

St. Jacob's Lutheran Church

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Pastoral Devotion for August – Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Read: Mark 9:14-29

There is one thing that is fairly certain, we all, at one time or another, ask people to keep us in their prayers. Another thing that is certain is that others have asked us to do the same. Prayer is a central part of Christian living. We pray for healing, comfort, peace and happiness. We pray for so many things, but what happens when we do not immediately recognize God's answer?

Some, although they believe, begin to have doubts. The man, whose son was possessed, believed one of Jesus' followers could cast out the demon. When this did not happen, doubt crept into the situation. The word "if" is pursed upon his lips; "If you can...help us."

Jesus teaches us the power of prayer. "Ask and it will be given. Seek and you will find" (Mt. 7:7-8). Our Lord teaches that as you pray, do so believing that you have already received that for which you pray. It is no small task; because of doubt, we often need visible proof that our prayers are truly answered. Still, God is faithful. As we pray in faith, the Holy Spirit provides us

with confidence that God indeed hears our prayers and provides all we need.

As we continue to live in Christian fellowship with one another, we pray for the wellbeing of those whom we love, and even our enemies. We all need prayer; it leads us to greater faithfulness and confidence in believing the truth of God's promises.

Continue to live a life of prayer, not simply for yourself, but for others as well. For as James says, "Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working." (James 5:16)

Prayer: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Catechetical Instruction to Begin in August

The Confirmation process will soon begin for several of our younger church family members. Emma Covalt, Gabriel Covalt, Samantha Monts, Copeland Peoples, Bryleigh Prosser, and MacKenzie Raines will all be joining Pastor David for lessons in the Old and New Testaments, as well as exploring Luther's Small Catechism. The two-year period of instruction will conclude on Pentecost Sunday in 2026. That seems like a long way off, but truly the



time will pass by quickly for these faithful youth members. Please pray for them as they embark on this journey where they will come to the point when each one will stand and publicly claim the promises God made to them at the time of their Baptism. Confirmation Instruction is currently scheduled to begin on Sunday, August 25th at 3:00 PM in the church office.

From Your 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 St. Jacob's.

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. Sometimes, people will tell me that the card came at just the right time; that they really needed to know someone prayed for them. For this reason, it is important that we keep up our relationships with our prayer partners.

I think that in this summer of prayer, the thing I have enjoyed most is knowing how many St. Jacob's church family members, and members of congregations in my past, have prayed for me. This summer has brought challenges to my health that I had never foreseen coming. Like many people to whom I have ministered, I find myself facing the realization that our bodies do not last forever, and that they truly do need the care and attention of those whom God has gifted for medical procedures.

Needless to say, I'm likely not the most agreeable patient, and I truly don't like sharing such personal information. But in order to practice what I have preached for nearly twenty years, I have softened my stance and learned that there is no weakness in asking for prayer. In fact, it takes great strength to open up and solicit the prayers of the faithful.

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

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

Good Things at St. Jacob's for June

- Congregation Birthday Party!
- VBS Thank you and great appreciation for all who volunteered to teach, provide meals, lead games/crafts/music!
- Lutheran Men BBQ!
- Three received their First Holy Communion: Chloe Meetze, Bella Gerity and Owen Raines.

Staff Support

- Laurie Shacker is working out beautifully as our new administrative assistant.
- Bryan Metze had the floors professionally cleaned in the fellowship hall and he also cleaned the carpets outside the fellowship hall.

Safety Team

- The SLED program on "How to deal with unwanted intruders" was held on Sunday, July 14th at 5:00 PM.
- CPR and First Aid training will be provided for two new safety team members.

Christian Education

- Kayla Pharis and Sherrie McTeer are co-teaching the children's summer Sunday school. In June, 11-13 children attended Sunday school.
- VBS was a great success!

Congregational Care

- The Lay Communion Ministry team visited and administered communion to our homebound folks.
- Assisted family with various travel needs.
- Provides greeters for Sunday worship services.

