
First St. John Journal

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As the year 2008 turns to the month of June, I want to remind you of our summer worship times once again: 8:30 am, Traditional Worship, 9:45 am, Summer Sunday School (many thanks for all the great volunteers!), and 10:45 am, Contemporary Worship.

I want to thank Trisha Truman and her family for the years of service they have given to First St. John. Trisha and her family did an excellent job here, and we will miss them. We wish all of them God's blessings in their new ministry.

We will have the opportunity twice in June to welcome new members: at the early service on June 1st Melanie and Ashley Grady will become members, and on June 15th, also at the early service, Julie and Kari Stausmire will become members of First St. John. Please say "hi" to them and make them feel welcome!

I am excited about some of the changes that I see happening around us. We will be facing some big challenges with our youth ministry and our contemporary worship, as well as having discussion about our worship times. But ultimately, the Head of the church is Christ, it is Him we serve, and His message of salvation that we proclaim. I feel very strongly that God already has and will continue, as this year goes on, to raise up people who are ready to meet the challenges we face. To me, there are many wonderful and committed people in this church who can meet our challenges.

"Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."
(I Corinthians 15:58)

— Pastor Blohm

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM OUR PASTORAL ASSISTANT

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." —Proverbs 22:6

Writer Bernard Malamud once said: "Without heroes, we are all plain people, and don't know how far we can go." Many super hero movies have recently hit the big screen: Ironman, Spiderman, the Fantastic Four, X-men, etc. These movies pit the bad guys against the good guys, and they do quite well at the box office. "Ironman" grossed over \$100 million in its first four days of release. It seems our society is thirsting for men and women it can look up to.

Our role models have become few and far between. Politicians disappoint us with scandalous behavior. Athletes get in trouble with the law. Actors, actresses, and popular singers make tabloid headlines with their odd and disturbing conduct. Even tele-evangists are not immune— James Baker, Jimmy Swaggert, etc. So we continue to search for men and women who are worthy of our emulation.

Sunday, June 15 is Father's Day. Maybe our search for role models should start in our own homes. Our parents cared for us, worried about us, and raised us in Christian homes where faith is not just a word but a way of life. At a young age, they taught us the Lord's Prayer, faithful songs like "Jesus Loves Me" and, most importantly, to trust our Heavenly Father who gives us life, redemption and an eternal home.

Next to my Lord Jesus, my father Leonard Haar was the best role model a kid could have. He served faithfully as a medic during World War II; he worked diligently at Libbey-Owens-Ford for over 20 years to make sure his children had more than he did as a child; and he fervently served First St. John for over 15 years as its financial secretary, making sure every penny was accounted for. I pray that my life is as faithful as his. Amen.

In Christ's love,
Bob Haar

WHO'S WHO AT FIRST ST. JOHN

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MEMBER UPDATES

Births

None of which we are aware.

Baptisms

5-4-08 *Gradon Joe William Goa*, born 2/26/08 to Grady and Kara (Wiener) Goa. Sponsors are Kim Goa and Matt Wiener.

Marriages

None.

Deaths

5-13-08 Shirley Schumaker
 5-19-08 Dorothy Brown
 5-19-08 Clarence "Bud" Eggert

Transfers to/from St. John

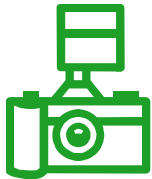
None.

MEMBER ADDRESS CHANGE

Cynthia Henderson
 6088 B Flying Gator Run
 Jacksonville, FL 32212

ELDERS FOR JUNE

	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:45 am</u>
1st	Darold Henninger Joanne Henningsen	Dick Haar Lynn Folk
8th	Jeff Smith Linda Kusian	Bernie Erdmann Sherrie Haar
15th	Mike Winslow LuAnn Schuffenecker	Mark Ackerman Janine Contat
22nd	Dick Haar Joanne Henningsen	Darold Henninger Lynn Folk
29th	Bernie Erdmann Sherrie Haar	Jeff Smith Linda Kusian



CONFIRMATION PICTURES

Confirmation pictures can be picked up in the SalGht Suite.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL?

