

St. J Newsletter

August - September 2016

From the Pastor's Desk:

Recently, a friend shared their concern that current events in the world and in our nation were the beginnings of a new and terrible era in human history. I could not agree with their assessment. The history of the previous century is filled with examples of war, genocide, racism, and civil unrest that have no equal in our present time. Our current fears may be feeding off our collective weariness with the terrible things that continue to plague our societies. We may be feeling overwhelmed by the constant reporting of mass shootings, of escalating violence in our cities, of immigration issues, and terroristic threats. Taking the long view of history, that such things have always been with us, is no real comfort.

What might we do instead?

Perhaps we make a beginning by resisting the temptation to settle for simplistic answers to complex problems. Things are never as simple as they seem, because things are very rarely as simple as people would like to believe them to be, and things are almost never as they seem at first glance.

In 1897, Dr. Edwin J. Goodwin, M.D., a physician in Indiana, believed he had discovered a significant new mathematical formula, which he copyrighted. He offered to allow the schools in Indiana to teach his new formula for free, while everyone else would pay royalties. All he required was for the state legislature to pass a bill affirming his formula as correct, which they did unanimously. By so doing, in order to make the formula work, and to secure this sweet deal for the state of Indiana, the legislature ordered that the value for pi, the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter, commonly approximated by mathematicians since before the time of Christ as 3.14, was hereafter changed to be 3.2. Done. Simple. Wrong.

As Christians, we ought not resign ourselves to the untruth that things are worse now than ever, or that there is nothing positive to be done. We make a good beginning when we decide that finger pointing, name calling, futile slogans, and overly simplistic answers to complex issues will not be helpful. We must always strive for deeper truths, gentler wisdom, and comprehensive solutions to the troubles confronting us. Reading our Bibles and engaging in serious reflective prayer would be a good place to start. Real truth may be revealed in doing both.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

St. John's:
Worship and Sunday School
8:45 a.m.

St. Jacob:
Worship in sanctuary thru August 7
10:15 a.m.
Worship in Heritage Hall beginning
August 14 10:15 a.m.
Beginning September 11th:
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

St. Jacob Office Hours:
Tuesday and Friday: 8:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
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Rev. Gary, Cell: 567-9764
Rev. Gary, e-mail: knipkamp@hometel.com
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Kay, e-mail: khoenig@hometel.com

Baptism

Kelten Reid Mannle – June 12th

IN OUR PRAYERS

We offer our heartfelt sympathies to the families of:

Morris Cook
Earl Schiefer

on the death of their loved ones.

WEDDINGS

Shannon Kennedy and *Cody Krotz*
May 21, 2016

Carol (Miller) Sheets and *David Rees*
May 22, 2016

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our graduates:

Jack Guse – Triad High School

Matt Guse – George Mason University

Lauren Grant – St. Louis University
Bachelor of Science degree in Biology
and minor in Spanish
(Anna Reinheimer's granddaughter)

ST. JACOB MOWING GRASS

Don't forget to sign up for mowing the grass at church. Remember, we have a great mower for you to use. Signup sheet is in Heritage Hall.

ST. JACOB NURSERY

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

We are always interested in having more volunteers. The more we have, the fewer times during the year you would be on the schedule. If you would like to volunteer to help in the Nursery, contact Rae Lynne Meyer here at church or e-mail:

raelynnemeyer@gmail.com.

ST. JACOB NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

JULY

24 – Donna and Micah Lowe

31 – Rae Lynne Meyer

AUGUST

7 – Ann Schmidt

14 – Patti Woods

21 – Shelly Marti

28 – Katie Prange

SEPTEMBER

4 – Kristen Belcher

11 – Beth and Kristen Hanser

18 – Dian Gansmann

25 – Joyce Kniepkamp

ST. JACOB 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.

Youth Group will begin meeting when Sunday School begins on September 11th.

ST. JACOB SUNDAY SCHOOL

The St. Jacob Sunday School is in need of volunteers to serve as teachers and helpers during the upcoming school year. Schedules are flexible and there is a real need. If you can find a place in your heart and a few hours in your schedule to share the love of God with our children, please contact:

Patti Woods – phone: 644-9410

e-mail: pwoods@mocpa.org

Pastor Gary – phone: 644-5703

e-mail: knipkamp@hometel.com

First day of Sunday School – September 11th

ST. JACOB

EVENING LADIES FELLOWSHIP

United in Fellowship and Service

All ladies are invited to join us for our monthly meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.

August 2nd – 7:30 p.m.

September 6th – 7:30 p.m.

