



St. Jacob's Lutheran Church

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Pastoral Devotion for November – Called by Christ

Read Matthew 4:17-22, Acts 9:1-9

Four men were simple fishermen. They really did not have the qualifications we might think necessary to build a church. Their expertise was working with nets and boats, finding fish, catching and selling them. Another man was a tax collector, a traitor in the eyes of many of his peers. He worked for the oppressive government, taking in more than he was asked so that he could skim off the top and live a lavish lifestyle. Certainly, as we size up the twelve, none would seem made of the metal required to carry on Christ's mission.

Within today's Church, many pastors come with prior experience. Some filled occupations in skilled labor, others held professional positions. Before attending seminary and being ordained, many pastors, myself included, never thought themselves qualified or to be one called to the office of Pastor. Yet, years later, there they are and here I am.

And so, we have the conversion of Saul, who was once a persecutor of the Church. Along the Damascus Road, Jesus confronted Saul, brought him to faith, and made him God's instrument in the gospel mission. God chooses whom he will. And he alone equips and qualifies those he chooses. Who knows? If he has not already, God may choose you. Actually, he already has.

Every Christian man, woman or child is called to share the good news of Christ Jesus. Sharing faith with friends and family, inviting others to worship and doing acts of charity are all ways in which we proclaim the goodness of God. Certainly, through the power of the Holy Spirit, God has called us all to do all the above. Go in peace; serve the Lord.

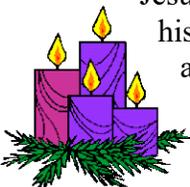
Prayer: *Fill me with your Spirit, O Lord, and use me as you will. Amen*



The Season of Advent

The first Sunday of Advent is the beginning of the new liturgical year for the Christian Church. The word "advent" literally means "coming." Coming on the heels of Christ the King Sunday, Advent is the season when Christians prepare for the second coming of our King Jesus Christ. There is actually a two-fold meaning of this "Advent" coming. When the Church celebrates Advent, we look toward

Jesus's second coming by remembering his first coming to earth. We ponder again the great mystery of the incarnation when our Lord humbled himself, taking on our humanity, and entering into our time and space to



free us from sin. All the while, we recall in the Creed that our Lord will come again to judge the living and the dead and that we must be ready to greet him.

This year, the First Sunday of Advent is November 30th. Advent is a great time to renew faithful worship habits. If you have been away from St. Jacob's for an extended period, you are encouraged to "come and see" him who is called Christ the Lord. Come hear the good news of salvation and receive the sacrament of his body and blood for the forgiveness of sin. Mid-week Advent Vespers will be observed on the three Wednesdays in Advent (Dec. 3rd, 10th, 17th) this year. Join your church family in worship in all these opportunities to help prepare the way of the Lord.

From Your Pastor's Heart

[Jesus said] ³³“For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” John 6:33-34

With Thanksgiving being just over the horizon, I, like most people, can recall many fond memories from Thanksgivings past. They play in my mind like film loops running continuously in succession. One of my fondest memories is watching my grandma as she went about the task of making her famous biscuits. Here in the South, they would be better known as dinner rolls, but we didn't live in the South back then, and in Michigan they were called biscuits, so biscuits it shall be.

For every gathering of the extended family, my grandma's biscuits would be the highlight of the meal. She would begin making them early in the morning when she could enjoy peace and quiet, having the kitchen all to herself. Sometimes I would sneak into the kitchen and just take up a place next to her without saying a word. Grandma would give me a nod and then continue with her work. Taking a fist full of dough, she would squeeze it just right and “pop” just enough through her thumb and forefinger to produce a perfectly sized ball that would later be my biscuit, or my brother's, or someone else's.

Every now and then, she would let me give it a try. I'd snatch up some dough, give it a squeeze, but try as I might I just couldn't get the hang of it. Grandma was a pro; she could pop out those dough balls faster than I could count them and soon enough she would attract a crowd. All of her grandchildren would assemble around the table to watch the dough “pop” through her fingers. The more she would do it, the more we would say, “Go slower so we can see how it is done.” None of us ever quite got the hang of it, but we always looked forward to Grandma's biscuits. As the family grew over the years, so too would the number of biscuits, each year leaving us wanting more. But I'm not sure what we wanted more of, the delicious biscuits or the wonderful experience of watching Grandma as she “popped” them out.

