



# St. Jacob's Lutheran Church

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## Devotion for June – Jesus said, “Let your light shine”

Read Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples, “A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket.” God blesses the Church with the most precious treasure there is, the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Every Christian is therefore filled with the light of Christ and called to give witness to the wonders of God’s mercy and grace.

Often, it is said to the newly baptized person, “Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” Our light shines when we love God with all our heart and love our neighbor as

ourselves. Shining our light, we share the love of Christ Jesus with all whom we meet.



Jesus of Nazareth is light and life for the world. Baptized into his death and resurrection, the light of Christ dwells within God’s people. May you always feel the presence and power of our Lord Jesus. And may your light shine through the darkness of this world, that those within your midst may finally see the glory of the Father and enter the gates of our eternal home.

Prayer: *Shine the light of your love, O Lord, and fill me with the power of your love. Amen.*

## Summer Sermon Series and Bible Study



Beginning on June 7<sup>th</sup>, Pastor David Nuottila will offer a summer sermon series focusing on the Seven Letters to Seven Churches in Revelation. He will also offer a Bible study on this topic which will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM beginning on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Everyone is welcome to attend. There are no special materials needed. Just bring your Bible and a desire for conversation with your church family members. The location for our study is subject to change depending upon the status of our parking lot construction. Keep an eye on the weekly church bulletin for up-to-date information.

# From Your Pastor's Heart

*"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."* Matthew 6:9-10

For several weeks during the spring, our confirmands studied and reflected upon the Lord's Prayer as found in the sixth chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Having listened to our students and their reflections upon what Jesus is teaching us; I would like to offer reflection on three of the petitions contained in the prayer our Lord has taught us.

The introduction and first petition of the prayer is "Our Father, hallowed be your name." Jesus teaches us to pray in this way, not because God's name isn't holy or glorified on its own, but that we would recognize the holiness of God's name and glorify Him in the way we live our life each day. As we recognize the holiness of God's name we are most likely to honor and keep the second Commandment, not taking God's name in vain. Honoring and glorifying God's name is the precursor to living the Christian life.

The second petition I'd like to discuss is "Your Kingdom come." God's kingdom refers to His way of ordering things. Through the life and ministry of our Lord Jesus, we have a clear picture of what God's kingdom is to look like. Throughout his earthly life and ministry, Jesus exemplified the greatest commandments to love God and love neighbor. Following his example, we strive to live as people belonging to the kingdom of God here on earth. We are to strive for peace, healing broken relationships, and caring for those whom society turns away.

And finally, the third petition I'd offer for reflection is "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." This is a most difficult petition to live up to, for we are all sinners in need of God's grace. Central to the teaching of Jesus is forgiveness. This is important because central to the suffering of our world, in all walks of life, is the reluctance to forgive. We do well to recall the words Jesus speaks following His teaching the Lord's Prayer in Matthew's Gospel. Jesus says, "For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father

will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6:14-15 ESV).

Forgiveness and reconciliation are paramount to living as citizens of God's kingdom. There is no room for sinners to live in the blessed peace of God's forever kingdom. That is why he sent his Son Jesus into the world. God loved the world so much that all who believe that Jesus is indeed Lord and Savior would have their sins forgiven. Therefore, it is to be our thankful response to demonstrate this same love for our neighbor. For if we do not, God will not forgive us. We can't pick and choose who we will forgive or not forgive, just as God would not pick and choose one believer over another. After all, any person who has sinned against another is also someone whom Jesus came to die for.

Each week we pray this prayer that Jesus taught us. It is a prayer central to our life together as God's people. In reflection and study of the Lord's Prayer, I asked our confirmands, as I always do, to write the Lord's prayer putting it into their own words. There will be occasion in the future when I will use their prayers as a part of our liturgy. Until such time, let us strive to earnestly contemplate the words Jesus taught us, and focus on living as kingdom people saved by the grace of our loving and merciful God.

Heavenly Father, help us bring you glory by keeping your name holy in all we say and do. Lead us to do the work of your kingdom, and to forgive others as you have forgiven us. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.



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

## May 5, 2026

### Good Things at St. Jacob's for April

- He is risen!
- Seeing some new faces at church
- Decades day was enjoyable

### Pastor's Report:

- Scheduling Bible study has been very difficult with parking lot construction.
- Pastor would like all confirmands to be confirmed together. He plans to continue studies during Sunday school this summer and confirm on Reformation Sunday this year by the Bishop.
- Thank you to Brandon and Mark Slice for attending this year's convocation and serving as delegates.

