



**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**  
**MAY 31, 2026**

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We welcome all who are visiting with us today.  
It is good to have you in worship with us. Please introduce yourself to  
Pastor Phil this morning and let us know if there is any way  
we might be of service to you or your family.

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**WELCOME TO REV. LOUIS FLUCK**

We welcome Rev. Louis Fluck who is serving as our pulpit supply pastor today.  
Please greet Reverend Fluck following worship.  
Pastor Phil will be back in the pulpit next Sunday.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**ONE:** Called to be faithful stewards of creation, we come to worship:

**ALL:** To sing to the One who has created all that is good, beautiful, and true, and who has shared everything with us.

**ONE:** Called to be disciples of Jesus Christ, we come to learn:

**ALL:** To follow the One who meets us in every moment of our lives, in every place we find ourselves.

**ONE:** Called to proclaim the good news of Easter, we come to find the words:

**ALL:** To be taught by the Spirit who moves in and through us, as we serve the world.

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

O Lord, created in your image, we show faces filled with desire, and offer hearts filled with anger to those around us. Called to be disciples of Christ, we all too often are seen chasing after the false promises of the easy life. Offered the role of being stewards of creation, we think that everything that you have created is to be used up so we can enjoy life, with no thought about future generations. Yet you have declared everything you created to be good, even us. Reshape our greed into generosity, our bitterness into blessings, and our brokenness into lives poured out in service to our sisters and brothers. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## GLORIA PATRI

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A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US (*Skip if no children are in attendance*)

Prayer for the children (*unison*):

We send blessings upon our children for all God's love,  
all Christ's friendship and all the caring of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Song Response

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power,  
send us grace.*

## SCRIPTURE:

Acts 2:42-47

Matthew 28:26-29

## HYMN

*As We Gather at Your Table*

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## SERMON

## HYMN

*One Bread, One Body*

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## INVITATION TO OFFERING

## WE GIVE:

*We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

Amid our doubts and the temptation to grab life's blessings for our own personal use, we come to dedicate our time, talent, and treasure to realize your reign on earth, majestic God. As we enjoy your bounty, we give that all our sisters and brothers might also come to appreciate the amazing gifts you entrust to us. Thank you for life and all its wonders. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF OUR CHURCH/SILENT PRAYERS/LORD'S PRAYER

## PRAYER RESPONSE

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face;  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.*

## \* HYMN

*Sent Forth By God's Blessing*

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## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

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## CHURCH ATTENDANCE, MAY 24, 2026

St. John's – 10 St. Jacob – 23

### CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor's office hours: Tuesday through Thursday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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### SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person/Liturgist Beth Frank

Accompanist: Melissa Anderson Taylor

### IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

**St. John's:** Roger Baer, Kenzie Barker, Pat Kennedy, Nancy McCaw,  
and Sean & Dustin, sons of Margie & Wally Foxworthy

**St. Jacob:** Carol Casperson, Lori Foley, Ken Frutiger, Norma Logsdon,  
Jackie Miller, Joanne Meyer, Taylor Ostrander, Robin Pollman,  
Kathy Ritter, Ethan Rock, and Olin Zweck

**IL South Conference:** Each week the churches of the Illinois South Conference are asked to pray for congregations and their pastors and other ministries of the UCC. This week we are asked to pray for:

#### Church & Pastors

- Trinity UCC, Biddleborn - Rev. Tarrah (Jasen) Vaupel

- St. John UCC, Breese

#### Retired Pastors

- Rev. Robert Tripp

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Ellise Duncan, June 1

Mindy Schiefer, June 2

## CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JUNE 10:** Every Ladies Fellowship meeting, 10 a.m., Heritage Hall

**JUNE 22:** St. Jacob Council meeting, 6 p.m.

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### **CHURCH TRIP TO THE MUNY!**

St. Jacob UCC will be heading to the MUNY on Saturday, June 20 to see the musical Hairspray! Tickets are \$16 each and we have reserved 30 tickets. To get to the MUNY that evening you can drive/carpool or there will be a group taking the MUNY Express Shuttle from the St. Jacob Park & Ride Lot at 6:50 p.m. The shuttle costs \$5 and drops you off right in front of the MUNY. You can sign up on the sheet in the Narthex today or next Sunday, or let Ed in the office know by noon, Thursday, June 4.

