

St. Jacob's Lutheran Church

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Pastoral Devotion for May - The Emmaus Road

Read Luke 24:13-35

The road to Emmaus, as traveled by two disciples, was one of abandoned hope and broken hearts. Early in the week they greeted Jesus as their king. Days later, Jesus was crucified. Instead of their King's triumph, they witnessed a horrible defeat. And so they walked home heartbroken, yet they were not alone. Many of us have experienced such a road. We know heartbreak and grief. Some can recall wondering if they would ever again experience joy. This is precisely the point when we ought to recognize that feeling that we too are not alone. Jesus is near.

As the two disciples walked together, the risen Christ joined them and taught them that God's intent went far beyond the pain of the present day's cross. Jesus helped them recognize that out of darkness, God brings light. Out of despair, God gives hope. Through the risen Christ, God raises the dead to life.

Then finally, as they reach their destination, Jesus is revealed to them in the breaking of the bread.

For us today, Jesus is revealed in the very same way. By the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ opens our minds that we might encounter him. Through the bread that is broken and the wine that is poured, the risen Lord Jesus comes to us with God's forgiveness and love. At some time, we all experience the grief of the Emmaus Road. Yet, we know Christ is near. This is the Easter message, the restoration of hope, the forgiveness of sins and the joy of salvation. It is the assurance that in Christ, life conquers death and we are never alone. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Prayer: Holy God, we thank you for your grace, which comes through Christ our Lord. Amen.

NALC Carolinas Mission Event

The Carolinas Mission region is hosting an event similar to the one last May in which we assembled health kits for the disaster response warehouse in King's Mountain, NC. At this year's event, volunteers will assemble flood buckets. As a part of the project, St. Jacob's is collecting pairs of dishwashing gloves and scrub brushes. Our goal is 100 pairs of gloves and 100 scrub brushes by Sunday, May 14.

We also would like to have volunteers from our church family to participate in the event at Advent Lutheran Church in King's Mountain. It will be a day filled with plenty of fellowship, music, fun, and of course, good food. You can drop off your donations of gloves and brushes in the designated

boxes on the stage in the fellowship hall. Please consider attending the event at Advent Lutheran Church and help us help others.



From the Pastor's Heart

And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." Matthew 28:9-10

I don't mind saying that as I sit down to write this month's installment, I'm stuck. I'm stuck because we are in the midst of the Easter season where it is our Christian endeavor to share the Good News of Christ's resurrection, but by the month's end, we will have celebrated Jesus' ascension into heaven, and the giving of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. There is so much liturgical and theological fruit to be gleaned from the fields of faith that I cannot possibly think of a way to cover it all in one page of the newsletter. So, let's stick with the chief purpose for all Christians and continue the proclamation of the resurrection.

As we navigate our current times here in Chapin, we soon see a community that is growing by leaps and bounds. Our small community is one of the fastest growing areas of the state. As we learned during our Fresh Eyes for Mission Summit, we can expect greater housing development and economic expansion in the times ahead. "What has this got to do with the resurrection" you may ask? Well, again as we found out during our Fresh Eyes Summit, over 63% of the people who live within fifteen minutes drive time from St. Jacob's are not affiliated with any sort of church or religious entity. That's a lot of people, approximately forty-eight thousand!

As Jesus told the women who came to the tomb on that first day of the week, he tells us also. "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." The key to this verse is that Jesus is sending his people into the world to share the Good News of God's saving grace through Christ our Lord. Hear again the first four words Jesus says, "Do not be afraid."

It is common knowledge that the reason Christians today are not very good at evangelism (sharing the Gospel) is because they are apprehensive in speaking about faith issues with others, especially strangers. But this is exactly what Christ calls every Christian to do. And since God calls us all to be evangelists, we need not be afraid. Even if someone turns you away, you have still planted the seed of God's Word. Imagine how it would have been if those women who first encountered the risen Lord Jesus kept the news to themselves. We might not be here at St. Jacob's or

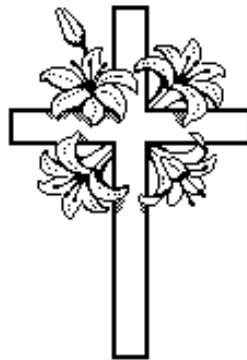
even have a church at all. We might not have the fellowship of other believers, or dear friends whom we enjoy seeing each week in worship. We might not be sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion, or participating in our Sunday schools, Bible studies, and VBS.

