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As many of you may have heard, Pastor Blohm recently suffered a minor heart attack (there was no damage to his heart) and had a procedure done to place stents in one of the arteries leading to his heart. Rest assured, he is recuperating and feels fine. However, since he is still recuperating, this month's message from Pastor will not run. I know Pastor truly appreciates all the kind words, prayers, and well wishes that you've expressed to him, and he will be ready to resume his full duties very soon.

Thank you also for your patience with me as I navigate a suddenly busy schedule these last couple of weeks. Thank you to those who have prayed for me and who have offered to help in the office. What a great family we have here at First St. John! When life becomes challenging, we know we can always count on each other.

In this month's newsletter, please pay special attention to the article about Rally Day and the Celebration Service, shown to the right of this column. Also, please note on page 4 the article about registering your child for fall Sunday School. A registration form is included in this newsletter. On page 5, there's news about catechism starting soon.

Thanks again, and may God pour His blessings on the people of First St. John.

Your church secretary,
Toni Wilbarger

FROM OUR PASTORAL ASSISTANT . . .



Dear friends in Christ,

I have decided to step down as pastoral assistant at First St. John for personal reasons. I will remain an active member of the church because First St. John has been my church home for over 40 years. The friends I have made here are lifelong friends. You will still see me in church on Sunday.

For almost five years I have served the First St. John church family. We have shared many happy memories, and we have shared many griefs together. We have laughed together, prayed together, and cried together. So I will continue to pray for all of you. I ask for your prayers as I continue to seek God's will and purpose for my life.

May God continue to bless our church family with love, fellowship, and peace.

Your servant in Christ,
Bob Haar



ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

Join us on Sunday, September 7th for Celebration Sunday. It will start at 9:00 am with Rally Day for ALL students and teachers in the gym. Please bring your child to register them for Sunday School. There will be games, crafts, and snacks. Rally Day will dismiss at 10:00 am for a very special Celebration Service in the church at 10:15 am.

This service will be a joint effort between members of both the traditional and contemporary services with special music and message. After church, plan on attending a church picnic. We hope to see everyone there for this special event.

WHO'S WHO AT FIRST ST. JOHN

Position	Name	Phone Number	Email Address
Senior Pastor	Robert W. Blohm, Jr.	419-691-9524	pastorblohm@sbcglobal.net
Secretary	Toni Wilbarger	419-691-7222	firststjohn@sbcglobal.net
Sunday School Superintendent	Deb Ladd	419-691-5594	jladd45166@aol.com
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Dayschool	Barb Shellhammer	419-691-6480	bshellhammer@sbcglobal.net
Director of Music	John Rowley	419-698-3492	jrowley@toledosua.org
Organist	Norma Ridener	419-537-0145	rideners@att.net
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Children's Choir	Betty Hyre	419-836-9320	chyre@woh.rr.com
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Council President	Bill Caldwell	419-698-3285	billcathyc@buckeye-express.com
Treasurer	Lisa Anderson	419-693-1232	ljanderson@bex.net
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Memorials	Esther Bell	419-693-8118	estherhbell@sbcglobal.net
Property Management	Gary Henningsen	419-836-9650	
Elder Chairman	Bernie Erdmann	419-698-8063	erdmann12149@buckeye-express.com
Special Funds	Bill Caldwell	419-698-3285	billcathyc@buckeye-express.com
Altar Guild President	Laurie Witt	419-836-9702	ljwitt@hotmail.com
Altar Guild Flowers	Karyl Antoine	419-697-1693	KARYL1961@yahoo.com
WELCA President	Jean DeWitt	419-698-8963	jeandewitt@juno.com
Board of Education	Karen Holmes Jessika Wilson Pam Beavers	419-691-3225 419-215-9054 419-691-3929	wilson7934@woh.rr.com PJB1155@aol.com
Prayer Chain	Lynn Folk	419-691-3410	hpyhmker@sbcglobal.net
Librarian	Marilyn Cashen	419-698-2363	CMarilyn37@netscape.com
Reader Coordinator	Marion Fouty	419-693-0940	info@foutywaterjet.com

MEMBER UPDATES

Births

7-4-08 *Jordan Brianne Cummerow*, daughter of Brian and Jodi (Johnson) Cummerow.

