

St. Jacob's Lutheran Church

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Pastoral Devotion for June – “Come Holy Spirit”

Read Acts 2:1-21

“Come Holy Spirit.” It’s only three words but as the believers of Christ were gathered together in an upper room on that day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon them in mighty fashion. Their prayer was answered in a dramatic way. The Spirit compelled them to take to the streets of Jerusalem and share the Word of God concerning Jesus Christ. To be filled with the Spirit of God means being open to the direction of the Holy Spirit as he drives us into action.

As we live out each new day, are we really sure we want to follow the direction the Holy Spirit will lead us? Remember, following his Baptism, Jesus was driven by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness. In the wilderness he faced forty days of temptation and anguish. Do we really want to receive that Spirit? As it was with the disciples, the Holy Spirit compels us to leave the safety of our closed doors and comfortable homes.

The wilderness is filled with uncertainty. It is filled with doubt, challenges, problems and difficulties.



Sometimes it is hard to find our way through the wilderness. But that’s where the church is needed most. The question remains, “Are we sure we want to go?”

God calls all Christians to be his witnesses so that others may be refreshed through the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to be strengthened through the fellowship of believers. It is through the power of the Holy Spirit that the church is able to accomplish the work God would have us do. The blessing is, that no matter where the Spirit leads us, Christ promises to be there.

As we pray, “Come Holy Spirit” we pray that we would be filled with the Spirit that makes things happen, the Spirit that leads us away from the safety of our own four walls in order to make Jesus known to a world lost in sin. Do we really want to be filled with that Holy Spirit? I pray it is so.

Prayer: Come Holy Spirit. Fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle within us the fire of your love. Amen.

Into the Liturgy, part 9

The Nunc Dimittis

As Joseph and Mary presented Jesus at the temple, Simeon beheld the fulfillment of God’s promise to send his Messiah. Simeon, having remained in the temple throughout his advanced years, gazed upon the infant Savior, praising God. Like Simeon, the Church looks upon her Savior as she receives Christ’s body and blood through the Sacrament of the Altar. We give thanks to God, for through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ we receive the full measure of God’s forgiveness and grace. Therefore, in the words of Simeon, we can depart

in peace, God’s Word has been fulfilled.

The Benediction

As God instructed the priest Aaron (Numbers 6), God calls his ordained servant to pronounce the LORD’s blessing upon his people. God imparts his name upon the congregation, sending them back into the world with his peace and protection. Worshipers return to daily life filled with the promise of God’s countenance (his presence and favor).

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The Exhortation

With the Divine Service now concluded, the children of God are called to be living examples of Christ's love engaged in his Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20). As we return to daily living,

Christians are called to "Go in peace to serve the Lord." We serve God by sharing the good news of the Gospel with the world while loving and serving our neighbor.

From Your Pastor's Heart

*For this is what the high and exalted One says— he who lives forever, whose name is holy:
"I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit,
to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite." Isaiah 57:15*

In 1990, country music singer/songwriter Garth Brooks scored a big hit with a song titled "Friends in Low Places." While his song was just a bit on the unsavory side, Brooks did manage to address how he felt about those who may be seen by others as living on the wrong side of life. Truly, no one can count themselves as being better than their neighbor. In fact, the Bible is filled with examples of people who had friends in low places, whose desire it was to live in a much higher place.

As students of God's Word, we understand that our God dwells in the highest most holy place, the kingdom of Heaven. Such goes without saying, but even still, God himself reminds us of his majesty and the truth of his sovereignty when he says, "I dwell in the high and holy place" (Isaiah 57:15).

Of course, the Most High God dwells in a high place. He is the Holy One, so naturally he dwells in the Holy Place. But what follows comes as good news. Not only does the Lord say he dwells in the highest place, but God follows that with these words; "But also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite." And just in case you're not sure who God is speaking of, he means sinners.

The Most High God, the almighty and glorious One chooses, out of divine love, to dwell with those who are among the most low. As Martin Luther once said, "The farther one is beneath God, the better does God see him." How low will God go to have compassion upon sinners? Well, remember Jesus touched lepers, he counseled and restored prostitutes, he cast demons out of the possessed, he welcomed the poor and neglected. Our Lord Jesus even promised paradise to a thief who was crucified next to him. No place and no one is too low for God.

