

St. Jacob's Lutheran Church

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April Pastoral Devotion – The Emmaus Road

Read Luke 24:13-35

How many times have you traveled the Emmaus Road? How often have you considered the pitfalls and disappointments of earthly life and wondered, “How did these things occur?” The two disciples walking along the road, in the midst of despair asked this same question; “How did the crucifixion of Jesus come about?” The next question was even more difficult; “Where is his body?” “Can it be true, what the women said, that he is alive?”

Each of us walks the Emmaus Road in our own way. Earthly life has many toils and snares. Among many simple pleasures, sin, doubt and sorrow also make their presence known. Yet, as we make our way to Emmaus, the stranger comes alongside. Walking with us, stride for stride, he assures us of God's love, mercy and grace. The stranger joins us in our story and welcomes us into his.

And finally, as the stranger stays with us, this invited guest serves as host for the most wonderful feast of all, making himself known in the breaking of the bread. It is true! Our Lord Jesus, who once was dead, is alive! And because he lives, we shall live also. Thanks be to God.

Prayer: Walk with me, O Christ, in the joy of my salvation which comes from you. Amen.



Congo Mission Adopt a Bible

One of the joys of my mission work in Congo is sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with so many people who have not had the opportunity to worship or learn of God's saving grace through reading the Scriptures. Bibles are hard to come by for most people living in the outlying and remote areas surrounding Mbuji-Mayi. For this reason, I am encouraging everyone at St. Jacob's to participate in this year's mission in a unique way. I invite you all to “adopt a Bible” that would be provided to church members in Mbuji-Mayi and Merode.

Bibles printed in the tribal languages in Congo are available in Kinshasa (the capitol city), but not in the remote areas in which we serve. Pastor Kalonji hopes to fill a suitcase with Bibles to take to the Lutheran congregation in Mbuji-Mayi and have them distributed to families by local pastors. Each Bible printed in the local languages cost about \$25 each. If you would like to provide one for a family in Congo, simply add that amount to your church offering and designate the amount given “Congo Mission Bibles” on your envelope where it says “other.”

Thank you so much for your consideration and generosity as we continue to minister to God's people in such a far-off place. This year's mission trip is scheduled for July 8-21.

From Your Pastor's Heart

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴ And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶ And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." Mark 16:1-7

Finally, our long Lenten journey has reached its unlikely conclusion. Unlikely, at least according to the world's assumption. For forty days, Christians all over the world have been contemplating their sinfulness and need for God's intervention in rescuing us from the consequences of our disobedience to His law. For forty days, many have taken up the discipline of reading Holy Scripture, abiding in God's Word of love, mercy, and grace which brings hope to sin-sick souls. And now, in the most unlikely of scenarios, the once sealed tomb of Jesus of Nazareth is opened for all to see inside; to see that He is not there, for He is risen.

Early on the first day of the week, some of the women who followed Jesus went to the tomb to weep and complete the Jewish burial rite by anointing Jesus's lifeless body with spices, oils, and perfumes. How would they roll the great stone away? How would they dare to gain access to His body with Roman sentries standing by guarding Christ's grave so that no one may enter? These and so many other questions must have been running through their minds as they came upon the grave where Jesus was laid. But their questions were soon answered in a most dramatic fashion. An Angel announced to them that Jesus was indeed alive; he is risen! Does this good news conjure up questions in your mind as you stand two-thousand years opposite Mary and the women who first discovered the resurrection of Christ?

Following our forty day Lenten trek across the scriptures to the cross of Good Friday, it would be natural to ask questions upon discovering such a miracle. What does the resurrection of Jesus mean? How must I live my life knowing that Christ has died and arisen from the grave? How do I faithfully respond to the news of Jesus's rising? All good questions for sure, and all demand answers.

First of all, "What does the resurrection of Jesus mean?" It means that those who have placed

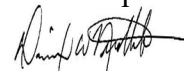
their faith and trust in Him, even though they die, shall live. The grave could not hold Jesus and because we are united with him in death through our Baptism, the grave cannot hold us either. Christians need no longer fear the grave; it's lost its power. On the day of God's choosing, we will receive the resurrection of the body and dwell in the kingdom of God forever.

Next, "How must I live my life knowing that Christ has arisen from the grave?" All believers in Christ Jesus are called to live according to His example of loving service toward our neighbors. This means doing what Jesus did in the ways He taught us. Forgiving the sins of those who sin against us. Sharing the goodness and abundance of God's blessings with those who have little. Praying for those who are wandering around, lost in this world and have no one to encourage, care, or pray for them. This is what it means to be a disciple of our Lord Jesus.

