



# St. Jacob's Lutheran Church

**JULY**  
Newsletter

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## **PASTORAL DEVOTION FOR JULY**

**Pray; God Will Hear**

*Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-28*

It seems these days there are so many people calling for prayer. After all, there is so much for which to pray. All around the world we hear of people struggling with poverty, hunger, and disease. Even as I write this, I received a prayer request. With so many prayers, how can we be sure God hears them?

The scriptures are filled with passages declaring God's hearing and answering the prayers of his people. In the book of Jeremiah we read, "You will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you." *Jeremiah 29:12* In Mark's Gospel Jesus says, "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." *Mark 11:24*

These are but two of many passages in the Bible that point us to the power of prayer and the assurance that God hears them. We know our God is one who keeps his promises, especially the promise to save people from their sin. With that, the apostle Paul encourages God's people to pray. Pray without ceasing. Pray for your neighbor. Pray for your loved ones as well as your enemies. Give thanks in all circumstances. God is faithful. He will surely answer your prayer.

*Prayer: O Lord, listen as I cry to you. Hear my prayer. Amen.*

## **DIGITAL SIGN**

The digital sign is a way of posting upcoming events and the different services we have at St Jacob's. The church is in need of a volunteer who can update the digital sign with the upcoming events at the church. The sign is updated by an application on the computer, and with training, can be done remotely. If anyone is interested, please contact Michael Corley at [mcorley0814@icloud.com](mailto:mcorley0814@icloud.com) or Sherry Floyd in the church office.

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

<sup>15</sup>Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. <sup>16</sup>But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>17</sup>Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." Luke 18:15-17

Over the years, one of the greatest joys I have found in being a pastor is watching the children of the church grow in their faith. It is a tremendous blessing for congregations to have children among them as part of our life together. As I write this monthly message, we are getting ready to begin Vacation Bible School. It will be a week filled with children's learning, laughter, singing, and energy. VBS is always a highlight for the summer months. It is a time when adults can reflect on days gone by when we were the children experiencing much of the same things as the kids today. That's how life in the church goes.

Jesus was quite clear in his rebuke of those who tried to keep children from coming to him. His words carry a weight and authority like those of no one else. "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." Imagine the sight, a kingdom filled with the laughter and wide eyes of children as they flock to the one who embodies the love of God, promising to keep them near to him forever. If we only watch and pay attention, we can see this reality unfold right before our eyes.

The truth be told, children love to be among their church family. When the children of the church are present, they find themselves in the midst of a community that shares equal joy and wonder in the presence of Christ the Lord. Maybe that's because, as we welcome the children into our midst and shower them with love and attention, God takes delight and showers us with the blessing of the children's love, energy, and excitement.

If you have ever been a part of a congregation without children, you will know just how quiet life in the church can be. As children of God, we are to be ever thankful for all of God's blessings. We are to be filled with the joy of knowing that, just as Christ welcomed the children and blessed them, our heavenly Father also welcomes and blesses us. Sadly, we adults sometime forget this as we find ourselves burdened with the weight of our fallen broken world upon our shoulders. Finding joy in presence of children helps us put such hinderances in their proper place.

We can learn so many lessons from the children of the church, all we need to do is watch them and let them be children. First, we can learn what it truly means to have a child-like faith. To believe and fully trust God in all situations. When circumstances in life cause us fear or anxiety, we can curl up in the lap of our Father, seeking his peace and comfort just as a child seeks the same from a loving parent or grandparent. When we feel that we are lacking something or find that we have a particular need, we can ask God with assurance of a small child when he or she receives that which would bring fulfillment.

As I said at the onset, it brings me great joy to see the children each week in worship. Each one brings tremendous gifts to our church family just by their presence among us. Watching the many children that I had the privilege to baptize grow, and take their place in the community always brings to mind God's blessings and promises that we find in his peace, power, and presence.

Parents, please continue to bring your children to church. Grandparents, bring your grandchildren. Share their lives with those whom God has called and gathered here at St. Jacob's. Let them all come to Christ, do not hinder them. They serve as living, breathing reminders to all of us of the joy we experience in the presence of Christ our Lord. They also help us continue in a child-like faith as we await the great and glorious day when our Lord



comes to take us to where he is, the place he has prepared for all the children of God.

Grace to you and peace,



Pastor David Nuottila

## COUNTDOWN TO CONGO

Looking at the calendar, it's hard to believe that my mission trip to the Democratic Republic of Congo is but a month away. I want to thank all who have donated used pairs of eyeglasses for me to take to the people of Congo who have such need but do not have access to eyecare. We have collected plenty of glasses, and I have no more room for additional donations. Everything that has been donated must fit into my luggage, along with clothes for three weeks, Bibles to be distributed in churches, and donated clergy attire for pastors in the Congolese Church.

This trip will be unlike those I have made previously. My mission partner, Pastor Kalonji and I will travel to a region in the Congo where I have never been before. It is somewhat exciting to imagine seeing new places and experiencing new customs as we minister to the people of God. The congregations where we will accomplish the bulk of our mission work are unique in that they do not have any church buildings. These congregations gather outside all year round. No matter the weather, the gospel of Christ is preached to all who would hear it.