Discipleship

- Continued support for the Mercy Bags ministry.
- Glenn Shealy is the manager for the Disaster Relief building inventory. Donna Fulmer is our Disaster Relief Coordinator.

New Business

• Brandon Slice and Sherrie McTeer will be the two delegates for St. Jacob's at the Mission Region Convocation which will meet virtually on August 9th.



Music Notes











Handbell camp 2024 has come to an end. We've learned much about reading music, we've learned how to make bells "sing", and we learned about the liturgy of our church service. This final week, we read about the Passover and the Last Supper and concluded with baking communion bread for Sunday's service. Thank you to everyone who got kids to camp, provided meals and stayed as an extra adult on duty. It's been a great summer.















Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!



Psalm 100 tells us that it is God who has made us and all that we have. David tells us to come into the house of the Lord making a joyful noise, to come to Him with singing. He doesn't say our singing has to be professional or anything other than a joyful noise, and we are all capable of that.

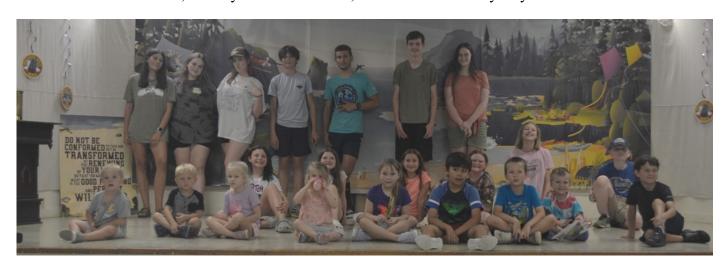
Chancel choir practice begins Wednesday, September 4 at 5:30 pm. We will share fellowship and dinner in the church office building and follow with a reading of the music for this fall. Please join us. All are welcome. No prior experience is needed. Think you can't sing? I bet you're wrong. Come, give us six weeks and see how it goes. Can't commit to weekly rehearsal? Join us for the Christmas cantata. Can't sit with us on Sunday morning because you have children to sit with? Sit with your family and come to the choir loft for the anthem. We need you. God wants you. Please join us.

Please let Angela know if you will be attending the meal on September 4 so we can plan the food. Thank you and God bless you.



VBS

Thank you to all of our volunteers for making VBS a success! Thanks to all of our participants for spending your nights with us at VBS as we studied "Truth comes from God", "God's Plan is Best", Everyone Sins and needs a Savior", "Everyone Needs Jesus", and "Jesus is the only way!".

















VBS



























VBS













St. Jacob's Youth Bible Study

After a week together during VBS in June, the senior youth asked for a continuation of our studies together and were eager for more opportunities to grow in faith. David Kibler and Susan Shealy are the main adult leaders, but it is the youth who help guide and direct what they want to study and offer prayers for the group. The youth grades 7-12 meet each Wednesday from 7:00-8:00 PM at the church office. Any youth interested in joining us, please talk to David or Susan. What an amazing group of young people and what a blessing it is to spend time with them!



Birthday Celebration

Thank you for joining us for our Congregation Birthday Party on Sunday June 30th! We celebrated with lunch, games, cupcakes and ice cream!



























Birthday Celebration



Plate to Plate

















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Birthday Celebration



More birthday party fun...





















Birthday Celebration

Up and Going

The July Up and Going Meeting was held on Thursday, July 11th at 11 AM in the Fellowship Hall with 19 attending.

Helen Lindler, Team Leader, gave the devotions "From the Heart with Candace Cameron Bure" entitled "Embrace Joy in the Rhythm of Your Everyday Life." Candace challenges each of us: "This summer you might be surprised to discover that when we look for the joy of the Lord in everything, we find it." Helen passed out an article entitled "Discover the Keys to a Flourishing Life!"

Bob Ziemer gave a most interesting program on Prayer, talking with God. Bible reading was from Matthew 6:5. Bob read to us Luther's Morning and Evening Prayers. Luther instructs us that prayer is a Labor above all Labors. Do not forget: Prayer is a duty commanded of us by God.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch of various meats, salads, vegetables and desserts. So delicious!

