

July - September 2022



## St. Jacob and St. John's Summerfield News and Notes

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

I have an admission to make. I am not a summer person. I would always rather have a cold winter day where I can bundle up and go outside for a long hike instead of a muggy summer day where you go outside and your clothes feel like you just jumped into a pool. But when it comes to summer, the moisture and warmth of the sun means that plants and crops grow far better than in the frigid days of winter. Both winter and summer have their pros and their cons.

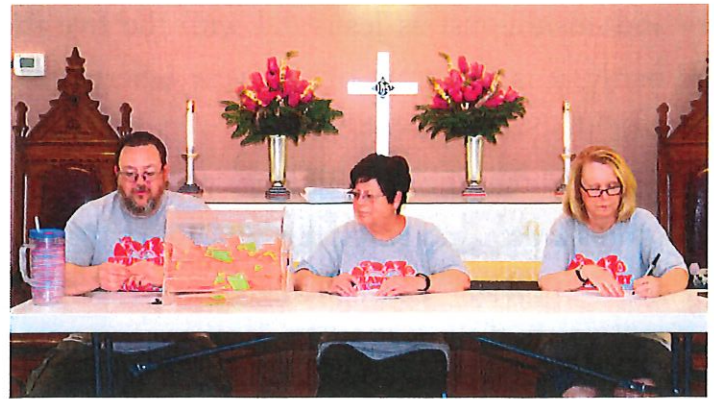
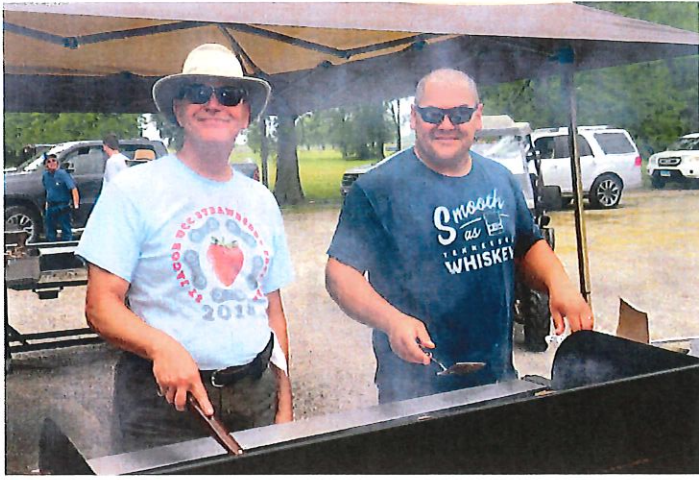
This isn't too different than our time in the church. Throughout winter and spring things are exciting around church. We have the end of Advent and Christmas marking the birth of Jesus. We have a few weeks to get ready while we celebrate Jesus' baptism by John, but then we jump right into Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. It sometimes feels like we are moving at a breakneck pace. Then, after Trinity Sunday, things seem to slow down. The altar cloth and paraments in the sanctuary turn green, not unlike the plants turn our gardens and fields green this time of year.

