



April, May and June 2018

St. Jacob and St. John Summerfield

News and Notes

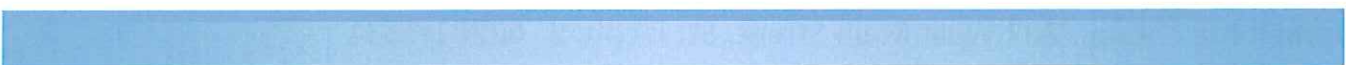
ABOUT THIS TIME OF YEAR

About this time of year, there will often appear printed in some newspaper a contribution to the editor submitted by someone who thinks themselves clever. They will denounce Easter as a “pagan holiday”. Such a pronouncement is not surprising. Lots of ridiculous things are being said and published nowadays, but the notion that Easter is a pagan holiday is particular foolishness. Easter is the primary Christian holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ the Lord. Period.

It is true that the English word "Easter" has pagan connotations that pre-date Christianity. As early as the 8th century the NAME for Easter was likely derived from the Anglo-Saxon spring goddess Eostre.

You see, the NAMES that we use -- indeed, our entire vocabulary -- is filled with pagan references of Anglo-Saxon, Norse, Germanic, and Roman gods and goddesses, since the vocabulary developed before Christianity. Many of the names and traditions associated with our modern Christian observances may have originated in pagan practices, but they have been converted, just as people were and still are converted today, to serve the purposes of the Risen Lord Jesus. The CONTENT of Easter — at least as true Christians practice it — is a celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter bunnies and baby chicks and eggs may have had their origins as pagan symbols of Spring, but they have been repurposed to a higher calling, to point the way to the promise of new and eternal life revealed on Easter morning.

Don't get hung up on the name "Easter." Focus on the joy we celebrate when we recall Jesus' rising from the dead on that Sunday morning, that "Easter" morning, 20 centuries ago.



About This Time of Year, Continued

Of course, our days of the week, too, spring from the names of pagan gods:

Sunday: Sun god
Monday: Moon god
Tuesday: Tiu, Germanic god of war
Wednesday: Odin, Norse supreme god
Thursday: Thor, Norse god of thunder, weather, crops
Friday: Frigga, wife of Odin, Norse goddess of married love
Saturday: Saturn, Roman god of agriculture

And the names of the months, similarly are deeply reflective of the names of pagan gods:

January Janus, Roman god of doors and gates
February Februus, ancient Italian god and festival of purification
March Mars, Roman god of war
April Aprilis, Roman republican calendar month, sacred to Venus
May Maia, Roman goddess of spring
June Juno, Roman goddess of women and marriage
July Julius Caesar, defied Roman Emperor
August Augustus Caesar, defied Roman emperor
September Seventh (month of early Roman calendar)
October Eighth (month of early Roman calendar)
November Ninth (month of early Roman calendar)
December Tenth (month of early Roman calendar)

Membership Update

Due to our search and call we are in the process of updating our membership records.

To complete this task we are asking for your assistance in providing information:

Names of members in household

Mailing address

Contact phone number(s)

e-mail address

Please remit this information to the church office by email: stjucc@hometel.com

Or phone message: 618-644-2142

Or mail the church: 207 West Main Street, St. Jacob, IL 62281-1531



Youth Group Bingo Lunch Stand Crew, January 27th



Youth Group Polar Express Fundraiser crew, December 8th



Youth Group Polar Express Fundraiser entertained 60 children from 6 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, Night, December 8, 2017. They were fed, made crafts, watched the movie "Polar Express" and raised funds for the Youth Group Mission trip to Biloxi, MS Back Bay Mission.

Youth Group Mission Trip: Back Bay Mission, Biloxi, MS

July 29 through August 4, 2018

The St. Jacob Youth Group has committed to volunteering at the Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS this coming summer. They will have the opportunity to serve in three of the Mission's ministries: housing rehabilitation, the food pantry, and the Micah Day Center. This is a wonderful, challenging example of living the Word of God.

There are administrative costs for the group and each individual, as well as transportation costs for the entire group. The youth group has done several fundraisers and will continue to accept donations toward this meaningful goal.

Sunday School/Youth Group Events

The Sunday School and Youth Group shared their singing and baking talents with our shut-ins on Sunday, December 10th.



Robert Bittle with his Great-Grandma Shirley Anderson

Sunday School Christmas Program, December 17, 2017

The Sunday School presented an original production, "Christmas Through the Years" including past members of the Sunday School!



One of our Wise Men

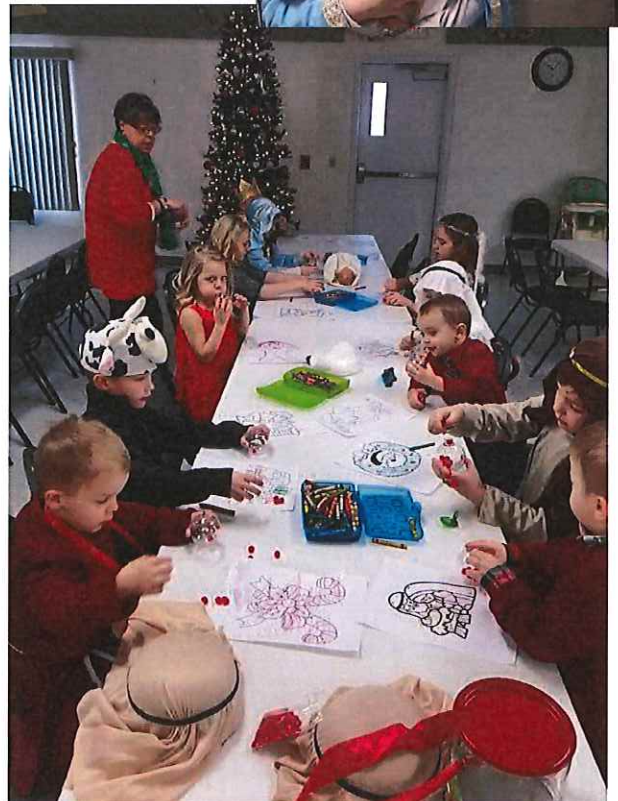


Jesus, Mary and Joseph and the Angel

Youth Group fun trip to Steinberg Ice Skating Rink in Forest Park, St. Louis, January 21st



