

St. Jacob Lutheran Church

Growing & Sharing; Inviting and Caring

From the Pastor

THE GOD OF HOPE

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. - Romans 15:13

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ in the power of the life-giving Holy Spirit.

The people of faith who have inspired me the most in my life are those people who have exuded hope under incredibly trying circumstances. I am talking about the kind of people who radiate deep inner peace and joy when their particular situation looked hopeless. They possess this wonderful spiritual gift that transforms their life and the lives of others.

When I look around at all the people struggling with so many different burdens, I see a great deal of hopelessness, and not much joy or peace. These are difficult times for all of us and it is easy to lose hope and just give up. Often the despair becomes so strong we cannot simply will ourselves to a better mental and spiritual place. We desperately need help from beyond ourselves.

The Apostle Paul tells us that our God is the God of hope. Our God, through the work of the Holy Spirit, gives this hope to us as a gift. God fills us with joy and peace as we believe in God and trust God's love for us. This produces the God-given hope that transforms our hearts and minds in the midst of even the most trying circumstances. God is with us, loving and caring for us, at all times and in all places. We are never beyond the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

As people abounding in hope, filled with joy and peace, we bear witness to those who dwell in darkness. We carry the light of God's love to those in despair. At our best, thanks to the Holy Spirit, we become agents of the God of hope. I know for I have seen it in you.

The Lord bless you and keep you and lead you to everlasting life.

Yours in Christ, Pastor David J. Eidson

Thought of the Month

Our problems and troubles are really a gracious sharing with us by God of His cross. In a sense He is allowing us to take part in the redemption of the world through Christ by letting us carry small- very small- splinters of His cross.

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St. Jacob Alzheimer's Walk

Sept. 13th

We are raffling off a quilt made by Jane Wahl. The quilt was made in honor of the 2020 High School Graduates. The tickets are \$5 each. All donations collected will be turned in as part of our congregation's contributions for 2020 to help fight this devastating disease. Please see Joyce Ike, Cindi Eidson, or Cheryl Pulfer to purchase tickets. **Last day to purchase tickets will be Sunday, September 6th.**



Our team is registered on the Miami Valley Alzheimer's website, so you can join our team at this time and donate if you wish or you may send your donation to the church -payable to St. Jacob. Please mark your check for Alzheimer's.

St. Jacob will be having our walk on Sunday, September 13th at the Anna Park at 10:00am. If you would like to walk with us, please try to register on-line before walk day or let the church office know before walk day so we can register you.

If you are uncomfortable walking as a group, please feel free to walk in your own neighborhood. You can still register to walk as part of St. Jacob Team.

There will not be a County walk this year, due to Covid-19. **This will also be part of St. Jacob "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday.**

God's Work. Our Hands

Our congregation will soon engage in service work right here in our community. We are one of over 9,100 congregations participating in "God's work. Our hands." **Sunday, on Sept. 13.** Across the country, thousands of members will engage in service work to make a positive change in our communities, build and deepen relationships and share God's love. Join us as we do God's work with our hands!



Here are some of the projects St. Jacob will be doing on Sept. 13th.

You may be involved in as many as you like or come up with your own. Teams or groups within the church can do one or more projects.

- Food Drive for the Christian Cupboard
- Send cards, letters or care packages to those that are shut-ins or community members that are by themselves or take them baskets of goodies.
- Call homebound or isolated community members
- Basket to police & fire station to show appreciation for those who serve and protect the community.
- Meal or basket to the Wilson Health ER department and/or Shelby County Health Department
- Alzheimer's Walk at the Anna Park 10am or in your own neighborhood

If you do a project as a group or from home, please let us know. Contact Pastor David, Cindi or the church office with questions or how you can get involved.

Congratulations

Congratulations to all the fair participants who won awards of various types at the county fair this summer!

Church Council Minutes

August 17, 2020

Members in attendance:

Pastor Eidson	Brad Pleiman	Rick Ike	Cheryl Pulfer
Jerry Pleiman	Deb Christman	Mitzi Eisenhardt	David Fogt
Darrell Heintz	Shanna Wentz	Steve Wildermuth	Dianne Cavinder

Excused Members:

Kristian Althausen

Gathering

Devotion by Pastor Eidson: Joshua 1 :9

Secretary's Report

Roll Call was taken. The minutes from the July 20th, 2020 meeting were reviewed. David Fogt moved and Rick Ike seconded to accept the Secretary's Report. Motion passed.

Financial Secretary's Report

For July 2020, the Current Offering was \$18,278.00 and the Benevolence Offering was \$2,622.00. The Capital Campaign collected \$561.00. Jerry Pleiman moved and Dianne Cavinder seconded to accept the Financial Secretary's report. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

For July 2020 the receipts were \$21,444.25 and expenses were \$25,009.68 for a negative difference of \$3,565.43. This brings the Year-to-Date receipts to \$128,636.13 and the expenses to \$150,265.74 for a negative difference of \$21,629.61. David Fogt moved and Steve Wildermuth seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Offering Our Gifts and Talents

Trustee's Report

Jerry Pleiman reported Cotner Construction had the roof inspected by the manufacturer and it passed. The warranty for the roof is 15 years. Jerry is going to get estimates to seal the brick on the church. This will be a project for next year.

Deacon's Report

Parish Ed- Nothing new to report

Worship Team- Nothing to report

The Vision Development Team- Nothing to report

The Benevolence/Christian Action Team- Deb Christman requested that a form be made to help make it easier to contact people and see who and what assistance is needed.

The Evangelism Team- Nothing to report

Pastor's Report

Pastor has been working from home. He has made numerous phone calls checking on people. He is looking at rotating between contemporary to traditional services.

