



February and March 2020

St. Jacob and St. John Summerfield News and Notes

Dear Church Family and Friends of St. John and St. Jacob,

At the end of January/beginning of February we had our annual meetings, discussed the business of the churches and were reminded once again that thus far we have not found a full-time called pastor. That means we continue on in faith, knowing that in God's time the churches will have a full-time pastor and for right now I will continue to serve you faithfully.

In the meantime, we have Lent right around the corner. Our theme this year is "Silent Witnesses". The schedule is listed elsewhere in this newsletter. We will do as we have done in the past. We will have a meal followed by worship in the sanctuary. Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 26th with the imposition of ashes in the sanctuary. Although there is a somberness to Lent, there is also an underlying hope of the resurrection and what it means to have eternal life through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I would like to point out that although we only had Maundy Thursday services during Holy Week last year, this year we will also have a worship service on Good Friday as well. It is the Friday that Jesus died on the cross and the day is referred to as "Good" because of all the good Jesus did for us by dying on the cross and giving us the hope of everlasting life. May you have a blessed Lenten season!

Looking ahead, our youth are going to Chattanooga, TN on a mission trip this summer from June 28—July 3rd. It will cost them money to travel to Tennessee, so keep watching for fundraisers that they will have to help defer the cost. We are proud of our youth for their service to mission!

Every Ladies Fellowship has decided to have more outings for lunch. We really have a good time when we get together and it is important to know that EVERY woman of the church is invited to lunch whether you desire to be a part of the women's fellowship or not. We also have a kind invitation from the Frieden's Women's Fellowship in Troy for a luncheon on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th. We will meet here at the church lot at 11:30 to carpool to Frieden's.

In Christ,

Reverend Nancy Gamache

ST. JOHN'S SUMMERFIELD ANNOUNCEMENTS

January Dates

1/8 Lauren Hill
1/12 Jerid Ahrens
1/16 Sharon Koenig
1/25 June Boggy

February Dates

2/1 Lynn Shirley
2/2 Barbara Baer
2/3 Ashley Ahrens
2/4 Steven Shirley

March Dates

3/1 Margie Foxworthy
3/3 Elsie Brandmeyer

3/5 Marsha & Jason Shirley, 15 Years
3/10 Patrick Thornton
3/31 Ashley & Jerid Ahrens, , 2 Years

Congratulations on your anniversary and birthdays! If you haven't shared your special dates with the church please email to: stjucc@hometel.com.

PRAYER LIST

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Ella Boggy

Don Koenig

LENTEN MEDITATION SERIES

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26th, with a 6:15 p.m. meal followed by worship at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Our meditation series will be on the Silent Witnesses: If only these *things* could speak! What might they tell us about our Lord's Passion from *their* viewpoint?

February 26th

The Thorns

March 4th

The Robe

March 11th

The Nail

March 18th

The Spear

March 25th

The Shroud

April 1st

The Stone

ST. JACOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

January Special Dates

1/2 Jane Noeltner
1/3 Ashley Leder Seger
1/7 Pastor Nancy Gamache
1/8 Sara Schreiber
1/9 Brian Meyer
1/12 Sandy Rujawitz
1/12 Katie Prange
1/13 Ken Bolton
1/21 Kay Guse
1/21 Lisa Kelley
1/23 Carol & Charlie Kynion, 49 Years
1/25 Rodney Ahlmeyer
1/27 Gina Hirsch

February Special Dates

2/11 DiAn Rufer
2/12 Marcella Best
2/14 Terri Barnhart
2/16 Karen Steinhkoenig
2/17 Carol Zweck
2/19 Judy Bolton
2/20 Rachel Yann Mueller
2/22 Tavey Duncan
2/24 Bruce Frank
2/26 Justin Huelsmann

March Special Dates

3/8 Gary Warren
3/9 Sandy & Ron Rujawitz, 46 Years
3/27 Mandy Bolton

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CONDOLENCES

Our sincere sympathy to the family of Dorothy "Dot" Blumer who passed from this life to life everlasting on Tuesday, December 31st. Her funeral was here at St. Jacob UCC on January 6th.

Our sincere sympathy to the family of Ken Bolton who passed from this life to life everlasting on Tuesday, January 28th. His service was at the St. Jacob UCC on Saturday, February 1st.

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Rae Lynne Meyer

Myrna Anderson

Sara Bolton King

Carol Zweck

Tonya Bohentstiehl Loehring

Danny & Carla Michelleto

Advent and Sanctuary Decorating



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA





**Grinch Night Youth
Group Fundraiser
December 14th**



Caroling on December 15th



**ELF's Christmas
Luncheon
It's a Piece of Cake
December 11th**



**Sunday School Christmas Program
December 22nd**



February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 St. John's Annual Meeting 12 Noon	3	4 St. Jacob YOGA 7 p.m.	5 ELF's Cleaning/Organizing Heritage Hall Kitchen 9 a.m Pastor Nancy Vacation.	6	7	8
9 Pastor Nancy Vacation	10	11 ISC Boundaries Training 8-2 St. Jacob YOGA 7 p.m.	12 ELF Meeting 10 a.m. Departing 4 Lunch 11:15 Kyoto's	13 ISC Boundaries Training 8-12	14	15 ELF Bingo Lunchstand Deserts due 4 p.m.
16 Sweetheart Sunday Pastor Nancy Vacation	17	18 St. John Sunday School Mtg 7pm Council Mtg 7:30 St. Jacob YOGA 7 p.m.	19 St. Jacob Council Meeting 7 p.m.	20	21	22 Fellowship Breakfast 8 a.m.
23 Scout Sunday and Special Music during Worship	24	25 St. Jacob YOGA 7 p.m.	26 ASH Wednesday 6:15 meal 7 p.m. Worship Silent Witnesses Meditation Theme: "The Thorns"	27	28	29

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Yoga 7 p.m.	4 6:15 Meal 7 p.m. Silent Witness Meditation: "The Robe"	5	6 Youth Nerf Night Fundraiser	7
8 Hewitt baptisms	9	10 Yoga 7 p.m.	11 10 a.m. ELF Mtg Chicken Salad Chick afterward 6:15 Meal 7p.m. Meditatta- tion:"The Nail"	12	13	14
15	16	17 Frieden's Luncheon 11:30 carpool St. John S School Mtg 7 p.m. Council 7:30 Yoga 7 p.m.	18 6:15 Meal 7p.m. Meditation: "The Spear" St. Jacob Church Council Mtg 8 p.m.	19	20	21 .
22	23	24 Yoga 7 p.m.	25 6:15 Meal 7p.m. Meditation: "The Shroud"	26	27	28 Fellowship Breakfast 8 a.m
29	30	31 Yoga 7 p.m.				

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109 West Kavanaugh
Summerfield, IL 62289

Order your flower(s) to decorate your church sanctuary for Easter Sunday, April 12th. **Make checks payable to: St. Jacob U.C.C.**

Put number of flowers on line next to flower name.

Lily _____	Price \$9.00
Tulip _____	Price \$9.00
Hyacinth _____	Price \$9.00
Daffodil _____	Price \$9.00

Put X on line next to name of your church.

St. John's _____ St. Jacob _____

Your Name:

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

Visit our Website:
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Return this form to the St. Jacob Church Office or drop in your church offering plate.

Deadline for ordering: Sunday, March 29th

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