

St. J Newsletter

October–November 2016

WHY GO?

I have never stopped in Casey, IL. I have gone past it several times on Route 70 heading to Indianapolis, but it never occurred to me to stop. Never, until I saw an article in the newspaper recently. It seems that Casey is the home of Big Things. Really Big Things. Guinness Book of Record sized Big Things. It has the World's Largest Rocking Chair, Wind Chime, Golf Tee, Knitting Needles, Crochet Hook, Wooden Shoes and Pitchfork. The town also boasts the World's Largest Mailbox, big enough to climb up and stand in, looking out on many of the town's other big, but not world record sized things: the Big Birdcage, Ear of Corn, Pencil, Yard Stick, Wooden Coin, Cactus and Minion!

It may not be Disney Land, but it may well be worthwhile to load up the Grandchildren and drive the 110 miles to Casey, just to see the Really Big Things.

Every day, we make decisions regarding what is, and what is not worth the investment of our time and effort. Those decisions include attending worship, or having our children attend Sunday school. These decisions are not easy for parents, especially those who are deeply invested in their children's social, physical, and emotional development and wellbeing. Sunday mornings are increasingly prime times for scheduling other organized children's activities. There may also be an earnest desire to allow some extra 'pillow time' for our youngster to catch up on their rest. No one ought to be unsympathetic to the many choices parents must make regarding what is best for their kids.

That being said, we might note that something like 95% of churches in America still offer some form of Sunday school program. Why so much time and resources dedicated to those efforts? Because they are of value for children. Sunday school is worthwhile.

Sunday school provides a positive, safe learning environment. It teaches children about our Christian faith and practices. It is a place to make friends, and to experience the positive role models of trusted adults who care deeply about children and give freely of themselves to benefit others. In Sunday school, kids learn and practice the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule, foundations for growing up as people of faith and good citizens of our communities. They also engage in mission projects to help others. For the nursery kids, it may be their first organized learning activity with other children, a strong foundation for future success.

Why go to Casey? To see the Big Things obviously.

Why go to Sunday school? Because going to Sunday school certainly is worth the effort. Let's Go!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

St. Jacob:
Sunday School in Basement 9:00 a.m.
Worship in Heritage Hall 10:15 a.m.

Holy Week Fellowship 1st Sunday each
month at both churches.

HOLEY SUNDAY

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

From 9:00 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, join your friends for coffee and conversation.

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 e-mail: stjucc@hometel.com
St. Jacob Web: <http://www.stjacobucc.org>
Rev. Gary, Home: 644-5703 Cell: 567-9764
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IN OUR PRAYERS

We offer our heartfelt sympathies to the families of:

Lorene Petri

Linda Viessman

Raymond Lawson

on the death of their loved ones.

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.

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.

We held our first meeting on Sunday, September 25th from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 2nd we will be working at DuBois Center Fall Festival. We need four volunteers to work with the horses at each shift – 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Next Meeting on Sunday, October 9th from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. During that time we will be helping to prepare the Second Sunday Lunch after worship.

Discussing a Halloween Party on Sunday, October 30th at church beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Possibly having a lock-in on Wednesday, November 9th starting at 6:00 p.m. until the next morning. No School the next day.

Our first Bingo Lunch Stand on Saturday, November 19th.

ST. JACOB SUNDAY SCHOOL

Upcoming dates:

Sunday, December 4th, pictures will be taken during Sunday School.

Saturday, December 17th, Christmas Program Practice at 9:00 a.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**

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

SEASONAL LITURGIST

We are soliciting for individuals or families who would like to read during the Christmas Eve Service at St. John U.C.C. 7:00 p.m., St. Jacob U.C.C. 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Those who are interested should contact Pastor Kniepkamp or leave a message at the church office.

WHITE GIFT SUNDAY

Sunday, December 4th

We will soon have the Christmas List from Hoyleton Children and Family Services. Deadline for receiving gifts will be White Gift Sunday, December 4th.

OUR CHURCH WEBSITE

www.stjacobucc.org

Our church website is up and running.

Totenfest

Sunday, November 6th

On Sunday, November 6th, the St. John U.C.C., Summerfield and St. Jacob U.C.C. observes the traditional Memorial Sunday known as Totenfest.

During the regular 8:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services of worship, the names of the members and friends of the congregation who have passed away in the previous twelve months will be read and remembered with special prayers and acts of memorial.

Those we remember:

St. John

Paula Soldanels

St. Jacob

Garrett Byrnes

Morris Cook

Tiffany Gindler

Raymond Lawson

Lola Jean Porter

Earl Schiefer

Linda Viessman

Lillian Zobrist

Glenn Zobrist

THOSE WE HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR AND CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

ST. JOHN: Suzanne Hongsermeier
Denise Baer Jeff Gray
Ella Boggy Barb Baer

ST. JACOB: Ken Bolton Tom Prange
Rex Doll Don Giger Brad Kunz
Melba Hoenig Charlie Kynion
Evagene Gusewelle Jen Beadle
Germaine Suter Kathryn Cook
Melba Aebischer DiAnn Rufer

ST. BALDRICK'S EVENT

Hi friends!