Since the postage rate went up again, e-mailing the newsletter becomes an important money-saver. It not only saves postage, it also saves ink and paper. If you would like your newsletter and calendar e-mailed to you (you can print it out at home), please call the church or send your e-mail address to the church at:

firststjohn@sbcglobal.net

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all First St. John members who donated door prizes, table prizes, desserts and their time to make our Card Party a success. We had a profit of \$1,273. We'll get matching funds of \$500 from Thrivent. Also, thanks to all who helped make the Rummage Sale a huge success. We had a profit of \$2,118. Haydom Hospital in Tanzania, Africa will receive \$1,000. The remainder, along with the profit from the Card Party, will go toward the repairs in the men's restroom in the gym. Thank you also to all the ladies who donated dolls, the people who made desserts, the men who served us, and the young people who entertained us for the All-Daughter Banquet. Thank you for making it such a great success!

ADDRESS CHANGES/CORRECTIONS

To keep current information for office records, if your name, address or phone number changes, please notify the office by faxing (419-691-7220), or mailing this form to: 2471 Seaman St./ Toledo, OH 43605.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____ Phone _____

MEMORIALS

ALTAR GUILD

In memory of Whitey Wagner by Bob & Sherrie Haar.

In memory of Evelyn Kerchyval by Bob & Sherrie Haar.

BUILDING FUND

In memory of Whitey Wagner by DeWitt Rebar Corporation, Wymer Steel, Inc.

ELEVATOR FUND

In memory of Fern Martin by Bonnie Varga.

In memory of Whitey Wagner by Roy & Rita Riegler, Ada Kreger, Paul & Vivian Kuhlman, West Equipment Co., Inc., Erdmann Family, M/M William Nelson and family, Michael Miller, Miller, Gardner & Company, LLC, Friends at OHIO CAT, Independence Excavating, Inc., Warren & Doris Danekind, Marion Roth, Denny & Linda Axtell, Carl & Janet Morrison, Greg & Lynn Schumaker, Jean DeWitt, Gary & Penny DeWitt, Mark & Deb Ackerman, Ernie & Marge Bollinger, Donn & Liz Meinert, Dennis & Lisa Pavley, Marvin & Carol Keller, Pinky & Bill Fischhaber, Jim & Lois Ackerman, Karen Frey, Bob & Deb Hecklinger, Chuck & Jane Neal, Jim & Dianne Schumaker, Ralph & Ethel Mae Vogtsberger, Darlene & Larry Paul, Paul & Sherri Leininger, Richard & Jane Phillips, Gary & Joanne Henningsen, Dan & Sandy Knitz, Jennifer Thompson, Jerry & Ginny Nissen, Gerry & Elinor Ehram, Ruhlin Company.

ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Bob Hecklinger by M/M Hugh Jones, Warren & Doris Danekind.

In memory of Whitey Wagner by Gene Hagedorn, Jim & Sandy Hecklinger.

In honor of Margie Heninger's birthday by Darlene Eggert.

CEMETERY FUND

In memory of Whitey Wagner by M/M Burton Tank, Walt & Darlene Metzger.

In memory of Billie Phillips by Kenneth & Joyce Villhauer.

In memory of Bob Hecklinger by Kenneth & Joyce Villhauer.

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THANK YOU!



Thank you very much for your kind support of my venture to the Presidential Inauguration. I am proud to report that thanks to my family and sponsors, I have raised the majority of the money needed for my tuition and am registered to attend. Throughout the summer months I will participate in several fundraisers to help my parents offset the cost of my travel expenses. Upon my return from Washington D.C., I would love to share my experiences with you. Thank you again for your support and confidence in me to serve my community proudly. -- Maxwell Schwiefert

COUNCIL MINUTES

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Gary said we could ventilate the church with huge fans for around \$30,000, but air conditioning would be over \$100,000. We'll also need money to replace the back parking lot and driveways.

