

St. Jacob's Lutheran Church

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Pastoral Devotion for September - Disciples Follow

Read: Matthew 4:17-22

What was it that Jesus noticed about Simon and his brother Andrew? They were merely simple fishermen casting their nets. The same might be asked of James and John. They were not doing anything out of the ordinary. They were going about the work of fishermen also, mending their nets. Why did Jesus choose these four out of the crowd? We can only speculate, but Jesus surely knew more about their character than we, or they ever could have known.

Upon hearing Jesus's call, Simon and Andrew, and James and John immediately left their nets and their lives behind. Following Jesus, they learned from their teacher what it means to love God and to love their neighbor. They followed Jesus doing the things he taught them in the way he showed them.

NALC Disaster Response

The Carolinas Mission Region will host another opportunity for congregations to engage the mission of Disaster Response. This opportunity will see congregations partnering together to assemble "Kitchen Kits." In many areas of recovering from floods or hurricanes, families often need to replace simple, basic kitchen supplies. NALC Disaster Response has put together a list of items to be included in disaster response "Kitchen Kits" to assist families in their recovery.

Beginning on Sunday, September 3th, St. Jacob's will be collecting kitchen hot pads and dish towels. We will collect these items until Sunday, October 22 and will deliver them to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Troutman, NC, where the kits will be assembled. We would also like as many members of St. Jacob's as possible to volunteer in this activity. As always, it will be a time of fun, and fellowship as we work together to share the compassion of Christ for those in need. The project is scheduled for Saturday, October 28th.

Jesus continues to call ordinary people into his service. In fact, Jesus calls all Christians to be his disciples. He calls Christians to follow him, learn from him, and do the things as he has shown them to do. What has Jesus noticed about you? Why did he choose you out of the crowd? The truth remains, if you are a baptized follower of Christ, he has called you, an ordinary person, to follow him and be his disciple. How will you respond?

Prayer: Give me the will and desire to follow you, Lord Jesus, that I may be your disciple. Amen.

Celebrating Holy Baptism

During our service of worship on August 13, 2023, MacKenzie and Owen Raines were Baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit receiving the full measure of God's grace that come through the waters of Holy Baptism.

We rejoice that God has made them members of His family of faith and inheritors of His kingdom. We rejoice also that, through their Baptism, they have become members of our St. Jacob's church family. Congratulations and welcome MacKenzie and Owen!



From the Pastor's Heart

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

So far, for many people this has been quite a summer. For some, the days have been dreadfully hot and dry. For others, summer has brought with it an opportunity for vacation and travel with family and friends. And for those who are apt to volunteer, it has been a summer filled with church work. I can count several people for whom this has been a summer of recovery from illness or medical procedures. We have members of our church family for whom this has been a summer of mourning and grief. In all of these, I can say that as your pastor, it has been a summer of prayer.

In his letters to various churches, the apostle Paul consistently begins by lifting up prayers of thanksgiving for the saints to whom he is writing. Whether he is writing to Christians just coming to faith, a church needing encouragement, or a congregation mired in conflict, Paul gives thanks for the faith of those who call upon the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior. In doing so, Paul sets a wonderful example for Christians in all places to follow. When I read Paul's words concerning his thanksgiving and prayers for others, I usually find myself spending a good bit of time in prayer for our church family.

As some of you know, I like to begin my week in prayer for our church family. One ritual is to take the Sunday worship bulletin and pray for those on our various prayer lists. One by one, the names of people who are sick, recovering or homebound stand out. I pray for the various friends and family members who are not members of our congregation but listed as those needing continual prayer. It's humbling to know that, even as we pray for others we do not know, through faith, our prayers are heard and received by our Father in heaven.

Another prayerful activity I enjoy is going through our church directory and simply praying for church family members whose names randomly come to the forefront. I sincerely believe that as I look through the listing of families, God calls me to pray for certain individuals or families for whatever circumstances they may be experiencing. Sometimes, I will send a card to those for whom I pray so they know their pastor prayed for them. I cannot tell you the number of times people have told me that the card came at just the right time; that they really needed to know someone prayed for them.

