

2021 St. Jacob's Lutheran Newsletter



MISSION STATEMENT

We Are St. Jacob's Lutheran Church Sharing Jesus' Love By

- + growing deeper in our faith;
- + supporting each other and raising up leaders for ministry;
- + making disciples and caring for the neighbor.

Pastor's Message

My first impression the first night I spent on the east coast as a transplant from the west was that Maryland, and by extension, Pennsylvania, was a paradise for bugs but not for people. Early fall it was, and still so very hot and muggy, better weather for living creatures with carapaces than flesh. It didn't help that, as evening began to temper the day's light, I could see dozens of insects flashing through trees or hitting the windows of the hotel that was our temporary home.

If, unlike me, you love the sizzle and sweat of summer, you may share in my general discomfort with summer's over the top display of the truth that people are vastly outnumbered by insects in our God given world. I'm not sure why, but we're not in any position to whine about it being creations of His as well. So, I look to the return of brood x of the cicadas with both interest and a sense of yuckiness. I'm not sure that is a word, but even if it is not, the feeling is real.

Having said that, it would be better if we would look past the "yuckiness" of the insect world and into the "yuckiness" of insincere faith. Here's the thing, the return of those puppy-sized bugs looks a lot like a resurrection. Not THE resurrection, as in the resurrection of Jesus Christ or the resurrection at His return of all who are joined with Him in baptism. But, still, a renewal or a restoration of sorts as all those bugs buried a foot underground make their way up into our trees and bushes and begin to make that odd airplane revving up noise that is their honey call to potential mates. The Sundays after Pentecost are a time to experience a renewal or restoration of faith; all the Scripture texts of worship are oriented towards hearing God's Word and then enacting it in our daily lives. "But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the Word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in the mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and an once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing."

That quote comes from the first chapter of the letter from James, and while Martin Luther called this particular letter "an epistle of straw" for its emphasis on works, it still echoes what Paul wrote some decades earlier in his letter to the Romans, that we are not only to be "hearers of the Word,...but also doers of the Word."

Paul's words are more than a suggestion that we act in ways that are ethical or moral. His words, and the Word generally, are urgent pleas that we let the Word of God enter not just our ears like a classroom lecture, but become so much a part of us that we act them out daily. Not as automatons or robots, but as works of God's creation so taken with His compassion, mercy, and love that we, for love's sake also, give them life in our deeds.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor



IT'S BACK! Fellowship returns on June 13 as we celebrate the return to normalcy with a potluck. Bring your all time favorite dish to share as we sit down with one another and take joy in sharing time and really good food.



TREASURER POSITION: Tersie Krebs and Ruth Ann Baer have submitted their resignations as church treasurer's effective December 31, 2021. We would like to have a replacement as soon as possible, so that proper training can be done. If you are interested in the position or have questions, please contact Tersie at 717-235-7140 or tersie.krebs@verizon.net



WORSHIP MATTERS

As the covid pandemic comes to its much longed for close, we return to worship as normal as the Council eliminates or rethinks most covid-related restrictions. We will return to using "real" bread and not wafers as we find a replacement for the honey wheat bread which was much loved. We need a replacement as the bakery that made that bread closed some time ago. We have been asked if grape juice may make a return. Reluctantly, yes, as Jesus used wine to commune the disciples, not grape juice. We try to keep Holy Communion as close to what Jesus gave us as possible, but we are aware that there are people who are uncomfortable with their children taking wine or who have health reasons for not doing so. The state does allow children to drink wine at Communion if you are worried about the legalities.

BACKPACKS/SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

Even though the current school year is not over, the new school year will be here very soon. Now is the time to start shopping for those much needed backpacks and school supplies that we collect and distribute. Let's try to make this a banner year for collections.