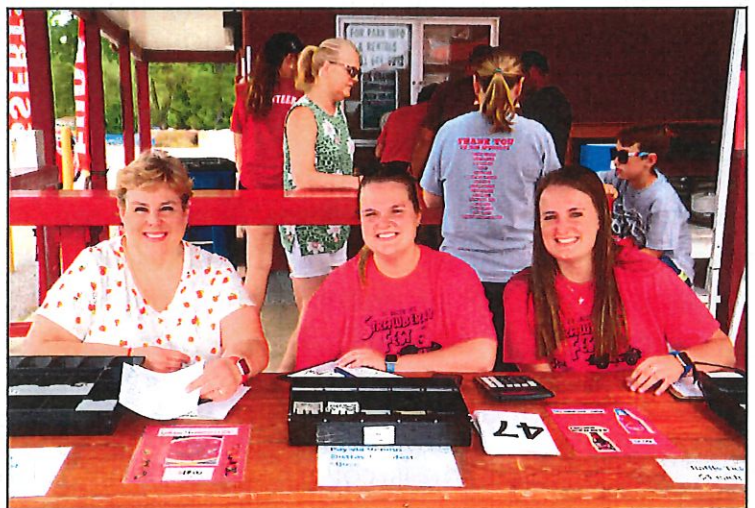
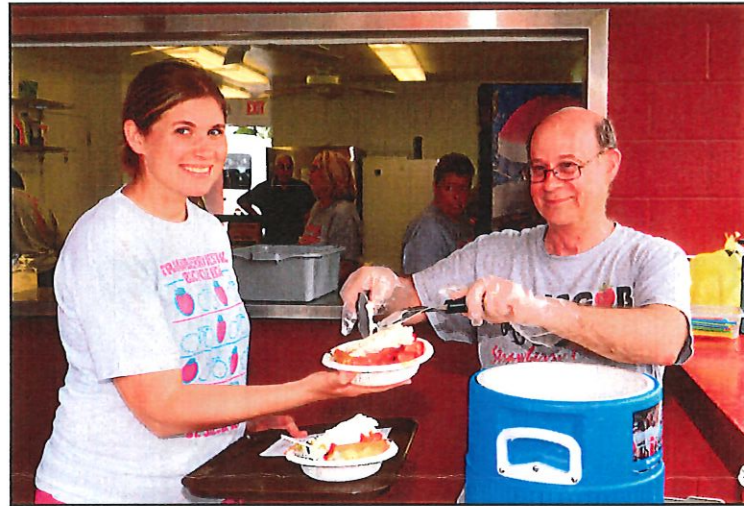
On church calendars this is called "Ordinary Time", but it is anything but ordinary. Since we celebrate Jesus' birth, death and resurrection only a few months apart we only get to hear a few snippets of what Jesus actually does during his three years of ministry in Galilee. But now, in this "Ordinary Time" we will hear about those whom Jesus heals. We will learn Jesus' teachings alongside the disciples, and we will see how he tries, and sometimes even succeeds, in teaching the Pharisees and Scribes. We will send our youth and children off to DuBois Center. We will prepare lunches for kids to try and ensure, just as Jesus did with the five thousand, that no one goes hungry. And, most extraordinarily, it is this time of the year where we can join with all of those plants and grow in the warmth of the Son.

So enjoy the summer, whether you enjoy it by being outside in the sun, or relish your air conditioning and shade. And enjoy this un-ordinary time as learning and loving people of God.

Blessings to all of you,

Pastor Phil





## STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL A SUCCESS!

The 2022 St. Jacob UCC Strawberry Festival held May 15, cleared \$13,000 in profit thanks to the 100 volunteers, 15 sponsors and all of those in the community who supported the festival by purchasing raffle tickets and purchasing food at the event. The raffle brought in \$2,115, with 423 packets of tickets sold and 54 items raffled off. In addition

to the great food and entertainment, there were 30 crafters at this year's event. Many thanks to everyone who helped make this year's festival such a success! **THANK YOU!** (All the photos from Strawberry Festival may be view on our web site at: <https://stjacobucc.org/> under the "PHOTOS" section.)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RALLY DAY SET FOR SEPT. 18

Mark your calendar to join St. Jacob UCC for an outdoor worship, lunch and games on Sunday, September 18th. Bring a chair and enjoy the special music and worship leadership provided by the drummers of *Sheltered Reality*.

## DUBOIS 6.0 CAMPAIGN UPDATE

DuBois Center turns 60 in 2022. While the first 60 years have been great, DuBois Center needs some maintenance and expansion to get it ready for the next 60. DuBois has begun a Capital Campaign with a goal \$225,290 to meet those needs. DuBois has begun a Capital Campaign with a goal \$225,290 to meet those needs. DuBois Center is approaching \$190,000 for a total donation as of June 21. There are several projects that have been completed. But since camp is in full swing, some projects have been funded but not completed so as not to interfere with the kids at camp.

### Projects already completed:

- Oak Lodge HVAC
- Oak Lodge windows
- Office windows
- Rustic Cabin
- Program Director's House Improvements

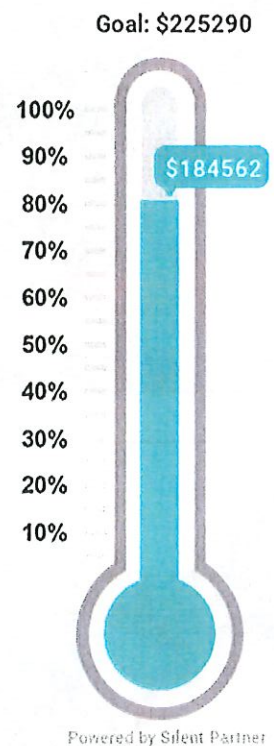
### Projects that have been funded, but not yet completed:

- Deep water solar lake aerator
- Boat house solar power
- Fence painted

If you are looking for one of the larger projects to add your funds to as a church or organization, you may want to choose from these. Or check out the original list for some smaller projects to fit your group.