I think that in this summer of prayer, the thing I have enjoyed most is the opportunity to pray with church family members each Wednesday evening just before we share the sacrament of Holy Communion. It is clear to me that this mid-week time for worship and prayer has helped us grow in our faith and relationship with God and one another. While not lifting each person up by name, we pray for each other, we pray for our congregation and the Issues we face, and we have even welcomed members of our Community into this opportunity for worship and prayer. We pray for those who seem distant and we pray for our unity through Christ our Savior and Lord.

I truly believe God hears our prayers and answers each one according to his loving kindness.

I'm thankful for the blessing of being your pastor, and in the words of St. Paul, I give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in my prayers. Thank you also to the many who have prayed for me.

We are all blessed with the gift of God's love, especially as we share his love with one another, giving thanks in all circumstances for the grace God makes available through his son Jesus Christ. As always, I will continue to keep you in my prayers.

Grace and Peace,

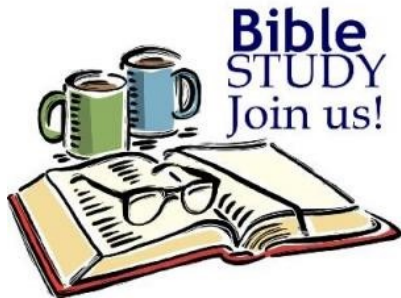


Pastor David Nuottila

Mid-Week Bible Study

Our Wednesday Morning Bible study met on Wednesday, August 23 at 9:30a.m. The Bible study will meet in the newly renovated Church Office.

All are welcome to join in. Please invite others who may enjoy reading and learning more about the Scriptures while discussing them in fellowship with others. No special materials are needed, just you, your Bible, and a desire to meet with others while hearing of God's promises and love for his people.



September Birthdays

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 01 – Stephanie McDuffie | 12 – Easton Amick | 14 – Parker Turney |
| 01 – Nicki Peeples | 12 – Taylor Monts | 15 – Lynne Amick |
| 03 – Phyllis Bickley | 13 – Jeff Kleckley | 18 – Kayleigh Riser |
| 03 – Susan S. Shealy | 13 – Anna Claire Lindler | 19 – Dawn Lindler |
| 04 – Caleb Meetze | 13 – Julie Stuck | 19 – Frances Slice |
| 05 – Lia Clark | | 20 – Judy Turner |
| 05 – Evan Riser | | 22 – Jill Lindler |
| 06 – Les Sutphin | | 22 – Walt Shealy |
| 07 – Gracie Daniels | | 22 – Renee Shields |
| 09 – Erline Clark | | 23 – Danny Shealy |
| 09 – Jason Jones | | 23 – Earline Shealy |
| 10 – Melissa Lindler | | 23 – Melissa Wicker |
| 11 – Rachel Boland | | 24 – Caroline Lindler |
| 11 – Barbara Metze | | 25 – Kayla Pharis |
| | | 28 – Lily Wallace |



COUNCIL BRIEFS FOR AUGUST MEETING

Good Things at St. Jacobs:

- Office Renovations Completed
- Sunday Visits to Generations is a special time for residents and St. Jacob’s members

Pastor’s Report – Pastor gave recap of Congo trip. An estimated 600 children were fed on this trip.

Report of Ministry Teams:

- Staff Support – Annual reviews of staff will be done the month of August.
- Congregation Care – Homecoming is October 15.
- Building & Property – Church Office renovations are complete. Plans continue for the parking lot renovations.
- Worship & Music – Youth handbell retreat to Salisbury NC is August 26. Choir rehearsals will resume August 30.

Old Business:

- NALC Disaster Relief – St. Jacob’s approved to move forward with plans to use the bus shed to store supplies for the NALC Disaster Relief Program.