Reading the gospel according to St. John, we see Jesus also had a situation concerning having enough bread. Jesus had been seen performing great miracles of healing; and the more such signs and wonders were witnessed, the larger the crowds following him became. Then, while in the wilderness, crowds of people who were gathered around Jesus grew hungry. Having only five small loaves and two fish

at his disposal, Jesus “popped” out enough bread so that everyone, about 5,000 men plus their families, could have enough and be satisfied. Amazingly, or should I say miraculously, there were even twelve full baskets leftover. The bread seemed to “pop” out of nowhere and the people were amazed.

Later, after Jesus had returned to Capernaum, the crowds of people that were fed previously on the other side had made it across the sea, searched for and found Jesus. They wanted more, the question was, what did they want more of? They asked to see the miracle again. Perhaps they were still hungry, but I can't imagine that free bread would be enough cause for so many people to travel such a distance, especially so quickly. They wanted more. They wanted to believe Jesus was God's long-awaited Messiah, and they wanted him to prove it by producing more bread. Jesus's answer? “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

The people wanted a sign so that they might believe; yet with the miracle of the loaves and fishes, Jesus had already done so. The crowds wanted to see the miracle again. They wanted to be sure. What they failed to realize is that it isn't bread that satisfies the hunger they were experiencing, it goes much deeper than that. Earthly bread satisfies hunger for a little while; Jesus satisfies the hunger that goes much deeper; Jesus satisfies the hunger of our souls. Jesus gives food for life, food for forgiveness, food for our salvation. Jesus satisfies our hunger for God's love and grace by giving his body and blood as ransom for our sin. Jesus satisfies our hunger to live in the peace of Christ, knowing that no matter what trials we face on earth, we will never be separated from God's love; and we will become inheritors of his kingdom forever. So, because of this, we say to Christ, “Give us this bread always, that we may share the good news with others.” Thanks be to God.

Grace to you and peace,



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

Pastor David Nuottila

St. Jacob's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Briefs

October 7, 2025

Parking Lot Update by Danny Shealy

- Lexington County satisfied with permits and ready to issue.
- Waiting on DHEC to approve the land disturbance.
- Once Lexington County issues permits, Danny will have preconstruction conference to get us started.
- Danny also plans to follow up with Lexington County on some of the constraints that should not be included.
- Meeting with contractor this week to confirm pricing.
- Based on costs of special drainage structures to capture sediment, we will put in an acre retention pond.

Demo of New Electronic Giving Page – Susan Shealy

- Susan provided an update on the new electronic giving page. Based on the approved motion by Council, the Finance Team selected Vanco as our electronic giving platform. This same platform is used by other local churches. St. Jacob's is behind providing in this electronic giving option.
- She shared our St. Jacob's website and showed where the Giving option can be found on the menu bar. She showed the tiles that have been set up for each income account that are the primary ones that members give to today.



- Susan provided a QR code and walked Council through the process. It is extremely easy and straightforward. We have it set to include the processing fee. Individuals giving can choose not to include the processing fee. When this is done, the church will pay for the processing fee out of the general fund.
- Other features include the following:
 - Make a onetime gift.
 - Set up reoccurring gifts – every week, every two weeks, twice a month (1st and 15th), monthly, quarterly, and annually.
 - Based on frequency, givers can decide when to start and the date of the giving.
 - Givers can also set up an account for information to be saved and not require re-entry each time.
 - Designations may also be provided in honor or memory of loved ones.
- Gifts can be given by credit card or from bank account (checking or savings).
- QR code will be printed in the worship folder each week.

Good Things at St. Jacob's for September

- Birthday Party.
- Congregational meal fundraiser by LW for Andy Wessinger.
- Lutheran Men Sunday – John Riser did a wonderful job with the message.
- Mandy Kibler accepted position as our interim Treasurer.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor highlighted activities for the month and significant upcoming dates.

