

St. Jacob's Lutheran Church

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Pastoral Devotion for July – Worship Him 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 arranged 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.



Welcome Pastor Gary BloBaum

Pastor Gary Blobaum will serve as our supply Pastor while Pastor Daivid is away on his mission trip to Congo. Pastor Blobaum is a retired Pastor of the NALC. He previously served as Pastor for Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sumter, SC. Please welcome him as he brings the Gospel message to St. Jacob's on July 14 and 21.

From Your Pastor's Heart

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

The time has finally come when Pastor Kalonji and I must begin packing bags, confirming reservations and making final preparations for our flight to Kinshasa. As usual, there have been several tense moments worrying about travel visas and working with embassies. At this writing, all the paperwork is finally in order. I have received the necessary visa to enter the country, flights have been arranged and I am ready for my visit with our good Christian friends in Congo.

Looking back on all the preparations that have to take place each time we travel to Congo, I am truly amazed at the goodness of God as he blesses Pastor Kalonji and I with the privilege to do his work in such a place. Before meeting Pastor Kalonji in 2014 and hearing his presentation to our Mission District Convocation, I would have never dreamed of traveling to such a place.

I was just a young boy, when in school I first heard of the Congo. We learned about jungles, rain forests and also the regions of the hills and plains. But the thing I was most fascinated with was the Congo River. Since that time as a child, I was intrigued with the thought of seeing the Congo River, but I never dreamed it would actually happen. Many years later, all of that changed; I saw the river I had learned about as a child. I ministered to people whose life and livelihood are closely intertwined with the river. They depend upon it for food and transport of basic supplies.

Now, God has blessed me with another opportunity to see this great river and to reconnect with friends I've made throughout my several missionary journeys. I remember the first time I traveled to Congo I was a bit apprehensive. The country is not one that is on the well-traveled path of tourists and commerce. I didn't speak the language of its people back then, and I still don't today. Back then I wondered how easily we would be able to find food to eat and water to drink. All these years later, I still struggle with this. Back then, for me, Congo was simply a great unknown in a place called the "Dark Continent." But these days it's not so unknown to me. I have friends there, people who are eager for my visits. I have fellow pastors whom I work along-

side proclaiming the Gospel and ministering to men, women, and of course the many children we will encounter. From the time we are met at the airport to the first prayer that is said, it becomes quite evident that, even in such a far off place, I am not alone. God is with me...and so are all of you.

In preparing for this trip, many of you have taken part in the ministry we are called to share. You have adopted Bibles to share with people who have none. You have made donations to help us free mothers and their babies from detention in hospitals and clinics. And you have provided funds to feed malnourished children who wake up each morning wondering if they might have a meal that day.

A central part of our ministry in Congo is showing compassion toward caring for children. In this same compassion, our children here at home have embraced those who are far away. Through noisy offerings and their children's offerings on Sundays, they have raised money to purchase food for kids they will likely never meet. Last year, they made cross necklaces to remind the children of Congo that they indeed have a Savior in Jesus Christ, and they have children in the United States who pray for them. I am pleased with the relationship that has sprung up between our kids and those so far away. One day, in the kingdom of God, there will be a meeting of these children and all of heaven will sing in thanksgiving.

Thank you to everyone who has made contributions to this year's mission trip. Thanks also to those in neighboring congregations who have offered funding and prayers. But most of all, thanks be to God for his grace that comes through Christ Jesus, and for the opportunity to share the Good News with the people in Congo. Even as I go, I do not go alone. God is with me, and so are you.



Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Nuottila".

Pastor David Nuottila

St. Jacob's Lutheran Church Council News Briefs for June 2024

Good Things at St. Jacobs:

- Welcomed Laurie Shacker to our Church Office Staff.
- Our Church sign has been updated showing our worship times.
- A new water fountain in the Fellowship Hall has been installed.
- The air conditioner/heat pump in the Fellowship Hall has been installed.
- Baptism of Chloe Meetze.

Ministry Teams:

Staff Support: Susan Shealy

- Filled the vacant Administrative Assistant position.

