



St. Jacob's Lutheran Church

SEPTEMBER

Newsletter

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PASTORAL DEVOTION FOR SEPTEMBER

Worship the One Who Saves

Read Mark 14:1-11

The chief priests and the scribes supposed him a threat, so they conspired to arrest him and have him killed. Judas Iscariot turned traitor and made arrangements to betray him, receiving a handsome reward for his dubious effort. Such is the backdrop of today's text; Jesus will soon be handed over and crucified. Yet, one person stands out, showing her love and devotion for her Lord.

Rising above the stench of sin, the sweet fragrance of perfume danced through the air as she anointed the one who came to save her. Her devotion is unmistakable. She lives, as we do, in the midst of a world refusing God's mercy and grace. Such a world does not stop to acknowledge the Creator of all that is seen and unseen. It does not receive the one through whom salvation comes. Yet, like the woman who anoints Jesus' feet, even today, the Church offers Christ the sweet fragrance of her worship and thanksgiving.

Sing praises to the one who gives his life for you. Bow down and worship the God of your salvation. For in the midst of a fallen and sinful world, he continues to offer his mercy and grace.

Prayer: May the worship we offer be pleasing in your sight O Lord, for through you only do we have life everlasting. Amen.

**The Church Office will be Closed,
Monday, September 5th.**



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From the Pastor's Heart by Pastor David Nuottila

Read John 17:1-26

As a part of Jesus' farewell discourse to his disciples (John 13-17), Jesus prays what is known as his "High Priestly Prayer" (John 17) for the faithful men who have accompanied him throughout his three-year earthly ministry. He prays for these men who were once fishermen, or perhaps simple laborers, one was even a tax collector. In the three years they were with Jesus, he called these twelve ordinary men to be apostles; disciples sent into the world with a teaching for God's people. Though one would later betray him, the apostles became Jesus' closest friends and companions along the entire journey from Galilee, all the way to Jerusalem and the cross.

Through the prayer Jesus offered on their behalf, our Lord asked that the Father would continue to guide and protect those whom he entrusted to him. Jesus prayed that, through the power of the Holy Spirit, the apostles would be one with him, just as Jesus is one with the Father in a relationship of divine love. Not only did Jesus pray for the twelve, but he also prayed for you and me, and for all believers who would come to faith through the witness and testimony of the apostles.

Reflecting on the text of Jesus' Farewell discourse and "High Priestly Prayer," I can say with conviction that even as we have to say farewell to our Administrative Assistant and beloved friend, Sherry Floyd, we will continue to pray for her in her faithful service to our Lord Jesus. For over eight years, Sherry has been a partner with St. Jacob's in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She has been a faithful worker in the vineyard God planted here in this place, approaching her position each day, not simply as a job to do, but as a ministry she offers in thankfulness to the one who is Lord of all.

In the nearly five years that I have been blessed to know Sherry, she has become one of my most trusted co-workers throughout my pastoral ministry. Sherry and I have been through many wonderful experiences together as we have shared in the

ministry of St. Jacob's. Like it was with the apostles and Jesus, we have also seen our fair share of life's challenges and emotional moments. I can empathize with the feeling Jesus had for the twelve in that saying farewell to one of my closest companions in ministry is not something that is simple to do. Still, as I know everyone at St. Jacob's will, I pray for Sherry and Joe, that they will enjoy a time of renewal and restoration in their retirement together. May the Lord bless them and keep them. May the Lord's face shine upon them and be gracious to them. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon them and keep them in peace.

Blessings,



Pastor David



MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

Our Wednesday morning Bible study will resume on September 7th with a study of Jesus's parables. From the parable of the Mustard Seed to the Parable of the Rich Man and Poor Lazarus, we will look closely at the teaching of Jesus as he shares what it is to live the life of a person of faith. No materials are needed except your Bible and a willingness to read along with the members of your church family. We have enjoyed many wonderful discussions during our Wednesday Morning Bible studies and pray that more church family members will join in. Bible study will begin at 9:30 AM each week in the fellowship hall.



COUNCIL BRIEFS

Good Things for July 2022

- Mercy boxes are still being received and delivered
- Columbia Fireflies baseball game for youth and families