Council Meeting Briefs Continued

Treasurer's Report

- Sherrie introduced Mandy Kibler, our new interim Treasurer. We have also ended our contract with our bookkeeper.
- Mandy reviewed monthly budget report which includes both income and expenditures. She shared that our expenditures exceed our income year-to-date through September 30th by \$5,840.25.
- Cleaned up all the dedicated restricted fund accounts and reviewed those balances.
- Plans are to use the bank's bill pay process for sending out checks.
- Transfers will be made quarterly to LM, LW, and LY if funds have been received. Still working through process for Up and Going.
- Cleaned up account numbers and names in QuickBooks.
- An email account, stjacoblutheranchurch@gmail.com, has been set up for all treasurer related correspondence.
- Laurie is scanning documentation and storing on the google drive. This will streamline the process for treasurer related bills and receipts.
- Mandy emailed all credit card holders with procedures for sending receipts with the credit card statement.
- Next step is to forecast revenue and expenses through the end of the year.

Ministry Teams

Staff Support: Susan Shealy

- Provided updates to staff on sanctuary renovations as it affected their job duties and responsibilities.

Safety: Robert Wessinger

- Contact made for recertification of team members on CPR and AED.
- Contact made and training planned for "Stopping Bleeding" in January 2026.

Christian Education: Sherrie McTeer

- Christian education opportunities continue for everyone with Sunday School and various Bible studies.
- Looking at VBS options for 2026. If we order early, we can receive discounts on items.

Congregational Care: Billy McTeer

- Preparing for Golden Agers and Homecoming in October.
- Plans are to give each of our 39 Golden Agers a card with gift from the church.
- Meal placed with Kwik-Way. Lutheran Men providing BBQ and hash.
- Requesting congregation to bring desserts.

Discipleship: Lynn Shealy

- Mercy Bag Donations:
 - o Eleven mercy bags plus miscellaneous cleaning supplies were delivered to We Care in September.

Property: Gerald Lindler / Danny Shealy

- Notice of Intent for land disturbance submitted to DHEC. Checking with SCDOT about encroachment permits. Hope to have all permits by end of the week.

Stewardship:

- No report.

Council Meeting Briefs Continued

Worship and Music: Marie Slice / Julie Stuck

- Made alterations to green paraments.
- New Fair Linen approved for purchase.

Old Business:

Action Items of September 2, 2025, meeting

- **Property Team:**
 - Parking lot update provided.
 - Moisture control in disaster shed to be handled with parking lot.
- **Stewardship:**
 - Brandon Slice talked with David Hahn. Next step is to find members to help with keeping website updated with current events and happenings. Susan Shealy has volunteered, and Laurie would be the other team member. Brandon to coordinate next steps.
- **Finance:**
 - Child Safety Document – We have changes that need to be made and then follow back up with the Insurance Company. – No Update
 - Prepared 2026 Proposed Budget for Council review – presented to Council.
- **250th Anniversary Plans:**
 - Follow-up on Time Capsule location.
 - Agreed that if any organization wants to provide a meal they could.
- **Sanctuary Renovations:**
 - Update since Council meeting. Sanctuary is complete and was rededicated on October 19th, 2025
- **“In as much” Day:**
 - Planning for the Fall – will look at options as temperatures cool off. There has been a request from Catholic Church for help in repairing porch and railing for member of St. Jacob’s and Catholic Church.
- **Council Nominations:**
 - Planning for Council Nominations – need to start preparing now and accept nominations. Council serves two years and is off two years before being eligible to be renominated. The following people are ineligible for nomination:
 - **Term ending in 2024**
 - David Kibler
 - Susan Shealy
 - Barry Rice
 - Tommy Faulk
 - Marie Slice
 - **Term ending in 2025**
 - AJ Peeples
 - Julie Stuck
 - Doug Sullivan
 - Kevin Pharis
 - Sherrie McTeer

****Next scheduled meeting is November 4th, 2025, at 6:45 PM in the church office.****

Worship Assistants for November

November 02

Ushers: Tracy Eargle, Helen Lindler, Eddie Eargle, Lynn Shealy
Lector: AJ Peeples
Communion: Tommy Faulk and David Kibler
Acolyte: MacKenzie Raines
Crucifer: Carolene Amick