### Treasurer's Report:

- Offering is behind from last year by approximately \$19,000.
- Overall expenditures slightly ahead of 2025 due to salary increases and annual payments of QuickBooks, Servant Keeper and insurance.
- Review of insurance policies are being completed.
- Hymnal fund has been established and added to Vanco.
- Congo mission trip is back to positive balance.
- Thrivent access has been set up so that we can manage funds easier.

### Ministry Team Reports

- o Christian Education
  - Women's Bible Study will conclude this month and start back in the fall.
  - VBS will be Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>
    - Meal starting at 5:45 PM and VBS from 6:30-8:00 PM.
    - T-shirts and crafts have been purchased using Thrivent dollars.
  - Will continue to submit background checks for Sunday School and VBS teachers and volunteers.
  - Will plan and host Luther League, LCY, Youth celebration on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> as part of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
  - Prayers for our program and increasing attendance for Sunday School and volunteers for both Sunday School and nursery.
- o Congregational Care
  - Plan to assist Lutheran Women with 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary meal on May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- o Discipleship
  - Donated 17 Mercy Bags to We Care weighing 286 pounds.
- o Property
  - Provided recommendations for plans for picnic shed. Will get quotes to present to council on the removal of picnic shed and renovating to become a covered playground.
  - Would like to add lighting to exterior of church.

- Looking into getting city water hookup to church.
- Office building septic needs to be repaired following the retention pond.
- Sump pump will need to be installed in the basement of the office to replace existing gravity drain.
- A wireless internet system has been installed from the office to the main church building while underground hard wire is out of service.
- Property team will be securing bids for landscaping plan for the parking lot. Total funds may not cover this required step for completion due to Lexington County landscaping plan not being included in parking lot package funding. Council will need to address additional funds if/when needed.
- o Safety
  - Safety team has begun monitoring exterior during service.
  - The AED batteries and pads have been received from Amazon. Saved \$60 by changing our supplier.
- o Staff Support
  - Julie Stuck and Susan Shealy met about a draft from Nancy Williamson for the new website. Will bring to the next council meeting.
- o Worship and Music
  - Have received some money for new hymnals; need to encourage more donations.

**Old Business:**

- Proposed changes to the Child and Youth Policy were discussed.
- Request for approval of reduction in property and indemnity insurance premiums was made by the Finance Team. The motion to approve was made, seconded and passed.

\*\* Next scheduled meeting is **Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM** in the church office. \*\*

## **Report on the Carolinas Mission Region Convocation**

The Mission Region Convocation took place on May 1<sup>st</sup> - May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Christiana Lutheran Church in Salisbury, NC. There was a total attendance of 134 persons from a majority of congregations within the Carolinas Mission Region. Seventy-seven delegates comprised the voting body, with thirty-two clergy delegates and forty-five lay delegates.

**Business of the Convocation included the following:**

- The CMR Treasurer’s report was reviewed and accepted as information.
- The 2026-27 CMR Budget was presented by the treasurer and Finance Committee chairperson. There was no discussion and the budget was adopted by unanimous vote.
- A proposed amendment to the CMR Bylaws was presented which would provide position descriptions and stipend funding for volunteer CMR officers who fulfill various administrative duties.

- This amendment was not adopted due to convoluted language and instead recommitted to the CMR Council for further discernment.
- A new amendment may be presented during the next annual convocation.

**Bishop Dan Selbo provided updates on several NALC ministries:**

- Since the previous convocation, the NALC has grown from 444 congregations to 567.
- There are now forty-five mission districts within seven newly formed geographical regions. Each region is served by an AAB (Area Assistant to the Bishop).
- There are currently thirty-five congregations with full time pastoral vacancies, and twenty-eight congregations with part time pastoral vacancies for a total of sixty-three congregations without a pastor.
- Currently there are sixty-two students enrolled in the NALC Seminary system.
- It is forecasted that two hundred forty NALC pastors will retire within eight years.
- Due to aging congregations and changes in our culture, congregations are encouraged to evaluate their ministries and through a process of discernment of their vision for ministry, engage in congregation renewal. The NALC will provide assistance.

**South Carolina Mission District**

A report was provided by Rev. Dawn Rister (Dean):

- The SCMD has grown from eleven congregations (2024) to twenty congregations (2026).
- Currently, seven SCMD congregations are without a pastor.

