

2022 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

The light would have been failing as they carried the litter on which lay the battered body of Jesus of Nazareth from the hill on which stood His cross to the tomb generously loaned Him by one of His admirers, a rich man named Joseph. Newly made, there would be no other body in residence on the stone shelves within or in the bone boxes beneath the shelves. Setting Jesus' body down on the ground, they would have kept an eye on the position of the sun, as they rolled the round stone cover from the entrance to the tomb, and then began the difficult process of dragging His body through the small entrance, down a small flight of stairs, and into the larger antechamber. They would have some light with the stone rolled away from the opening, enough to see dimly the second chamber within, and the empty shelves waiting for their sad burdens. At this point, they took His bloody, bruised body off the stretcher and carried Him in their arms to the inner chamber of the tomb, and laid Him as reverently, lovingly, as possible, on one of the shelves carved there to receive a body. There was little they could do to prepare His body for its year long respite there; there had been no time to gather the water and clothes, the herbs and spices and graveclothes necessary for that last ministry to the One they loved like an elder brother and had believed was the long-awaited Messiah. They took long, last looks. They prayed, and then as the sun began to set they left the tomb, rolled the stone back along its track to hide its entrance, and departed for their temporary homes in the city that had killed its last prophet.

In the normal course of events like this one, they would have returned in a year to take the bones of the now decomposed corpse off the shelf and put them in a smaller limestone bone box for permanent storage. But nothing was normal about the man buried there, not His life, not His death, and not what happened next. In the absolute darkness and silence of that hole in the hillside, on the third day following His death, what was dead was restored to life, and Jesus was raised by the power of God and for His glory as well as our salvation. Maybe there was a brilliant flash of light as He Who was and is the Light of the World raised up His holy head. Maybe, if one of the despairing disciples had been there at that moment that the whole of creation changed, they would have heard the hosts of heaven singing of their astonishment at what God did in Jesus Who is the Christ. We do not know.

What we do know is that He Who was dead was raised, and because He was raised we, too, shall share in His resurrection. No fancy mausoleum, no grave dug in the dirt, no urn in a bedroom closet, no ash scattered to the wind or buried in a favorite place can hold us who lived in Christ, died in Christ, and will live again in Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Paula Murray



MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST – New Member Committee is planning to have a Mother's Day Breakfast on Saturday, May 7, beginning at 8 a.m. The breakfast is free, but donations are appreciated. All are welcome.

If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Jim Dunlap or just show up.

SANDWICH SALE: We will be conducting a sandwich sale in conjunction with election on May 17, 2022. Order forms will be available later in April.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Thank you everyone for a great Purim event. We were joined by the Youth Group of St. Timothy's Lutheran Church in Camp Hill and we had a wonderful time reading through the book of Esther with masks and noisemakers; making Hamantaschen cookies; and feasting on pomegranate beef brisket, lemon chicken, the best cucumber and tomato salad I've ever had, tabbouleh, pita, and, of course, those cookies we baked. I also had the chance to speak with the adult leaders of that youth group about future shared activities.

This month, we will be reading the book of Exodus and planning Confirmation Camp.



CHEESEBALLS – We will be taking orders for cheeseballs for Easter. Order forms will be available by March 13th and orders will be due no later than April 3rd.



We are looking for volunteers to serve as **Altar Guild assistants**, **Audio/Visual techs**, **Children's Church assistants**, and **Lectors**. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 717-235-7313 or by email at Stjacobs@comcast.net.

SAINTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

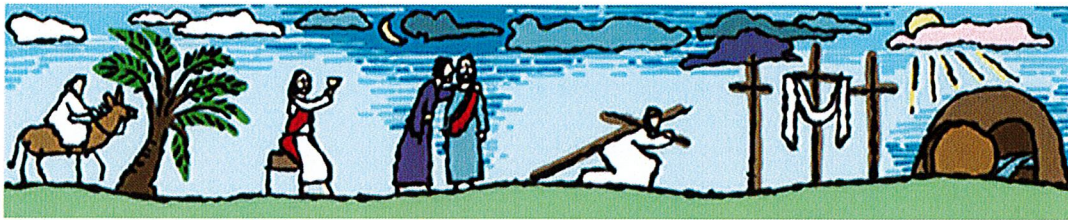
We remembered our brother in Christ, Robert Mosko, with love and sorrow March 18 with his family, friends, and coworkers, and celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Robert was born on July 30, 1946, and died on February 12 of this year at the age of 75. Robert and Connie shared three children, John, Tina, and Jennifer, and 7 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Robert was a firefighter and paramedic, and retired from the Baltimore City Fire Department in 2000. Besides his devotion to His Lord Jesus Christ and his family, Bob was an avid fisherman, camper, racquetball player, and coin collector. We remember him with love as our St. Nicholas at the Cookie Walk, a member of our Emergency Management Team, and a dear brother who loved his ice cream and the time we spent in fellowship.

Bob's requiem was an all hands sort of day, and so thank you to the Mary and Martha Group, the office staff, Altar Guild, ushers, and everyone else who worked hard to bring this off for the family.