Council Briefs for August 2022

- The Church has received \$49,837.60 from the Addy Estate. This money has been placed in a separate designated estate funds account. There were no restrictions or specifications by the family as to how these funds should be used.
- The Church has spent 55% of the budget for 2022.
- The Council is considering 2 dates for Homecoming – October 2nd or October 9th, 2022. The date will be determined upon availability of a guest Pastor.
- The Council received the resignation of Sherry Floyd with her anticipated retirement of August 31, 2022. The Administrative Assistant job description was updated by the Staff Support Committee and has been reviewed and approved by the Council.
- The Finance Committee presented a recommendation to the Council to update the insurance on the Church buildings. The valuation by Brotherhood Mutual determined that St. Jacobs was underinsured on the Church Building by \$852,250. The Finance Committee reviewed the content valuation of each building and made the necessary changes, as well as recommending additions to several areas of general liability. The premium will increase from \$9,623 to \$11,623. The Council approved these updates to the insurance coverage.
- The Stewardship Committee was asked by the Council to meet and prepare to distribute Time and Talent sheets.
- The Council has requested that Council liaisons meet with Team Leaders regarding their budget requests for 2023.
- The Up and Going presented plans for the annual apple orchard trip. It is scheduled for September 15, 2022.
- The Council received a thank-you note from Sherry Floyd in appreciation for her time of employment with St Jacobs. Her last day of employment is planned for August 31, 2022.

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

I have swept away your offenses like a cloud,
your sins like the morning mist.

Return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Isaiah 44:22 (NIV)

Why would the God of all deem us worthy to speak such sweet words?

This past month we have opened up the question of why. Starting in the beginning and working our way through the Bible, seeing how His plan of redemption unfolds. I can't thank you enough for continuing to think of the family ministry through your prayers and support. May you pray that the family's here at St. Jacob's would grow in their intimate, personal, and authentic relationships with the God of all.

This past month, we also had the opportunity to join the youth group at St. Peter's, Lexington, for their annual youth week! The week was full of fun activities like going to a driving range, a family night, serving, and ending with a laser-tag lock-in and hearing about God's mission for us.

As we look forward, please pray for our youth's upcoming lock-in during Labor Day weekend and the continual ministry God has planned for St. Jacob's.

As always, we would love you, the congregation, to get involved in the lives of youth. If you are interested, please feel free to reach out any time!

In Christ,

Matt Burt

Youth and Family Director

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PIANO LESSONS



If you or anyone you know is interested in learning to play the piano, please contact Connie Masterson at 812-454-5057 or email Masterson.connie@gmail.com to make arrangement for lessons. She has several openings available at this time.

YOUTH LOCK-IN

On Friday, September 2nd St. Jacob's youth from grades 5 - 12 are invited to participate in a lock in here at the church. Pastor David and Matt will be leading the evening's activities. We will have plenty of snacks and games. As a ministry project, we will have materials on hand for each youth member to assemble a mercy box to be delivered to We Care of Chapin. Parents may begin dropping off their children in the fellowship hall at 7 PM on Friday, September 2nd. Pick up will be at 8 AM on Saturday, September 3rd. St. Jacob's participants are encouraged to invite a friend to participate as well. Please contact Matt Burt to let him know if your child will be attending.

LUTHERAN WOMEN

We will have our monthly meeting on Sunday, September 18th at 4 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

LUTHERAN MEN

We will have our monthly meeting on Sunday, September 18th at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you all there.

MERCY BOXES

St. Jacob's is continuing to make Mercy Boxes for We Care. If you would like to participate, please take one of the yellow 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.

WE CARE CENTER

September Most Needed Items

Vienna Sausages, Boxed pasta, Instant potatoes
Progresso soup, Chili, Canned greens, Spam,
Soup, Pancake mix/Syrup, Corn muffin mix

We also ALWAYS need laundry detergent,
toiletries, and paper products.

THANK YOU!

STEWARDSHIP



The stewardship team is excited to announce that we will be continuing our Annual Yard Sale this fall. The event will take place on September 24th in the Fellowship Hall. We encourage members to donate! Please know that we will be accepting the following items:

- gently used children's clothes/shoes (NO ADULT CLOTHES OR SHOES)
- Coats! (All sizes acceptable)
- household items (NO ELECTRONICS- NO TVS- NO COMPUTERS)
- Toys, strollers, baby gear, etc.
- Kitchenware
- Small furniture (NO MATTRESSES)
- Holiday and home décor

Please donate the above items that are in good condition as soon as possible to the STAGE AREA of the Fellowship Hall. We would like to thank the Lutheran Women for their support, they will be providing breakfast and lunch refreshments to be available for purchase. In the past, we have had several other groups that participated (bake sale, produce sale) if you are a group or individual that would like to join, email Nicki Peeples(nickipeeples@gmail.com). Proceeds will be going towards the Congo Mission and internal church projects (TBD). We are excited to start this fundraiser back up and look forward to helping out missions and church efforts! Any help is welcomed and appreciated on the day of the sale! As we have done in the past, all unsold items will be donated to local charities.

Please help us spread the word to family and friends!

"May the god of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." *Romans 15:13*

UP AND GOING



On a beautiful Thursday Morning, Sept 18th, nineteen members and guests of St. Jacob's Up and Going gathered at Macedonia Lutheran Church (Church on the Lake) to enjoy the 4 Churches Annual Meeting hosted by the Macedonia Goldies.