Safety: Robert Wessinger

- The SLED program on "How to deal with unwanted intruders" will be held in July.
- Council recommends that the Safety Team contact a Security Company to obtain a proposal for security cameras.

Christian Education: Sherrie McTeer

- Kayla Pharis and Sherrie McTeer are co-teaching the children's summer Sunday school. Plans are for movies, crafts and games focusing on Jesus' miracles.
- Pastor David is holding first Communion class for 3 youth (Chloe, Bella and Owen).
- VBS begins June 24th.
- Chloe Meetze will be attending the Solid Rock Day Camp.

Congregational Care: Billy McTeer / David Kibler

- A Birthday Luncheon will follow worship on June 30th. Hamburgers from Quick Way will be served and provided for by the Congregational Care Team.
- The Congregational Care Team has received several travel requests from congregation members. The Team will decide how best to handle these needs from our church members.
- Congregational Care will work on providing greeters for Sunday worship services.

Discipleship: Lynn Shealy / Julie Stuck

- We Care / Mercy Bags: Provided 45 meals for distribution to rural communities as well as cleaning supplies.
- Glenn Shealy will manage our Disaster Relief building, which includes maintaining an inventory list of items on hand.
- A Coordinator is needed to coordinate our supplies with other disaster relief centers within our region. Kevin Pharis and Barry Rice will assist with this task.

Property: Barry Rice

- The Parking Lot Project is still being held up by Lexington County Permitting.
- Concerns with the TV in the nursery are being addressed.
- Several projects for the Fellowship Hall and the Disaster Relief Shed are being planned.

Stewardship: Doug Sullivan

- The Church Website is still under discussion/planning.

Worship and Music: Marie Slice

- Several issues were discussed:
 - a) Keeping up with Communion Supplies.
 - b) Pastor David has created a notebook with images showing the correct placement of the elements, chalice, flagon, etc. for communion.
 - c) Acolyte training is needed.

Old Business

Church Sanctuary: Susan Shealy

- Seeking interior designer to assist with the renovation project.
- Currently looking at carpet, pew upholstery and paint color samples.

Historical Team: Susan Shealy / Tommy Faulk

- Church Photos and memorabilia will be shown to the Up and Going at a future meeting for their assistance identifying congregation members in the photos from years past.
- Ideas for the 250th Anniversary:
 - ◇ Casual Sunday with a picnic following worship.
 - ◇ Feature information about history and anniversary events in the Chapin News.
 - ◇ A series of events that can occur throughout the year.



St. Jacob's Historical Ministry

Do you have an interest in archiving church records, including photos of church members from past years? Do you enjoy scrapbooking your family photos? St. Jacob's has records, photos and other memorabilia that need to be archived and possibly displayed for everyone to enjoy. Especially needed are our more "seasoned" members of all ages who have been at St. Jacobs for many years and can help identify people in photographs. It will be an exciting walk down memory lane!

Helping with this ministry is not a long term commitment! The goal is to archive existing records and photographs and then make a plan for how to display some items. We will also be preparing these items for display at St. Jacob's 250th Anniversary in 2026!

Welcome Laurie

It is with THANKSGIVING TO God that we welcome the newest member to our church staff and to the St. Jacob's family. Our new Administrative assistant, Laurie Shacker began working with us on Monday, June 10th. Be sure to greet Laurie with a warm welcome as you are able.



First Holy Communion

Chloe Meetze, Bella Gerity, and Owen Raines completed their first Communion instruction and received their first Holy Communion on June 23. It is a joy to welcome these three young church family members to God's table of grace where they take their place in receiving their Lord as he comes to us in this Holy Supper. It was a meaningful day in the life of each of these three, and certainly in the life of their church family.





Music Notes

Bell camp highlights:

This year in addition to improving ringing and music reading skills, the youth are learning about the liturgy we use in worship. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to provide lunches and to all the youth for their hard work.



Pastor David teaching us about our worship space.



Creating a worship space downstairs for our weekly devotions.



