

June - August 2024



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

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

Summer Vacation. For most children these are two of the most beautiful words in the English language. They have their straight forward meaning, a few months out of school with no homework, but the words "Summer Vacation" also bring to mind good weather, playing outside, maybe taking a family vacation and exploring someplace new, and having the chance to learn things that school never teaches; helping in the garden to grow some fruit or vegetables, learning to build a campfire, learning to pack for an adventure. For children it is summer vacation that gives a time to look at the world in awe and wonder.

As we grow up, get jobs, and become years, and then decades, removed from childhood, we start to forget what those times of summer vacation were like. As parents, summer vacation comes to mean finding childcare for little ones, and then day camps and activities as they grow older because we begin to fear our children will be bored or will fall behind academically. The expenses of summer weigh on us and we no longer remember the wonder that it once brought. Once our children are older and out of school, summer may just begin to blend into the rest of the work year, obscuring the joy and respite it once brought.

But in the church the summer season can also be one of joy and respite. After six months of the rush of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Ash Wednesday and Lent, Easter and Pentecost, we now settle into a quieter time in the church. A time where we can refocus our connection with God, and a time where we can ask ourselves how we want to grow in our faith. What are we curious about that we want to explore? Maybe learn something new through travel, or maybe in the cool of home with a good book. Where can we go to play, no matter our age, and see the glory of God's creation? What adventure do we want to pack for? Maybe traveling to awe inspiring places? Or maybe just packing up a picnic with marshmallows and chocolate for s'mores to share with friends and family.

As this summer begins may it greet you with the excitement of those childhood summer vacations, and may you find the glory of God and the beauty of God's creation everywhere you are.

Blessings to all of you,

Pastor Phil

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BBQ MEAT BONANZA DRAWING AUG. 25

The ELF's organization, in conjunction with Korte Meat Processing, Inc., are offering you a chance to win one of three bundles of barbeque meats in exchange for your donation. Tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10. Ticket packets will be mailed out, and additional ticket packets will be available on the table in the Narthex for you to sell to friends, family, or purchase yourself. The proceeds will be used for mission giving, including providing summer lunches, paying off the delinquent lunch debts from this past semester at the grade school, supplying emergency supplies for DuBois Center campers (things they forgot to pack such as wash clothes, toothbrushes, and paste, etc.), and sponsoring a girl in Kentucky, etc. The drawing will be held immediately following worship on Aug. 25, where three lucky winners' names will be drawn. You can drop your donation/tickets in the Barbeque safe in the foyer at church or mail them to the church office at: 207 West Main Street. St. Jacob, IL 62281.

## VOLUNTEER LITURGISTS AT ST. JACOB

We are looking for volunteers willing to read scripture, no long-term commitment, just one Sunday at a time. Everyone from the congregation is invited to take part in helping lead worship. There is a sign-up sheet located on the table in the Narthex.

## FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

With the inflation these past few months, use of local food pantries has been high, and donations have been low. To help our communities we have a donation tub/box for food pantry donations in the sanctuary at St. John's and St. Jacob.

**Items for St. John's (For Lebanon Matthew 25:40 Ministries):** Canned goods including: vegetables, fruit, beans, soups, stews, pasta, chili, sloppy Joe, beef, sausage, chicken, salmon, and tuna. Boxed goods including pasta & noodles, rice, mashed potatoes, cereal, oatmeal, stuffing, and mac & cheese. Other pantry staples including flour, sugar, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, BBQ sauce, ramen, cake mix, Jello, and pudding. Nonfood items including trash bags, storage bags, paper towels, toilet paper, dish soap, & toiletries.

**Items for St. Jacob (Ministries Unlimited):** Pop-tarts, oatmeal, cheese cracker sandwiches, beef jerky, fruit cups, Vienna sausages, ketchup, mustard, broth, cooked ham, pasta sauce, jelly, pancake mix, & syrup

## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER E-MAIL OPTION

With the rising cost of postage, printing and mailing our quarterly newsletter, we encourage you to consider having it e-mailed, instead of using traditional mail to send the paper copy. If you would like to have our newsletter e-mailed, please provide us with your preferred e-mail address at: [stjucc@hometel.com](mailto:stjucc@hometel.com)

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# STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL A SUCCESS

The 2024 St. Jacob UCC Strawberry Festival netted around \$18,000 in profit thanks to the volunteers who worked the event (not only on the day of the event, but also the planning and prepping for the event), the 20 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 \$1,846, with 369 packets of tickets (plus one single ticket) sold. In addition to the great food and entertainment, there were 52 crafters at this year's event. Many thanks to everyone who helped make this year's festival such a success! It takes many people doing many different jobs to make the festival a success!

