I had seen paintings that depicted it. A few weeks ago, I went to a church for the first time. I felt a little amazed about it. The church was just like a big, warm family. Christians greeted others, gave hugs, prayed to Jesus by singing songs. They even prayed for people who were suffering diseases and disaster even though they were strangers to them. Then I saw some Christians holding out their arms and weeping when they were emotionally moved. They were so faithful when they were praying that I couldn't believe how great was the power of their belief had I not seen it myself.

I was given a small piece of bread and a little cup of red wine which represented Jesus' body and blood to eat. A Christian told me it was given according to Jesus' promise to sinful human beings. But I didn't understand that until I read Luke's story today.

Jesus healed so many people who were sick and troubled by evil spirits before he went to Jerusalem, but he didn't do anything for himself, even though he had anticipated his death many times. He kept calm in the face of death, comforted women who wept for him as he carried his cross. He even forgave one of the condemned criminals dying with him.

What a graceful man! Now I know why Christians are so faithful to him. A man who could devote himself to ease others' sins should be honored and praised forever!

But still there is one thing that puzzles me. If Christians can be so moved by their faith in their Lord and Savior, why do so many take salvation for granted? Why do so many Christians refrain from attending church services on Sunday?

Being welcomed into this big warm family has brought me ever-closer to the God whom I did not know. But once I began reading the Bible and learning more about Jesus, I have become intrigued with his life, and especially his death. I have come to believe that Jesus truly is my Lord and Savior and that having been forgiven of my sins, I will one day enter the gates of his kingdom. If this is what Christians believe, why is it that an overwhelming number of them stay away?



I've heard some say it is because they don't like the music. Others have said it's because they don't care for the pastor. I've even heard Christian parents complain that there are not enough things to keep their children busy. This is what I don't understand. Are we supposed to come because we like the music? Are we supposed to come because we feel the pastor is a terrific preacher and perfect gentleman? And are we supposed to bring our children so they can participate in games and programs? No, what I have come to believe is that Christians are to come to church because living on our own terms is why Jesus went to the cross in the first place. He died because humans are stubborn in their thinking, because they only want life measured by the way they think it should be. Although I am sure few would admit this, not even to themselves, I have to admit this was me, at least until I took this class and was invited to church by one of my classmates.

I am so thankful that I have met Jesus. I am thankful that a church filled with sinners welcomed me into their warm family. I am thankful that the imperfect pastor of their church believes Jesus died for the sake of everyone, and that he is so willing to tell others how God saves us from our sin through the death of Jesus.

Not before I took this class, not before I read the Gospel of Luke, not before I went to church with my classmate, did I realize what I had been missing my whole life. And now, I want this for everyone. Thank you, Jesus, for opening my eyes.

Grace to you and peace,



Pastor David Nuottila

NINETY DAY BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

Once again, we present the challenge to our congregation to read the Bible in ninety days. As it was last year, the challenge is to read the entire Bible, chronologically, every day for three months. We will use the New Living Translation (NLT) Chronological Study Bible which can be purchased through Amazon.com or ordered from most Bible bookstores. Our challenge will begin on Wednesday, June 1st and continue through August 29th. Reading plans will be shared with all who take up the challenge.

Several who took the challenge last year found the NLT Chronological Bible to be a wonderful Bible reading and study aid. Helping them to grow in their knowledge and understanding of God's Word. I would invite you to participate again this year.

Small groups will meet once per week for encouragement; but unlike last year, there will be some guided questions to facilitate conversation and learning more about what we have read. A brochure with more information will be included as an insert for those who would like to know more and sign up for the challenge. Even those who took the challenge last year will find it to be a rewarding experience. Order your Bible today, and let's read the Bible together in ninety days.

COUNTDOWN TO CONGO

By: Pastor David

There are only three full months until my trip to the Democratic Republic of Congo. This trip will be quite unique as Pastor Kalonji and I will travel to a region where I have not been in the past. Still, there will be opportunity to minister to some congregations that I am familiar with and I'm looking forward to seeing those pastors again and hearing their stories and experiences since I saw them last.