Business was conducted before lunch. Treasurer's report was given by Gary Marco.

The blessing for our meal was given by Helen. The August Meeting will be our Annual 4 Churches Meeting at Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, Little Mountain, on the 3rd Wednesday, August 21st at 11 AM in their Fellowship Hall. They will provide the meat, rolls, tea and paper products. We each are asked to bring a covered dish or dessert. Please attend if possible. This is always a very special time together.

Helen O'Neal Lindler Team Leader for Up and Going







Worship Assistants for August

August 04

Ushers: Carroll Lindler, Sherrie McTeer, Tracy Eargle, David Kibler

Lector: Angela Nuottila

Communion: Kristen Nickel and AJ Peeples

Acolyte: Copeland Peeples

Crucifer: AJ Peeples

August 11

Ushers: Robert Wessinger, Arthur Langley, Gerald Lindler, Eddie Eargle

Lector: Brandon Slice

Communion: Susan Shealy and Sherrie McTeer

Acolyte: Bryleigh Prosser Crucifer: Angela Nuottila

August 18

Ushers: Leon Lindler, Lynn Shealy, Bob Ziemer, Davis Brown

Lector: Gary Marco

Communion: Carroll Lindler and Nicki Peeples

Acolyte: Samantha Monts Crucifer: Isabelle Peeples

August 25

Ushers: Carroll Lindler, Sherrie McTeer, Tracy Eargle, David Kibler

Lector: Tina Kibler

Communion: Judy Dease and Marie Slice

Acolyte: MacKenzie Raines Crucifer: Tommy Faulk

Safety Teams for August

August 04 - Jeff Kleckley, Gerald Lindler, David Kibler

August 11 - Robert Wessinger, June Lindler, Arthur Langley

August 18 - Kristen Nickel, Barry Rice, Tina Kibler

August 25 - Jeff Kleckley, Gerald Lindler, David Kibler

Grounds Crew for August

Gerald Lindler (Co-Chair) and Robert Lindler (Co-Chair), Jeremy Lindler, Chad Lindler, Billy Hardin, Paul Linder Sr., Paul Lindler Jr., Michael Shealy, Michael Corley, Barry Rice, Tracy Eargle, Albert Lindler, Claude Michael Lindler

Active Shooter Training



The Safety Team held a very interesting and educational program on the evening of July 14th in the Fellowship Hall. The program began with an ice cream sundae bar that was much enjoyed by everyone. Then Senior Special Agent Marion Baker from SLED presented "Active Shooter in Today's World". This presentation included guidelines on how to prepare for a potential active shooter incident. The congregation learned tips and skills to deal with an active shooter situation including what to do and what not to do as well as how to interact with law enforcement during an incident. The program was well attended with over 50 people present.

2024 Church Council Members

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Altar Flowers for August

August 04 — Available (Please call the Church Office if you can provide flowers.)

August 11 — Mary Katherine Eargle

August 18 — Chuck Shobert

August 25 — Available (Please call the Church Office if you can provide flowers.)



August Birthdays

- 02 Marlene Gray
- 04 Maddie Wicker
- 05 Eddie Eargle
- 07 Blake McDuffie
- 08 Lynn Shealy
- 09 Brenda Shealy
- 13 Cody Lambeth
- 13 Stanley Slice
- 13 Neal Stuck
- 14 Michael Corley
- 15 Ann Slice
- 15 Rae Truesell
- 16 Joanie Ballentine
- 16 Mary Katherine Eargle
- 16 Manton Matthews
- 17 Deryl Metze
- 17 John Wallace



- 18 Michael Fulmer
- 18 Riley Kleckley
- 19 Katie N. Gobble
- 21 Brittany Byars
- 21 Kaylin S. Robinton
- 23 Cora Byars
- 23 Christina Metze
- 25 Robbie Cumalander
- 25 Paul Lindler, Sr.
- 25 Jackson Shealy
- 26 Tyler Kibler
- 26 Logan Lambeth
- 26 Albert Lindler
- 28 Wesley Boland
- 30 Ginny Sightler
- 31 Lucy Slice

