

This is also a great opportunity for those students who need to do community service projects for their school or church.

Forms are included in this Newsletter.

St. J Newsletter

July-August-September 2014

From the Pastor's Desk:

A TRUE STORY

In a nearly new home, the owners were going about their housecleaning when they noticed an unusual discoloration appearing under one of the interior window sills. An icy trickle of fear ran down their backs all the way to their wallet. Could it be....mold? Mold can be a very serious and expensive business. Mold can produce mytoxins and release nasty spores into the air which may be harmful to one's health. Mold remediation can be very expensive, with the need for great specialized air filters and the blasting away of the offending mold with tiny pellets of frozen CO2 to kill without harsh chemicals or residue, not to mention the cost of fixing the underlying causes of the mold, such as leaking pipes, roofs, or other improper construction.

Oh No!

Fortunately, the mold expert declared the mysterious markings were not mold, and extensive examination of the property and subsequent lab tests revealed everything was okay. The marks on the wall were a mystery, and in fact, the expert said that if the homeowner ever discovered what they were, he would appreciate a call letting him know. There would be no expensive remediation required.

Whew!

I heard this story not long ago, but it had begun to slip from my memory when a strange thing happened. I was doing a bit of studying, and setting my Bible down, it randomly fell open to **Leviticus 14**. A major portion of **Leviticus 14** is dedicated to mildew in houses. Without going into too much detail, the final remediation process for mildew in a home according to **Leviticus** may require tearing the whole house apart, disposing of it, rebuilding, re-plastering, and recertifying the house as ritually clean – which requires two birds, some cedar wood, a red cord, a sprig of hyssop, a clay bowl, spring water, and a priest.

Yikes!

Honestly, I am not quite sure what to say about that, except for this: Our Bible is a divinely inspired and unimaginably complicated piece of literature. That list of components for the purification ceremony in **Leviticus** may represent traditions which go back thousands of years, and we may never again comprehend the full significance of each element of that story. Or someday, we might. Until that time, the challenge may be for us to continue faithfully reading our scriptures, to be open to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to grant us true understanding, and to decide each day how we might allow God's word to guide us and shape us as the people of God and the Body of Christ.

Peace!

Pastor Gary

Sunday Church Worship Schedule

St. John's:

Worship 8:45 a.m.

St. Jacob:

Worship 10:15 a.m.

Church Contact Information:

St. Jacob Office Hours:

Tuesday and Friday: 8:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

St. Jacob Phone: 644-2142

St. Jacob FAX: 644-2292

St. Jacob e-mail: stjucc@hometel.com

Rev. Gary, Home: 644-5703

Rev. Gary, e-mail: knipkamp@hometel.com



St. Jacob Nursery

Located in Heritage Hall, our nursery is a fresh clean space with age appropriate toys and furnishings for newborns through second grade. It's a wonderful way for your children to begin friendships with kids they'll know for many years.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to help in the Nursery, contact Donna Lowe. The more volunteers we have, the fewer times each year each one will be on the list.

Nursery Volunteers

July:

13 – Kristie Daniel

20 – Shelly Marti

27 – Audrey, Rachel, Katie Yann

August:

3 – Kendra Hoffman

10 – Beth and Kristen Hanser

17 – Judy Bolton

24 – Dian Gansmann

31 – Ann Schmidt

Birth

Josalyn Lee Goodman – May 24, 2014

Baptism

Tayla Cheyanne Spitze – April 13^t

2013-2014 Confirmation Class

Congratulations to the St. Jacob 2013-2014 Confirmation Class, who was presented to the congregation on Sunday, April 6th, confirmed on Palm Sunday April 13th and received their First Communion on Easter Sunday, April 20th.

Kailey Elizabeth Daniel

Bailey Ann Frank

Edward Bailey Laux

Garrett Ronald Marti

Jacob William Sedlacek

In Our Prayers

We offer our heartfelt sympathies to the families of:

Ruth Klein

Jacqueline Bone

Robert Steding

Delbert Mueller

Cletus Sensel

Jay Rinderer

Martha Parker

on the death of their loved ones.



Holey Week

On the first Sunday each month, both St. John and St. Jacob are continuing their coffee hour fellowship times.

From 9:45 a.m. until worship time at 10:15 a.m. in St. Jacob, and immediately following worship at St. John, in the respective fellowship halls, there will be a time for doughnuts – coffee – conversation.

DELEGATES NEEDED

St. John, Summerfield and St. Jacob are seeking volunteers willing to represent our churches as delegates to the Illinois South Conference Annual Meeting on Friday and Saturday, October 24th and 25th to be held at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville, IL. Contact Pastor Gary for more information.