And not only does our Lord see us clearly the lower we are, but he comes alongside us when we are at the lowest points in life. God is always with us when we find ourselves in the pit of wilderness. He is with us in the cemetery and in the hospital room. God is with us when we are lonely, heartbroken, or simply broken by our own fault. God is with the contrite adulterer, the sorrowful alcoholic, the shameful addict. Our Loving God sees us clearly and is willing to dwell with us even in our most shameful times. Why, because Jesus has overcome all of these and promises mercy to those who are repentant.

For those who call upon the Lord for help, there is the One who is Most High. In our loneliness and especially in our lowliness, Jesus comes with arms open wide to show his compassion and love. Christ reminds us that through his life, death and resurrection, his love endures forever. The love God pours out upon sinners through his Son Jesus of Nazareth proclaims that God is for us and with us, in good times as well as bad. His is the love that we are to share with others when they are in need of hearing the good news of the Gospel.

No, Garth Brooks was not speaking prophetically, but what he said of himself and his friends is most certainly true of God and sinners. Through the saving work of Christ Jesus, God surely has friends in low places.

Grace to you and peace,



Pastor David Nuottila

St. Jacob's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Briefs

May 6, 2025

All members present

Good Things at St. Jacob's for April

- Easter egg hunt
- Easter services and breakfast
- Fellowship Hall doors painted
- New AC installed in sanctuary on back wall at balcony

Pastor's Report

- Pastor shared his report and the upcoming events.
- He will be on vacation June 4th-11th for his daughter's wedding.
- There will be a Congregation Picnic after worship on June 1st to support Mercy Bags. Youth request that congregation bring food items for the mercy bags. The list will be run in the worship folder. They are also planning games.
- Pastor provides an update on the business of the convocation.
 - 535 congregations in the NALC.
 - 53 congregations in the Carolina Mission Region.
 - 17 congregations in the SC Mission District.
 - 2025-2026 budget was approved.
 - Each mission district elected lay members to the CMR Council.
 - Passed the amendment to CMR constitution to allow two delegates to each congregation for the CMR convocation. The congregation must ratify by September 3rd, 2025.
 - Approved \$2,000 to be sent to St. Jacob's for disaster shed lighting and fan improvements.
 - Will receive two other checks for the Disaster Response Shed - \$540 and \$700.

Ministry Teams

Safety: Robert Wessinger

- Payment form request completed, and camera installation has been paid.
- April services were well attended and monitored.
- Checking expiration dates of team members CPR certifications.

Christian Education: Sherrie McTeer

- VBS materials ordered.
- Starting to recruit volunteers for VBS.
- Appreciate Pastor teaching the kids for Sunday School in April and May.

Congregational Care: Billy McTeer

- The team cleaned up the picnic shelter for Celebration of Life for Kristen.
- Provided finger foods for the family of Kristen Nickel.
- Continue to assist members with errands as needed.

Discipleship: Lynn Shealy

- 16 Mercy Bags packed and delivered to We Care.
- Ordered 1,000 Mercy Bags.
- Disaster Relief Shed
 - 338 Flood Buckets.
 - 52 Bibles.
 - 130 Hygiene Kits.
 - 90 Elementary School Kits.

Council Meeting Briefs Continued

Property: Gerald Lindler / Danny Shealy

- Fellowship Hall newly installed exterior side doors primed and painted inside and out.
- Replaced the doorknob on the Fellowship Hall workroom door allowing it to be locked as needed.
- Completed the installation of Sanctuary mini-split heat pump units (2 Mitsubishi 3 Ton Units with Wi-Fi thermostats).
- Purchased and installed necessary materials to connect previously buried water line for water access to the flower boxes at the church sign.
- Continue to work on parking lot drawing and permits.
- Awaiting grant to proceed with bus shed ventilation and additional lighting.

Next scheduled meeting is June 3, 2025 @ 6:45 PM in the church office.