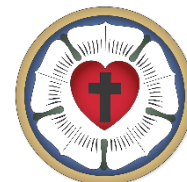
**Ministry Partners**

The CMR welcomed representatives of several NALC Ministry Partners. Displays, presentations and materials were provided for the following ministries:

- Awakening Lives for Global Mission (Pastor Bill Moberly)
- Congo Mission International (Pastor David Nuottila)
- Lutheran Military Veterans and Families (Chaplain Leslie Haynes)
- Lutherans for Life (Pastor Scott Liecht)
- Malawi Orphan Care Project (Ken Ekegren)
- NALC Disaster Response (Mary Bates)
- Sharing Shepherds (Pastor Marty Ramey)
- SMI Haiti (Pastor Heidi Punt)
- Sola Publishing (Pastor Steven King)
- Spiritual Orphans Network (David and Angela Briedenbach)
- Water Mission (Marie Reny)

Thank you to Brandon Slice and Mark Slice for serving as St. Jacob’s delegates to this year’s convocation.

Faithfully,  
Pastor David Nuottila



## Worship Assistants

### June 07

Ushers: Helen Lindler, Leon Lindler,  
Lynn Shealy, Sherrie McTeer  
Lector: Katharine Corn  
Communion: Susan Shealy and Patricia Woodard  
Acolyte: Owen Raines  
Crucifer: Angela Nuottila

### June 14

Ushers: Copeland Peeples, Robert Wessinger,  
David Kibler, Arthur Langley  
Lector: Susan Shealy  
Communion: Judy Dease and David Kibler  
Acolyte: Brilynn Amick  
Crucifer: Carolene Amick

### June 21

Ushers: James Kibler, Tracy Eargle,  
John Riser, Julie Stuck  
Lector: Brandon Slice  
Communion: Susan Shealy and Marie Slice  
Acolyte: Bryleigh Prosser  
Crucifer: AJ Peeples

### June 28

Ushers: Don Dease, Gerald Lindler,  
Eddie Eargle, Leon Lindler  
Lector: Tracy Riser  
Communion: Lynn Shealy and Julie Stuck  
Acolyte: Samantha Monts  
Crucifer: David Kibler

## Safety Teams

June 07 — Robert Wessinger, June Lindler, Arthur Langley  
June 14 — Barry Rice, Tina Kibler  
June 21 — Jeff Kleckley, Gerald Lindler, David Kibler  
June 28 — Robert Wessinger, June Lindler, Arthur Langley

## Children's Sunday School Assistants

June 07: Joanie Ballentine  
June 14: Denise Eargle  
June 21: Jo Sullivan  
June 28: Kevin Pharis

## Nursery Assistants

June 07: Tracy Riser  
June 14: Patricia Woodard  
June 21: Sherrie McTeer  
June 28: Sandra Brown

## Grounds Crew

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

## 2026 Church Council Members



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Brandon Slice – (Worship and Music) brandons@prtcom.com

## Altar Flowers for June

June 07 — Terry and Barbara Metze  
June 14 — *Available*  
June 21 — Davis and Sandra Brown  
June 28 — Bobbie Clark



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## June Birthdays

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01 – Brittany Amick  
02 – Scottie Raines  
02 – Walter Slice  
03 – Earl Bouknight  
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 Peeples  
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  
26 – Allan Mack  
26 – Linda Mostiler  
27 – Tracy Lindler  
30 – Landon Metze

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# Up and Going

On Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, eleven members and guests gathered at the Golden Bay Seafood Restaurant in Irmo to enjoy a delicious seafood lunch.

Helen Lindler gave the devotions, with the Bible reading from the book of Daniel, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter, verses 26 and 27. The devotional reading was entitled “God Rescues and He Saves.” Daniel was a Jew captured from Judah and taken to Babylon. He interpreted King Darius’s dreams. King Darius turned on Daniel and had him thrown into the lion's den. God saved Daniel and King Darius recognized the power and strength of Daniel’s God.



Gerald Lindler gave the prayer and also said grace for our meal. Thank you Gerald. All enjoyed a delicious seafood meal and the table buzzed with conversation and laughter. Everyone enjoyed a great time together.

The June meeting will be Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at Doza Rizen. Please meet there at 11:00 AM. Doza Rizen is located next to the Food Lion in Chapin.

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





## St. Jacob's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year-long Celebration

Another monthly observance of our 250th anniversary celebration was completed as we welcomed our old friend Pastor Marty Ramey back to St. Jacob's. It was a joy to have her with us as she brought the sermon for our worship and visited with the congregation over the "Old Timey Dinner" sponsored by the women of our congregation.