2016 STL CURE SARCOMA

6K Run/Walk

Sunday, October 9th

9:30 a.m.

Celebrating life, honoring the fight, and building community with those touched by sarcoma

Creve Coeur Park – Tremayne Shelter

13725 Marine Avenue

St. Louis, MO 63146

Registration fees:

April 1-July 1 - \$25

August 1-August 31 - \$30

More than just a race:

lunch, memorial balloon release, children's activities, basket raffle, and more!

Questions: Call Judy Bolton 667-0526 or

Cell 830-0526

Online: stlcuresarcoma.org

ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

St. Jacob – July 24th after worship

Make plans to stay after worship for the celebration of Pastor Gary's 35th Anniversary of Ordination.

ST. JACOB U.C.C.

VACATING THE SANCTUARY

On Sunday August 7, 2016, the St. Jacob U.C.C. will observe a very special service of worship, marking the temporary closing of our sanctuary. For 110 years the sanctuary of our church has witnessed our worship and our weddings, our celebration of the Lord's Supper and our Sunday school programs, our baptisms and our funerals. It has been our faith home, and it has served us well.

Please, come join us on Sunday, August 7th, for a service of worship, communion, and a fond farewell to the sanctuary as it was, as we begin to travel the path into a new, fresh, and brighter future for our church.

The current configuration of our sanctuary, with relatively minor cosmetic changes, has endured since the 1960's (?) Starting Monday, August 8th, we will embark on a significant project designed to upgrade, update, and renew our sanctuary. From that date until sometime late in November, our sanctuary will not be available for our use.

Beginning Sunday, August 14th we will be holding Sunday morning worship services in Heritage Hall at the normal worship time of 10:15 a.m. Sunday School will begin September 11th at the normal time of 9:00 a.m. in the usual classroom spaces. Special services of worship will be accommodated in Heritage Hall.

EVERY SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

With our move to Heritage Hall for Sunday morning worship, we are instituting **every** Sunday Coffee Fellowship Hour from 9:00 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. We are also planning to leave some tables with chairs set up in Heritage Hall toward the back of our temporary worship space to accommodate folks and families, especially those with children, (complete with Children's bulletins, pencils and crayons), who might choose to continue to enjoy their refreshments during the service. (Who knows, coffee may help fight off the sleepiness that accompanies those overlong and boring sermons!)

SECOND SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

August 14th will also be the first of our Second Sunday Fellowship Lunches. Every Second Sunday of the month during construction, one of our church fellowship organizations will host a modified potluck lunch.

The theme for August 14th:

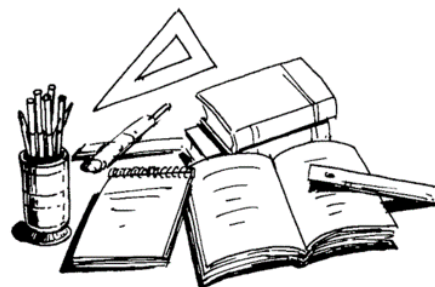
“THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER”

The Brotherhood will provide the Hotdogs and Brats, buns, beans, chips, and drinks. Others may choose to bring a side dish or a dessert to share. We have three refrigerators, four ovens and two warming trays, so folks could bring their dish with them to worship, and we will eat as soon as services are completed.

School Supplies for Hoyleton Children's Home and local schools are being collected. Final collection date and dedication will be Sunday, September 18th.

Items are:

1 inch 3 ring binders	ream of white plain copy paper	
pointed scissors	safety scissors	48 count crayons
24 count crayons	colored pencils	pencil box
#2 pencils	Elmer's glue	glue sticks
white glue or gel	black and blue pens	protractor
rulers	pocket folders	loose leaf paper
Kleenex		



CALENDARS

July

- 20** Morning Mingle at St. Jacob
9-9:45 a.m.
St. John Sunday School Teachers
Meeting 7:00 p.m.
St. John Church Council Meeting
7:30 p.m.
A A – St. Jacob 8:00 p.m.
- 24** Sunday School and Worship
St. John 8:45 a.m.
Worship 10:15 a.m. St. Jacob
St. Jacob Anniversary Luncheon
after worship
- 27** A A – St. Jacob 8:00 p.m.
- 29** Faith Countryside Nursing Home
Worship 10:00 – 1030 a.m.
- 31** Sunday School and Worship
St. John 8:45 a.m.
Worship 10:15 a.m. St. Jacob
St. Jacob Congregational Meeting
after worship