Of course, the opportunity to preach the Gospel of Jesus will be the main highlight of our trip. God is so gracious as to allow Pastor Kalonji and I to travel and share the good news of Jesus with others. Upon my return, I will provide plenty of photos and stories with you so that you can see the many ways through which St. Jacob's comes to the aid of our neighbors across the ocean. They certainly live a different way of life than we do, but it is the same God who provides all they need. It is also the same God who sent his Son Jesus Christ into the world so that our sins will be forgiven. We are all united in Christ Jesus, the people of St. Jacob's, the people of God in the Congo, and all Christians around the globe. To God be the glory now and forever!

CAROLINAS MISSION REGION MISSION EVENT

ARE YOU GOING? Everyone at St. Jacob's is invited to attend a special Fellowship and Mission Event of the Carolinas Mission Region at the NALC Disaster Response Warehouse in Kings Mountain, NC. The event takes place on Saturday, May 21st. The plan is for congregations to collect items to assemble Disaster Response Hygiene Kits to resupply the warehouse before hurricane season. This event is perfect for Youth groups, Men's groups, Women's groups and Senior's. **ALL ARE INVITED!** There will be plenty of food and fellowship provided by Advent Lutheran Church in Kings Mountain. As a part of this project, St. Jacob's has been collecting travel size bottles of shampoo and nail clippers. The response has been wonderful and generous. Thank you to all

who have donated to this project. Now we simply need your presence to help assemble the hygiene kits. See you on May 21st!

CHAPIN EXALTING CHRIST TOGETHER

The first Thursday of May is set aside each year as a National Day of Prayer. The Chapin Ministerial Association will be hosting an event, calling all Christians in Chapin to gather under the theme, "Chapin Exalting Christ Together." This event will take place at Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church beginning at 6:30 PM. Pastor David will be offering prayer on behalf of our law enforcement, first responders, and military personal. Plan to gather with our community and lift our prayers to the One God who cares for all and has offered His Son for the sake of us all.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Good Things @ St. Jacob's for April:

- Lutheran Men sold 700 pounds of sausage. Congregation was very supportive.
- Youth Choir
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was a success.
- Lenten Meals were excellent.
- Attendance is going up every Sunday.

WELCOME MATT AND KAILEY BURT



St. Jacob's welcomed our new Director of Youth and Family Ministries, Matt Burt and his wife, Kailey, on Sunday, April 3rd with a reception following the service. We are so blessed to have Matt and we look forward to what God has in store for our youth and family ministries as Matt begins his ministry with St. Jacob's.

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Dear St. Jacob's Families,

I want to share the Holy Spirit's burden on my heart. Let us look to the calling our heavenly Father has given us through Christ Jesus. To make disciples of all nations, teaching them all He has taught us. (*Mt 28:18-20*).

That vision I have for families at St. Jacob's is to dive headfirst into the surpassing knowledge of the love of Christ for sinners and sufferers. And to become lights to their families and the world around them. (*Mt. 11:28-30, Eph 3:17-19, Jn 6:37, Mt 5:14-16*)

My goals are for the families, with the power of the Holy Spirit:

- To learn from the Son that they may see and glorify the Father. (*Mt 11:28-30*)
- To endlessly search for the riches of their identity in Christ. (*Eph 3:17-19*)
- To rest entirely in the never-ending promise to never be cast out. (*Jn 6:37*)
- To go into the world and be a light that draws others to Christ. (*Mt 5:14-16*)

With that as the foundation, I would like to invite families, both parents and their children, to join us for a weekly meeting where we might allow Christ to dwell in our hearts through faith, being grounded in love—comprehending with all the saints of God what are the breadth, length, height, and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that the Holy Spirit would fill us with all the fullness of God. (*Eph 3:17-19*)

Would you join us for a night of worshipping our Father through songs, teaching, fellowship, games, and more?