Well, if we are not sharing the Good News of Jesus with our community, then there are over forty-eight thousand unchurched people who do not realize these blessings that many of us take for granted. If we don't share the Gospel with others, we also are not following Jesus' command to tell others. Faith, love, and hope we have in our Lord compel us to tell others, not just during the Easter season, but during all times and seasons.

As Pastor and Shepherd for St. Jacob's, I am working on developing ways that we might learn together how to be more effective in the mission of evangelism. It begins with knowing the story, and then developing confidence in telling the story to others. As St. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 4:7, "...we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us." The treasure is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The clay Jars are our fragile and imperfect human bodies. God has entrusted to us the mission of His Gospel and will not allow us to fail, so there is no reason to feel apprehensive, uncomfortable, or afraid. Yes, it is awkward at first, but it doesn't take long to realize that you can do this with God's help, and He will help you.

Once we embark on this mission, the "stuckness" will soon fade. When we become more proficient in our evangelism, our congregation, as a whole will become energized and refreshed by the power of the same Gospel which we share. So hear again the words of Jesus on the first day of the week. "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers..." Invite them to St. Jacob's and here they will encounter the power of the risen Christ,

Grace to you and peace,,



Solid Rock Day Camp

This June, St. Jacob's is partnering with St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Chapin, and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Little Mountain to bring summer camp to Chapin. The Solid Rock Day Camp (June 11-16) is for elementary school aged children (grades 1-5). They will have the full camp experience of games, fun, food and make plenty of new friends, all in a Christian atmosphere. This is a great experience and blessing for our families. Please take advantage of this day camp opportunity which is sponsored by the NALC Carolinas Mission Region. Cost of the camp is \$50.00 per child payable at St. Jacob's. Anyone requiring assistance to cover registration fees should contact Pastor David Nuottila to make these confidential arrangements. By the way, the Solid Rock Camp Counselors will be worshipping with us at St. Jacob's on June 11, so your camper will be able to meet them. Contact Pastor David for registration information as it is done via email. Hurry, the camp will fill up quickly.

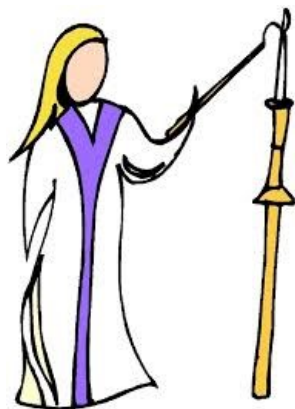
Calling All St. Jacob's Youth

You are invited to participate in the Flood Bucket Mission Event at Advent Lutheran Church in King's Mountain on May 20th. Several of the Mission Region Youth groups will be participating and it will be a great day of service to our neighbors in need. There is no cost for this event and it is guaranteed that it will be a good time. Join the fun! we will also be planning a few fun events for the summer so stay tuned.

Confirmation Public Examination Day – May 21

In preparation for her public Affirmation of Faith (Confirmation) Isabelle Peoples will have her Public Examination on Sunday, May 21 during a congregation luncheon immediately following worship. Everyone is invited to share a time of fellowship and good food and support Isabelle as she demonstrates what she has gleaned from her study of the Scriptures and Luther's Small Catechism. Public Examination is a traditional Lutheran practice for confirmands just prior to making their public affirmation of faith on their confirmation day, which this year will happen on Pentecost Sunday, May 28th.

This is a very important step in a young Christian's life as they take their place among the adult membership of congregations. It is also an important event for congregations as confirmed youth are invited to serve the church in new and important ways. Isabelle's confirmation day is an important part of her faith life and an important day in the life of St. Jacob's as we share in the promise to grow in faith and life together. Please consider attending the luncheon on May 21st in support for Isabelle and celebrate with her this milestone in her young life.



Acolyte Training

Acolyte training for all acolytes will be held on Sunday, May 21 at 1:30 P.M immediately following the congregational dinner. All acolytes should attend, even if you have been serving for a while. We will be reviewing several items that need refreshing and taking measurements for new acolyte robes. Parents/grandparents, please do your best to have your acolyte present for this training. There are no plans for a make up date and we need to get the order in for the robes as soon as possible.

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to the newest St. Jacob's church family member, Mr. James Kibler. James has been a friend of St. Jacob's for many years. He comes to us by way of transfer from Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Irmo, SC. WELCOME JAMES!