THANKS
FROM THE
HEART

WORSHIP MATTERS

Bunnies, Easter baskets, spring flowers, roasted ham and potato salad, there is a lot to bring joy on Easter Day. But those things, all of which are about the renewal of the earth around us at spring, are more importantly signs of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Behind every festival day or season of the Church year there is a doctrine, a fundamental and essential belief of the Church, and in the case of Easter Day and the season of Easter, that doctrine is the resurrection of the dead.



We believe, as Christians have since Jesus' resurrection, that through our Baptism we share in Jesus' death and resurrection. "What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His." Romans 6

We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Day and every other day of the year because His resurrection leads to our own. Yoked to Him in Baptism, we partake in His death and His resurrection. We may mourn our beloved dead as we do Robert Mosko, but He is safe in Christ's heaven and will walk the earth again some day with all of those who live and die in Christ Jesus.

Please join us for Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday on April 10, Maundy Thursday on April 14, Good Friday on April 15, and Easter Day on April 17. There will be no Easter Vigil this year given we are all getting over the two plus years of covid, but we intend to celebrate the Vigil next year. Let's wave palms, celebrate the gift of Holy Communion, grieve our part in Christ's death, and eat a festive Easter brunch and celebrate His resurrection all together this month.

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

APRIL 3	Lamar & Carolyn Miller
APRIL 10	Paul Bortner, Sr.
APRIL 17	Jeff & Pat Beaverson
APRIL 24	Lisa Severn

BULLETINS

Ronda Serafin
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STEWARDSHIP

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

If you have a Thrivent insurance product, you probably earn Thrivent Choice Dollars. These dollars can be directed to St. Jacob's. Please set up an account on the Thrivent website and direct your Choice Dollars to St. Jacob's or another organization of your choice. If you have questions, contact Tersie Krebs.



Thrivent Financial
"Choice Dollars"

AERO OIL

If you are a customer of Aero Oil, you can sign up as a member of St. Jacob's Lutheran and we will receive a donation from Aero Energy of 4¢ per gallon that you purchase. This includes propane or heating oil.



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

APRIL SPECIAL OFFERINGS are designated for Veterans and are sent to Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries Inc.



MAY SPECIAL OFFERINGS are designated for The Well, in Glen Rock. Immanuel United Methodist Church sponsors The Well. Their services have been limited because of COVID, but hopefully they can get back to normal soon. They have been providing grab-&-go meals throughout the pandemic. If you have questions about their services or want to volunteer, please call 717-759-8722.

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: fruit

If you are interested in helping with the Outreach Ministry, please contact Ray Seeley. We meet the first Thursday of each month.

HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

ONE BODY • ONE SPIRIT

WE ARE IN NEED OF:

PAL: single serve fruits, individual size chips, pretzels, etc., instant white rice, scalloped potatoes, laundry detergent, dish towels/rags, and pot holders.

CLOTHING BANK: family size toiletries, sheet sets (all sizes), bath towels, men's L & XL white t-shirts, baby diapers (size 4 & 5), and bread wire ties

CHANGING LIVES SHELTER: deodorant (men & women), disposable cleaning gloves (M & L), razors, body wash, Lysol spray, Ajax, Clorox wipes, paper towels, Ziploc storage bags (gallon size), bottled water, sleeping bags, and 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.

COMMUNITY AID DONATIONS: Spring is here and if you are cleaning out closets, please consider donating clothing and shoes to Community Aid. If you have any items to donate, please take them directly to a Community Aid store and drop off at the drive-thru area. We will receive \$.06/lb for clothing and shoes received at the stores. Clearly mark our partner number, which is 20136, on your bags of clothing, and they will credit the donation to St. Jacob's.



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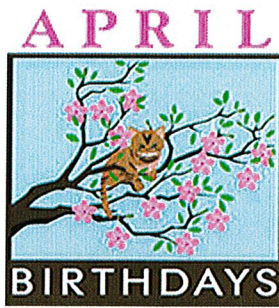
Shop at smile.amazon.com and we'll donate to St. Jacob's at **no cost to you**.

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases.

St. Jacob's Lutheran charity link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-2012811>

April 3	5 LENT SUNDAY		April 17	EASTER SUNDAY
Acolyte	Ethan Reifschneider		Acolyte	Victoria Swift
Altar Guild	Marilyn Dunlap & Jenn Swift		Altar Guild	John & Phyllis Forsythe
Children's Church	Jessica Roberson		Children's Church	Jessica Roberson
Lector – early	Wendy Hemelgarn		Lector – early	Wendy Hemelgarn
Lector – late	Phyllis Forsythe		Lector – late	Jim Dunlap
Audio/Visual-early	Henry Stuckert		Audio/Visual-early	Henry Stuckert
Audio/Visual-late	Molly Williams & Shawn hain		Audio/Visual-late	Mike Swift & Shawn Hain
Usher	Carolyn Miller		Usher	Paul Bortner, Sr., Carolyn Miller
April 10	PALM SUNDAY		April 24	2 SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acolyte	George Swift		Acolyte	Noah Crum
Altar Guild	Matt McMahon & Sue Williams		Altar Guild	Dean Winemiller, Paul Bortner, Sr.
Children's Church	Jessica Roberson		Children's Church	Jessica Roberson
Lector – early	Wendy Hemelgarn		Lector – early	Wendy Hemelgarn
Lector – late	Lisa Severn		Lector – late	Matt McMahon
Audio/Visual-early	Henry Stuckert		Audio/Visual-early	Henry Stuckert
Audio/Visual-late	Mike Swift & Shawn Hain		Audio/Visual-late	Molly Williams & Shawn Hain
Usher	Jim Dunlap		Usher	Jim Dunlap

SAINTS OF THE CHURCH



We wish a **Happy 70 + Birthday** to the following who will celebrate their special day this month. May God continue to bless them in the year to come.