Financial Information

Reporting for July 28, 2024

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Weekly Receipts	\$5,635	\$23,817	\$168,480
Budget Requirement	\$5,616	\$22,464	\$162,864

Memorials Received June 30 – July 28, 2024

GENERAL FUND

In Memory of Richard Shealy – By: Buddy and Phyllis Bickley

In Memory of Beverly Corley – By: Patricia Woodard

BUILDING FUND

In Memory of Beverly Corley and Heyward Kleckley – By: Billy & Sherrie McTeer

In Memory of Lisa Sansbury – By: Gerald and Robin Lindler

In Memory of Richard Shealy – By: Gerald and Robin Lindler AND Terry and Barbara Metze

CEMETERY FUND

In Memory of Richard Shealy – By: Frances Slice, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Slice, Mr. and Mrs. David Stopher and Kristen Slice AND Robert Wessinger

LUTHERAN MEN

In Memory of Richard Shealy – By: Eddie and Gail Epting; Albert and Elvia Lindler; Joe and Eileen Richardson; AND Lynn and Susan Shealy

In Memory of Richard Shealy and James K. "Jim" Metze – By: Henry and Erline Clark

In Memory of Richard Shealy and Heyward Kleckley – By: Patricia Woodard

LUTHERAN WOMEN

In Memory of Caroline Anderson – By: Patricia Woodard

MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Steve Meetze's birthday – By: Faye Haltiwanger

In Memory of Richard Shealy – By: Miriam Metze; Joe and Margaret Epting; Heyward and Barbara Shealy AND Wayne A. Thompson

MERCY BAGS

In Memory of Richard Shealy, Bobby Haile, Howard Moseley, Beverly Corley, Caroline Anderson, Heyward Kleckley, Lisa Sansbury and Elizabeth Ann Roberts – By: Robert and June Lindler

In Memory of Gail Tronco – By: Gerald and Robin Lindler

NALC Mission Convocation

The biennial online convocation of the NALC takes place this month on August 9th. Joining Pastor David Nuottila will be Sherry McTeer and Brandon Slice who will participate as St. Jacob's delegates. Please pray for the leadership of our denomination and for all delegates as they conduct the business of the NALC.

7-23-24

To: St. Jacob's Lutheran Church,

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

God Bless You!



In Hís Service, Mary Higginbotham



July 3, 2024

Dear Friends of Sistercare,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$250.00. Every contribution positively impacts the lives of domestic violence survivors and children we serve in our local community.

In 2023, Sistercare provided trauma-informed, comprehensive services including emergency shelter, crisis intervention, safety planning, individual, child, and family counseling, rural outreach, and legal advocacy to 4,008 survivors of domestic violence and their children.

Sistercare fulfills a great need in the Midlands, and the support of kindhearted donors like the congregation of St. Jacobs Church allows us to continue providing impactful and empowering services while helping to break the cycle of violence.

We greatly appreciate your support of Sistercare and the families and individuals we serve who deserve a life free from abuse.

Sincerely,

Leah Wicevic

Thank you for your support.

Leah Wicevic Executive Director



July 11, 2024

Dear Pastor Nuottila,

Thank you for supporting Water Mission's vision that all people would have safe water and an opportunity to experience God's love. Your gift will impact our global neighbors who lack access to safe water. Together, we strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus as we serve those in need.

The love and generosity of your congregation will make a transformative impact in communities around the world. Your gift enables us to bring safe water solutions and the Living Water message of Jesus Christ to people in developing countries, refugee camps, and disaster areas.

For your prayers, financial support, and partnership, thank you!

In gratitude,

George C Greene

George C. Greene IV, PE

CEO and President

Gift Information

Gift Date: 7/8/2024 Gift Amount: \$250.00

Designation: Where Most Needed

P.S. To stay informed on the impact you're making, visit watermission.org/news.