November 09

Ushers: Robert Wessinger, Leon Lindler, Bob Ziemer, Sherrie McTeer
Lector: Brandon Slice
Communion: Judy Dease and Marie Slice
Acolyte: Samantha Monts
Crucifer: Tommy Faulk

November 16

Ushers: Don Dease, Gerald Lindler, David Kibler, James Kibler
Lector: Angela Nuottila
Communion: Isabelle Peeples and Patricia Woodard
Acolyte: Owen Raines
Crucifer: AJ Peeples

November 23

Ushers: Tracy Eargle, Helen Lindler, Arthur Langley, Eddie Eargle
Lector: Beth Covalt
Communion: Susan Shealy and AJ Peeples
Acolyte: Brilynn Amick
Crucifer: Emma Covalt

November 30

Ushers: Robert Wessinger, Leon Lindler, Lynn Shealy, Bob Ziemer
Lector: AJ Peeples
Communion: Tommy Faulk and Sherrie McTeer
Acolyte: Bryleigh Prosser
Crucifer: David Kibler

Safety Teams for November

November 02 — Jeff Kleckley, Gerald Lindler, David Kibler
November 09 — Robert Wessinger, June Lindler, Arthur Langley
November 16 — Barry Rice, Tina Kibler
November 23 — Jeff Kleckley, Gerald Lindler, David Kibler
November 30 — Robert Wessinger, June Lindler, Arthur Langley

Grounds Crew for November

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

2025 Church Council Members



AJ Peeples - (Pres) AndrewJPeebles@gmail.com
Lynn Shealy - (VP) lynnshealy55@gmail.com
Sherrie McTeer - (Sec, Christian Education) mcteer1208@hotmail.com
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Doug Sullivan - (Stewardship) dsulli318@yahoo.com

Altar Flowers for November

November 02 — Larry Shull
November 09 — Heather Slice
November 16 — *Available*
November 23 — Gerald and Robin Lindler
November 30 — *Available*



November Birthdays

01 – Crystal Wallace
02 – Robert Wessinger
03 – Aaron Dietrich
05 – Ruby Slice
06 – Bryleigh Prosser
07 – Eddie Epting
07 – Robin Lindler
07 – Faye Wessinger
08 – Chuck Barras
08 – Travis Eargle
09 – Chuck Shobert
10 – Karoline Zeigler
11 – Isabella Gerity
13 – Ellison Hammett
13 – Billy McTeer
14 – David Stopher
15 – Rachel Danielson



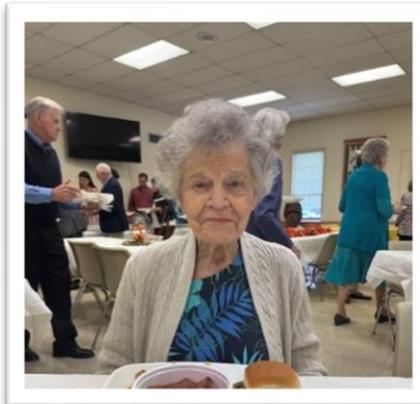
16 – Jacob Meetze
19 – Kathy Epting
19 – Cody Meetze
21 – Sandra Dietrich
21 – Janet Lindler
21 – Karlee Smith
23 – Amanda Szymanski
24 – Tommy Slice, Sr.
25 – Cassidy Lindler
25 – MacKenzie Raines
26 – Jonathan Layton
26 – Luke Lindler
27 – Tommy Faulk
29 – Doris Gibbs
29 – Brantley Clark
30 – Brian Sullivan

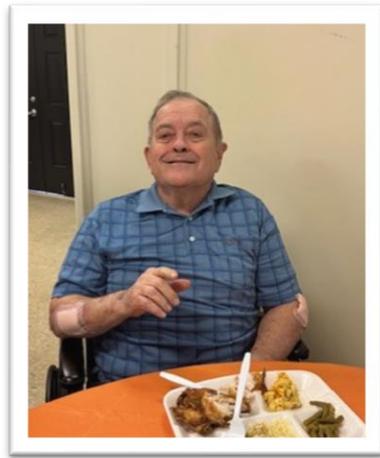
Golden Agers

We celebrated our St. Jacob's Golden Agers on Sunday, October 19th. St. Jacob's appreciates the contributions that each of them have made to our church and our church family. Thank you for your loyalty, commitment, and service throughout the years.