**THANK YOU!    THANK YOU!    THANK YOU!**



# CALENDAR

## JUNE

**June 2:** Communion Sunday

**June 2:** Holey Sunday fellowship, following worship at St. John's; before worship at St. Jacob

**June 12:** Every Ladies Fellowship meeting, 10 a.m.

**June 17:** St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.

**June 18:** St. John's Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.



## JULY

**July 1-7:** Pastor Phil out of the office/vacation

**July 4:** **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**July 7:** Holey Sunday fellowship, following worship at St. John's; before worship at St. Jacob

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

**July 14:** Communion Sunday (Moved from July 7)

**July 15:** St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.

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



## AUGUST

**August 4:** Communion Sunday

**August 4:** Holey Sunday fellowship, following worship at St. John's; before worship at St. Jacob

**August 14:** Every Ladies Fellowship meeting, 10 a.m.

**August 19:** St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.

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

**August 25:** BBQ Meat Bonanza Drawing, following worship



## ST. JOHN'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### June Dates

Mindy Schiefer, June 2  
Margie & Wally Foxworthy, 17 years, June 23

### July Dates

Marlene & Larry Robison, 55 years, July 18

Ruth Mikeals, July 31

### August Dates

Pauline Laux, Aug. 3  
Nancy McCaw, Aug. 22  
Rusty Schiefer, Aug. 24

## ST. JACOB BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### June Dates

Ellise Duncan, June 1  
Debbie & Duane Zobrist, 50 years, June 7  
Gina & Tim Hirsch, 33 years, June 8  
Jetson Lowe, June 9  
Samantha Rehg, June 13  
Tim Hirsch, June 15  
Vic Duncan, June 16  
Shelly & Jack Bittle, 6 years, June 17  
Susan & Richard Schmidt, 63 years, June 17  
Kelli Zurliene, June 20  
Audrey Bolk, June 21  
DiAnn & Gary Rufer, 50 years, June 23  
Collin Woods, June 23  
Micah Lowe, June 28  
Onis Zweck, June 28

### July Dates

Thomas Belcher, July 1  
Jane Schmidt, July 4  
Robert Willie, July 4  
Carol Prange, July 5  
Nancy & Sandy Autry, 52 years, July 6  
Beth & Don Hanser, 37 years, July 10

Eric Schmidt, July 10  
Patti Woods, July 12  
Melody Hollis, July 13  
Charles Zweck, July 15  
Dian Gansmann, July 16  
Robbie Meyer, July 16  
Beth & Bruce Frank, 31 years, July 24  
Sanderson (Sandy) Autry, July 25  
Kylie Bloemker, July 25

### August Dates

Melody & Kevin Hollis, 24 years, Aug. 5  
Charlie Kynion, Aug. 7  
Paul Guse, Aug. 9  
Susan Schmidt, Aug. 12  
Carol & Steven Casperson, 49 years, Aug. 15  
Steve May, Aug. 15  
Ronda & Eric Schmidt, 26 years, Aug. 15  
Marie & Gene Gansmann, 58 years, Aug. 21  
Evagene Gusewelle, Aug. 23  
Ron Rujawitz, Aug. 26  
Carla Zobrist, Aug. 27  
Robert Bittle, Aug. 29  
Sophia Lowe, Aug. 29  
Myrna & George Anderson, 66 years, Aug. 30

### St. John's

Don Koenig, Sharon Koenig, Fred Lanning, Cindy Roll, Roy Roll, Dave Williams,  
and Margie Foxworthy's son Sean & stepson Dustin

### St. Jacob

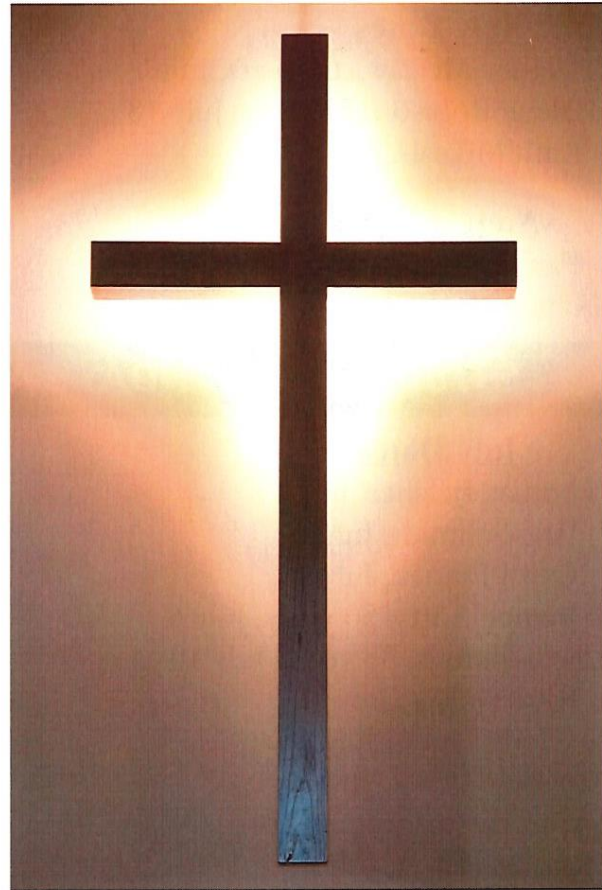
Sandy Autry, Carol Casperson, Marvin Docter, Lori Foley, Gail Miller, Jackie Miller,  
Ronald Rujawitz, Jane Schmidt, Carol Schmitt, and Carol Zweck

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