7-16-08 *Cam James Schumaker*, son of Brian and Angie (Buchman) Schumaker.

Baptisms

None.

Marriages

7-5-08 Heather Rae Smith and Ryan Patrick Abbey

7-12-08 Ashley Lynn Bain and Darron Lee Swiderski

7-19-08 Jessica Lyn Gerrard and Justin Keith Bradford

Deaths

6-26-08 Wayne Likens

7-07-08 Donna (Hagedorn) Schaffer

7-15-08 Maurice Sindlinger

Transfers To/From First St. John

None

MEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Our men's breakfast bunch will continue. Our next gathering is Saturday, August 2nd at Bob Evans restaurant on Navarre Ave. Call Bob Haar at 419-360-7510 to let him know if you are planning to attend so he can arrange for enough seating. Thanks!



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

AUGUST 22nd

ELDERS FOR AUGUST

	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:45 am</u>
3rd	Dick Haar Lynn Folk	Darold Henninger Joanne Henningsen
10th	Bernie Erdmann	Jeff Smith Linda Kusian
17th	Mark Ackerman Janine Contat	Mike Winslow LuAnn Schuffenecker
24th	Darold Henninger Joanne Henningsen	Dick Haar Lynn Folk
31st	Jeff Smith Linda Kusian	Bernie Erdmann

MEMBER ADDRESS CHANGE

Jean Ross
2325 Lambert Dr.
Toledo, OH 43613
(Jullian)

Sara St. Clair
3337 Arlington Ave. F-113
Toledo, OH 43614

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), emailing (firststjohn@sbcglobal.net) or mailing the changes to: 2471 Seaman St./ Toledo, OH 43605.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____ Phone _____

MEMORIALS

AIR CONDITIONING FUND

In memory of Eileen Otersen by Paul & Mary Rang.

In memory of Clarence "Bud" Eggert by Larry & Darlene Paul, Ada Kreger, Martha Meyers, Fred & Doris Plassman, Marti Huepenbecker, Bill Huepenbecker, George & Elaine Ackerman, Kathy Koehn, Bob & Milly Dierker, Jim & Dianne Schumaker, Diane Kaitenbrun, Marvin & Carol Keller, Dick & Gerry MacAdams, Barbara Uhler, M/M Wm. Fischhaber, Ruth Cummerow & Jack Nissen, Scott & Lori Saunders, Ernie & Marge Bollinger, Wendell & Joyce Johnson, Esther Bell, Sandra Stahl, Lee & Elsie Pfouts and Tom, Madelyn Crimpritz, Clyde & Bettie Naugle, Eleanor Habegger, Tom, Sandy & Kevin Garverick, Donna & Jim Nowicki, Hal & Garnett Rueter, Ron & Laurie Witt, Harvey Greene.

CEMETERY FUND

In memory of Shirley Schumaker by Jack Billings, Chuck & Betty Hyre.

In memory of Wayne Likens by Walt & Darlene Metzger, Marlene Fouty, August Lofquist.

In memory of Clarence "Bud" Eggert by Carl & Janet Morrison, Irene Abbott, Ruth & Paul Price, Edith Schuffenecker.

DEBT RETIREMENT FUND

In memory of Wayne Likens by June & Perrie Brown, Gerry & Jerry Klein, Jean DeWitt.

ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Wayne Likens by Ruth & Paul Price, Sue & Ken Donbrosky, The Truman Family, M/M William Nelson and family, Joanne & Ron Koch, Earl & Shirley Warnke, Scott & Darlene Denham, Dave & Lore Warnke, Jerry & Ginny Nissen, Dorothy Zeadker, Gladys Driftmyer, Dianne Tolnai, Jim & Kim Cousino, Dennis & Lisa Pavley, Heidi & Lloyd Lind, Ada Kreger, Gene Hagedorn, Tom & Virginia DeWitt, Denise & Brian McGee.