- New hay barn (estimated at \$30,000)
- Road repair (estimated at \$18,500)
- Hillside Cottage Build (estimated at \$77,000)

For more information visit: <https://iscucc.org/dubois-6-0-campaign>. Donations may be sent to the Illinois South Conference office at 1312 Broadway, Highland, IL. 62249 or online at the Conference or DuBois Center websites: [www.iscucc.org](http://www.iscucc.org) and [www.DuBoisCenter.org](http://www.DuBoisCenter.org).



## BEST CHOICE LABEL COLLECTION

The ELFs organization is collecting Best Choice labels/UPC portion (proof of purchase). There is a box on the table in the Narthx to place the labels.

## HALO PROGRAM NEEDS GIFT CARD DONATIONS

Hoyelton's HALO program (Healing and Loving Oneself) is in need of gift card donations. HALO provides resources, counseling and mentoring to high-risk youth and young adults ages 11 to 25. Youth are at-risk or confirmed survivors of human trafficking and sexual exploitation. Gift cards should be in denominations of \$10 and can be from Wal-Mart or Dollar General. You may leave the gift cards in the offering plate, drop them in the basket on the table in the St. Jacob Narthx, or drop them off at the church office.

# 2022 CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are planning on printing a 2022 church directory later this year, as our last one was printed in 2005. We are scheduling appointments to have individual & family portraits taken in 10-minute increments each Tuesday and Thursday (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) through July; and Sunday (11:30 a.m. to 12:35 p.m.) 3, 10 & 17. **Deadline to schedule appointments is Thursday, July 28.** Portraits will be taken in Heritage Hall. There will be no sales pitch, as they are being taken by our own, secretary/photographer – Ed Ferguson. To schedule your appointment, you can choose your timeslot on the appointment book located on the table in the Narthx following service, or you may call the office at 618-644-2142. If you are not able to make an appointment by the deadline, and you would like to be included in the directory, you may submit your own picture either by e-mailing the office at: [stjucc@hometel.com](mailto:stjucc@hometel.com), or dropping off your print/image at the office Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., before Aug. 2, along with the following completed information sheet. We hope to get as many of our church family included as possible. Thank you!

## INFORMATION SHEET

Adult 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home (Landline) Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_--\_\_\_\_\_

Adult 1 Mobile Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_--\_\_\_\_\_ Adult 2 Mobile Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_--\_\_\_\_\_

Adult 1 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult 2 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult 1 Birthday: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Adult 2 Birthday: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Anniversary: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

### Children / Youth / Young Adults Living at Home (or in college or military):

Full Name	Birthday	Mobile Phone (Age 13+)	Email (Age 13+)
_____	____/____/____	(____) _____--_____	_____
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All birthday, anniversary, email, and contact information for youth & young adults is for church office use only.

# CALENDAR

## JULY

July 3: First Sunday of the month communion.

July 3: Holey Sunday fellowship, following Service, St. John's

July 4: **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

July 13: Every Ladies Fellowship meeting, 10 a.m.

July 19: St. John's Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.

July 20: St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.

July 27-August 2: Pastor Phil on vacation

July 31: Guest preacher



## AUGUST

August 7: First Sunday of the month communion.

August 7: Holey Sunday fellowship, following Service, St. John's

August 10: Every Ladies Fellowship meeting, 10 a.m.

August 16: St. John's Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.

August 17: St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.



## SEPTEMBER

October 4: First Sunday of the month communion.

October 4: Holey Sunday fellowship, following Service, St. John's

September 14: Every Ladies Fellowship meeting, 10 a.m.

September 18: Rally Day

September 18: Sunday School begins at St. Jacob

September 20: St. John's Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.



### CARD SHOWER

Pastor Phil would like to "shower" our members who are celebrating milestone birthdays, (90 years and up), or a milestone wedding anniversary, (50 years and up, in 5-year increments). The church currently does not have birth years for these special people, only the anniversary years. So, if you are in your late 80's and up, please let us know your birth year. We will let you know in advance when these milestone birthdays are taking place. The church will provide a basket on the Resource Table in Heritage Hall where you can place your cards and Pastor Phil will be happy to deliver them. You may also just mail your card if you prefer.