Next up is a celebration of St. Jacob's Youth past and present. Everyone who has been a part of the youth ministry over the years is invited to share a time of fellowship and a meal following our worship on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Join your church family as we continue our year-long celebration as we give thanks to God for our congregation's long history in the service of the Gospel. Please make sure to attend each of these and invite your friends and neighbors to join us. Below is a list of our remaining planned events.

- June 7<sup>th</sup> – Luther League, LCY, Youth celebration; members of past groups will be invited to attend church service; hamburger meal will be provided after service.
- July 19<sup>th</sup> – Guest preacher Rev. Randy Drafts (former seminarian and field worker); congregational dinner following worship.
- August 16<sup>th</sup> – Guest preacher Rev. David Tholstrup (former SCMD Dean), congregational dinner following worship.
- September 20<sup>th</sup> – Congregational Outreach Event; blankets for residents at Generations.
- October 25<sup>th</sup> – Homecoming and Anniversary Sunday, guest preacher NALC Presiding Bishop Dan Selbo; special catered congregational dinner following worship.
- November TBD – Golden Agers Recognition and Celebration.

## Youth Through the Years Celebration

Were you in the youth during Pastor Wessinger's call? Were you in the Luther League? Were you in the youth during Pastor Eargle's call? Were you in the LCY? Are you in the youth today? Have you served as a youth advisor? Have you supported our youth through the years? If you answered yes to any of those questions, mark your calendars for Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.



We are celebrating our youth, advisors, and supporters of the past and present with a hamburger meal after service. Come join the fun as we walk down memory lane. And....there are some stories and memories to share!! You don't want to miss the fun and the opportunity of a great time of fellowship with youth of all ages!

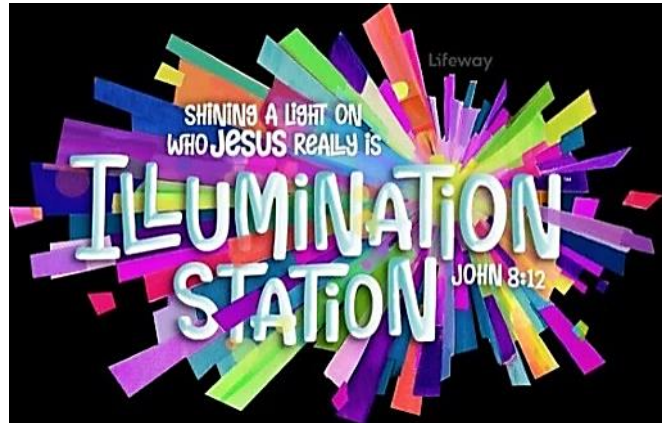


## Women's Bible Study: Summer Social

ALL women are invited to join the Women's Bible Study for a casual summer social and devotion at the home of Susan Shealy on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 PM. If you can, bring a snack to share. Soft drinks and tea will be provided. Make plans to join us - and bring a friend! Please RSVP to Susan at 803-413-4128 if you are able to attend. Address: 1711 Dan Comalander Road, Chapin.

## VBS in July

Mark your calendars for VBS 2026. Join us for *Illumination Station* Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Experience what it means for Jesus to be the Light of the World. There will be classes for all ages including adults. Children will rotate classes for lessons, games, music, and crafts. Our meal will be served starting at 5:45 PM and VBS will start at 6:30 PM and end at 8:00 PM. Come and experience God's promised, perfect, powerful, and proven son - Jesus Christ. Come and experience *Illumination Station*!



## May Financial and Memorial Information

<u>General Fund Donations</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
May 18-22 – Vanco Donations	1,275		
May 24 – Sunday Donations	<u>1,822</u>		
	\$3,097	\$14,191	\$97,728
Budget Requirement:	\$5,862	\$23,448	\$123,102

<u>Hymnal Fund</u>			
Hymnal Donations Needed:	\$4,875	150 - Hymnals	
Donations received as of May 24:	\$4,267	131 - Hymnals	

### Memorials Received May 01 – May 24, 2026

#### LUTHERAN MEN:

In Memory of Stanley Slice – By: Chapin Community Service Club

#### LUTHERAN WOMEN:

In Memory of Sharon Slice – By: Earline Shealy

#### LUTHERAN YOUTH:

In Loving Memory of Sharon Slice – By: Ann Slice and Family

#### MERCY BAGS:

In Honor of Ramonia Lindler and In Loving Memory of Jonnie H. Sites  
By: Gerald and Robin Lindler

May 2026

*“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21)*

Dear Pastor David,

On behalf of the staff and Board of Sola Publishing, thank you for your gift of \$250.00.