New Business:

- There will be a church wide workday on September 30. More details to follow.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 27, 2023

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Actual Giving:	\$4,093	\$18,925	\$178,278
Budget Requirements:	\$5,993	\$23,972	\$209,755

MEMORIALS received August 6 – August 27, 2023

General Fund:

In Memory of Judy Wicker – By: Buddy and Phyllis Bickley

In Memory of G. Lenard Shealy – By: Frances Shealy

Building Fund:

In Honor of Carroll and Melissa Lindler’s 32nd Anniversary, 08/17/1991 – By: Glenda Lindler

In Memory of Judy Wicker – By: Billy and Sherrie McTeer

In Memory of Danny Campbell – By: Gerald and Robin Lindler AND Billy and Sherrie McTeer

Because We Care



A Note from We Care

We need your help! Our inventory is the LOWEST it has ever been, even down from last month! We are in desperate need of food to replenish our supplies as we continue to feed and care for increasing numbers of clients in need. September is also National Hunger Action Month so it is a great time to encourage the community to give generously to help the hungry! Please help us get in front of as many people as possible – thanks so much!!!

Bless you!
Alecia Klauk
Executive Director
Chapin We Care Center

REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS

St. JACOB'S MEMBERS SICK/RECOVERING

Janet Lindler Richard Shealy Dan Frick
Lorene Cannon Alice Morefield Tommy Slice
Steve Slice Miriam Metze Pastor Derald Edwards

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Letha Sites Michael Lindler Shirley Nuottila
Lucy Slice Stanley Slice

FRIENDS OF ST. JACOB'S

Jessica Mack Fr. Glynn Diggins Bert Slice
Debbie Phillips Family of Danny Campbell

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS AND RESIDENCE FACILITIES

Michael Lindler
250 Leaning Pines Trail
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431 East Boundary St.
Room 306
Chapin, SC 29036

Letha Sites
1024 Freshly Mill Rd.
Irmo, SC 29063
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Stanley & Lucy Slice
431 East Boundary St.
Room 205
Chapin, SC 29036
Ph: 803-807-8321

UP AND GOING 4 CHURCHES ANNUAL

The annual 4 Churches, consisting of Holy Trinity, Mt Tabor, Macedonia and St. Jacob's, meeting was held on August 10, 2023 hosted by the St. Jacob's Up and Going.

The Fellowship Hall tables were so pretty decorated in beautiful bright colors, enhanced with co-ordinating colored center pieces and small gifts for each person attending. Mike and Linda Mostella greeted each guest as they signed in and received a name tag. Each person was given a numbered ticket to be used for the door prizes.

Helen L. Lindler, team leader, welcome the assembly and introduced The Chapin Chirpers, directed by Joan Marco. The Chirpers presented a vacation themed program entitled "On the Road Again". The music with appropriate skits was so much fun. We laughed and sang the happy songs with the Chirpers. We all had the best time watching The Chirpers and laughing and clapping at their antics.

Helen gave the Devotions emphasizing the fact that God is always with us, everywhere we go and what ever we are doing. She read from God's Little Devotional Book For Women the following:
Our days are identical suitcase - All the same size but some people can pack more into them than others.
Devotional closed with prayer and the Blessing for our meal.

Everyone attending enjoyed a bountiful and delicious meal. Bar-Be-Que was provided by the Lutheran Men of St. Jacob's. We certainly did enjoy it and appreciate the LM generosity. The fried chicken was provided by the Up and Going. Side dishes and desserts were provided by all attending.

Unique and beautifully crafted items, made especially for this occasion were given to the lucky ticket holders.

Helen then bid farewell to our guests. She ended with this quote given to the Up and Going in memory of Esther Lindler Frick (Jean Frick's Mother-in-law).

I will Do More

I will do more than belong, I will Participate
I will do more than care, I will help
I will do more than believe, I will practice
I will do more than be fair, I will be Kind
I will do more than forgive, I will Love
I will do more than earn, I will enrich
I will do more than teach, I will serve