August

- 2** St. Jacob ELF Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 3** A A – St. Jacob 8:00 p.m.
- 7** Communion at both churches
Sunday School and Worship
St. John 8:45 a.m.
Holey Sunday at St. Jacob
Vacating the Sanctuary Worship
10:15 a.m. St. Jacob
After worship move hymnals, etc. to
Heritage Hall
- 8** St. Jacob Remodel begins
- 10** St. Jacob Sunday School Teachers
Meeting 7:00 p.m.
St. Jacob Church Council Meeting
7:15 p.m.
- A A – St. Jacob 8:00 p.m.
- 13** Heritage Hall booked

August

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- 14** Sunday School and Worship
St. John 8:45 a.m.
St. Jacob Coffee Hour 9:00 – 10:15 a.m.
Worship in Heritage Hall
10:15 a.m. St. Jacob
St. Jacob Fellowship Lunch after worship
- 17** St. John Sunday School Teachers
Meeting 7:00 p.m.
St. John Church Council Meeting
7:30 p.m.
A A – St. Jacob 8:00 p.m.
- 21** Sunday School and Worship
St. John 8:45 a.m.
St. Jacob Coffee Hour 9:00 – 10:15 a.m.
Worship in Heritage Hall
10:15 a.m. St. Jacob
- 24** A A – St. Jacob 8:00 p.m.
- 28** Sunday School and Worship
St. John 8:45 a.m.
Worship in Heritage Hall
10:15 a.m. St. Jacob
St. Jacob Coffee Hour 9:00 – 10:15 a.m.
- 31** A A – St. Jacob 8:00 p.m.

September

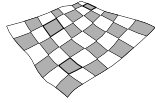
- 4** Communion at both churches
Sunday School and Worship
St. John 8:45 a.m.
Holey Sunday at both churches
Worship in Heritage Hall
10:15 a.m. St. Jacob
- 5** **LABOR DAY**
- 6** St. Jacob ELF Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 7** A A – St. Jacob 8:00 p.m.

September

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- 11** Sunday School and Worship
St. John 8:45 a.m.
St. Jacob Coffee Hour 9:00 – 10:15 a.m.
St. Jacob Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship in Heritage Hall
10:15 a.m. St. Jacob
St. Jacob Fellowship Lunch after worship
- 14** **GRANDPARENTS DAY**
St. Jacob Sunday School Teachers
Meeting 7:00 p.m.
St. Jacob Church Council Meeting
7:15 p.m.
A A – St. Jacob 8:00 p.m.
- 18** Dedicate School Supplies at
both churches
Sunday School and Worship
St. John 8:45 a.m.
St. Jacob Coffee Hour 9:00 – 10:15 a.m.
St. Jacob Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship in Heritage Hall
10:15 a.m. St. Jacob
- SUPER RALLY DAY – BOTH
CHURCHES AT ST. JACOB
PARK `12 noon**
- 21** St. John Sunday School Teachers
Meeting 7:00 p.m.
St. John Church Council Meeting
7:30 p.m.
A A – St. Jacob 8:00 p.m.
- 22** **AUTUMN BEGINS**
- 25** Sunday School and Worship
St. John 8:45 a.m.
St. Jacob Coffee Hour 9:00 – 10:15 a.m.
St. Jacob Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship in Heritage Hall
10:15 a.m. St. Jacob
- 28** A A – St. Jacob 8:00 p.m.
- 30** Faith Countryside Nursing Home
Worship 10:00 – 1030 a.m.

**St. Jacob United Church of Christ
207 West Main Street
St. Jacob, Illinois 62281-1531**



**St. John's United Church of Christ
109 West Kavanaugh – P O Box 159
Summerfield, Illinois 62289**



SUPER RALLY DAY

This year, both St. John's and St. Jacob will be hosting a combined, **ALL CHURCH** Rally Day at the St. Jacob Park on Sunday, September 18th. Rally Day Picnics are a tradition at the beginning of the Sunday School year, and we hope to have a great celebration again this year. **Everyone from both churches** is invited to come out and enjoy a nice afternoon of fellowship. Events will include:

- Lots of great food: Hot Dogs and Brats with all the fixins, all paper goods, and plenty of drinks, all provided free of cost by the Sunday School Departments;
- Games, relays, races, lots of activities and prizes; Free bingo for everyone;
- A covered pavilion with access to the two great playgrounds at the park;
- We will eat at 12:00 noon, but be sure and come out early and enjoy the park and the fellowship;
- If the weather is not co-operating, we will move indoors to Heritage Hall in St. Jacob;
- Please bring a covered dish, or a dessert to share.

Mark your calendars – Sunday, September 18th at 12:00 noon – Super Rally Day, St. Jacob Park

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