I am looking forward to seeing several of the friends that I have made over the years, especially since the COVID-19 pandemic prevented me from making my regularly scheduled trip last year. It has been three long years since my last visit and much has changed within the church. Still, the mission is the same. We will preach and teach the gospel of Jesus Christ, minister to men, women, and children, feed orphans, and free mothers with their newborn babies from hospitals where they cannot afford to pay their outstanding balance due.

Pastor Kalonji and I ask for your prayers as we travel to this far off place. We ask your prayers for safety in travel and for success in our mission work. More than that, we ask that we would bring glory to God's name as we share this important mission work with

you and so many others who have supported us through the years.

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

Pastor David will hold First Communion classes for those children who have not yet received this instruction. Anyone who feels their child in first grade or older is ready to begin receiving Holy Communion should contact Pastor David. Classes will be held during the Sunday School hour in the Children's Choir Room downstairs. A parent or guardian must accompany their child during each class period. Classes will be held each Sunday morning beginning on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Children completing instruction will receive their first Holy Communion on Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>.

## COUNCIL BRIEFS

### Good Things @ St. Jacob's for May:

- Up & Going May Day Gathering
- Lutheran Men's Ladies' Night

### CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL BRIEFS:

- ⇒ Pastor noted attendance at Generations has doubled since church worship program began.
- ⇒ Youth and Family Minister making good progress. Bible School plans are progressing.
- ⇒ Mercy Food Box Program is active and making progress.
- ⇒ Council voted to sell the church bus. No active driver available at St. Jacob's.
- ⇒ Researching options to improve church sound system.
- ⇒ Council voted to move forward with replacing nursery attendant.
- ⇒ Council voted to approve Futrell Bookkeeping to assist in bookkeeping duties for St. Jacob's.
- ⇒ Council approved providing more detailed Council Briefs each month and weekly fiscal information to the congregation.

## **DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES**

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

*Psalm 16:11 (ESV)*

We praise God for how He has worked in our hearts for the past weeks during our Family & Youth gatherings. These past weeks, we've had the opportunity to dive into the different passages that make up our vision.

*For families at St. Jacob's 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. (Matthew 11:28-30, Ephesians 3:17-19, John 6:35-40, Matthew 5:13-16)*

It has been an excellent opportunity to spend Tuesday nights with the families at St. Jacob's as we wrestled with the different promises and commands that our Heavenly Father has given us. And to see more clearly whom He says He is and how He views us. I pray that as this ministry continues, many more families will join us as we continue down this path of knowing Him and making Him known.

Starting on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July, we will be diving into a new series on "Heroes in the Bible," not necessarily heroes for what they have done, but for how they embraced God's plan for their lives and how God uses them for His glory. I hope to see you there as we learn more about the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit through different unique people that He lifted through scripture and what their lives can teach us.

Church family, would you continue to pray for the inward workings of the Holy Spirit in our lives as we seek to dive headfirst into the surpassing love of Christ for sinners and sufferers?

Matthew Burt

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## **LUTHERAN MEN**

We will have our monthly meeting on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you all there.

## **MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY**

Mid-Week Bible Study continues in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday morning at 10 AM. We are reading the book of Acts and learning more about the birth of the Church of Jesus Christ and the men whom Christ chose to establish it. No previous study is required, and the lessons are presented in such a way that it really doesn't matter if you are joining in at the middle of our study or if you have attended each week. We have a very lively discussion and look forward to more church family members joining.

## **CHOIR NOTES**



Thank you to everyone who has helped in the music ministry during this year of rebuilding. It is exciting to once again have choirs, a little bit of bell music, and even the occasional guitar, trumpet and saxophone.

Thank you also to the parents who have brought their children to Sunday rehearsals and to our choir members who commit to Wednesday rehearsals and being at church each week to help lead worship.

The choirs are enjoying a well deserved break from rehearsals over the summer but the work still goes on. I will be attending the week long Chorister's Guild Institute in July, remotely due to the pandemic, to build my skills in choral directing. Also, this summer break allows me time to plan the music programs for the upcoming year. I hope you will choose to join us in the fall when rehearsals resume.



## UP AND GOING

The June Up and Going Meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM with 21 members and guests attending. Announcements were given and business was conducted. A Father's Day devotion with all praying together The Lord's Prayer was given by Helen L. Lindler. Matt Burt, St. Jacob's Director of Youth and Family Ministries gave the program. Matt shared with us his life history and his Faith Journey. St. Jacob's has been chosen and blessed to be a part of Matt's continuing Faith Journey. Up and Going appreciates Matt sharing his life experiences and Faith Journey with us. We hope that Matt will continue to be a part of Up and Going activities.

A delicious covered dish meal with desserts was enjoyed by all.

The next Up and Going meeting is scheduled for Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite picnic items for lunch together. Pastor David will present the program.

Hope to see you then.