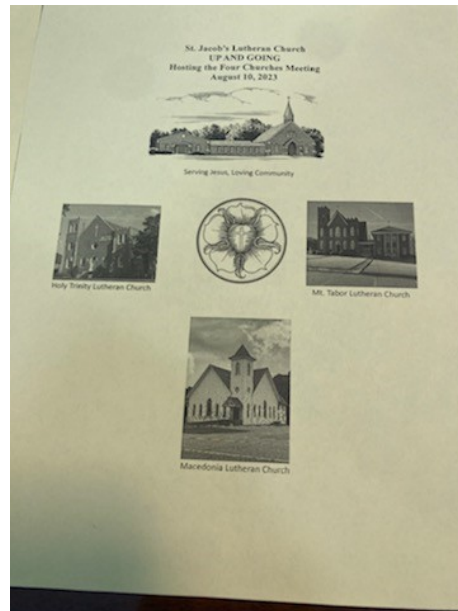
Special thanks to the Lutheran Men for providing BBQ and to Davis Brown for perfectly preparing it for our enjoyment. Thank you to Joan and The Chapin Chirpers for a delightful, feel good program.

Thank you to everyone for items provided, work performed before and after the meeting.

I thank God for each of you and your willingness to help with everything that needs to be done and for a beautiful day without storms and with pleasant temperatures.

UP AND GOING

4 Churches Annual Meeting Pictures



LUTHERAN MEN

The Lutheran Men will have its next regular meeting on September 17th at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

LUTHERAN WOMEN

The Lutheran Women will have a brief meeting following the service on Sunday, September 3, in the fellowship hall. The next regular meeting will be on September 17th

We will be sponsoring a Congregational Dinner Fund Raiser on Sunday, September 24 immediately following the church service. A LOVE offering of \$8.00 for ages 11 and above, \$5.00 ages 5-10 and 4 and under free. We will be serving spaghetti w/trimmings, drink and dessert. It will be eat in or take out and a sign up sheet will be placed in the narthex so please sign up by Sunday Sept. 17th. The money raised will be used to help a Cancer patient that our group is helping with their medical bills and other expenses that may occur. Please come and enjoy some delicious food and fellowship. Thanking you in advance.



The Lutheran Women would like you to also consider experiencing a concert by our Organist, and Newberry College's Dr. Sarah Masterson who presents a unique look at a long forgotten composer's piano music. Philippa Schuyler's music transports listeners to far-flung locations in Asia, Africa, South America, and more. After extensive research, Masterson has revived Schuyler's works for modern audiences to enjoy. The date is Sunday, September 17th at 3:00pm at the Newberry Opera House. Some of us have previously attended and it is unforgettable! We will get discounted group tickets if 10 or more are interested. Please let me know by Sunday, September 3 how many tickets you need. I will collect money that day also. For tickets text or call Judy Dease 803 315-2022. Will advise later what time we will be meeting to go as a group.



Choir Notes

Musical Mondays

It's hard to believe, but our musical Mondays are about to come to an end. Our youth handbell choir has worked hard this summer, building their music reading and bell playing skills.

We are celebrating our hard work with a trip to see the Raleigh Ringers in Albemarle, NC on August 27. We will leave the morning of August 26 and travel to Union Lutheran Church in Salisbury, NC. We will have a handbell clinic with the youth handbell choir at Union on the Saturday, staying overnight at the church, and playing in worship on Sunday morning. After lunch Sunday we will head to Albemarle for a Raleigh Ringers concert. This is such an amazing opportunity for our youth ringers.

Thank you to everyone who provided meals this summer for Musical Mondays. Your help is so appreciated.

Chancel Choir

Chancel choir rehearsals will begin Wednesday August 30. Please check upcoming bulletins for more information. It is never too late to join the choir. Please come add your voice to ours as we sing praises to God. No prior experience needed!

MERCEY BAGS MINISTRY

Our congregation continues to make a difference in our community by providing meals for mobile delivery to the Chapin community and also in Jenkinsville, Prosperity, Newberry and Whitmire. The Mercy Bags are delivered specifically to families who do not have transportation to travel to a grocery store or who don't have a grocery store near their home. Over the summer our congregation has provided over 40 Mercy Bags, each containing 3 meals, to We Care.

How can you help?

1. Shop for meal items and deliver them to the fellowship hall. The list for what is needed is located in the narthex. Meals are packed by teams on the first and third Sunday of each month and delivered to We Care on Monday morning.
2. Make a monetary donation designated for "Mercy Bags" and place it in the offering plate. The teams will use these funds to shop for the meal items to pack the Mercy Bags.