And finally, "How do I faithfully respond to the news of Jesus's rising?" Well, simply put – tell others. Share the Gospel of our Lord to those whom you meet. Share it with anyone and everyone, no matter whether they have heard it before, or have not heard it at all. All people need to hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you don't know how to tell others, or if you are shy about having such conversations, pray. Pray for courage. Pray for guidance. Pray that God would send you a companion who will teach you, encourage you, and walk alongside you as you go in the name of Christ our Lord.

It's the Easter season. No longer do we travel the road to the cross of shame. For now we travel a much different road. It is the way of truth, and the way of life. For Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Grace and peace,



Pastor David Nuottila

South Carolina Mission District Youth

Pastor David Nuottila has been meeting with and working with the pastors of St. Peter's, St. Paul's, and Holy Trinity Lutheran Churches to establish a new Youth Ministry initiative among the NALC congregations for South Carolina. Such collaboration has proved beneficial for NALC congregations in North Carolina and we hope to replicate their success here. Gathering our youth members in grades 6-12, we will share the Gospel, grow in discipleship, and have loads of fun together. Our first project is to support We Care of Chapin. Each youth group is challenged to collect jars of peanut butter and jelly to donate to We Care. This is meant as a fun competition among our youth groups, but primarily we want to tend to the needs of our neighbors. The first gathering of our South Carolina Mission District Youth will be on April 28 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Pomaria. All youth members in grades 6-12 are encouraged to attend. More information will be given as the date draws nearer.

NALC Disaster Response Shed

Our NALC Disaster Response shed (our former bus shed) is up and running. So far, we have received flood buckets, Health and Hygiene kits, Kitchen kits, and School kits from neighboring congregations. Glenn Shealy has taken on the role of "warehouse manager" and is standing by to schedule drop off times and dates for those church groups who would have materials for us to store. Many thanks to Gerald Lindler and Robert Lindler, and Billy Hardin who constructed the necessary shelving for the response shed.



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ALTAR FLOWERS FOR APRIL

April 7— Linda Mostiler

April 14— Up and Going

April 21— Michael and Donna Fulmer

April 28— OPEN

April Birthdays

02 - Hannah Metze
03 - Jonathon Lindler
03 - Chandler Turney
04 - Janice Ellisor
05 - Michael Lindler
06- Helen R. Lindler
08 - Chad Lindler
10- Elizabeth Lindler
12 - Alice Rice
16 - Dan Frick
16 - Adam Slice
18 - Rene Griggs
19 - Bryan Lindler
19 - Willow Monts
20 - Jay Alford



20- Amanda Duggan
20 - Dagmar Langley
20 - Tracy Riser
21 - Rich Mueller
21 - Kevin Pharis
22 - Tessa Monts
23 - Tina Kibler
23 - Carter Lambeth
23 - Trey Meetze
24 - Shep Lindler
24 - Chloe Meetze
28 - Jimmy Boland
30 - Lauren Daniels
30 - Samantha Knight
30 - Daniel McDuffie

3/5/2024, SJLC Council Meeting Briefs

Parking Lot Update:

- Council was pleased with the new rendering of the parking lot and determined that a Congregational Meeting would be held on Sunday March 17, 2024. Danny Shealy and Gerald Lindler were asked to present the plan to the congregation.

Pastors Report:

- Pastor David is pleased that worship attendance has increased and seeing some extended family members attending. Wednesday night worship attendance has increased and exceeds the last few years. There is
- concern that ministry teams are not active to their potential. Council is asked to pray for our congregation and to pray for our ministry teams.

Report of Ministry Teams:

Staff Support

- Celebrated Bryan Metze's birthday in February with a \$50 monetary gift card from the congregation.
- Met with Jean Frick for her annual review.

Safety/Security

- Cameras: Perform a study of area churches who utilize cameras both inside and outside of the church buildings.
- Area churches have shared copies of their safety plans.
- A Temple Talk given by the Safety team is scheduled for April 2024.

Christian Education – Sherry McTeer

- The Christian Ministry Team will meet Thursday, March 14th at 6:30 PM in the church office to discuss Sunday School, VBS dates and Summer Camp June 9-14.
- Excited that the children's Sunday School has finally made it to the New Testament!