# CHILDREN'S CHOIR YEAR END 2021-2022 CELEBRATION





## FINANCIAL INFORMATION WEEK OF JUNE 26, 2022

Weekly Giving: \$ 2,505

MTD Actual Giving: \$ 18,280

YTD Actual Giving: \$ 116,202.18

Budget Requirements: \$ 5,703

MTD Budget Requirements: \$ 22,812

YTD Budget Requirements: \$ 148,278

## ALTAR FLOWERS FOR JULY

July 03 Joan and Gary Marco  
 July 10 Open  
 July 17 Open  
 July 24 Kevin and Kayla Pharis  
 July 31 Pastor David

## GROUNDS TEAM FOR JULY

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, Tommy Faulk

## SERVING ASSISTANTS FOR JULY

Date	Usher	Lay Reader	Communion	Acolyte
July 03	Billy McTeer Davis Brown	Susan Shealy	Judy Dease Sherrie McTeer	Samantha Monts
July 10	Eddie Eargle Lynn Shealy	Tina Kibler	John Wallace Susan Shealy	Jackson Wallace
July 17	Bob Ziemer Robert Wessinger	Larry Shull	Carroll Lindler Kristen Nickel	Bryleigh Prosser
July 24	Tracy Eargle Carroll Lindler	A.J. Peeples	Nate Nickel Marie Slice	Copeland Peeples
July 31	Billy McTeer Davis Brown	Gary Marco	David Kibler Nicki Peeples	Isabelle Peeples

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## MEMORIALS MAY 22—JUNE 12, 2022

### GENERAL FUND

- In memory of Rothell Martin—By: Mitchell Martin
- Thrivent Choice made a monetary donation on behalf of the following members: Robert Lindler and Larry Shull
- In honor of Rion's graduation—By: DeAndria Amick and Derriel and Lynn Amick

#### **St. Jacob Lutheran Church**

Thank you for your donation of 162 pounds of food for  
The month of April, 2021.

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.*  
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St. Jacob's is continuing to make Mercy Boxes for We Care.  
If you would like to participate, please take one of the flyers  
off the table located at the Narthex doors which shows you  
what needs to be purchased to fill the box.  
We appreciate all that you do to support our community.



# *Congratulations!*

## 2022 GRADUATES



Graduates at the reception with  
Pastor David:

Left-Right— Rion Williams, and  
Tyler Kibler

Graduates not pictured:  
Tommy Bowers, and  
Joshua Mack

### GRADUATE INFORMATION

- **Rion Williams** graduated from Dreher High School and will attend Clemson University majoring in Animal Science Pre-Veterinary Medicine to pursue a career in the Army Veterinary Corps
- **Tyler Kibler** graduated from Spring Hill High School and will attend Spartanburg Methodist College majoring in Forestry
- **Tommy Bowers** graduated from Chapin High School and will attend Clemson University majoring in Business
- **Joshua Mack** graduated from Northside Christian Academy and will attend Anderson University majoring in Secondary Education

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*"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)*

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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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June 18, 2022

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at St. Jacob's,

Thank you for your two gifts to Joy Mission Church in the amount of \$625.00 each. We truly appreciate your love, prayers, and financial support.

Please kindly make any future gifts payable to "Joy Mission Church," as our contributions and gifts are totally separate from Holy Trinity, Little Mountain. You may mail them to the mailing address listed above.

Thanks again for your generosity and support. It is a joy to serve our Lord together.

In His service and to His glory,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Paulette D. McHugh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rev. Paulette D. McHugh,  
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## ST. JACOB'S NEWSLETTER—JULY 2022 ISSUE 7

### BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY

01 – Sandy Ellisor	23 – Lisa Eargle
01 – Leonard Slice	23 – Arthur Langley
02 – Joan Marco	23 – Lib Morgan
02 – Elizabeth Shull	24 – Ramonia Lindler
03 – Andrew Metze	25 – John Riser
05 – Justin Bise	26 – Buddy Bickley
05 – Victoria Metze	26 – Gerald Lindler
06 – Virginia Hollingsworth	27 – Kendra Monts
07 – Denise Eargle	28 – Karen Sutphin
08 – Bobbie Clark	29 – Glenn Eargle
11 – Sharon Slice	29 – Richie Meetze
11 – Cora Wallace	30 – Garrett Johnson
12 – Kathy Slice	30 – Ronald Lindler
13 – Brooke Wicker	30 – Mark Slice
14 – Margaret Kleckley	31 – Micky Johnson
14 – Tammy Meetze	31 – Carol Slice
15 – Julieta Martin	
16 – Kati June Byars	
16 – Mary Lou Haddox	
16 – A. J. Peeples	
19 – Rhonda Metze	
20 – Sarah McClain	
22 – James Haack	
22 – Kaitlyn Slice	



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### BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

*And I tell you, ask and it will be given to you; seek; and you will find;  
knock, and it will be opened to you.  
Luke 11:9*

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Worship Time: Sundays — 10 AM

Sunday School — 9 AM

Wednesday Service — 7 PM

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