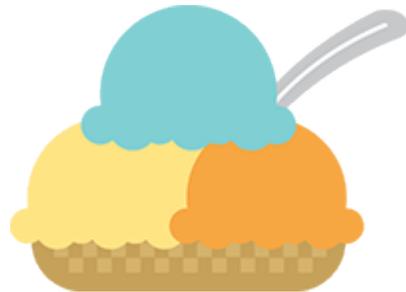


CONFIRMATION

As noted earlier in this newsletter, the hot and sticky time of the year is here, and that tells us it is time for Confirmation Camp. This year we will meet July 12 through 15 at church from 8 am through 4 pm. As usual, we begin with breakfast, and parents and siblings may also join us. Morning prayer begins at 8:45 am and lessons, group hijinks, service projects and the like happen throughout the day. We will ask for volunteers for help with meals and projects, so please pray on this and respond with an enthusiastic yes when the time comes.



We are looking for volunteers to perform the stories of Moses and lead groups for our upcoming Vacation Bible School. If you're interested, please email Robin Williams (robinewilliams19@gmail.com)



HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

ONE BODY • ONE SPIRIT

WE ARE IN NEED OF:

PAL: Single serve fruits, Cans of String Beans, Dish towels/rags, and pot holders

CLOTHING BANK: Family sized toiletries, Bread wire ties, Men's & women's ankle socks, Diapers Size 5 & 6

CHANGING LIVES SHELTER: Deodorant (Men & Women), Disposable Gloves (Med & Lg), Lysol Spray, Ajax, Clorox Wipes, Ziploc storage bags (Gallon size), Bed Pillows

We accept donations Mon.-Sat. 8:00 am—12:30 pm or by appointment. Call 717-633-6353 to schedule a drop-off time.



We do Sunday School, but we call it Children's Church as it occurs during a portion of the late service on Sunday mornings.



Happy Father's Day!

"My father didn't do anything unusual. He only did what dads are supposed to do — be there." —Max Lucado



Roman Davis, Life Scout, Troup 24 New Freedom is currently doing an Eagle Scout project of putting a bunk room in at the Glen Rock Hose and Ladder Co. The project includes new flooring, beds, mattresses and bedding, nightstands, privacy curtains, and painting walls. Any funds left over after the project is completed, will be donated to the Glen Rock Hose and Ladder Co. The fundraising goal is \$10,000.

If you would like to make a donation to this project, make checks payable to Troup 24 and in the memo line put R. Davis Eagle Scout Project. Mail to Roman Davis, PO Box 86, Glen Rock, PA 17327. If you provide your name and mailing address with your donation, you will receive an acknowledgement of your gift.



COMMUNITY AID BIN: The bin has been removed from the parking lot. If you have any items to donate, please take them directly to a Community Aid store and drop off at the drive-thru area. Give them our partner number which is **20136** and they will credit the donation to St. Jacob's. We will receive \$.06/lb for clothing received at the stores.

Sow for yourselves
righteousness,
reap the fruit
of unfailing
love ...

Hosea 10:12, NIV



ALTAR FLOWERS AND BULLETINS



If you wish to sponsor flowers on a Sunday, please put your name by the date on the clip board in the narthex and you will be contacted by the church office as to how you want your sponsorship to read. If your name is already on the list and you wish to change, please contact the church office by phone at 717-235-7313 or email – stjacobs@comcast.net.

FLOWER PRICES

The price for two (2) altar vases or one basket arrangement for the altar is **\$35.00**. Please contact the church office for any changes you wish to make.

Please make checks payable to: *St. Jacob's Lutheran Church*

Flower sponsors who cannot be at the church on the designated date to pick up their flowers should please call the church office at 717-235-7313 ahead of time.