Congregational Care – David Kibler

- Lay Communion Ministry Team has visited and administered communion to our homebound folks.
- Plan to run the new ministry information in the April news letter again as a reminder.

Discipleship – Lynn Shealy / Julie Stuck

- Filled and delivered 21 Mercy Bags.
- Thankful to the Lutheran Women and several members of the congregation who have volunteered to assist with this ministry.

Discussed the possibility of a Flower Fund for Sundays when no one has signed up.

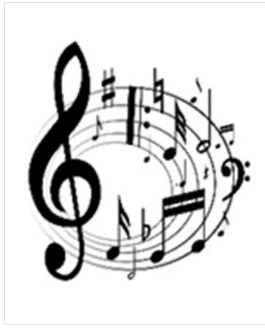
Property – Chad Lindler / Barry Rice

The parts for the HVAC unit have been delivered. There is still a hold up on this project as the platform may need to be modified.

A new water cooler for the fellowship hall will be purchased and installed from Oasis, the cost will be less than \$2,500 dollars.

Stewardship – Doug Sullivan

- Twenty families signed up to participate in Prayer Partners ministry.
- Please remember to pray for your partners.



Music Notes

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

*praise him in his mighty heavens!*¹

² *Praise him for his mighty deeds;*

praise him according to his excellent greatness!

³ *Praise him with trumpet sound;*

praise him with lute and harp!

⁴ *Praise him with tambourine and dance;*

praise him with strings and pipe!

⁵ *Praise him with sounding cymbals;*

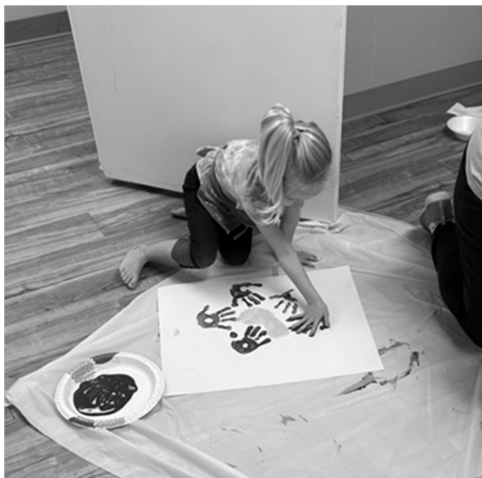
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶ *Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!*

Praise the Lord!



Teaching our children and youth to use their voices and instruments to praise the Lord is one of my favorite things. I think we can all agree that our youngest choristers did a wonderful job on Palm Sunday sharing the message, Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We learned again the story of Palm Sunday as we got messy with paint and sang. They even started ringing bells. We look forward to them helping to lead worship through song in the future.



Our youth handbell choir are hard at work as well. We have been invited to participate in worship at the annual Carolina's Mission District convocation the first weekend in May. The 2024 convocation is being held at Holy Trinity in Little Mountain. Our youth handbell choir is playing the prelude for the Saturday morning worship service.

We are also gearing up for our summer handbell camp which will be held on Tuesdays this summer. There will be more information in the May newsletter.



EASTER EGG HUNT



LUTHERAN WOMEN HOST EASTER EGG HUNT

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, March 23rd from 10:00 am-12:00 pm. It was a huge success. Thanks to everyone for preparing the food, helped with crafts and hiding the eggs. The children had so much fun and the event was enjoyed by all.



Lutheran Men

The Lutheran Men have recently provided financial support for two families who have lost their homes to fire in our local community. They are planning the Easter Sunrise Breakfast to be held immediately following the Easter Sunrise Service.

The Lutheran Men will celebrate Ladies Night with a meal and guest speaker, Al Koon, who will provide an update on recent Chapin developments and future plans for Chapin.

UP AND GOING

The Up and Going met on March 14, 2024, with 23 members and guests attending to enjoy the St Patrick's Day and Easter decorations. Helen Lindler welcomed everyone and gave an Easter devotional with Bible reading and prayers. Gary Marco gave the treasurer's report and comments. Get well cards were signed for Betty Ann Shealy, Frances Slice, and Joan Marco. Please include these ladies in your prayers.

A wonderful covered dish feast was enjoyed by all. Time for the business of the day...Preparing Easter Hospice Bags. We may be older Lutherans but we know how to set up an assembly line and efficiently prepare Hospice Bags. The work accompanied with laughter and conversation was precious to behold. Each bag was tied with a beautiful and skillfully made bow and attached with a handwritten love note from someone at St Jacobs. Thank you to all who prepared notes and a special thank you to all who made our project a great success. Many hands truly made light work.

