

The Spader's Speaker

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From Pastor Jim Kniseley...

December is a Wonderful Month!

It has been a delight in getting to know many of you better as you have invited me to have a meal or coffee with you in November. I want to visit everyone, so the sign-up sheets will start up again very soon. I look forward to participating in meaningful events with you at both St. Jacob's Spaders and Trinity during the wonderful month of December. Advent and Christmas are Seasons of Hope and Joy.

Please arrange your schedule so that you will be present every Sunday morning at worship (Trinity at 9 am and St. Jacob's Spaders at 11 am), plus Christmas Eve and the Trinity Choir Cantata on Sunday evening, December 11, at 7 pm. Please note these times for Christmas Eve Worship:

St. Jacob's Spaders 7 pm
Candlelight Communion

Trinity 9 pm
Candlelight Communion

Some families will want to/need to attend worship at the "other" church in order to accommodate family traditions and meals. I can assure you that both congregations will present a beautiful and meaningful service of worship.

How about making a point of it to invite family and friends to worship with you, especially on Christmas Eve? Another wonderful opportunity for inviting friends and family is to the Trinity Choir Cantata at Trinity on Sunday, December 11, at 7 pm.

I witnessed the warmth and hospitality of both Trinity and St. Jacob's Spaders during the third week in November. Trinity hosted the Keezletown Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday evening, November 20. The service and reception were excellent. St. Jacob's Spaders hosted the Memorial Service for Pastor Jack Martin on Monday, November 21. Bishop Mauney preached and presided at Holy Communion. The service and reception were well organized, with lots of volunteers lending a hand. I heard lots of positive comments on how well the folks at St. Jacob's Spaders did in hosting Jack's Memorial Service.

Please take note of this announcement: **There is no worship on Sunday, December 25, at either Trinity or St. Jacob's.** Why? With worship on Christmas Eve (Saturday), we know from experience that the attendance would be small on Sunday morning. This also means that I can be with my family on Christmas Day, a rare chance. Thanks for your understanding and do worship with me on Christmas Eve!

In Christ
Pastor Jim

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New Paraments

Have you seen the new purple paraments at St. Jacob's (pulpit/altar/lectern)? Purple is usually associated with Lent, but the paraments arrived after the Season of Lent. We are using them this year during Advent. As Pastor Jim reminded us, Roman Catholics continue to use purple for Advent as well as Lent, so we are being "ecumenical"!

In Memoriam: Rev. C.J. "Jack" Martin

Jack Martin entered life eternal on November 16. A memorial service was held at St. Jacob's Spaders on November 21 and a funeral service and inurnment took place at Gladesboro Lutheran Church on November 26. Jack graduated from Roanoke College in 1949 and received a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in 1953. He organized Kure Memorial Lutheran Church in Kure Beach, SC, in 1951. He served as Mission Developer and Pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Norfolk from 1953 to 1960, and as Pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church in Kannapolis, NC, from 1960 to 1964. Jack served as Pastor of Muhlenberg Lutheran Church in Harrisonburg from 1964 to 1979, and then joined the staff of the Division for Mission in North America, Lutheran Church in America, from 1979 to 1988. In 1988 he felt called to return to the parish ministry, and took on the development of a new mission as the Pastor of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Shallote, NC, from 1988 to 1992.

We remember his whole family, but especially his wife Alvina, his three children (Bill, Mary and Susan) and spouses, and all the grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

We commend Jack Martin to our heavenly Father and look forward to meeting him in heaven. The family has requested that all memorial gifts be given through St. Jacob's Spaders to ELCA World Hunger.

Do You Have an Article to Contribute?

All of us are baptized ministers of the gospel, and all of us have something to share. If you have an article or announcement for the bulletin or *The Spader's Speaker*, please send it to Whitney Meyerhoeffer, who compiles both the bulletin and *Speaker*. Send it to: wmeyerhoeffer@gmail.com.

Pumpkin Muffins

from diethood.com

Ingredients

For the Muffins

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup canned 100% pumpkin puree
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin-pie spice
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

For the Topping:

- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350. Line a Texas-sized (LARGE) 6-cup muffin tin with 6 paper liners and spray each liner with a nonstick spray. OR you can use a standard 12-cup muffin tin, but you'll get about 10 muffins. In a medium-sized bowl sift together the flour and the baking powder. Set aside. In a large bowl whisk together the pumpkin, oil, eggs, spice, sugar, baking soda, and salt. Whisk until smooth. Whisk in the flour mixture until combined. Do not over-mix. In a small bowl mix together the sugar and cinnamon. Divide the batter evenly among the prepared muffin cups, sprinkling the cinnamon-sugar on top of each muffin. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of a muffin comes out clean. Cool for 5 minutes before turning them out onto a cooling rack.

Take a moment to wish someone well on their special day!

Dec 7 Lettie Bea Lam
 Dec 22 Linda Johndrow
 Dec 11 Kevin Craun
 Dec 23 Jenny Meyerhoeffer
 Dec 15 Cindy Hughes



Weekly Word from God	
December 4 - Second Sunday of Advent	Matthew 3: 1-12
December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent	Matthew 11: 2-11
December 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent	Matthew 1: 18-25
December 25 - Christmas Day	

Worship Leader Schedule				
Date	Worship Assistant	Piano	Ushers/Greeters	Lectors
December 4	Nancy Bradfield	Ann Royer	Ellen Kaylor and Cindy Lam	Alvina Martin and Glen Showalter
December 11	Cindy Lam	Maria Archer and Eric Hedrick	Glen Eye and Mark Lambert	Alvina Martin and Glen Showalter
December 18	Glen Showalter	Maria Archer and Eric Hedrick	TBA	Alvina Martin and Glen Showalter