Great lunch after a lot of hard work.



Creating stained glass windows for our worship space.

VBS

Breaker Rock Beach

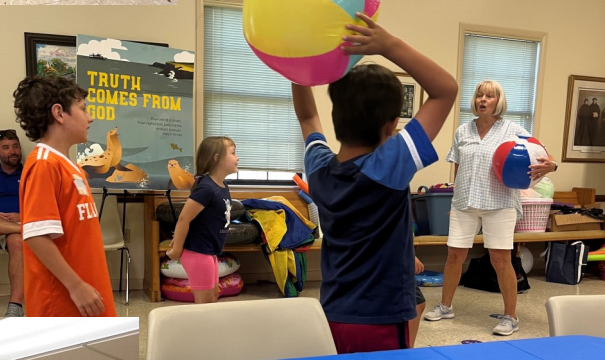
June 24-27

VBS began at Breaker Rock Beach on Monday, June 24th. Dinner was served nightly and there were classes for all ages! God's voice was heard - "Truth comes from me. My plan for you is even better. Everyone sins and needs a Savior. Jesus is the only way to get to heaven." Fun and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Thanks to all our VBS 2024 volunteers! YOU make VBS happen! Many thanks from the Christian Education Team.



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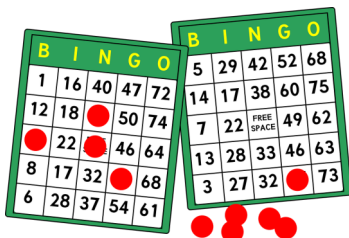


Up and Going

On May 9th, seventeen members gathered in the fellowship hall for the regular Up and Going Meeting. It was a stormy, rainy morning, but the sunshine filled the fellowship hall as members gathered and filled the room with laughter and conversations.

Helen Lindler and Jean Lindler welcomed everyone. Joan Marco gave the devotions with the reading of Psalm 1, the sharing from her Angel Book and prayer. Helen gave the blessing for our meal. The meal of many delicious salads and complimentary dishes and wonderful desserts were enjoyed by all. Comment was made, “that everyone should bring the same dish next month, everything was so good.”

Next came BINGO, always a fun time with lots of laughter and comments. Everyone won several times and chose prizes of their choice. Some prizes were then given to We Care and Mercy Boy Project and some prizes went home with us. We played and played until all prizes were gone. What a good time we had!!



June 13th, 2024, a beautiful summer day, the Up and Going gathered in the Fellowship Hall at 11 AM for the monthly meeting. Eighteen members and guests attended. Devotions were given by Team Leader, Helen L. Lindler. Devotions were from “Mornings with Jesus” booklet. Bible reading was from John 5:19 reminding us that “sons learn from their fathers” and we learn from our fathers and so we teach our sons. We shared special memories of our fathers. Business was conducted.

Mr. Travis Goodman, our Thrivent Representative, spoke to us about Thrivent, how the company operates and the many opportunities available to its clients. Travis is available to each of us should we desire additional information.

We all enjoyed a delicious covered dish meal and lots of great fellowship. The food was so good. We always have a wide variety of delicious dishes.

Our next meeting will be held on July 11th at 11 AM in the fellowship hall. Bob Zeimer will have the program. Lunch will be a covered dish meal. Hope to see you then.

Helen O'Neal Lindler
Team Leader for
Up and Going



Lutheran Men BBQ

The Lutheran Men had a very successful BBQ on June 28 and 29.

Many thanks to all who helped and supported with our annual LM BBQ. Our fundraising helps support our local families and community with many needs.

All men of St. Jacob's are encouraged to become a part of this ministry and lend your time, talents, and ideas for future ministries. Contact Gerald Lindler for more information on how you can get involved.