Brothers and Sisters, how wonderful would it be if we as a church might come to desire and delight in the calling of Christ Jesus. Our Friend, our Elder Brother, our Lord and Master, our Savior and Redeemer.

We will be meeting every **Tuesday** night from **7 PM—8:30 PM** in the **Fellowship Hall**, starting on **May 10th**.

If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to me and I can get you plugged in!

In Christ,

Matt Burt
Youth and Family Director
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MEMORIALS APRIL 17, 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

MERCY BUCKETS

- In memory of James C. Lindler and Kelly Watts—By: Ramonia Lindler
- In honor and memory of loved ones—By: Robert and June Lindler
- In memory of James C. Lindler—By: Ramonia Lindler

MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Morning Bible Study has resumed at 10 AM each Wednesday morning. In response to the sample survey sent out earlier in the year, Pastor David is also offering a new Bible Study on Monday evenings 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.

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 be sponsoring a Ladies night on May 15th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

Up and Going will be getting together on May 1st at 11:30 AM for May Day. Meal is provided so all you need to do is show up in your May Day outfit and plan to enjoy an awesome time of fellowship.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

We'd like to say a big thanks to Brandon and Marie Team that served our Lenten Meal in April. We'd also like to thank Ole Timey Meat Market for their kind donation of the meat that was served. We appreciate all the support each group did over our Lenten season. Thanks to all that participated.



CHOIR NOTES

CHRIST IS RISEN. HE IS RISEN INDEED ALLELUIA!

We have once again celebrated Christ's victory over death on Easter Sunday and with that comes some changes to our church service. We once more proclaim, "Alleluia", praise to God, throughout the service. During Lent all our Alleluias went away. Do you know how many times we say "Alleluia, praise the Lord" during our service? I once had the children count them in the bulletin and it's a lot. Check it out this Sunday. As we come together to praise God, we say Alleluia quite a few times. Another change in the service is that the Hymn of Praise, "Glory to God", has returned. It too went away during Lent. After the Kyrie, we sing "Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest." This hymn of praise is based on the Gloria sung by the angels at the birth of Christ. We are rejoicing at the coming of Christ. He has come into the world and taken away our sins. He has risen and is seated at the right hand of God. We ask him to have mercy on us. During Lent, we did not sing the hymn of praise as we remembered the forty years Israel wandered lost in the wilderness. Lent is a time when we focus on just how lost we are and how much we need a savior. But Glory to God, it is Easter, Christ has arisen and we join with all the host of heaven singing praises to the Lord. During this Easter season rejoice in the Lord and sing out his praises with gusto. This Sunday focus on the beautiful words given to us at Jesus birth and remember all that he has done and continues to do for you.

I hope that you enjoyed the return of bell music to our service on Easter morning. If you have rung bells in the past or have thought I'd love to learn to ring bells, please let me know. I would like to put together another small group to play on Pentecost Sunday in June. We would require a few weeks to practice. I pray for your help as we begin to rebuild the music ministry at St. Jacob's.

ST JACOB'S MERCY BOXES FOR WE CARE

How can I help?

1. Pick up from the church or purchase a medium sized box from Lowe's. The boxes are located in the table and chair storage room in the Fellowship Hall.
2. Using the list below, shop for the food items that will feed a family for one week.
3. Return the box to the Fellowship Hall by Sunday evening.
4. Do not seal the top of the box!
5. On Monday morning, a fresh loaf of bread will be added to the box, the box sealed, and delivered to We Care.

Shopping suggestion: Food Lion Chapin - purchase Food Lion brands when possible for best pricing. Almost all items are located on two aisles.