YOUTH NEWS

Our youth meet again on Sunday, June 22nd from 5:00—7:00 PM. Supper will be provided. We will enjoy games, and plan worship for the following Sunday, June 29th. We will also explore how God can use even the hard times in our lives for His good. Come enjoy an evening with your friends and bring a guest.



Welcome New Members

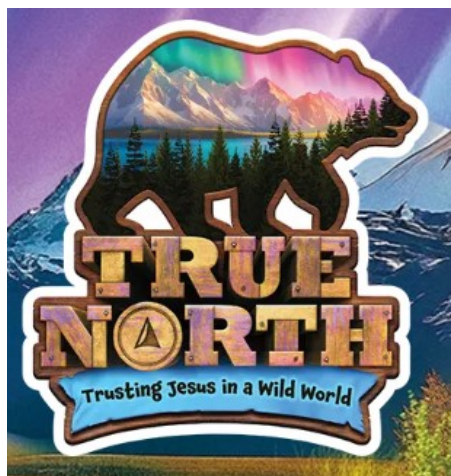
On Sunday, May 25th we welcomed Ms. Amber Helms and her son James (Jace) into our church family. Amber and Jace come to us by way of transfer from Living Springs Lutheran Church in Columbia. We give thanks to God as we welcome them to St. Jacob's.

Pastor Out of Office

Pastor David will be on vacation from Thursday, June 5th through Saturday, June 14th as he and Angela celebrate the wedding of their daughter Rachel to Navy Chief Petty Officer Kory Danielson. We give thanks to God for the blessing of marriage as we keep Rachel and Kory in our prayers.

While on vacation, Pastor David and Angela will entertain family members from Yorkshire, England. Anyone who has need for pastoral assistance during this time should call the church office during regular church office hours or contact Council President A.J. Peebles after hours and arrangements will be made. Our congregation elders will lead worship and distribute Holy Communion on Sunday, June 8th.

Vacation Bible School



Come join our Alaskan adventure Monday, June 23rd through Thursday, June 26th. A light supper will be served each night starting at 5:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Instruction will begin at 6:30 PM and ends at 8:00 PM. There will be fun, fellowship, activities, games, crafts, science experiments, and music. We will study scripture that reveals that Jesus is a faithful friend that we can always trust. Be part of our adventure as we see majestic mountains, racing rivers, sparkling glaciers, and the northern lights. There are classes for all ages! Bring a friend! Don't miss the fun. Pastor David will lead an adult class in the church nave. Join the members of our church family as we enjoy our time together learning more about the love God showers upon his people through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Anyone who is willing and able to help out during the week should contact Sherrie McTeer. There are plenty of opportunities to serve.

Adult Confirmation

Our Adult Confirmation study meets in the church office conference room on selected Tuesdays beginning at 6:30 PM. All who are interested in learning more about Lutheran theology, teaching, and worship are welcome to attend, regardless of if you grew up in the Lutheran Church or another denomination. We will examine elements of Luther's Large Catechism, the Book of Concord and the traditions of Lutheran preaching and worship. No special materials are needed. Many life-long Lutherans wonder why we do certain liturgies or traditions or have questions regarding the liturgies or traditions. Participants will enjoy learning more and having their questions answered. Please let Pastor David know if you would like to participate.



Midweek Bible Study

Our Midweek Bible study will be on a break until mid-July.

Lutheran Women

The Lutheran Women will not meet in June or July. August 10th will be the annual outing at Zorba's. A Third Sunday meetings will resume on September 21st. All women of St. Jacob's are welcome and encouraged to join us for fellowship.

St. Jacob's Youth Leading Worship



On Sunday June 29th, our St. Jacob's Youth from grades 6 and higher will be leading us in worship. We are grateful for the many wonderful and talented kids we have in our church family. Please plan on attending and offer your prayers of support for our youth as they grow in faith and service to the greater church.

Up and Going

Fifteen members and guests gathered in the Fellowship Hall on May 8th at 11:00 AM for the monthly meeting of the Up and Going. Helen Lindler, Team Leader, welcomed everyone and introduced the program leader Ms. Debra Brown.