Sunday School

Sunday September 7th:

Sunday School Resumes at both churches

Rally Day at St. John will follow worship on Sunday, September 7th.

Rally Day in St. Jacob will be Sunday, September 14th at the Township Park.

The Sunday School is always looking for teachers / volunteers for one hour on Sunday morning. If you can volunteer one hour a week or would like to be part of the rotation, please let Pastor Gary or Patti Woods know at St. Jacob or Pastor Gary or Paul Baer at St. John.



Youth Group

St. Jacob Youth Group continues to collect cans. Marked containers are in the rear of the church between doors to Heritage Hall and Church Basement.

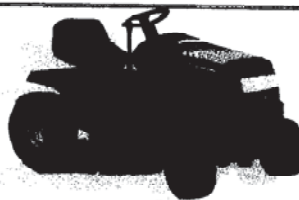
St. Jacob Members

We are looking for your input to update/remodel the sanctuary. A Survey (*pink paper*) is included in this Newsletter. Please fill in the Form and return to church, in the offering plate, drop off during office hours, or by mail before Sunday, August 10th.



Strawberry Festival

An enormous THANK YOU to everyone who donated, worked, sold tickets, helped in any way, and attended our 30th Annual Strawberry Festival on May 18th. The Grand Total Profit was less than last year, due to fewer berries and purchasing berries to have enough for the food stand (which cuts into the profit). Also, no berries to sell. It was still a huge success as all of the food was sold.



ST. JACOB LAWN CARE

Following is the schedule for grass mowing, trimming, raking, and whatever needs to be done on a weekly basis. If you would be able to take a turn on any of the blank weeks, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in Heritage Hall.

Also, the church has purchased a new riding mower that is available for the volunteers to use.

July 14-20 – Justin Schmidt

July 21-27 – Andy Schreiber

July 28-August 3 – Don Yann

August 4-10 – Ken Bolton

August 11-17 – _____

August 18-24 – Andy Schreiber

August 25-31 – _____

September 1-7 – _____

September 8-14 – _____

September 15-21 – _____

September 22-28 – _____

September 29-October 5 – _____

ST. JACOB
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
'BOOT CAMP'

Friday, August 8th beginning at 9 a.m.

Ages 3 through Kindergarten – 9:00 a.m. through 12 noon

Grades 1 through 5 – 9:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m.

Please note the changes this year!

Our day will begin at 9:00 a.m. with registration and breakfast for all.

We are only requesting donations of **100% real juice boxes**. The lunch menu is still progressing, but we will have a cool down treat in the afternoon. Our day will end at 2:00 p.m. To register, help, or donate, please fill out the Form included in this Newsletter or pick one up at church (***blue paper***). Return the form to the church or call the church office and leave a message. As always, walk-ins are always welcome.

Hoyleton School Supplies

Again this year we are collecting school supplies for Hoyleton. These may be brought to St. John or St. Jacob from Sunday, August 10th through Sunday, September 14th, when they will be dedicated during morning worship at both churches.

Following is the list of supplies needed:

- 1 inch 3 ring Binder
- Pointed Scissors
- 24 count Crayons
- Pencil Box
- #2 Pencils
- White Glue or gel
- Glue Sticks
- Rulers
- Kleenex
- Safety Scissors
- 48 count Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Black and Blue Pens
- Elmer's Glue
- Protractor
- Pocket Folders
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Ream of plain white copy paper

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VOLUNTEER / DONATION FORM

Teacher or Helper

Name _____

Telephone Number _____

Donation (Cartons of 100% Juice)

Name _____

How Many _____

REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name _____	Age _____	Grade _____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Parents Name _____
Address _____
Telephone _____

ST. JACOB SURVEY
update/remodel the sanctuary

1. What type of floor covering would you suggest?

 2. Replace the pew cushions – what color, type of fabric?

 3. Should the staircase in the back of the sanctuary be taken out?

 4. The Narthex, should it stay? How would you change it, if it stayed?

 5. Should there be a screen that disappears into the ceiling in place of the bulletin?

 6. What would you change?

 7. What would you keep and not change at all?

 8. What are your ideas for more accessible wheelchair seating?

 9. Options for the walls – paint the paneling, remove the paneling

 10. What type of audiovisuals would you like to add, if any?

- _____ The size of our sanctuary has been criticized.
- a. What would you recommend we do?
 - i. enlarge by moving back the pulpit and removing the back wall of our current sanctuary

 - ii. rebuild a bigger sanctuary

 - iii. some other idea