Admin. Report

Cheryl Pulfer reported there is a baptism scheduled for August 23rd, after the service. The St. Jacob Alzheimer's Walk is September 13th at 10am at the Anna Park. Gideon Sunday is September 20th. Cheryl will be mailing out letters for next year's seniors in reference to their quilts.

Continuing Business

Council discussed Covid Protocols. David Fogt moved and Mitzi Eisenhardt seconded to start communion next month. Motion passed. Communion will be held the third Sunday. Council will discuss singing hymns at the next meeting. Council discussed options on how to hold confirmation classes. Dianne Cavinder moved and Jerry Pleiman seconded to allow confirmation classes to continue at the discretion of the Confirmation teachers. Motion passed. Council is encouraging teams to continue to meet in person or virtually.

New Business

David Fogt moved and Jerry Pleiman seconded to transfer Melissa Elsass in as a member. Motion passed.

Envisioning Business

Bishop Dillahunt coming for Thrive-postponed

Dedication for freestanding alter-postponed

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 21st at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Brad Pleiman

St. Jacob Lutheran Church Anna COVID-19 Guidelines for Worship

These guidelines will be updated continually. The safety of our members is our utmost priority. If you do not feel that you are ready to return to the church building, we will continue to have services available on our website and YouTube. Come back when you feel ready. We must be aware that with Pastor David's medical condition that we must practice social distancing! We will have services beginning July 5, 2020 with one service only at 9am. As the summer progresses, we may return to our 2-service format.

Maintain good hygiene practices at all times.

1. If you or anyone in your family groups feels ill, please skip church that week to let your illness play out. Better to be safe, you can always view the service online.
2. We encourage you to use the Hand Sanitizer Stations at the entrance while entering & leaving the building. Hand sanitizers will be available in the restrooms as well on the main floor & basement.
3. *Face mask or face covering are required while in the church building.* This is for your protection and especially for Pastor David's! We have some mask available if you did not bring one.
Exceptions: Pastor or lay leaders who are socially distanced from the congregation, while delivering service or readings from the lectern, pulpit, or altar.
Note: We get that children may not like this, and if you keep to family groups while sitting in the sanctuary and they're mask come off during worship, that's OK. But please have them wear a mask while up and about (exceptions: children under age 2 are not required to wear mask, this is guidelines from the CDC)
4. We will be offering communion the 3rd Sunday of each month beginning Sept 2020.
5. Please do not congregate at the back of the sanctuary. Please take a seat as soon as you enter the church.
6. Please follow markings on pews to help with social distancing. Please sit in family groups as much as possible. This means you may not be able to sit in your "normal" pew.
7. The basement, balcony, and office areas along with the drinking fountain will be closed off during the service.
8. We will not be passing the peace or having children's sermon.
9. *No singing of hymns or responses from the congregation. ONLY the hymn sing leaders will sing hymns. Feel free to hum or sing to yourself.*
10. Offering plates and bulletins will be located at the back of the church.
11. At the end of the service deacons will dismiss you by pews so that we do not have problems with social distancing please follow their directions. With summer beginning, if you wish to say hello to someone, we ask that you do so outside of the building,
12. Church doors to the outside will be open before and after services (weather permitting) to limit touching the handles.
13. All surfaces will be sanitized after services, including all door handles, restrooms, and sanctuary.
14. If you or a family member test positive for Covid-19 and attended church services, notify the church office immediately. Under this circumstance, we will notify the congregation so those who may have been "close" to the positive person can keep aware for symptoms and possibly get tested or self-quarantine for 14 days. This allows the church to implement what is called "contact tracing" or give people a heads up they may have been near or close to a positive Covid-19 patient. We will be using Pew Pads to keep track of those in attendance for this purpose. Most workplaces are already doing this.
15. Note that all congregates, and guests enter the building and attend services at their own risk during the Covid-19 pandemic. St. Jacob will adhere to all local, state, CDC, and national health guidelines.

Approved by Church Council June 15, 2020

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Luther League

Attention all 7th-12th graders. We are going to attempt a service project and a social event to kick off the year. On Labor Day, **Monday Sept. 7 at 10:00am** we will meet at the church to do some weeding and cleaning up of the flower beds. Once we finish that we will head over to Kristian & Heather Althausers to cool off in their pool. BYO food (lunch) and beverages. Call Cindi if you need more info (618-697-0446). Hope to see you then!!





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*Anniversary		Phyllis Boone Larissa Himmeger	Timri Berning Justin Krites	Erin Luellen Jaime Quatman		Katie Lentz
6 Worship 9am Ministry Minute-Wernele *Fred & Cheryl Pulfer (40th)	7 Labor Day LL Event— 10am@church Doug Huffman Randy Krites Ezra Quatman	8 Jill Brandt	9 Confirmation Stu- dents & Parent meeting 7pm Morgan Spence	10 Cindi Eidson *Bruce & Carol Bulle	11	12 Bailey Althausen Ron Frank Kate Opperman
13 Worship 9am God's Work Our Hands Sunday Alzheimer's Walk 10am Kim Klopfleisch	14 Amy Krites *Keith & Melissa Elsass *Chris & Andrea Hilgefert *Mark & Jane Wahl	15	16 *Scott & Sharon Van Fossen	17 Ashtin Bowman Julia Poppe	18 Nancy Spence	19 Geoff Wilt *Steve & Jan Elsass
20 Worship 9am with Holy Communion Ministry Minute-Gideons Heather Althausen	21 Church Council 7pm Carly Rogers	22 Hunter Bowman Elizabeth Butcher	23 October Newsletter items due	24 Bev Dunlap	25 Abigail Current Kantessa Stewart	26 Cody Limbert
27 Worship 9am	28 Vision Dev Team 7pm Carter Dirksen Lois Fogt	29 Sherrill Clifford Taylor Spence	30 Zach Cost	31		



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