- Bryan and Frances Bowers
- Bobbie Clark
- Henry and Erline Clark
- J. Roger Connelly
- Mary Katherine Eargle
- David Ellisor
- Janice Ellisor
- Dan Frick
- Mary Lou Haddox
- James W. Kibler
- Albert and Elvia Lindler
- Ann Lindler
- Bryan and Mattie Jane Lindler
- Carroll T. Lindler
- M. O'Neal Lindler
- Paul Lindler, Sr.
- Ramonia Lindler
- Gary and Joan Marco
- Miriam Metze
- Terry and Barbara Metze
- Shirley Nuottila
- Joe Richardson
- Betty Ann Shealy
- Earline Shealy
- Frances Shealy
- Ann Slice
- Frances Slice
- James Russell Slice
- Stanley and Lucy Slice
- Tommy Slice
- Mary White-Epting
- Bob Ziemer





Lutheran Women

Fundraiser

The Lutheran Women would like to thank everyone for their generous support of our spaghetti meal fundraiser for Andy Wessinger. It was a huge success.

Rada Knives and Happy Home Flavorings

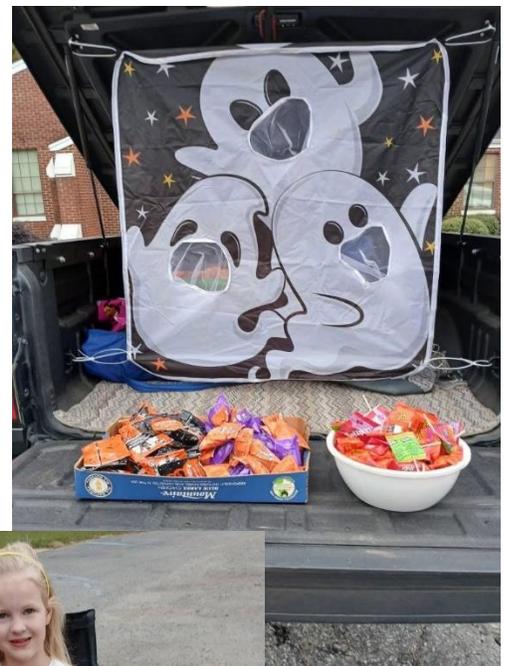
The Lutheran Women are selling Rada knives and Happy Home flavorings. Now is a good time to place an order as these make great Christmas gifts! To place an order please contact Sandra Brown at 803-530-1133 or seb58@att.net.

Community Projects

The Lutheran Women donated 180 pounds of food to We Care and provided men's toiletries to the NALC Women's Project.

Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat

The Lutheran Women would like to thank all volunteers that came out to support our fall festival. This year's fall festival was well attended, and a great time was had by all! Everyone especially enjoyed the halloweenies!



Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat



Holy Baptism

Abigail Catherine Duggan was baptized during our Reformation Sunday service of worship, October 26th, 2025. Abigail is the daughter of Dylan and Amanda Duggan. Proud Grandparents are Chuck and Angela Barras. Welcome Abigail, our newest sister in Christ.



Welcome New Member

On October 19th, Scott Raines joined the St. Jacob's church family by affirmation of baptism. We are happy to welcome Scott as our newest church member.



Up and Going

Thursday, October 9th was an exciting day for the Up and Going group. It was BINGO day and we love BINGO. Twenty-two members and guests gathered for a delicious covered dish meal and BINGO led by callers Joan and Gary Marco.

But first came devotions by Team Leader Helen Lindler. The title was "Love Worthy of Our Life." Helen read from the LBW Green Book the words from the hymn "When I Survey the Wonderous Cross." Author William Temple reminds us to think about the words we are singing and if we believe them, to sing with gusto and feeling. If we mean them even a little and want to mean them more sing them very softly. Devotions closed with the group praying together "The Lord's Prayer."