Helen gave the devotions from Max Lucado's Bible study entitled "Experiencing The Heart of Jesus". The reading came from a section entitled "God's Promises". The Bible reading was from Matthew, the 19th chapter, and ended with prayers. A short business section followed.

Gerald Lindler offered grace for our meal. Lunch was an awesome covered dish meal consisting of a large variety of meats, vegetables, side dishes and desserts. Everything was so delicious.

Our program guest was Debra Brown from Boland's Ace Hardware. Debra is the gifted specialist over the nursery and plant section as well as the bird accessories, yard flags and yard decorations. She spoke to us about flowers and

plants and their proper care. We asked many questions, all of which Debra graciously answered. She brought a large number of beautiful items from Boland's and explained how to use and enjoy them. We were all impressed with these beautiful and useful treasures. At the conclusion of Debra's presentation, each person was given the item of their choice. We were thrilled with these lovely gifts, now ours to use and treasure. Our special thanks to Debra for such an enjoyable time with us.

The June meeting will be on the 2nd Thursday, June 12th at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be a fish fry. Ann Lindler will provide the fish and Gerald Lindler will be the chief cook. Everyone is asked to provide needed items and side dishes or desserts. Gerald Lindler will instruct us on how to fry fish. Look forward to seeing you then.

Helen (O'Neal) Lindler
Team Leader for
Up and Going



Worship Assistants for June

June 01

Ushers: Tracy Eargle, Helen Lindler, James Kibler, Don Dease
Lector: AJ Peeples
Communion: Susan Shealy and Patricia Woodard
Acolyte: Copeland Peeples
Crucifer: Angela Nuottila

June 08

Ushers: Robert Wessinger, Leon Lindler, Arthur Langley, Eddie Eargle
Lector: Carroll Lindler
Communion: Carroll Lindler and David Kibler
Acolyte: Samantha Monts
Crucifer: David Kibler

June 15

Ushers: Carroll Lindler, Gerald Lindler, Lynn Shealy, Bob Ziemer
Lector: Beth Covalt
Communion: Judy Dease and Sherrie McTeer
Acolyte: Owen Raines
Crucifer: Tommy Faulk

June 22

Ushers: Tracy Eargle, Helen Lindler, Sherrie McTeer, David Kibler
Lector: Angela Nuottila
Communion: Susan Shealy and Marie Slice
Acolyte: Bryleigh Prosser
Crucifer: AJ Peeples

June 29

Ushers: Youth TBA
Lector: Youth TBA
Communion: Isabelle Peeples and AJ Peeples
Acolyte: MacKenzie Raines
Crucifer: Emma Covalt

Safety Teams for June

June 01 — Barry Rice, Tina Kibler
June 08 — Jeff Kleckley, Gerald Lindler, David Kibler
June 15 — Robert Wessinger, June Lindler, Arthur Langley
June 22 — Barry Rice, Tina Kibler
June 29 — Jeff Kleckley, Gerald Lindler, David Kibler

Grounds Crew for June

Billy McTeer (co-chair), Lynn Shealy (co-chair), Walt Shealy, Danny Shealy, Davis Brown, Donald Turner, Jeff Kleckley, Arthur Langley, AJ Peeples, Josh Monts, Jason Wicker, Bryan Metze, David Kibler, Adrian Meetze

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Altar Flowers for June

June 01 — Lynn and Susan Shealy
June 08 — Barbara and Terry Metze
June 15 — Robert and June Lindler
June 22 — Pastor David
June 29 — Bobbie Clark



June Birthdays

01 – Brittany Amick
02 – Scottie Raines
02 – Walter Slice
03 – Chris Lambeth, Jr.
03 – Austin Miller
03 – Hank Shealy
03 – Stacy Shealy
04 – Paul E. Lindler, Jr.
04 – Betty Ann Shealy
04 – Martin Wessinger
07 – Jason Wicker
09 – David Duke
10 – Susan C. Shealy
10 – Gabriel Raines
11 – Samantha Monts
12 – Drew Meetze
12 – Mary White-Epting