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

We wish a very Happy Mother's Day to all the moms here at St. Jacob's, along with all the women who have shone motherly love to the children and families of our congregation. God has blessed us with the love of so many nurturing and caring women. Mother's Day will be recognized here at St. Jacob's during our worship service at the time of the children's sermon on Sunday, May 14th



Pentecost Sunday—May 28



The Sunday of Pentecost falls on May 28 this year. It is the day when the Church of Christ celebrates God's giving of the Holy Spirit. Traditional rites and celebrations included at Pentecost are Confirmations and Baptisms. This year we are please to celebrate with

Isabelle Peeples the occasion of her confirmation. It is also traditional within the Lutheran Church that worshipers wear the color red on Pentecost.

Lutheran Women's Mother- Daughter -Friend Brunch

The Mother-Daughter-Friend Brunch was a big success. Our guest Speaker Mr. Glen Ward was very good and we all enjoyed his inspirational/humorous talk. The food was delicious and the fellowship was great. Thanks to all the ladies for their help and support. No meeting in May. Enjoy your summer.



Pictures From The Mother-Daughter-Friend Brunch



The Easter Egg Hunt



Worship Assistants for May

May 7

Ushers: Robert Wessinger, Arthur Langley, Leon Lindler, Gerald Lindler
Lector: Tommy Faulk
Communion: Carroll Lindler, Marie Slice
Acolyte: Jack Wallace
Crucifer: Tommy Faulk

May 14

Ushers: Leon Lindler, Lynn Shealy, Bob Ziemer, Davis Brown
Lector: Brandon Slice
Communion: Kristen Nickel, A. J. Peeples
Acolyte: Mackenzie Raines
Crucifer: Copeland Peeples

May 21

Ushers: Carroll Lindler, Sherrie McTeer, Tracey Eargle, David Kibler
Lector: Gary Marco
Communion: Judy Dease, Susan Shealy
Acolyte: Copeland Peeples
Crucifer: Isabelle Peeples

May 28

Ushers: Robert Wessinger, Arthur Langley, Leon Lindler, Eddie Eargle
Lector: Angela Nuottila
Communion: A.J. Peeples, Isabelle Peeples
Acolyte: Bryliegh Prosser
Crucifer: Tommy Faulk

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us for VBS! It is all about **Twists and Turns**. We are celebrating how following Jesus changes the game. Spin the spinner, beat the clock, skip ahead, and play to win! We will journey with Peter and his relationship with Jesus. Don't miss the fun. Plan now to experience our Twists and Turns.

- When: Monday, June 19-Thursday, June 22
- Meal in Fellowship Hall at 5:45 PM
VBS 6:30 – 8:00 PM

VBS Volunteers Needed: *Will you volunteer to make a difference in our children's lives at VBS?* Please contact Donna Fulmer or Sherrie McTeer to let them know how you will serve. It is all about the **Twists and Turns** and how following **Jesus** is a **game changer**. No

May Birthdays

01 – Mallory Lindler
01 – Erin Patterson
02 – June 01 – Mallory Lindler
01 – Erin Patterson
02 – June Lindler
02 – Michael Shealy
02 – Patricia Woodard
02 – Michael Shealy
02 – Patricia Woodard
03 – John Smith III
03 – John Smith III
04 – Joyce Ellisor
06 – Kristen Johnson
07 – Wyatt Bise
07 – Raine Lindler
09 – Owen Jones
10 – Tommy Bowers
10 – Steve Epting
11 – Davis Brown
12 – J. L. Lindler
14 – Nicholas Barras
14 – North Hollingsworth
14 – John J. Stroke
16 – Donna Fulmer
17 – Carolene Amick



19 – Blake Bise
19 – Jo David
19 – Helen L. Lindler
20 – Alice Morefield
21 – Joe Richardson
21 – Isabelle Robinton
22 – Emma Ballentine
22 – Don Dease
22 – M. O’Neal Lindler
22 – Harper Monts
22 – Shirley Nuottila
22 – Randy Coker
27 – Ryan Slice
27 – Christopher Stanton
29 – Jolene Amick
29 – Andrew Kibler
29 – Steve Slice
30 – William Morris
Lindler



UP AND GOING

22 members and guests gathered at 10 am on Thursday, April 13 in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy a Chair Yoga class led by Ms. Cindy Smith. For 30 minutes, she relaxed our minds and strengthened our bodies. She taught us new techniques and reminded us that stretch techniques learned long ago can easily be converted into chair exercises rather than floor exercises. All enjoyed our chair yoga class.