As some of you may have seen on Facebook, I am participating in a "St. Baldrick's Event" at my school, which raises funds to help cure childhood cancers.

The St. Baldrick's Event will take place on November 18th. I have made the commitment to shave my head which, represents our collective support for those kids and their families affected by childhood cancer.

My shaved head is a symbol to raise awareness of the unimaginable challenges these kids and their families face, and remember them as they walk through their battle with cancer.

Along with the commitment to shave my head, I also make a commitment to raise funds that go directly to cancer research. I need financial support from my friends and family so that we can advance the work of researchers, doctors, nurses, and many others throughout the country and the world. **ANY** amount of money you can contribute will help. I would be happy to meet my goal \$5 at a time.

You can contact me at:

kristen.kniepkamp@gmail.com

Or donate directly at:

stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/809233/2016

Thank You



ST. JOHN SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

October 22, 2016 – 7:00 to 11:00 a.m.

All you can eat:

Pancake, Brotherhood Sausage,
Fresh Eggs, Biscuits and Gravy

Adults \$7.00 Kids 5-12 \$4.00
under 5 FREE

Great fellowship, great food and great friends! We hope to see all of you there!

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Sponsored by St. Jacob Brotherhood

The Saturday Morning Fellowship Breakfast will begin on Saturday, October 29th.

Breakfast is served at 8:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Adult Donation \$5.00

Children are always our guests.

Fellowship Breakfast in November is Saturday, November 26th.

ST. JACOB BROTHERHOOD PORK SAUSAGE SALE

Orders must be turned in by Sunday, December 11th.

Order Form enclosed.

Meat and Sausage available:

Pork Sausage – Link or Bulk

Liver Sausage – Ring

Back Bone

Ribs

Orders may be picked up at the church shed on Thursday, December 15th after 12 noon, and Friday, 16th after 8:00 a.m.

LET'S EAT!

Like the furry woodland creatures preparing for hibernation, Fall is the time for our church communities to get busy eating! Here are a few of our tastiest upcoming opportunities.

Second Sunday Lunches

During our temporary construction relocation into Heritage Hall, we have been enjoying some wonderful after- worship potluck lunches. Menu themes have included: the “Dog Days of Summer”, and “Back to School Lunch”.

October 9th, Pastor Gary with the youth group and sponsors is hosting. The theme menu is not yet set. It might be either Japanese Teppanyaki style, with Pastor Gary and the kids doing the worship service from inside the kitchen, simultaneously cooking food and preaching, while juggling razor sharp knives, tossing rice bowls on top of their chef hats, flipping shrimp into people’s mouths, banging spatulas on the grill and shouting a lot. It may be A “Tribute to Columbus Day”, with Italian Beef, Italian Chicken and Pasta, and a whole lot less drama. A final decision is pending.

All Second Sunday lunches are mini-potlucks, with diners encouraged to bring a side or a dessert with them to church to enjoy immediately after worship.

November Second Sunday Event

Sunday November 13th, the Sunday School is hosting a spectacular Fall Festival event, open to all, and especially intended for Sunday School student participation and activities. Meal plans are for an Autumn inspired menu of multiple Soup options with Chili and Grilled Cheese sandwiches, with potluck dessert and sides. Watch for Details in the Sunday Bulletins.

ST. JACOB CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

As of September, the remaking of the sanctuary is well under way. Much of the demolition work is done and remodeling is well underway. To date we have passed all safety and code inspections. There is still lots and lots of work to be done, but thanks to timely decision making by the Building Committee and the Church Council, and the consistent and professional work of our contractor, work is progressing at a good pace. Full updates will be available at our **Third Quarter Congregational Meeting on Sunday October 16th**. Please watch our Newsletters and Bulletins, and our Facebook page, for updates and information regarding the reopening of the sanctuary and rededication services.

ST. JACOB BROTHERHOOD PORK SAUSAGE SALE

**Fill out order form below and send to the church office by December 11th Or
Call Don Yann 667-4626 or Brad Kunz 644-9237 or Church Office 644-2142**

Meat and Sausage Order Form

<u>Name</u> _____		<u>Telephone</u> _____	
<u>Pork Sausage</u>	<u>Liver Sausage</u>	<u>Back Bone</u>	<u>Ribs</u>
<u>Link</u>	<u>Bulk</u>	_____	

**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**

HARVEST HOME

Both churches are again collecting food for Holiday Meals at Hoyleton. Bags donated by Ameren and Trina Muñiz. We will be collecting these bags on October 23rd, 30th, November 6th and 13th, with dedication on the 13th.

These are the items needed for a Holiday Meal:

*Instant Mashed Potatoes
Canned Cranberry Sauce
Canned Corn
Canned Sweet Potatoes
Pumpkin Pie Filling
Corn Bread Mix*

*Stuffing Mix
Canned Peas
Canned Green Beans
Canned Gravy
Non-Refrigerated Pie Crust
Evaporated Milk*

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