Violet Bortner **April 14**

1413 Chami Drive
Spring Grove, PA 17362

Barb Kessler **April 28**

5125 Pine View Drive
Glen Rock, PA 17327

TREASURER'S REPORT

Thank you for your continued support of St. Jacob's. It is understood that everyone has had increases in cost for our households. As well, the costs to operate the church are increasing too. Unfortunately, offering income continues to be short of expenses. As of March 31, we are \$7,700 short of what is needed to pay expenses so far this year. It is time to dig deep into our pockets and try to give a bit more to meet the expenses. Just a reminder that if you are unable to attend worship, you can mail your offerings to the church or to Ruth Ann Baer at her home. God bless you all, stay safe and well.



HOLY BIBLE TRIVIA

What "fleecy" judge was nicknamed "Jerub-Baal" for tearing down Baal's altar?



Answer on Church Office page.

Bible Quiz

As Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, crowds praised him loudly. When Pharisees told him to silence the people, what did Jesus say would shout if his followers didn't?

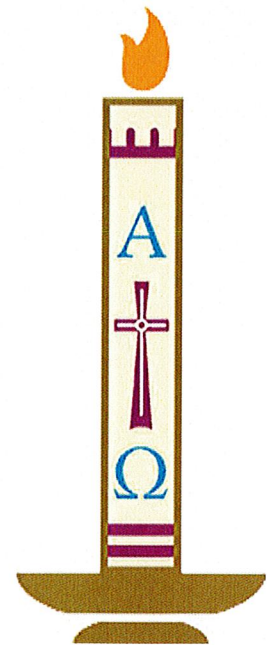
- A. Stones
- B. Palm branches
- C. Trees
- D. Hillsides

Answer on Church Office page.



DEACON'S CORNER

+Christian Symbol+



PASCHAL CANDLE—This large, white candle is an ancient symbol for Christ, the light of the world. The candle contains a cross and/or an Alpha and Omega to symbolize that Jesus is eternal and always present with his people. Also called the Easter candle, it plays a prominent role during Easter vigils and celebrations. Some churches also use the candle during baptisms and funerals.

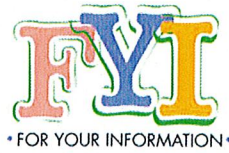
CHURCH OFFICE

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

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Pastor's
Office Hours

Pastor's office hours will be **Tuesdays 1-3 p.m.** to meet with people, although if that time does not work for you, just call and set up an appointment. Call when you have an emergency that requires pastoral care at any time

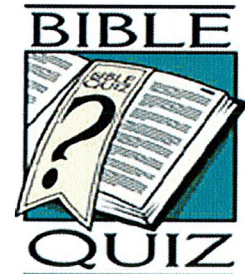
Monday----- Closed
Tuesday----- 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Wednesday--- 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday----- 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Friday----- Closed



APRIL 10th
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NEWSLETTER

HOLY
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TRIVIA

ANSWER: Gideon (Judges 6:32)



Answer: A (See Luke 19:40.)



April 2022

OFFICE HOURS
Tues—Wed—Thurs
10:00 am—2:00 pm

PASTOR'S HOURS: Tuesday—1-3

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 5 Lent <i>Sending of Eucharist Ministers</i> 8:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship Children's Church	4 Pastor Off	5 1-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours 7:00 pm Music & Worship	6	7	8	9 Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Martyr, 1945
10 Palm Sunday <i>Prayers for Healing</i> 8:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship Children's Church 12:30 pm Confirmation Class	11 Monday in Easter Week Pastor Off	12 Tuesday in Easter Week	13 Wednesday in Easter Week	14 Thursday in Easter Week 8:30 am PAL at HACC MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 pm Worship	15 Friday in Easter Week GOOD FRIDAY  7:00 pm Worship	16 Saturday in Easter Week
17 EASTER SUNDAY The Resurrection of Our Lord 9:15-10:15 am Easter Breakfast 8:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship Children's Church	18 Pastor Off	19 6:30 pm Property Committee Olavus Petri, 1552 & Laurentius Petri, 1573	20 Johannes Bugenhagen, 1558	21 Anselm, Archbishop, 1109	22	23
24 2 EASTER 8:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship Children's Church 12:30 pm Confirmation Class	25 Pastor Off	26 1-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours	27	28	29	30

BLUE—Renewers of the Church
RED—Martyrs