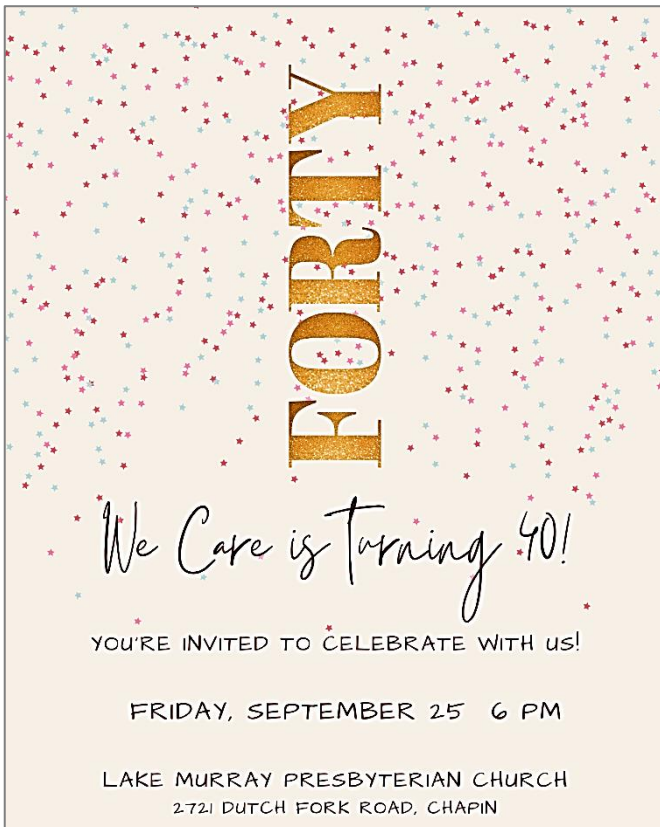
You have blessed our hearts with your support of our ministry to provide solid, biblical resources for use in preaching and teaching God’s Word. Because of your gifts, we are able to keep the cost of our materials low for those churches struggling to keep their ministries viable.

We are deeply thankful for your gracious gift.

Yours in Christ,

*Steven King*

Pastor Steve King, Managing Editor



If you plan to attend, please email the name and number attending to Laurie Shacker at [ChurchOffice@st-jacobs.org](mailto:ChurchOffice@st-jacobs.org).



Friends of We Care,

Summer months tend to be lean for us as donations decrease while needs increase.

Thank you,

*Alecia Klauk*

*Executive Director*

# Thank you

Lutheran Men,

Thank you so much for your prayers for Dixon. We also really appreciate the money. We are driving back and forth everyday so this will really help!

Crystal & family

Lutheran Women,

Thank you so much for the money! We are driving back and forth everyday so this will help so much. Thank you also, for your prayers. We need them!

Crystal & family

## Remembering In Our Prayers

### ST. JACOB'S MEMBERS SICK/RECOVERING

Paul Lindler, Sr.	Gary Marco	O'Neal Lindler
Davis Brown	JoAnne Lindler	Robert Slice
Dixon Wallace	Helen R. Lindler	

### HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Michael Lindler	Alice Morefield	Faye Wessinger
Eddie Epting		Dan Frick

### HOMEBOUND MEMBERS IN RESIDENCE FACILITES

Generations of Chapin: Shirley Nuottila, Lucy Slice, Ramonia Lindler, Janet Lindler

Fairforest Grove Senior Living: Frances Slice

Harbison Shores Assisted Living and Memory Care: Joe Richardson

### FRIENDS OF ST. JACOB'S

Jessica Mack	Zachary Slice	Anita Dye
Andy Wessinger	Charlotte Simmons	Damon Lindler
Trevor Jeffers	Patrick Parada	Monica Cromer
Family of Betty Wessinger		



# June 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Church Council 6:30pm (CO)	3	4	5	6
7 Youth Celebration /Hamburger meal after service Generations 1:00pm	8 Women's Bible Study: Summer Social 7:00pm (Susan Shealy's home)	9	10	11 Up & Going 11:00am (Doza Rizen-Chapin)	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Generations 1:00pm	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