Business was conducted with Treasurer's report given by Gary Marco, Treasurer. Prayer concerns were discussed. Helen asked all to include these in our daily prayers. Everyone had brought gifts for BINGO prizes. Our group paused for a moment of thankfulness to Gloria and Bob Zeimer for the special BINGO gifts. BINGO started and we were off and running. BINGO – BINGO – BINGO



Everyone had generously given prizes, so we played until all gifts were gone. Lots of fun and fellowship today.

Thursday, November 13th will be our Thanksgiving meal. Please bring a traditional Thanksgiving covered dish, side or dessert. Helen (O'Neal) will provide the turkey, and Ann Lindler will make the dressing. November is our month of giving to The Oliver Gospel Mission. Please bring socks, underwear and T-shirts for the men at OGM. All sizes are appreciated and cherished. Please bring your favorite Thanksgiving memories to share with the group. Susan Shealy will be at the meeting to explain the automatic church giving system. If interested, bring your check, debit/credit cards and Susan will set this up for you. Hope to see you on November 13th.

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





IT'S TIME TO ORDER CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS !!

Worship and Music will be accepting orders for Christmas Poinsettias to be placed in the church for our Christmas services in honor and/or memory of loved ones. This year the cost per poinsettia will be \$11.00; checks should be made payable to **St. Jacob's Lutheran Church**.

If you would like to order a poinsettia, please submit your completed order form AND payment to Marie Slice or Robin Lindler. If it is more convenient, you can mail the information to Robin Lindler, 805 Crooked Creek Road, Chapin SC 29036.

The deadline for placing your order is **Sunday, November 23rd**. To guarantee delivery of the poinsettias, Worship and Music must place the order for St. Jacob's on the deadline date. Please turn your orders in early as NO orders can be accepted after the deadline.

Poinsettias may be removed from the sanctuary following the Christmas Service.
ALL poinsettias not picked up before Saturday, December 27th will be discarded.



2025 Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

_____ Christmas Poinsettia(s) @ \$11.00each \$_____ Enclosed ___ Check _____ Cash
(Make checks payable to St. Jacob's Lutheran Church)

PLEASE PRINT –This form is used to compile the remembrance list- Please DO NOT put "same as last year".

IN HONOR OF _____

GIVEN BY: _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

GIVEN BY: _____

IN HONOR OF _____

AND

IN MEMORY OF _____

GIVEN BY: _____



Music Notes

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 14th. That is the date for this year's Christmas Cantata. It will be presented during the church service. For now, mark your calendars for Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM. That is the time for cantata practice, and we need you. The choir rehearses cantata music from 6:00-6:30 PM. Feel free to stay and practice the weekly music as well. We are especially in need of male voices. Guys, there are many of you hiding in the congregation with very nice voices. We heard you this summer. Please come help with our cantata. It is a short-term commitment and a wonderful way to give thanks to God for all the many blessings he has showered upon you.

Children's choir and youth handbells are up and running. Children's choir is from 3:00-4:00 PM on Sunday afternoons for kids in K-4. Youth handbells is for youth grades 5 and above and meets from 4:00-5:00 PM on Sundays.



Midweek Bible Study

Midweek Bible Study meets Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM in the church office conference room. We are currently studying the Gospel According to John. This study is a traditional chapter and verse study where we will read and learn more of the message John has to teach all who hear his Gospel and come to believe that Jesus of Nazareth is indeed the true Son of God. We will read and compare John's writing with that of the other Gospel writers. We will also explore the connections between John's Gospel and the Old Testament. Everyone is invited to join us as they are able.



All Saints Sunday

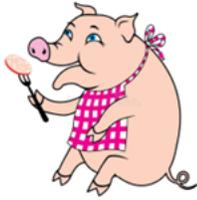
As it is each year, the Church sets aside the first Sunday in November to remember and give thanks to God for the faithful witness of those who have passed from earthly life within the previous twelve months. This year, All Saints Sunday is November 2nd. As people of faith, we continually remember all who have entered the Church Triumphant and now rest peacefully in Christ.