2024 Church Council Members

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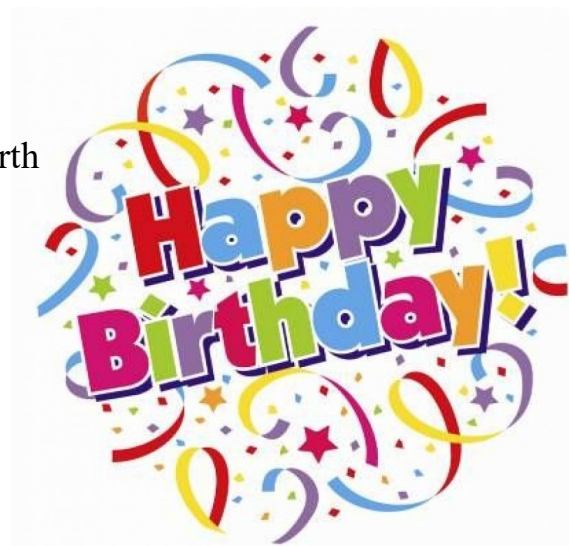
Alter Flowers for July

July 07 — Available (Please call the Church Office if you can provide flowers.)
July 14 — Available (Please call the Church Office if you can provide flowers.)
July 21 — Available (Please call the Church Office if you can provide flowers.)
July 28 — Kevin and Kayla Pharis



July Birthdays

01 – Sandy Ellisor
01 – Leonard Slice
02 – Joan Marco
02 – Elizabeth Shull
03 – Andrew Metze
05 – Justin Bise
05 – Victoria Metze
06 – Virginia Hollingsworth
07 – Denise Eargle
08 – Bobbie Clark
11 – Sharon Slice
11 – Cora Wallace
12 – Kathy Slice
13 – Brooke Wicker
14 – Margaret Kleckley
14 – Tammy Meetze
15 – Julieta Martin
16 – Kati June Byars
16 – Mary Lou Haddox
16 – A. J. Peeples



19 – Rhonda Metze
20 – Sarah McClain
22 – Kaitlyn Slice
23 – Lisa Eargle
23 – Arthur Langley
23 – Lib Morgan
24 – Ramonia Lindler
25 – John Riser
26 – Buddy Bickley
26 – Gerald Lindler
27 – Kendra Monts
28 – Karen Sutphin
29 – Glenn Eargle
29 – Richie Meetze
30 – Garrett Johnson
30 – Ronald Lindler
30 – Mark Slice
31 – Micky Johnson
31 – Carol Slice

Financial Information

Reporting for June 23, 2024

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Actual Giving	\$3,619	\$18,290	\$134,229
Budget Requirement	\$5,616	\$22,464	\$140,400

Memorials Received April 28 – June 23, 2024

GENERL FUND:

In Memory of Howard Moseley – By: Buddy & Phyllis Bickley

In Memory of our brother, Dewey Clark – By: Henry & Erline Clark and Kenneth & Dianne Clark

BUILDING FUND:

In Honor of our Grandson Tommy Bowers' 20th Birthday on May 10th – By: Gerald & Robin Lindler

In Memory of David Cromer, Elizabeth Roberts and Caroline Anderson – By Gerald & Robin Lindler

In Memory of Elizabeth Roberts – By: Billy & Sherrie McTeer

In Memory of Ronald Leroy Slice – By: Barry & Alice Rice

In Memory of Howard Moseley – By: Gerald & Robin Lindler and Billy & Sherrie McTeer

In Memory of Beverly Corley and Heyward Kleckley – By: Gerald & Robin Lindler

In Memory of Beverly Corley – By: Miriam Metze and Terry & Barbara Metze

CEMETERY FUND:

In Memory of Caroline Anderson – By: Billy & Sherrie McTeer

LUTHERAN MEN:

In Memory of Beverly Corley and Heyward Kleckley – By: Lynn & Susan Shealy



Worship at Generations

Every other Sunday St. Jacob's offers worship with holy communion 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, July 7th and July 21st at 1:00 PM. Join us in the lobby at Generations.