Gary Henningsen made a motion to adjourn. LuAnn Schuffenecker seconded the motion – motion carried. Pastor Blohm closed the meeting with prayer at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Esther Bell, Recording Secretary



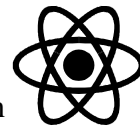
SUMMER SCHEDULE

The summer worship schedule is: traditional service at 8:30 am; Sunday School at 9:45 am; and contemporary service at 10:45 am. Beginning Monday, June 2nd, the church office hours for the summer will be Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

The Caregiver Support Group will meet again on Wednesday, June 4 at 7pm in the lounge. These monthly meetings are for anyone who provides care for a loved one and needs the mutual support of others with similar issues. The facilitator is Donna Koehn, LSW, LINGS Program Coordinator, and a member of First St. John. This group is co-sponsored by First St. John and the Lutheran Homes Community Services Program.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



VBS will be Sunday, July 27th through Thursday, July 31st from 6:00 to 9:00 pm each night. VBS is for ages 3 through 5th grade. Sixth graders and older are encouraged to help. This year's theme is *PowerLab: Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power.* To register, call Pam Beavers at 419-691-3979 or pick up a form in the church office or the lounge or Narthex and return it to the church office. To register on-line, go to www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/firststjohn

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please turn in any bulletin announcements for the June 15th bulletin by noon on Tuesday, June 10th. Toni will be on vacation Thursday and Friday, the 12th and 13th. Thank you.

BROOMS & DISHCLOTHS FOR SALE

The Miriam Circle is selling dishcloths for \$1 each and brooms for \$7 each. Call the church office to arrange pick up. *No checks, please.*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We will welcome four new members; two on June 1st, two on June 15th. Please welcome Ashley (Huss) Grady, Melanie Grady, Julie Stausmire, and her daughter, Kari Stausmire. Welcome!

MEN'S MINISTRY



Our next meeting will be at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 7th at Bob Evans on Navarre Ave. Dads, sons, young men, old men, all men are invited. If you are planning on coming, please call Bob Haar at 419-360-7510. Transportation will be provided if you need it. Come out for fellowship and a very brief devotion. It's just some guys meeting for breakfast and great conversation. Hope you can join us.

DAVID WINSLOW MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



This four-man scrambles will be held on Saturday, August 9th at 8:00 am at the Chippewa Golf Club. The price is \$60 per person, which includes green fees, cart, and food (burgers and brats and sides). Prizes will be awarded for first place, the longest drive and closest to the pin. Reservation deadline is Saturday, August 2nd and all fees must be turned in by Monday, August 4th. **All proceeds go to First St. John.**

If you'd like to register or sponsor a hole, call Mike Winslow at 419-691-8430 or 419-698-6507.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

JUNE 20th

DARTBALL DIARY

Here are the final standings of the 2007-2008 season. St. John #2 won the league championship with Trinity coming in second. St. John #2 also got first place in the tournament, and St. John #1 got second place. We had a nice banquet at Messiah Lutheran on April 21. Everyone enjoyed it.

Our 2008-2009 season will start in the fall. Thanks to all members for a successful season.

There's a rumor St. Mark on Woodville will join our league next season. Hopefully that's true. Have a nice summer.

2007-2008

TOLEDO DARTBALL LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>GBL</u>
First St. John #2	24	12	—
Trinity	23	13	1
Messiah	22	14	2
St. Lucas	16	20	8
First St. John #1	15	21	9
First St. Mark	15	21	9
Good Shepherd	11	25	13

HELP!

Property Management needs help locating missing folding tables that were stored in the parsonage garage. These tables and accompanying chairs are available to you to borrow for personal functions. However, we only have 4 tables left, and there used to be about 15. If you have the tables, please contact Mike Folk at 419-691-3410 so he can help you return them. If you'd like to borrow tables and chairs, please schedule through Toni in the church office. Thank you for your cooperation.