## ST. JOHN'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### July Dates

Thomas & Nancy McCaw, 66 years, July 7  
Larry & Marlene Robison, 53 years, July 18  
Ruth Mikeals, July 31

### August Dates

Pauline Loax, Aug. 3  
Nancy McCaw, Aug. 22

Rusty Schiefer, Aug. 24

### September Dates

Rusty & Melinda Schiefer, 39 years, Sept. 3  
Paul Baer, Sept. 5  
Don Koenig, Sept. 6  
Larry Robison, Sept. 10  
Ella Boggy, Sept. 14

## ST. JACOB BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### July Dates

Thomas Belcher, July 1  
Jane Schmidt, July 4  
Carol Prange, July 5  
Sandy & Nancy Autry, 50 years, July 6  
Don & Beth Hanser, 35 years, July 10  
Patti Woods, July 12  
Melody Hollis, July 13  
Charles Zweck, July 15  
Dian Gansmann, July 16  
Robbie Meyer, July 16  
Bruce & Beth Frank, 29 years, July 24  
Sanderson (Sandy) Autry, July 25  
Nancy Autry, July 28

### August Dates

Melody & Kevin Hollis, 22 years, Aug. 5  
Charlie Kynion, Aug. 7  
Paul Guse, Aug. 9  
Susan Schmidt, Aug. 12  
Carol & Steven Casperson, 47 years, Aug. 15  
Steve May, Aug. 15

Evagene Gusewelle, Aug. 23

Ron Rujawitz, Aug. 26  
Carla Zobrist, Aug. 27  
Robert Bittle, August 29  
Dawn Mersinger, Aug. 29  
Myrna & George Anderson, 64 years, Aug. 30

### September Dates

John Zweck, Sept. 1  
Haylee Petchulat, Sept. 3  
Diane & Sam Frey, 40 years, Sept. 4  
Dianne Doll, Sept. 7  
Karen Schultze, Sept. 11  
Carol Kynion, Sept. 14  
Don Hanser, Sept. 15  
Cathy Frutiger, Sept. 18  
Audrey Yann, Sept. 18  
Amy Zbinden, Sept. 19  
Ken & Cathy Frutiger, 49 years, Sept. 22  
Richard Schmidt, Sept. 23  
Audrey & Don Yann, 46 years, Sept. 25  
Diane Frey Sept. 28

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

Each day I sit down with the prayer list and pray for the people of our churches. You could take this same list and put it by your bedside or reading table next to your Bible. Let us pray for those in need as well as our neighbors across the world on a daily basis.

### ST. JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Ella Boggy, Nancy McCaw, and Cindy Roll

### ST. JACOB PRAYER LIST

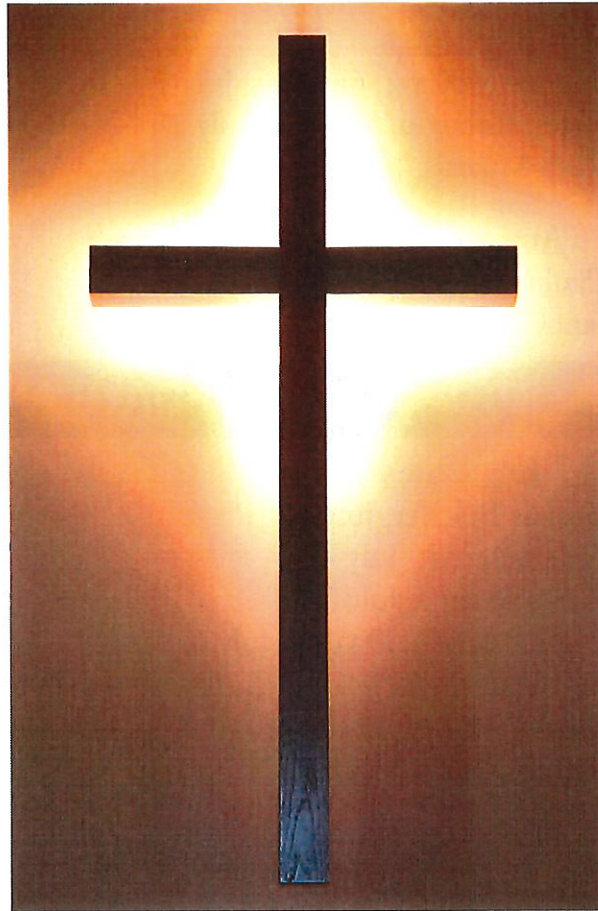
Ross Busher, Carol Casperson, Ken Frutiger, Brian Meyer, Gail Miller, Ronald Rujawitz, Jane Schmidt, Jerry Schmitt, Liam Tedford, and Carol Zweck

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