Worship Assistants for July

July 07

Ushers: Leon Lindler, Lynn Shealy, Bob Ziemer, Davis Brown
Lector: Angela Nuottila
Communion: Kristen Nickel and AJ Peeples
Acolyte: Copeland Peeples
Crucifer: AJ Peeples

July 14

Ushers: Carroll Lindler, Sherrie McTeer, Tracy Eargle, David Kibler
Lector: Brandon Slice
Communion: Susan Shealy and Sherrie McTeer
Acolyte: Bryleigh Prosser
Crucifer: Angela Nuottila

July 21

Ushers: Robert Wessinger, Arthur Langley, Gerald Lindler, Eddie Eargle
Lector: Gary Marco
Communion: Carroll Lindler and Nicki Peeples
Acolyte: Samantha Monts
Crucifer: Isabelle Peeples

July 28

Ushers: Leon Lindler, Lynn Shealy, Bob Ziemer, Davis Brown
Lector: Tina Kibler
Communion: Judy Dease and Marie Slice
Acolyte: Mackenzie Raines
Crucifer: Tommy Faulk

We Care Center

St. Jacobs Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation of 2,131 pounds of food for the month of Jan.-May, 2024.

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,

Alecia Klauk

Executive Director



Mercy Bags Ministry

Your continued support of the Mercy Bags Ministry is making a difference in our local community. In May, 45 meals were provided to rural communities. Cleaning supplies were also provided. 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. A list of meal items can be found in the Narthex.



Because We Care



Chapin We Care
July Most Needed

- Tuna
- Spaghetti sauce (cans/plastic jars)
- Mashed potatoes
- Yams/sweet potatoes
- Canned white potatoes
- Syrup
- Paper towels
- Laundry detergent
- Dish soap
- Shampoo and conditioner

We also ALWAYS can use pet food & plastic bags!



Friends of We Care,

We appreciate you sharing our needs with the community, especially now as summer months are bringing us increased need from more clients and we need help to continue to serve! Let me know if you have any questions, and as always, bless you!

Sincerely,

Alecia

Alecia Klauk

Executive Director

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Reminders for Summer Weekly Schedule



Our Midweek Bible study will be on a break until the second week of August. Everyone is encourage to continue reading the scriptures with family and friends.

Also, our choirs are on stand down for the summer.

Midweek worship services will resume on August 7th at 6:30 PM.

Please make these notes on your calendar.

Remember your Prayer Partners!



Remembering in Our Prayers

ST. JACOB'S MEMBERS SICK/RECOVERING

Janet Lindler Richard Shealy Dan Frick
 Lorene Cannon
 Betty Ann Shealy Joan Marco

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Letha Sites Michael Lindler Shirley Nuottila
 Stanley and Lucy Slice Alice Morefield
 Frances Slice Ramonia Lindler

FRIENDS OF ST. JACOB'S

Jessica Mack Charlotte Simmons
 Jeff Britton George Varn
 Heidi Waltz Eddie Epting

Homebound Members and Residence Facilities

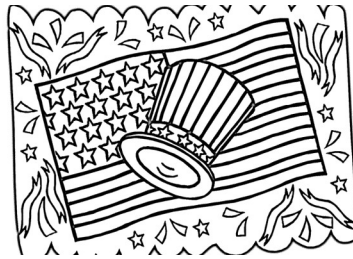
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July



2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Church Council 6:30pm (CO)	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED Courage 7:00pm (CO)	5 AA Mtg 7:30pm (FH)	6
7	8 AA Mtg 7:30pm (FH)	9	10	11 UP & Going 11:00am Courage 7:00pm (CO)	12 AA Mtg 7:30pm (FH)	13
14 Generations 1:00pm Safety Pro- gram (FH) 5:00pm	15 Men's Bible Study 7:00am Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm AA Mtg 7:30pm (FH)	16	17	18 Courage 7:00pm (CO)	19 AA Mtg 7:30pm (FH)	20
21 LW 4:00pm LM 6:00pm	22 AA Mtg 7:30pm (FH)	23	24	25 Courage 7:00pm (CO)	26 AA Mtg 7:30pm (FH)	27
28 Generations 1:00pm	29 AA Mtg 7:30pm (FH)	30	31			