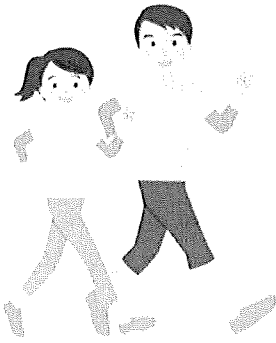
### **SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS**

Volunteers and donations are needed for the free school lunch program this summer. We're accepting monetary donations to purchase lunch supplies. Lunches will be provided each day, however, St. Jacob UCC is only responsible for Tuesdays and Thursdays. Lunches will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the St. Jacob Elementary School (outdoor classroom). Volunteers are needed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., to allow time to assemble lunches, as well as clean-up afterward. A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the Narthex. For more information, or to volunteer contact Audrey Yann, 618-567-8013 or Carol Kynion, 618-401-8805

### **LEBANON SCHOOL DISTRICT SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM**

The Summer Grab-N-Go Lunch Program has returned for its 4th year this summer! This program is available for school-aged children in Lebanon or Summerfield every Monday–Friday. Lunches are first-come, first-served. Starting this year, children must be present to receive a lunch. Pickup Locations are the Summerfield Fire Department, Rooted Community Church, and the Lebanon High School Parking Lot.

## WALK WITH GOD



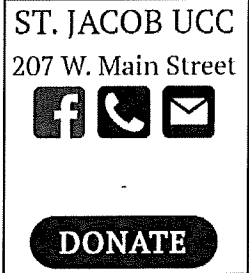
Come join our St. Jacob UCC walking group, called “Walk with God.” Anyone who likes to take walks, be in nature and share in unity is encouraged to join us. We hope to get members of the church together a couple times a week to walk and be visible in the community. We will meet at the church and decide from there where we would like to walk. Days and times are to be determined by the participants. If you’re interested in participating and would like more information, contact the church office at 618-644-2142 or e-mail: [stjucc@hometel.com](mailto:stjucc@hometel.com).

## 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 to lead worship. There is a sign-up sheet located on the table in the Narthex.

## ON-LINE GIVING OPTION

An on-line giving option is available on St. Jacob UCC’s web site (<https://stjacobucc.org/>). There are two ways to access the on-line giving option: the first is the “DONATE” button located on the top-right corner of the “Home Page,” and the second is by clicking on “RESOURCES” and then “DONATE.” If you have any issues using the on-line giving option, please contact the church office at (618) 644-2142.



## LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please volunteer to mow the church lawn. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex at St. Jacob.

## BEST CHOICE LABEL COLLECTION

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

\*\*\* **THE UPPER ROOM** (July-August) magazines are available on the table in the Narthex at St. Jacob.

## **FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:42-47**

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. All the believers were united and shared everything. They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 26:26-29**

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take and eat. This is my body." He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many so that their sins may be forgiven. I tell you, I won't drink wine again until that day when I drink it in a new way with you in my Father's kingdom."

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## **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):**

**June Shopping list:** Canned corn, BBQ sauce, chili beans, Pop Tarts, canned tomatoes, plain pasta, canned soup, pudding cups, toothpaste, & dental cream

**July Shopping list:** Syrup, mac & cheese, pancake mix, peas & carrots, oatmeal, granola bars, cereal, Hearty soup, laundry detergent, & gallon/quart bags

**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

## **BLESSING BOX LOCATED AT ST. JACOB UCC**

The "Blessing Box" (located on the east side of St. Jacob UCC) can use donations of non-perishable food, hygiene products, and other items for those in need. Anyone can donate -- items are anonymously given and received. Please consider blessing our neighbors in need, and if you are in need, please feel free to stop by.