All boxes **must** have these items to make the meals for the week:

Canned Vegetables:

- 1 large can green beans
- 1 large can sweet potatoes / yams
- 2 cans corn
- 1 can of lima beans
- 2 cans of peas / carrots
- 1 large can baked beans

Canned Meats:

- 1 can Spam
- 3 cans Vienna sausage
- 4 cans cooked chicken
- 3 cans tuna
- 1 large can beef stew

Canned Fruit:

- 1 large jar applesauce
- 1 can mixed fruit / fruit cocktail

Pasta Sauce:

- 2 jars Spaghetti Sauce with Meat (flavoring)
- 1 jar Alfredo Sauce

Pasta:

- 1 lb. pasta
- 1 bag egg noodles
- 1 container instant rice
- 2 pouches instant mashed potatoes
- 1 Mac and Cheese - complete meal box

Extra items you can add:

- Grits / oatmeal / boxed cereal
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Saltines / crackers
- Salt / pepper

Why are we putting food in boxes?

We Care has a mobile delivery service that transports food to Whitmire and other areas. They have a number of families that aren't able to come to the delivery locations so the boxes make it much easier for food to be delivered to families in need. The complete boxes make sure each family has food for an entire week.

What if I find items on sale and can buy extra in bulk?

Great! But store it at your home to add to your next box. We currently aren't able to store extra items to put together boxes at the church.

I'd like to help deliver the boxes to We Care.

Wonderful!! Please let Lynn Shealy (803-513-5818) know so you can be added to the schedule of delivery drivers.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION WEEK OF APRIL 17, 2022

Weekly Giving: \$10,705

MTD Actual Giving: \$15,000

YTD Actual Giving: \$82,524.85

Budget Requirements: \$5,703

MTD Budget Requirements: \$17,109

YTD Budget Requirements: \$91,248

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR MAY 2022

May 1 Buddy and Phyllis Bickley
 May 8 Leon and Helen Lindler
 May 15 Don and Judy Dease
 May 22 Pastor David
 May 29 Terry and Barbara Metze

GROUNDS TEAM FOR MAY

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 MAY

Date	Usher	Lay Reader	Communion	Acolyte	Crucifer
May 1	Eddie Eargle Lynn Shealy	Carroll Lindler	A.J. Peoples Judy Dease	Samantha Monts	***
May 8	Billy McTeer Lynn Shealy	Brandon Slice	Nate Nickel Sherrie McTeer	Bryleigh Prosser	***
May 15	Davis Brown Robert Wessinger	Gary Marco	Carroll Lindler Angela Nuottila	Jackson Wallace	***
May 22	Leon Lindler Bob Ziemer			Emma Covalt	***
May 29	Tracy Eargle Carroll Lindler	Tina Kibler	David Kibler Kristen Nickel	Copeland Peoples	***

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EASTER EGG HUNT

Throughout this issue you will see pictures from the Easter Egg Hunt that the Lutheran Women sponsored on April 9th.









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BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY

01 – Mallory Lindler	21 – Joe Richardson
01 – Erin Patterson	21 – Isabelle Robinton
02 – June Lindler	22 – Emma Ballentine
02 – Michael Shealy	22 – Don Dease
02 – Patricia Woodard	22 – M. O'Neal Lindler
03 – John Smith III	22 – Harper Monts
04 – Joyce Ellisor	22 – Shirley Nuottila
06 – Kristen Johnson	22 – Randy Coker
07 – Wyatt Bise	27 – Ryan Slice
07 – Raine Lindler	27 – Christopher Stanton
09 – Owen Jones	29 – Jolene Amick
10 – Tommy Bowers	29 – Andrew Kibler
10 – Steve Epting	29 – Steve Slice
11 – Davis Brown	30 – William Morris
12 – J. L. Lindler	
14 – Nicholas Barras	
14 – North Hollingsworth	
14 – John J. Stroke	
16 – Donna Fulmer	
17 – Carolene Floyd	
19 – Blake Bise	
19 – Jo David	
19 – Helen L. Lindler	
20 – Alice Morefield	



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BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

*Behold, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me.
Revelation 22:12*

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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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