Upon arrival each person signed in and received a beautiful handcrafted bulletin with a prize ticket attached. We then gathered in the Sanctuary for the Program. Sandy Bennett, president of the Goldies, warmly welcomed us to Macedonia.

She invited each of us to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Terry Hundley then opened with prayer. Pastor then gave a short program on the Blessings of Every Day with Christ. He encouraged us to enjoy each day with Christ and not worry about yesterday or tomorrow but to concentrate on our work for Christ today. He encouraged us to read the book "Win The Day" for more on this subject. Ms. Michelle Hancock entertained with beautiful songs that she had selected to sing for our enjoyment. Her singing was so beautiful and touched our hearts. Pastor Terry then gave the Blessing for our meal. We then gathered in the Fellowship Hall for our Meal and prize drawings.

The meal was so, so delicious. There was such a selection to choose from. Much more than you could get a taste of everything ...your plate just wouldn't hold it.

After the meal, we excitedly enjoyed the drawings for prizes. Beautiful handmade items made by the Goldies members were given out as prizes. There were also plants potted in precious tea and coffee cups. These were for everyone to have one.

We then visited with old friends, near and dear to our hearts. This was the first time that we had met since COVID. What a pleasure to see our friends from Holy Trinity, Mount Tabor, Macedonia and St. Jacob's gathered together for fellowship and fun.

St. Jacob's will host the next 4 Churches Meeting in August of 2023.

The next Up and Going Meeting will be the Annual Apple Run on Thursday September 15th. Please let Helen Lindler or Ann Lindler know by September 1st if you plan to go. We will enjoy lunch in Hendersonville, NC. Seats are limited so notify one of them soon.



CHOIR NOTES



Psalm 98:4-6

⁴Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;

⁵make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,

⁶with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

There is no doubt that God loves our music.

Throughout scripture we are told to offer songs to God. In *1Chronicles*, we are told that after David's armies had subdued Israel's enemies, the people were able to settle and David assigned duties to the Levites, the clan chosen to be priests and care for all things related to worship. In *1Chronicles 23*, David chooses **4000** men to be in charge of the music used in worship. David knew that our offering of music was pleasing to God.

In the book of *Revelation*, John is given a glimpse into heaven where he sees the heavenly host gathered around the Lamb of God singing. *Verse 4* tells us that each of the elders holding a harp fell down before the Lamb and they sang **a new song**. Then angels numbering thousands upon thousands and ten thousand times ten thousand encircled the throne and sang. And finally John heard every creature in heaven and earth and under the earth and on the sea singing. There is no doubt that God loves our music. The music of our worship service is an offering to God. Just as we bring our gifts of money, and offer prayers and praise to God each Sunday, we also give an offering of music to God. Some of the songs of our worship are old familiar hymns that we love. Some of the hymns are newer and we may not be as familiar with them. But all of the hymns are an offering of music to our God and we join those elders, and angels and all the host of heaven and earth singing new songs and much loved songs to our Lord. On Sundays, sing out with gusto. If you can't carry a tune, sing out with gusto, God will hear the beauty of your voice in offering to Him. If you aren't familiar with the song, sing out with gusto. God will accept your offering with pleasure. If you are afraid to sing,

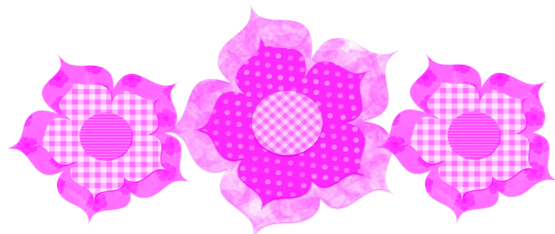
sing out with gusto and join your voice to all those voices in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and in the sea. God will hear your offering and there is no doubt that God loves our music.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Beginning on Monday, September 12th, Pastor David will offer a Bible study for the men of St. Jacob's. Each Monday morning at 7 AM., we will meet in the Church Office Conference Room for approximately one hour. Each man who signs up to attend will receive a copy of the "Every Man's Life Application Bible" which will be used as our primary text. Please contact Pastor David with your intent on participating so he can order your copy of the "Every Man's Bible."