Snacks and crafts before the Christmas pageant



Sweetheart Sunday Celebration

On Sunday, February 11th we celebrated special anniversaries of our members with an appetizer buffet and sweet treats.



The Youth Group cooked supper at Ronald McDonald House in St. Louis on February 15th



Youth Group Hosted a Youth Cooking Class Fundraiser on Friday, March 23rd

They hosted 25 children, teaching them basic cooking principles, made personalized aprons, played games, and generally had a great time raising funds for the Back Bay Mission trip this summer.



Confirmation Class 2018

Robert Raymond Bittle
Ellise Bryn Duncan
Gabrielle Elizabeth Elless
Lauren Nichole Gansmann
Landon David McKinnon
Ethan Travis Schmidt
Alexa Elizabeth Warren

Colin Thomas Daniel
Tavey Shae Duncan
Dylan Michael Frutiger
Riley Charles Laux
Dalton Glenn Mersinger
Madeleine Marie Schmidt
Ella Grace Watson



Easter Sunday Schedule

St. Jacob Easter Sunrise Worship with Communion 7 a.m.

followed by Easter Breakfast hosted by the St. Jacob Council

St. John Easter Worship with Communion 8:45 a.m.

Gabrielle Elless First Communion

St. Jacob Sunday School 9 a.m. with Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Worship with Communion 10:15 a.m.

Confirmation Class First Communion

Sunday School sings during worship

Easter flowers purchased can be taken home after 10:15 a.m. service

Sunday, April 8: St. John Is Hosting a Retirement Celebration Luncheon

For Rev. Gary Kniepkamp at 12:30 p.m.

Bella Milano Restaurant, O'Fallon, IL

For Additional Information please contact Paul Baer

Strawberry Festival Worker Sign Up

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

May 19 (lunch will be served for all workers at noon)

Saturday: Berry Cleaning: 8am _____ Park Set Up: 8 am _____

Berry washing (strong arms/back) 7:30am _____

May 20 Sunday: Set-Up at park 7-10 am _____

Clean up at park 3-5pm _____

Server Shift 1 (9am – 1pm): _____

Server Shift 2 (1pm – 3pm): _____

Circle preference of duty or write in any preferences: cake cutter, soda area, food server, berry dipper, ice cream dipper

Cashier: Shift 1 (9:30am-1pm) _____

Shift 2 (12pm-3pm) _____

Soda Stand : Shift 1 (9:30am-1pm) _____

Soda Stand Shift 2 (12pm-3pm) _____

Parking: 6:30 am _____

Donations:

Pie Crusts (9" deep dish): # _____

Angel Food: # _____ (can be in a 9x13 pan or loaf pan)

Cash for supplies: _____

Drop this form off in offering plate,

email to church: stjucc@hometel.com or

Mail to church: Strawberry Festival Committee, 207 West Main Street, St. Jacob, IL 62281

Questions Call: Patti Woods 618-830-7473

or Dawn Zobrist 618-792-4316

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
EASTER SUNDAY 1 7 a.m. Sunrise, St. Jacob 8:45 a.m., St. John's 10:15 a.m. First Communion, St. Jacob	2 Office Hours 9 – 1 ELF Meeting 7:30 pm	3 Office Hours 9 – 1	4	5 Office Hours 9 – 1	6	7
St. John's Retirement Luncheon 12:30 p.m. Bella Milano, O'Fallon, IL	8 9 Office Hours 9 – 1	10 Office Hours 9 – 1	11	12	13	14
15	16 17 St. John's Meetings Sunday school 7 pm Council 7:30 p.m.	18 19 St. Jacob Council Meeting 7:15 p.m.	20	21 22 DuBois Work Day 8:30 a.m. -4 p.m.	23 24 Office Hours 9 – 1	25 26 Youth & Sunday School Hosting BINGO Lunch stand 5 p.m.
27 28 29	30					

EVENTS

EASTER SUNDAY, April 1st

Sunrise Service, St. Jacob: 7 a.m.
St. John's, Summerfield: 8:45 a.m.
St. Jacob: First Communion 10:15 a.m.

Summerfield Retirement Luncheon

Sunday, April 8th -12:30 p.m.
Bella Milano, O'Fallon

Youth & Sunday School

Saturday, April 28th
Hosting BINGO Lunch Stand
Home made desserts appreciated!

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 ELF Meeting 7:30 p.m.	2	3	4	5
6 Mother's Day Last Sunday School	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 St. John Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.	16 St. Jacob Council Meeting 7:15 p.m.	17	18	19 Set-Up St. Jacob Park / Prepare Strawberries/Pies/Crisps for 34 th Annual Festival
20 34th Annual Strawberry Festival St. Jacob Park 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31		

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