Devotions were given by Helen L. Lindler. They were based on Psalm 51- "Create in me a clean heart". She read this writing by Henry Van Dyke. "Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice, but for those who love, time is eternity.

Business was conducted. Thanks were given to all from Lutheran Hospice and SC Hospice for the beautiful Easter Bags. They were distributed by Hospice workers to Hospice patients as a tribute of God's love for them.

Lunch consisted of a variety of salads, with lots of side dishes and delicious desserts.

The next Up and Going Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11th at 11am. We will meet at the Chapin Community Theater for a tour of the facility, then go to the Fellowship Hall for Lunch. Lunch will consist of sandwiches, side dishes and desserts. Bring whatever you would like for sharing.

Time for additional planning for the August 4 Churches Meeting, hosted by St. Jacob's. Bring your ideas. Please pray for our members as many are sick or have family sickness. Thank you.

THANK YOU o our church family and friends, thank you for all the prayers, calls, cards, visits, food, ice runs, and grass cutting during my recent surgery and recovery. These acts of kindness and caring are appreciated more than words can tell. Wishing God's blessings to all.

Davis and Sandra Brown.



Choir Notes

Musical Mondays- Handbell Day camp

The youth handbell choir will be working hard this summer and having lots of fun during Musical Mondays. We will work on music for the church year, build skills as ringers and learn new techniques. We will end with a concert for the congregation.

Musical Mondays will take place from 9:45 to 12:30 throughout the summer. Any youth who have completed 4th grade and would like to join the handbell choir for the upcoming year are invited to attend. Please email Angela Nuottila at stjacobsnalmusic@gmail.com if your child or grandchild is interested in joining our choir.

I am looking for volunteers to provide lunch each week for the youth, currently five kids. If you would be willing to sign up to provide lunch, please call the church office and give Jean your contact information (I will be away the first two Sundays in May). I will get in touch with you when I return.

Mercy Bags Ministry

St. Jacob's provided 41 Mercy Bags (123 meals!) to We Care during the months of March and April! We Care has expanded its mobile delivery and now serves the Jenkinsville area. Please continue to shop for food using the list that is provided in the narthex and leave the food in the fellowship hall near the We Care donation box. You can also make a monetary donation designated to Mercy Bags and place it in the offering plate. Thank you for your continued support of this meaningful ministry!

Mercy Boxes for We Care - Mobile Delivery

Meal 1

Spam
Large can of green beans
Large can of sweet potatoes

Meal 2

2 DelMonte spaghetti sauce with meat
1 lb pasta
2 cans corn

Meal 3

3 Vienna sausage
1 large can baked beans
Jar of apple sauce

Meal 4

2 cans of cooked chicken
Can of lima beans
2 pouches of instant mashed potatoes

Meal 5

3 cans of tuna
Mac and Cheese Complete box
Can of mixed fruit

Meal 6

Large can of beef stew
Instant Rice
2 cans of peas / carrots

Meal 7

2 cans of cooked chicken
Jar of Alfredo sauce
Noodles

Additional items

Grits or oatmeal or box of cereal
Peanut butter and jelly
Salt
Saltines/crackers

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 AA 7:30 pm–FH	2 6:30PM CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICE CONF RM	3 <u>NO WORSHIP & NO CHOIR PRACTICE</u>	4 COURAGE Center 7pm–FH	5 Carolina Mission Region	6 Carolina Mission Region
7	8 AA 7:30 pm–FH PASTOR DAVID	9 ON VACATION	10 ALL WEEK (8-13) <u>NO WORSHIP & NO CHOIR PRACTICE</u>	11 COURAGE Center 7pm–FH Up & Going 11AM FH	12 AA 7:30 pm–FH AA 7:30 pm–FH	13
14	15 AA 7:30 pm–FH	16	17 Supply Organist David Schroer <u>NO CHOIR PRACTICE</u>	18 COURAGE Center 7pm–FH	19 AA 7:30 pm–FH	20
21 Public Examination Isabelle Peoples SUPPLY ORGANIST Gloria Sargent	22 AA 7:30 pm–FH	23	24 <u>NO CHOIR PRACTICE</u>	25 COURAGE Center 26 7pm–FH	26 AA 7:30 pm–FH	27
28	29 AA 7:30 pm–FH	30	31			

2023 Ministry-Mission Update #4 – 4/17/23

“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.’” (John 20:21)



Worship – Attendance is up in our new church building; We had 53 on Easter Sunday and 45 this past Sunday, and we received a new member by Baptism on Easter Sunday! If you are in the area and have a chance to stop by for a visit, please do. God has been so good to bless us with this new space for worship, fellowship, and discipleship. We will have a service of dedication and thanksgiving one Sunday afternoon, most likely in June and will keep you posted.