FLOWERS

BULLETINS

JUNE 6	Lynn Baer	Cindy Naylor
JUNE 13	Ray and Carol Seeley	Harold and Shirley Kessler
JUNE 20	John and Phyllis Forsythe	Ronda Serafin
JUNE 27	Tersie Krebs	Nace/Naylor



That you may live

During the pandemic, I've worshiped online with several congregations. The web address for one ends ".net/live." As I navigate to this site, I tend to read the adjective form "live," as in "livestream." One Sunday, however, the verb form, as in "Worship and live," popped into my mind. I had almost slept in and skipped that morning's service. But as I worshiped with others, albeit remotely, my spirit indeed felt increasingly alive. That whole day I felt I was *living* more fully because I'd been inspired by God's Word in sermon and song and shared in praising God with others. Worship reminds us there is something — Someone — greater than ourselves. Worship opens us to new ways of living.

Moses, after he had passed along God's gift of the Ten Commandments, including the rule to keep the Sabbath day holy through rest and worship, told the people, "Walk in obedience to all that the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live" (Deuteronomy 5:33, NIV).

We too worship God regularly — so that we may more fully live.



OUTREACH MINISTRY

“Shall strive to extend Christian compassion and help to the ill, the aged, the orphaned, the underprivileged and to all persons in need of aid in body and soul.”

SPECIAL APPEALS

JUNE SPECIAL OFFERINGS are designated for PAL (Provide-A-Lunch) which is sponsored by Hanover Area Council of Churches. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, they provide a carry out lunch instead of a sit down meal. They also have an opportunity to pick up any surplus food that would be given away.

APRIL SPECIALS RECEIVED

Veterans - \$160



MARCH SPECIALS RECEIVED

Konde Diocese - \$210

Souper Bowl of Caring - \$10

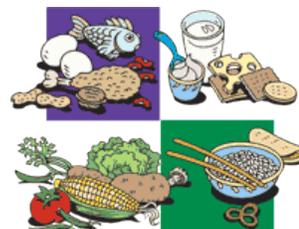


Please remember to use the Yellow Special Appeals envelopes in your packets.

Thank you all for your generous contributions to our special appeals each month. Those less fortunate do appreciate your generous donations.

YOUTH FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to your generous contributions, the Youth Pantry is in good shape, Please place your items in the box marked for the Youth Pantry. Monetary donations are also welcome.



SOUTHERN YORK COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

Needs throughout the year:

apples	box milk
peanut butter	Spam/Treat
jelly	cereal (cold/hot)
oatmeal	pasta
pasta sauce	canned meals
soup	toothpaste

Special need this month: Spaghetti and sauce



The Outreach Ministry meets the first Thursday of the month. If you would like to participate with this ministry, please contact Ray Seeley, 717-229-2943 for meeting information.



CHURCH OFFICE

For question and concerns, please call the Church Office at 717-235-7313.

Email: stjacobs@comcast.net

Facebook: [Stjacobs Lutheran Church](https://www.facebook.com/StjacobsLutheranChurch)

Web: stjacobslutheran.org



OFFICE HOURS

Monday----- Closed
Tuesday----- 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Wednesday--- 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday----- 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Friday----- Closed

While Pastor does not keep regular office hours during the summer, feel free to call her at the office (717) 235-7313 or cell (717) 817-3165 to set up an appointment.



June 10 DEADLINE FOR THE JULY NEWSLETTER



ANSWER: Sarah (Genesis 23:19)



Answer: B (See Proverbs 26:1, ESV.)

Our way out

While in London, Timothy Merrill was intrigued that signs with arrows read WAY OUT, rather than EXIT, as they do in America. "Everywhere I went, I saw signs that showed me the WAY OUT," he writes. That made him ponder all the Bible characters who looked for a WAY OUT of predicaments. Moses looked for a WAY OUT of Egypt, Daniel certainly wanted a WAY OUT of the lions' den and countless people thought (and still think) there's no WAY OUT from their sins.

"The good news of the Gospel," Merrill writes, "is that Jesus Christ is the WAY OUT! He is our exit from the messes and disasters we create. He is the exit from sin and unrighteousness. He is the WAY OUT of a life

without purpose and the WAY IN to an abundant life. And the symbol of the WAY OUT is not an arrow but a cross. What a blessing to know that Jesus knows — and is — the WAY OUT!"





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