12 – Julie Zeigler
13 – Robert Lindler
15 – Isabelle Peebles
15 – Andy Turner
16 – Paulette Lindler
18 – Judy Dease
18 – Karla Griggs
19 – DeAndria Amick
20 – Jasmin Bise
21 – Samantha Furr
22 – Larry Shull
23 – Susan McCaslin
24 – Theodore McClain
26 – Allan Mack
26 – Linda Mostiler
27 – Tracy Lindler
30 – Landon Metze

Financial and Memorial Information

Report for May 25, 2025

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Weekly Receipts	\$5,430	\$18,327	\$119,101
Budget Requirement	\$5,994	\$23,976	\$125,874

Memorials received May 4 – May 25, 2025

GENERAL FUND

Memorial to our Mothers for Mother's Day – In Memory of Mrs. Birdie Clark and Mrs. Mable Lindler -
By: Henry and Erline Clark
In Memory of J.L. Lindler – By: Henry and Erline Clark; Frances A. Slice; Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Slice;
Mr. and Mrs. David Stopher; Ms. Kristen Slice; Ann Lindler
In Memory of J.L. Lindler and Jeff Britton – By: Gerald and Robin Lindler

BUILDING FUND

In Honor of Ramonia Lindler and in Loving Memory of Jonnie H. Sites – By: Gerald and Robin Lindler
In Memory of Susie Coleman, Kellie Sauls and Dwain Wessinger – By: Gerald and Robin Lindler
In Memory of J.L. Lindler – By: Terry and Barbara Metze; Danny and Benda Shealy;
Lynn and Susan Shealy
In Memory of Dwain Wessinger – By: Lynn and Susan Shealy

CEMETERY FUND

In Memory of Steve Furstenberg – By: Gerald and Robin Lindler

MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Kristen Nickel – By: Charles W. and Cindy H. Frick; Claude and JoAnne Lindler;
Paul and Paulette Lindler

LUTHERAN MEN

In Memory of J.L. Lindler – By: Albert and Elvia Lindler; Leon and Helen Lindler;
Joe and Eileen Richardson

UP & GOING

In Memory of J.L. Lindler – By: Miriam Metze

WE CARE

In Memory of Dwain Wessinger and J.L. Lindler – By: Robert and June Lindler

Special Donation

The yucca plants and planters located at the front of the church were donated to St. Jacob's to the Glory of God and in memory of their departed loved ones by A.J. and Nicki Peeples.