HOMEBOUND OUTREACH

When you sign up for flowers, there is a category called "Scriptures." The money donated to "Scriptures" was used to help buy CDs with the scriptures on them for our bulletins. We don't need to buy any more CDs, so this category is no longer needed. We are introducing a new category, "Homebound Outreach," to replace the Scriptures category. Each Sunday, the services are recorded and sent to our homebound members who have requested them. When you sign up for "Homebound Outreach" on the Flower Sheet, the money you give will go toward CDs, mailing supplies, and postage.

MEMORIALS (continued from pg. 4)

AIR CONDITIONING FUND

In memory of Whitey Wagner by Chuck & Betty Hyre, Richard & Linda Stanley, Tom & Joni Bodi, Marc & Bonnie Smith, Gene & Janet Schacht, Edith Schuffenecker.

In memory of Tanya Leigh Ackerman and Christ & Madeline Ackerman and in honor of his wife, Nancy, their granddaughter Elizabeth and her son Gabriel by Del Ackerman.

In memory of Larry Skees by Lowell & Diane Hartman, Virginia Lepiarz, Ron & Diane Gerkenmeyer.

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Whitey Wagner by Dave & Di Habegger.

CHOIR FUND

In memory of Whitey Wagner by Mary Ellen Miller.



LIBRARY NEWS

Explore the **PRAYER OF JABEZ**. The library now has it in book form with a course workshop form, a video tape and a CD.

Take time to learn about this wonderful prayer.

—Marilyn Cashen

MILITARY ADDRESSES

Here are the names and addresses of members, family, and friends of First St. John who serve in the military. You can send cards or packages to these service people, and remember to pray for them, too!

SSGT Kevin Fouty
2021 A Mustang Ct.
Langley AFB, VA 23665

CPL Nick Grady
CLB-1 CCO OPS PLT
Unit 42390
FPD-AP96426

Cynthia Lynn Henderson
6088 B Flying Gator Run
Jacksonville, FL 32212

Chief Petty Officer Marc Le Duc
3105 Tullibee Circle P-1
Silverdale, WA 98315

SSGT Matthew Phillips (temporary address)
23021 W. Curtice Rd
Curtice, OH 43412

1 LT. Lindsey Rowland (Lindsey is in Iraq)
109 TRANS Co / 57 JTLF
APO AE 09366

GMSA SWANSON CHRISTOPHER
1474 GILBERT ST.
CEP 162
PCD TRUXTON DDG103
NORFOLK, VA 23511 (*capitalize all letters*)

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES

(As of May 27, 2008)

Crisis Prayer List

This list is for those who need our prayers in an urgent matter such as upcoming surgery, emergency medical care (ICU), etc. Individuals will be moved to "Chronic Prayer List" after the first month unless one of the prayer chain contacts is contacted about special circumstances:

**Kara Albrecht
Darryl Bauman Family
Virginia Brandeberry
Dorothy Brown Family
Bud Eggert Family
Dick Gingrich Family
LaVerne Klawitter
Connie Lajzer
Laurie Madraza
Jean Ross**

Chronic Prayer List

This list is for those who need our prayers for ongoing serious situations such as cancer treatments, ongoing medical struggles and recovery and/or personal situations. Individuals will be moved off the list after 3 months unless one of the prayer chain contacts has been contacted about special/continuing circumstances:

**Lola Abbey
Halie Anderson Family
Dick Bailey
Glenn Bowsher and Family
Marjorie Counterman
Jeff Duncan
Ervin Family
Rick Fouty
Eleanor Habegger
Don Hardin
Justin Heath
Karen Johnson
Kaci Schwiefert
Diane Smith
Candy Webster
Sally Winstead
Virginia Wright
Ken Yard**

Please let any of the prayer chain contacts know if any of these individuals could be moved off the list.

Prayer Chain Contacts

Lynn Folk 691-3410 hpyhmker@sbcglobal.net
Donna Koehn 693-5030
Ada Kreger 693-1549
Gloria Ross 836-7166

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2008



We will publicly acknowledge all our graduates from high school and college at our worship services on Sunday, June 8th. Please plan on having your graduate attend one of these services as all graduates will be recognized.