April meeting will be a Gospel Song Fest led by Tommy Faulkner on Thursday, April 11th at 11am in the fellowship hall. Please let Tommy know if you have a favorite hymn that you want to sing. Lunch will be a Homecoming Picnic. Please bring Your favorite Homecoming Food to share.

See you then!

Helen O'Neal Lindler



Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:15 PM in the church office building. If you've been wanting to join us, now is the perfect time as we will begin a new study at our next meeting on April 8th. Mandy Kibler will be leading the study. Contact Susan Shealy if you have any questions: 803.413.4128.

The book we will use for our next study is: *He's Where the Joy is: Getting to Know the God of the Trinity* by Tara-Leigh Cobble.

If you want to find that true JOY and see the many dimensions of the Triune God, join St. Jacobs Women's Bible Study as we take a deep dive into this beautiful Bible study of the doctrine of the Trinity. Through this study we will come to know each other and the capacity of our faith, study God's amazing Word and know God and love Him even more than we thought possible.

From author, Tara: *"If you had to describe God's personality, what would you say? Not what He does, but His demeanor. Not what He's capable of, but what He's like. Here's how King David described God: 'in your presence there is fullness of joy, at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.' (Psalm 16:11) He also said God's presence brings gladness and joy (Psalm 21:6)!"*

God is infinitely joyful!! And because He's so delighted, that's how HE can be delighted in us - by sharing who He is with us. If JOY is your goal, knowing the Triune God will be supremely useful to you. In fact, this is the only path to true JOY!"

He's Where the Joy is!!

Bible Study Book can be purchased online from either:

Lifeway Press: [He's Where the Joy is by Tara Leigh Cobble](#)

Amazon.com: [He's Where the Joy is by Tara Leigh Cobble](#)



The Congregational Care and Discipleship Teams are here for you!

Our Congregational Care and Discipleship Team are committed to help and assist our members with any needs that they may have. As Jesus shared in Matthew 25:40, "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me". As disciples and members of the Congregational Care and Discipleship Teams, we are here to serve, to assist, and to care for one another. Have you had these thoughts?

I wish I had someone to call to pick up and deliver my medication today.

It would be great to have someone to drive me/us to my/our doctor appointment or to another appointment.

I need an errand run, who can I call?

I wish I had someone to talk to.

I would love to have someone from the church visit me.

You can call the church office at 803-345-2309, Billy McTeer at 803-309-2448, or Lynn Shealy at 803-513-5818! Our church ministry teams are here for you! If you have any special requests/needs, please do not hesitate to ask. We all need help at some time in our lives. We are a phone call or text away. Let us help! Let us serve!

MERCY BAGS MINISTRY

Your continued support of the Mercy Bags Ministry is making a difference in our local community. In March, we were able to provide 22 Mercy Bags to We Care for their mobile delivery in Newberry, Whitmire, Prosperity and Jenkinsville. Please continue to support this ministry through a designated monetary donation, shopping for meal items or helping to pack food for the Mercy Bags after worship on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.



Worship at Generations

Every other Sunday, Pr. David leads worship for the residents of Generations Assisted Care of Chapin. This ministry has made a great difference in the lives of many folks who are not able to attend worship at their home church. The congregation is invited and certainly encouraged to share this experience with our friends just down the road. Our next worship opportunities will be on Sunday, April 14th and April 28th at 1:00 PM. Join us in the lobby at Generations.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS, Breaker Rock Beach, is coming in June! Our dates have been set! They are Monday, June 24 through Thursday, June 27. A meal will be served at 5:45 pm and VBS will be from 6:30-8:00 pm. Classes for all ages! If you are interested in helping out with VBS, please contact Sherrie McTeer at 803-309-2448 or at mcteer1208@hotmail.com.