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

April 15, 2025

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

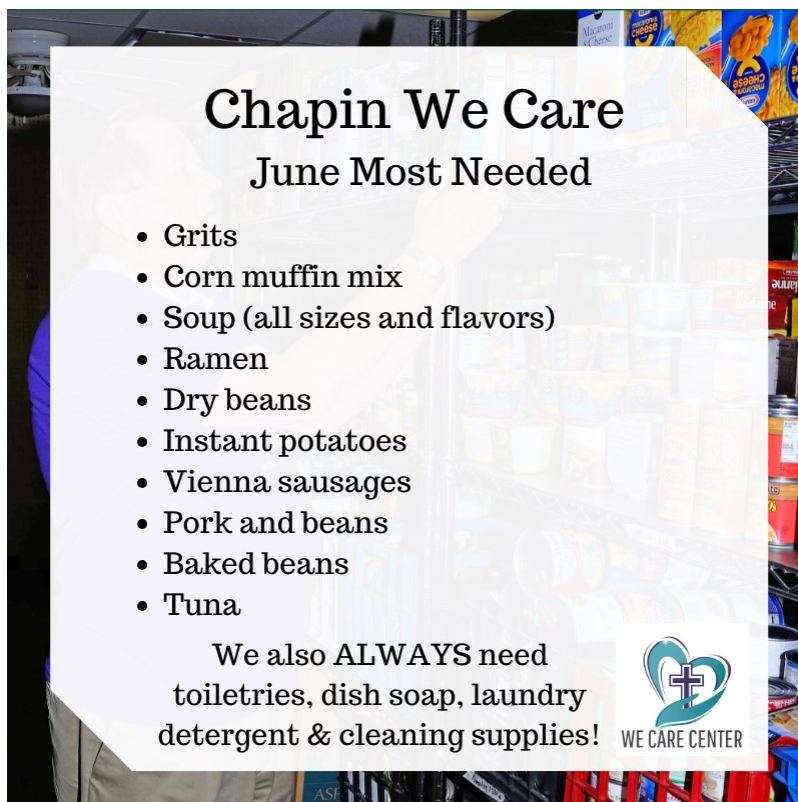
Gift Information

Gift Date: 4/10/2025

Gift Amount: \$250.00

Designation: Where Most Needed

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





Dear Members of St. Jacob's Lutheran,

We want to express our deep gratitude for opening up your facilities for Kristen's Celebration of Life Service. Everything was perfect! The comforting words by all the Pastors, the beautiful music provided, the flowers on the altar table, the Fellowship Hall to greet friends & family, the delicious refreshments, and the take-home meal—all were greatly appreciated.

Kristen & Nate loved your church and we can see why! Thank you for loving them!

Please continue to keep us all in your prayers as we navigate this journey. We know Kristen and their baby are in Jesus' arms and that we will see them one day!

Thank you again for your hospitality, generosity & love!

In Christian Love,
Randy & Kim Bradfield & Family

Remembering In Our Prayers

ST. JACOB'S MEMBERS SICK/RECOVERING

Dan Frick Lorene Cannon Eddie Epting
Gary Marco Tracy Lindler
Buddy Bickley Paul Lindler, Sr.

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Michael Lindler Alice Morefield
Janet Lindler

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS IN RESIDENCE FACILITIES

Generations of Chapin: Shirley Nuottila, Stanley & Lucy Slice,
Ramonia Lindler
Fairforest Grove Senior Living: Frances Slice

FRIENDS OF ST. JACOB'S

Jessica Mack	Zachary Slice	Chad Westhart
Charlotte Simmons	Yvette Glenn	Landon Whittle
Chris Turner	Terry Carpenter	Craig Lindler
James Williams	Pat Redmond	Billy Gallman
Waylon Brown	Andy Wessinger	



Dear Church Family,

I want to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, visits, food and especially the prayers during my recent surgery. Please continue your prayers for complete healing. God bless each of you.

Buddy Bickley



June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Congregation Meeting & Picnic AA Mtg 7:30pm (CO)	2 Men's Bible Study 6:30pm (CO) AA Mtg 7:30pm (FH)	3 Church Council 6:45pm (CO)	4 Youth Bible Study 7:30pm (CO)	5 Courage 7:00pm (CO)	6 AA Mtg 7:30pm (FH)	7
8 Generations 1:00pm AA Mtg 7:30pm (CO)	9 Ladies' Bible Study 6:30pm (CO) AA Mtg 7:30pm (FH)	10	11	12 Up & Going 11:00am (FH) Courage 7:00pm (CO)	13 AA Mtg 7:30pm (FH)	14
15 AA Mtg 7:30pm (CO)	16 AA Mtg 7:30pm (FH)	17 Adult Confirmation 6:30pm (CO)	18 Youth Bible Study 7:30pm (CO)	19 Courage 7:00pm (CO)	20 AA Mtg 7:30pm (FH)	21
22 Generations 1:00pm Children's Choir 3:00pm (Music Rm) Youth 5:00-7:00pm (FH) AA Mtg 7:30pm (CO)	23 VBS Meal 5:45pm Classes 6:30-8:00pm	24 Handbell Clinic 9:30am-12pm VBS Meal 5:45pm Classes 6:30-8:00pm	25 VBS Meal 5:45pm Classes 6:30-8:00pm	26 VBS Meal 5:45pm Classes 6:30-8:00pm Courage 7:00pm (CO)	27 AA Mtg 7:30pm (FH)	28
29 Youth Led Worship Eargle Family Reunion 12-4pm (FH) Children's Choir 3:00pm (Music Rm) AA Mtg 7:30pm (CO)	30 AA Mtg 7:30pm (FH)		