We acknowledge the St. Jacob's members who joined the Church Triumphant, Letha Sites, Mitch Martin, Gloria Ziemer, Kristen Nickel, J.L. Lindler, and Lorene Cannon. We remember, as well, siblings of several of our church members who have passed during this last year. These include Richard Shull (brother of Larry Shull), Dwain Wessinger (brother of Elvia Lindler), and Sarah Paysinger (sister of Betty Ann Shealy). We also give thanks for all the saints within the Church Militant who strive to share the Gospel of Christ and extend the ministry of the church throughout the world. Everyone is invited to worship with us this year on All Saints Sunday beginning at 10:00 AM. As is customary, we will have a prayer for those church family members who passed away since our All Saints celebration last year.

Lutheran Men

The Lutheran Men will be making Country Sausage on Monday, November 24th. If you would like to purchase BULK sausage for \$5.00 per pound, please place your order in advance. See a member of the LM or contact Gerald Lindler (cell #803-622-9257) on or before Sunday, November 16th. The sausage can be picked up between 3:00 and 6:00 PM on Monday, November 24th in the Fellowship Hall.



sponsored by The Hub. Please come and join us for worship and for an opportunity to serve our neighbors.

Pastor Out of Office

Pastor David and Angela Nuottila will be away on vacation visiting family in California for the Thanksgiving holiday, and will return to Chapin on Sunday evening, November 30th. Anyone with pastoral needs should contact council President A.J. Peeples and necessary arrangements will be made.

Christ the King Sunday

The Hebrew word “Messiah,” and the Greek word “Christ,” both mean “anointed one.” They refer to the expected king whom God promised would deliver his people from all earthly powers. Holy Scripture reveals Jesus of Nazareth to be this long-awaited Messiah. Unlike the type of Messiah most Jews expected, Jesus came to free all people, Jew and Gentile; and he did not come to free them from the Babylonians, Assyrians, or Romans, but from the power and consequences of sin, death, and the devil. Thus, the King of the Jews, and of all people, does not rule over a kingdom of this world. He rules over the universe and God’s kingdom of glory forever and ever. Christ the King Sunday is the final Sunday of the Christian Church year and focuses on the return of Christ at the end of the age. This year, Christ the King Sunday is celebrated on November 23rd.



Thank You



St. Jacob’s Church Family,

Thoughtfulness like yours lifts my spirits, reminding me that God is with us every day through the people in our lives. Thank you for the blessing you are and all the happiness you bring.

Many Thanks,
Mary White-Epting

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

It’s hard to believe but the time is quickly approaching for our Thanksgiving Eve worship service. Our service will begin at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, November 26th in the church nave. With Pastor David away, we will have a lay distribution of Holy Communion, sharing elements held in reserve from our most recent celebration of the sacrament.

Following our service, we will once more prepare pound cake slices to be included in the community Thanksgiving meal



The Church Office will be closed

Tuesday,
November 11th



and

Thursday, November
27th



Financial and Memorial Information

Report for October 26, 2025

| | <u>Weekly</u> | <u>MTD</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| 10/20-10/24 Online Giving | \$3,730 | | |
| 10/26 Receipts | <u>\$6,179</u> | | |
| | \$9,909 | \$24,566 | \$227,707 |
| Budget Requirement | \$6,186 | \$24,744 | \$265,998 |

Memorials Received October 5 - 26, 2025

GENERAL FUND in Honor of ...

- Church Council – By AJ, Nicki, Isabelle and Copeland Peeples
- Joe’s Baptism – By: Eddie and Gail Epting

LUTHERAN MEN in Honor of ...

- Lynn Shealy – By: Eddie and Gail Epting



SISTERCARE
Freeing Families From Fear

October 14, 2025

Dear St. Jacob’s Lutheran Church members,

Thank you so much for the generous donation of \$250.00. Sistercare’s ability to assist and empower the domestic abuse survivors and their children we serve, is thanks to generous and compassionate donors like you.