If you know of a graduate, please complete this form and drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office by Monday, June 2nd.

NAME OF GRADUATE

GRADUATED FROM

DEGREE EARNED

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FUTURE PLANS (SCHOOL, WORK, ETC.)

YES, WE PLAN TO BE AT THE SERVICE _____

FIRST ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES—MAY 20, 2008

Vice-president Mike Folk brought the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Dick Haar led the devotions. Roll call was taken. Pam Beavers reported Karen Holmes will be replacing Janelle Welling on the Board of Education.

Bernie Erdmann made a motion to approve the April minutes. Larry Paul seconded the motion – motion carried.

Barb Shellhammer presented a slide show on the Dayschool.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Jim Sommers reported April receipts were \$500 more than disbursements. They took \$323 from the Bosse Fund for the synod assembly admission. So far we have taken in \$15,000 for May, but we need \$24,000. Gary Henningsen made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report. Dick Haar seconded the motion – motion carried.

BOARD OF EDUCATION – Pam Beavers said she was excited about summer Sunday School which will be headed by Melissa Lang. Attendance is up. Flyers are to be sent out promoting summer Sunday School. Pam will head Vacation Bible School.

ELDERS – Bernie Erdmann reported they are back on track with taping. They will be announcing a scholarship on Graduate Recognition Sunday.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT – Mike Folk reported Paul Fleitz resigned from the committee. The April 19th Youth Clean Up Day went well. Several loads of junk were removed and the dumpster was filled. The church basement bathrooms are finished at the cost of less than \$500. Both gym bathrooms have been painted and a toilet sealed. Walls next to the choir room, youth room, Narthex stairways, sanctuary walls and gym bathrooms were repaired and painted by a contractor.

Cardboard recycling will be done by Gene Hagedorn, Mrs. Ackerman, and Mrs. Bollinger. Everyone is encouraged to help them take cardboard from the new Rubbermaid mini shed to Pearson Park.

Russell Lamb was called to eliminate bees in the playground area. The garage has been organized. They replaced an alarm battery, un-jammed the

garbage disposal, cleaned filters in the projector, trimmed bushes in the playground and repaired windows. Storm windows in the playground area will be replaced with safety glass. Dayschool will pay the \$400 cost.

Upcoming – tighten pews in chapel, repair/replace Dayschool water fountains, replace carpet in youth room with 18” carpet squares, replace Dayschool sign. They are looking for volunteers to tuck point the garage, refinish banister and railing on the church back stairs and paint/drywall outside elevator entrance. They are looking for a project for Tony Carlo’s Eagle Scouts.

Mike thanked Paul Fleitz for his years of service; Gene Hagedorn, Mrs. Ackerman & Mrs. Bollinger for recycling and saving the church \$720 per year; Ernie Bollinger, Mike Winslow, Lynn Folk and Amy Ackerman for their hard work and guiding the youth during clean up day; and Tony Carlo for donating time and supplies to replace bathroom ceiling tile. Total value of work would have been \$1,609.

Sun Oil will fix damage, reseal and remark the parking lot across the street.

FINANCE – Jim Sommers reminded property management that we have until June 19 to borrow more money. We could borrow up to \$100,000.

YOUTH –no report

PASTOR – Pastor Blohm reported a new member class was held and two people will become members on June 1 and two people on June 15.

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – Larry Paul announced they needed to replace Paul Fleitz. Jim Sommers made a motion to ask Eric Johnson, who had run for property management, if he would be interested in the position. Gary Henningsen seconded the motion – motion carried. Larry will call Eric. Esther Bell asked if we were going to look into air conditioning since we have over \$20,000 in the Air Conditioning Fund, which would be a good down payment. Discussion followed. Gary Henningsen will look up an estimate he received 12 yrs. ago and figure how much electricity it would use.

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