If you are interested in joining one of the Mercy Bags teams, contact Lynn Shealy 803.513.5818.

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Fresh Eyes for Mission Update

In March, 2023, many members of our congregation met with Pastor David Wendell, Assistant to the Bishop for Ministry and Ecumenism, to take a hard look at our congregation and identify areas where we need to focus and grow. As a result, we came up with four main Vision Points and action steps for achieving each of these goals. It is important that we maintain our focus on these Vision Points and to do this Sherrie McTeer and Susan Shealy were appointed "Trailbosses."

The four Vision Points are: Spiritual Awareness; Outreach - Visibility; Care Connections; and creating a Dutch Fork NALC Coalition. As a congregation, we have already worked toward growing in all of these areas.

Spiritual Awareness: Pastor led an adult Bible study during VBS that was well attended. We have a Men's Bible study, a Women's Bible study and Wednesday morning Bible study offered at our church.

Outreach - Visibility: The church office renovation has been completed! The office building is now a beautiful office space for our staff, but has also been designed for use for groups within our church to meet (Lutheran Women, youth, Sunday school, audit team, Council) and also groups outside of our church (Courage Center, Women's AA). Coming soon: Parking lot for easier and safer access to our church buildings; updated website.

Care Connections: We have a greeting card ministry! This team has mailed cards to all young adults in our congregation at Easter and continues to stay in touch with these members throughout the year as well as others. Coming soon: Prayer Partners! In the next few weeks everyone will have an opportunity to sign up for and to receive a prayer partner/family so we can lift each other up in prayer.

Dutch Fork NALC Coalition: A recent Up and Going meeting of four NALC churches was a great success! We want to grow these relationships and hold joint activities with these churches.

All of these Vision Points will help St. Jacobs become the congregation that we envision. In order to achieve these goals, we need everyone to participate and work together toward these common goals!

There is a place for YOU at St. Jacobs!

Worship Assistants for September

September 3

Ushers: Carroll Lindler, Sherrie McTeer, Tracy Eargle, David Kibler
Lector: Gary Marco
Communion: Angela Nuottila, Marie Slice
Acolyte: Copeland Peeples
Crucifer: Tommy Faulk

September 10

Ushers: Robert Wessinger, Arthur Langley, Eddie Eargle, Gerald Lindler
Lector: Tina Kibler
Communion: A.J. Peeples, Marie Slice
Acolyte: Samantha Monts
Crucifer: Angela Nuottila

September 17

Ushers: Leon Lindler, Lynn Shealy, Bob Ziemer, Davis Brown
Lector: Carroll Lindler
Communion: Angela Nuottila, Nicki Peeples
Acolyte: Bryliegh Prosser
Crucifer: Tommy Faulk

September 24

Ushers: Carroll Lindler, Sherrie McTeer, Tracy Eargle, David Kibler
Lector: Angela Nuottila
Communion: Judy Dease, Susan Shealy
Acolyte: Copeland Peeples
Crucifer: Isabelle Peeples

October 8

Ushers: Robert Wessinger, Arthur Langley, Leon Lindler, Eddie Eargle
Lector: Tommy Faulk
Communion: Carroll Lindler, Patricia Woodard
Acolyte: Mackenzie Raines
Crucifer: A.J. Peeples

GROUND'S CREW FOR SEPTEMBER

Billy McTeer (Co Chair) Lynn Shealy (Co Chair), Walt Shealy,
Danny Shealy, Davis Brown, Donald Turner, Jeff Kleckley,
Arthur Langley, A.J. Peeples, Josh Monts, Jason Wicker,
Bryan Metze, David Kibler

SAFETY TEAM FOR SEPTEMBER

Sept. 3: Jeff Kleckley, Gerald Lindler, David Kibler
Sept. 10: Robert Wessinger, June Lindler, Arthur Langley
Sept. 17: Kristen Nickel, Barry Rice, Tina Kibler
Sept. 24: Robert Wessinger, June Lindler, Arthur Langley