When you donate to Sistercare, you are helping to provide resources that improve the mental and physical wellness of survivors. While it is not an easy journey, we pride ourselves on being able to assist survivors on their journey. We could not do this work without your support.

Sistercare extends a warm thank you for your generosity and philanthropy. Your impact is significant and long-lasting as you help us to reduce the rates and effects of domestic violence in the South Carolina Midlands.

Sincerely,

Leah Wicevic

Thank you!

Leah Wicevic
Chief Executive Officer

Electronic Giving

Dear Members of St. Jacob's:

We want to start by expressing gratitude for your unwavering support and generosity towards our church. Your contributions have been essential to our ability to continue carrying out our mission and serving the needs of our community.

We also want to take this opportunity to introduce our new e-giving platform, Vanco. This platform provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our church online, and we are confident that it will make giving more convenient for many members of our congregation.

You can give now at this link on our website: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZXTV>
You can also give using this QR Code for Giving to St. Jacob's Lutheran Church
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- Lutheran Youth Fund
- Up and Going
- Mercy Bags (We Care Meals for a Week)
- Congo Mission Trip
- Holiday Giving (Lent, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas)
- We Care (Chapin Mission)

Whether you choose to give online or in person, your support is vital to the continued success of our church community. We are so grateful for your generosity and commitment to our shared mission.

Thank you again for all that you do.
Blessings,

St. Jacob's Church Council
St. Jacob's Finance Committee
October 2025



Chapin We Care Center
Interfaith Outreach
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October 16, 2025

St. Jacob's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous donation! We are incredibly thankful for the community support that makes our work possible, and you are such an important part of that capacity!

So many of us look forward to the calendar change this month. October is a welcome relief to hot temperatures, and we look forward to cooler days and before long holidays that beg to be celebrated one after another. Fall reminds us of change, the moving from one season to another. For so many of us, fall is a joyful time of year as we celebrate that change.

For families struggling to feed their families, little changes from one season to the next. Month by month passes with needs hand to mouth, and our clients do the best they can to care for their families. As fall comes, winter is not far behind and is often anticipated with trepidation as the brief respite of fall temperatures will soon dip into the cold of winter and higher utility bills. Holidays mean gifts and special food needs. Fall is a relief to some, but for others, the burdens remain.

As our clients anticipate these changing needs as the seasons shift, so is We Care! We have already started taking applications from clients for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and we anticipate that we will again serve over 900 people Thanksgiving meals and 500 children Christmas gifts! We are also working hard to make sure that food, utilities and other necessities are provided for our clients as well. We will do everything we can to see that our clients' needs are met year round!

Thank you for making that attention to client needs possible through your support. We Care is incredibly blessed by such a caring community that makes our outreach possible!

Sincerely,

Alecia Klauk, Executive Director

Donation Receipt

Date: 10/13/2025
Donation: \$375
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Yours in Christ,

Steven King

Pastor Steve King, Managing Editor

Remembering In Our Prayers

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November 2025



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 Confirmation Classes 3:00pm (CO) Children's Choir 3:00pm (Music Rm) Youth Handbell 4:00pm (Music Rm) AA Mtg 7:30pm (CO) | 3 AA Mtg 7:30pm (FH) | 4 Church Council 6:45pm (CO) | 5 Midweek Bible Study 9:30am (CO) Choir 6:00pm Youth Bible Study 7:00pm (CO) | 6 Courage 7:00pm (CO) | 7 AA Mtg 7:30pm (FH) | 8 |
| 9 Generations 1:00pm Confirmation Classes 3:00pm (CO) Children's Choir 3:00pm (Music Rm) Youth Handbell 4:00pm (Music Rm) AA Mtg 7:30pm (CO) | 10 Ladies' Bible Study 6:45pm (CO) AA Mtg 7:30pm (FH) | 11 Church Office Closed Adult Study Group 6:30pm (CO) | 12 Midweek Bible Study 9:30am (CO) Choir 6:00pm | 13 Up & Going 11:00am (FH) Courage 7:00pm (CO) | 14 AA Mtg 7:30pm (FH) | 15 |
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| 30 AA Mtg 7:30pm (CO) ← ● | | | | | | |