But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life. - John 4:14



Because We Care

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

Hebrews 13:16

St. Jacob's Lutheran Church,

We Care continues to be incredibly grateful for all the amazing ways God shows Himself faithful to those struggling in our community, especially through gifts like yours! Thank you so much for "not forgetting to share with others" through your generous donation!

Temperatures have been soaring even early in the summer, and clients struggle to keep up with the resulting utility bills. In addition to high electric costs, clients also are juggling the extra needs that summer presents in having children home all day, meaning that families do not have access to school feeding programs that provide daily breakfast and lunch. We also are experiencing a significant increase in new clients coming to us for help. We are committed to help everyone who comes to us!

At the same time that needs are increasing, we also are seeing a decrease in donations. We have been praying for provision, especially for our most needed items, including toiletries, cleaning supplies and paper products. Keep up with all our most pressing needs by subscribing to our monthly newsletter on our website www.ChapinWeCare.org or following us on Facebook.

You are making a difference in the lives of our clients! Your kindness to remember their struggle is such a blessing to us as we seek to meet their needs and let them know that they are seen and loved.

How I would love for you to see the love you are giving! Know that every dollar counts and we could not be more appreciative! May we all remember that our sacrifices to share with others are pleasing to God. Be richly blessed in knowing the difference you are making! Thank you!

Sincerely,

Alecia Klank

Alecia Klauk Executive Director

Donation Receipt

Date: 7/8/2024 Donation: \$975

Benevolence Giving - 2nd quarter

Date: 7/8/2024 Donation: \$375

Benevolence Giving - 3rd quarter



Special Congregation Offers from Suburban Propane

Dear St. Jacob's Lutheran,

On behalf of Suburban Propane's team of professionals and our new Office Manager Shane Joseph, we would like to let you know that we have updated your account and adjusted your price down to \$2.65 per gallon. We would also like to extend this special offer to your congregation as well. If they are already a customer, just have them contact us and mention what church they are calling from and we will update their account. If a member would like to switch to us, the install will be free. For new installations, we are offering a special install price of \$99.00 plus tax. Please have them mention code: CONGREGATION when they call in to the local office at 803-345-8945.

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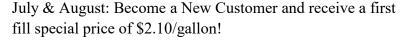
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Mid-Week Bible Study



Our Mid-week Bible study will resume on Wednesday, August 14th at 9:30 AM in the church office conference room. Our topic will be Sola Publishing's study of The Spiritual Realms. We will take a close look at what God says through Holy Scripture about the places beyond this world. Questions such as "What happens when we die?" and "What exactly is Sheol?" will certainly be a part of the conversation. All materials will be provided to those who would like to participate in this study. Simply bring your Bible and enjoy the fellowship of your church family as we gather around God's Word.

Remember your Prayer Partners!



Remembering in Our Prayers

ST. JACOB'S MEMBERS SICK/RECOVERING

Dan Frick Lorene Cannon O'Neal Lindler Eddie Epting Faye Wessinger Betty Ann Shealy Miriam Metze

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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

FRIENDS OF ST. JACOB'S

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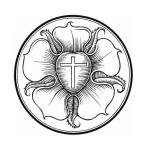
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August



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Courage 7:00pm (CO)	AA Mtg 7:30pm (FH)	3
4	5 Finance Committee 6:30pm (CO) AA Mtg 7:30pm (FH)	6 Church Council 6:30pm (CO)	7 Youth Bible Study 7:00pm (CO)	8 Courage 7:00pm (CO)	9 AA Mtg 7:30pm (FH) NALC Mission Convocation	10
Generations 1:00pm FH Reserved 12pm-3pm Addy Family Reunion LW 4:00pm Zorba's	Men's Bible Study 7:00am (CO) Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm (CO) AA Mtg 7:30pm (FH)	13	Bible Study 9:30am (CO) Youth Bible Study 7:00pm (CO)	Courage 7:00pm (CO)	AA Mtg 7:30pm (FH)	17
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