SOLID ROCK DAY CAMP

The summer Solid Rock Day Camp will once again be hosted by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and St. Peter's Lutheran Church beginning Sunday, June 9th and running through Friday, June 4th. Registration for the camp will be the same as last summer, \$100.00 per camper. As we did last year, our Youth Fund will subsidize each camper \$50.00 in order to encourage participation and keep costs down. The camp is open to youth members and their friends completing grades K-5. Those interested should contact Pastor David for registration information.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR APRIL

Apr. 07

Ushers Robert Wessinger, Arthur Langley, Gerald Lindler, Eddie Eargle
Lector Carroll Lindler
Communion Carroll Lindler, Nicki Peeples
Acolyte Mackenzie Raines
Crucifer Tommy Faulk

Apr. 14

Ushers: Leon Lindler, Lynn Shealy, Bob Ziemer, Davis Brown
Lector: Tommy Faulk
Communion: Judy Dease, Marie Slice
Acolyte: Bryleigh Prosser
Crucifer: AJ Peeples

Apr. 21

Ushers: Carroll Lindler, Sherrie McTeer, Tracy Eargle, David Kibler
Lector: Brandon Slice
Communion: Isabelle Peeples, Patricia Woodard
Acolyte: Copeland Peeples
Crucifer: Angele Nuottila

Apr. 28

Ushers: Robert Wessinger, Arthur Langley, Gerald Lindler, Eddie Eargle
Lector: Gary Marco
Communion: AJ Peeples, Kristen Nickel
Acolyte: Samantha Monts
Crucifer: Isabelle Peeples

SAFETY TEAM FOR APRIL

Apr. 07 Robert Wessinger, June Lindler, Arthur Langley
Apr. 14 Kristen Nickel, Barry Rice, Tina Kibler
Apr. 21 Jeff Kleckley, Gerald Lindler, David Kibler
Apr. 28 Robert Wessinger, June Lindler, Arthur Langley

GROUNDS CREW FOR APRIL

Don Dease (Co Chair) and John Riser (Co Chair)
Tracy Eargle, Wayne Stuck, Robert Wessinger, Nate Nickel, Kevin Pharis, Ken Smith,
Eddie Eargle, John Wallace, Dixon Wallace, Mitchel Martin, Chuck Shobert, Tommy Faulk

FINANCIAL INFORMATION for the week of March 24, 2024

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Actual Giving:	\$3,540	\$21,807	\$60,928
Budget Requirement:	\$5,616	\$22,464	\$67,392

Memorials Received March 3 – March 24, 2024

GENERAL FUND:

In Memory of John Pat & Mable Lindler AND Boyd & Lola Far - By: Henry and Erline Clark

In Memory of Randy Morefield, John Pat & Mable Lindler AND Boyd & Lola

By: Alice Morefield, Lora, Scott, Landon and Peyton Whittle

BUILDING FUND:

In Memory of Warren Hammett – By: Billy and Sherrie McTeer

In Memory of Warren Hammett – By: Terry and Barbara Metze

In Memory of Barbara Sue Graham and Thelma Ewell – By: Gerald and Robin Lindler

LUTHERAN MEN:

In Memory of Rothell Derrick – By: Billy and Sherrie McTeer

In Memory of John Pat & Mable Lindler; Boyd & Lola Farr AND In Honor of

Our Children, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren – By: Leon and Helen Lindler

LUTHERAN WOMEN:

In Memory of Henson & Mertis Roof AND In Honor of Our Children, Grandchildren and Great-Grand Children By: Leon and Helen Lindler

CAN I PRAY FOR YOU?

Did you know ..."Can I pray for you?" is one of the most powerful questions that you can ask someone? Prayer is the source of our Christian life - building and growing our relationship with our heavenly Father. What better way to get to know another church family through the power of prayer too? As we prepare for our Lenten Journey, we want to kick off our Family Prayer Partner

ministry. What do you need to do? Complete the Family Prayer Partner sheet for your family. Place it in the offering plate. If you completed a Family Prayer Partner sheet and placed it in the offering plates, please pick one up on your way out. Don't miss the opportunity to be a prayer partner, a prayer warrior, with another family. Creating and building relationships strengthens our faith and our church family.

Remember your Prayer Partners!



REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS AND RESIDENCE

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George Varn Darriel Maner
The Family of Warren Hammett



BECAUSE WE CARE

WE CARE CENTER Non-Food Most Needed

1. Laundry detergent
2. Dish soap
3. Bar soap
4. Shampoo/conditioner
5. Deodorant
6. Razors/shaving cream
7. Toothpaste/toothbrushes
8. Hand soap
9. Toilet paper
10. Paper towels



Friends,

The Most Needed Items for April are a little different. Instead of food, this month we are asking for non-food items like cleaning supplies, toiletries and paper products. These necessary items cannot be purchased with food stamps, so there is no help for needy families even though these items are obviously essential. We SO appreciate you helping us secure our supplies so we can give generously to those in need.

Bless you!

Alecia

Alecia Klauk

Executive Director

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