Fellowship – Our folks enjoy spending time together! We have coffee and fellowship time each Sunday between Sunday school and the worship service and had a wonderful breakfast together on Easter Sunday. We are hoping to have a fish fry in the next couple of months and will be hosting an open house appreciation drop-in for the folks from Thompson Funeral Home as a way of saying “thank you” for their years of generous hospitality.

Discipleship - Sunday school and Wednesday Bible study continue in *Egermeier’s Bible Story Book*. Monday Bible study meets twice a month and is currently studying *Hebrews*. Lutheran Men of Joy meet monthly and have been working hard to get the church property and grounds in order. Prayer ministry and Senior Ministry also continue to meet monthly, though we did not visit with our friends at Lakeside in March. Our April ministry of the month is Medicine Mart of Lexington. We are assisting them in providing prescriptions to our neighbors in need. Our May ministry of the month will be the Carolinas Mission Region NALC Disaster Response flood bucket build at Advent, Kings Mountain on May 20th. We hope to see you there!

Continue to pray for us as we adjust to our new home. It is definitely a process. Please also pray for God to show us opportunities to engage with our community. We appreciate your partnership. Thank you and God bless you!

In Christ’s service and to His glory,

Pastor Paulette D. McHugh

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HOMEBOUND MEMBERS AND RESIDENCE FACILITIES

Worship at Generations

Worship services at Generations Assisted Care of Chapin have made a great difference in the lives of many folks who are not able to attend worship at their home church. St. Jacob’s members are invited and certainly encouraged to share this experience with our friends just down the road. Our next worship opportunities will be on Sunday, May 14th and May 28th at 1:00PM. Join us in the lobby at Generations.



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Council Briefs for April Meeting

Good Things at St. Jacobs:

- * Easter Egg Hunt for Children was enjoyed by all
- * A “Fresh Eyes for Mission Summit” – Good information and attendance

Pastor will be on vacation May 8-13.

Confirmation of Isabelle Peebles is May 21. Council voted to approve a luncheon in her honor after service on that day.

Based on a recommendation from Pastor, Council voted to name Pastor Andy Eargle as Pastor Emeritus of St. Jacob’s Lutheran Church. He will be notified and invited to Homecoming on October 15.

Report of Ministry Teams:

- * Music Ministry Report – Musical Monday Youth Handbell Camp tentatively scheduled for Monday mornings during the summer.
- * Christian Education – Curriculum for VBS was approved by Council. Dates have not been confirmed.
- * Safety – A trainer has been contacted for the Medical Emergency Training.
- * Discipleship – 24 Mercy Bags of food was delivered to We Care. Lynn Shealy has been named to the board of We Care.
- * Worship and Music – New green paraments and fair linen cloths have been received.
- * Property Team – Plans for the parking lot renovations continue.

Old Business:

- * The following vision points were discussed from the NALC Fresh Eyes for Mission Summit.
 - Spiritual Awareness
 - Outreach Visibility
 - Care Connections
- * Improvements to church property
 - Congregation will vote by paper ballot on the recommended business office improvements on April 30.

New Business:

- * Brief discussion on potential safety hazards caused by the old copings in the cemetery.

WE CARE CENTER— NEEDED FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Vienna sausages	Canned yams / potatoes
Spaghettios	Soup, all sizes and flavors
Corn muffin mix	Instant potatoes and gravy
Ramen noodles / soup	Canned tomatoes
Dry beans	Oatmeal

Paper products, cleaning supplies and toiletries are ALWAYS needed as well!!!

FINANCIAL INFORMATION for the week of April 23, 2023

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Actual Giving	\$5,484	\$21,329	\$ 88,672
Budget Requirement	\$5,993	\$23,972	\$101,881

MEMORIALS received April 2 – April 23, 2023

Building Fund – In Memory of Jake Warner – By: Gerald and Robin Lindler
Lutheran Men – In Memory of Jake Warner – By: Robert and June Lindler