Thank
you

Thanks so much for being such an awesome congregation to work for. These years have flown by and I've truly enjoyed each of them. I have been tremendously blessed by all of you. I will always consider you my family, because we are a family in God. Please keep me and my family in your prayers and know I will always do the same for you. Remember that our God is always with us in times of joy, sorrow, and need. I know God has great things in store for St. Jacob's and I'm so excited about it. It's hard to say goodbye so I'm just gonna say that I'll see you again soon. I love you all!!! Sherry



FINANCIAL INFORMATION WEEK OF August 21, 2022

Weekly Giving: \$2,510.00

MTD Actual Giving: \$11,972.50

YTD Actual Giving: \$151,232.68

Budget Requirements: \$5,703.00

MTD Budget Requirements: \$17,109.00

YTD Budget Requirements: \$193,902.00

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sept 4 J.L. and Janet Lindler
 Sept 11 Donald and Judy Turner
 Sept 18 Frances Slice
 Sept 25 Open

GROUNDS TEAM FOR SEPTEMBER

Co-Leaders—Billy McTeer, Lynn Shealy

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

SERVING ASSISTANTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Date	Usher	Lay Reader	Communion	Acolyte
Sept 4	Eddie Eargle	Tina Kibler	Carroll Lindler	Copeland Peeples
	Lynn Shealy		Angela Nuottila	
Sept 11	Bob Ziemer	Larry Shull	Susan Shealy	Isabelle Peeples
	Robert Wessinger		Judy Dease	
Sept 18	Tracy Eargle	Brandon Slice	Sherrie McTeer	Emma Covalt
	Carroll Lindler		John Wallace	
Sept 25	Billy McTeer	Helen L. Lindler	David Kibler	Samantha Monts
	Davis Brown		A.J. Peeples	

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MEMORIALS FOR AUGUST

None



2022 Ministry-Mission Update #8 – 8/18/22

“As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!”
(Psalm 40:11)

Fall is on the way! It is reassuring amid all the changes and challenges of life, that our God is unchanging. He is always the same caring, forgiving, loving Savior of the world.

Worship – Worship is well-attended. Our Property Search Task Force has met with council and is beginning to look for possible church buildings. Please continue to pray for us in this process. We are hoping that a few regular visitors will soon be ready to officially join our congregation.

Fellowship – Sunday school and Wednesday Bible study continue our Bible overview study with the *Egermeier Bible Story Book*. Monday Bible study resumes next Month. Prayer ministry continues to meet monthly. We will be holding a Men’s Ministry organizational meeting next week and will enjoy a fellowship meal again this coming Sunday, where we will assemble NALC Disaster Response flood bucket for the upcoming Stuff-the-Truck event in Salisbury.

Discipleship - Senior Ministry continues to meet monthly at Lakeside Senior Living. Our August Ministry of the Month (MoM) is flood buckets for NALC Disaster Response. Our September MoM will be a donation to KY Flood survivors through a Thrivent matching donation program. We will hold a service Saturday at the home of one of our member’s on 9/17. Council continues *Joining Jesus on His Mission* by Greg Finke. Ministry is popping, and we are grateful for the opportunities that God is providing for us to share His gospel in our community and beyond.

Please continue to keep Joy in your prayers, as well as New Hope, Irmo. I am helping New Hope while Pastor Derald Edwards is receiving treatments for pancreatic cancer. Thank you for your support and love and for faithfully walking with us on this journey of faith and ministry.

In His service and to His glory,
Pastor Paulette D. McHugh
Pastor, Joy Mission Church (803)767-7231 pdmchugh@mac.com, www.joymission.church

St. Jacob Lutheran Church

Thank you for your donation of 301 pounds of food for
The month of July, 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





To: St. Jacob's Lutheran Church, 8-3-22

Thank you for your generous donation of \$ 375.00. Your support of GOOD WORKS helps us to reach out to those in need in our community.

God Bless you!

In His Service,
Mary Higginbotham

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THANK YOU!!

Robert, Gerald, and Chad Lindler removed the invasive Bradford Pear Trees and cut the limbs of the big Oak Trees on the grounds of St. Jacob's on Saturday, August 20, 2022. We'd like to thank you all for the hard work!



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BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER

01 – Stephanie McDuffie	20 – Judy Turner
01 – Nicki Peeples	22 – Jill Lindler
03 – Phyllis Bickley	22 – Walt Shealy
03 – Susan S. Shealy	22 – Renee Shields
04 – Caleb Meetze	23 – Danny Shealy
05 – Lia Clark	23 – Earline Shealy
05 – Evan Riser	23 – Melissa Wicker
06 – Les Sutphin	24 – Caroline Lindler
07 – Gracie Daniels	25 – Kayla Pharis
09 – Erline Clark	28 – Lily Wallace
09 – Jason Jones	
10 – Melissa Lindler	
11 – Rachel Boland	
11 – Barbara Metze	
12 – Easton Amick	
12 – Taylor Monts	
13 – Jeff Kleckley	
13 – Anna Claire Lindler	
13 – Julie Stuck	
15 – Lynne Amick	
18 – Kayleigh Riser	
19 – Dawn Lindler	
19 – Frances Slice	
20 – Renee Doyle	



MEMBERS SHUT-IN OR IN FACILITIES

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BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

*There is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.
Luke 15:10*

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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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