In memory of Clarence "Bud" Eggert by Gene Hagedorn, Margie Heninger.

SALGHT (sponsored child)

In memory of Wayne Likens by Paul & Cheryl Fleitz.

CURRENT FUND

In memory of Wayne Likens by George & Elaine Ackerman, Dave & Di Habegger.

BUILDING FUND

In memory of Wayne Likens by Gary & Penny DeWitt.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

In memory of Wayne Likens by Barb & Frank Meyers.

ALTAR GUILD

In memory of Clarence "Bud" Eggert by Gary & Penny DeWitt, Bob & Sherrie Haar.

YOUTH

In memory of Wayne Likens by Jim & Janet Fox.

CHOIR FUND

In memory of Clarence "Bud" Eggert by Mary Ellen Miller, Joanne & Ron Koch.

RUTH CIRCLE NEWS

We will meet for lunch on Tuesday, August 5th at 11:00 am at the Oregon Inn. Please RSVP to Louise Sommers at 419-691-7719 by Sunday, August 3rd. Thanks.



SUNDAY SCHOOL FALL REGISTRATION

Attention, parents of any children interested in returning to or joining Sunday School: A Sunday School registration form follows this page in the newsletter. If you're at church, you can also find a form in the Narthex and the lounge. In order to have materials for everyone, we need to know how many to plan on. Please fill out the form and return it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. (You may also fax the form to: 419-691-7220.) Thank you.

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)

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

The Caregiver Support Group will meet Wednesday, August 6th at 7 pm in the lounge. These monthly meetings are for anyone who provides care for a loved one and needs the support of others with similar issues. The facilitator is Donna Koehn, LSW, LINC'S Program Coordinator, and member of First St. John. Co-sponsored by First St. John and Lutheran Homes Community Services.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



We're trying something new. Empty shoeboxes are in the lounge and the Narthex. Pick one or more boxes and a list of suggested items you can fill the boxes with. Once filled, return the shoeboxes to the church office.

DAYSCHOOL REGISTRATION

Classes for the 2008/2009 school year are filling up, but there's still time to register. If your child will be three, four, or five years old by September 30th and you'd like to enroll him or her, please call Barb Shellhammer at 419-691-6480. If you'd like to check out the school first, call Barb to schedule a tour. Tell your friends and neighbors, too!

ATTENTION: PARENTS OF 7th & 8th GRADERS

Catechism begins with an informational meeting on Monday, August 25th at 6:30 pm in the church. Catechism is for all kids going into 7th or 8th grade this fall. The meeting is for both parents and kids. Regular catechism classes will begin on Monday, September 8th at 6:30 p.m.



WELCA BOARD MEETING

Our August board meeting will be Monday, August 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the lounge. Thanks.

LIBRARY NEWS



The following books have been donated by Louise Sommers.

THE BLESSINGS OF BROKENNESS, by Charles Stanley. This book is an interpretation of how God uses brokenness in our lives to bring a blessing. It helps us to accept words and suffering.

THE PRAYER CHEST by August Gold and Joel Fotinos. This is a novel about receiving all of life's riches.

We must never forget, he is the potter, and we are the clay.
— Marilyn Cashen

First St. John's Lutheran Church Prayer Chain (as of 7-16-08)

Crisis Prayer Chain List

For those who need 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 notified of special circumstances:

**Sharon Arnold
Wendy Arnold
Pastor Blohm
Jordan Cummerow
Tina Curtis
Ed Ellis
Melissa Emerson
Jean Ross
Norman Schultz Sr. Family
Heather and Kayleigh Thayer**

Chronic Prayer List

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 circumstances:

**Lola Abbey
Kara Albrecht
Dick Bailey
Virginia Brandeberry
Dorothy Brown Family
Marjorie Counterman
Bud Eggert Family
Rick Fouty
Dick Gingrich Family
Justin Heath
LaVerne Klawitter
Ty Klocko
Julie Klosterman
Laurie Madrazo
Gene Patterson
Diane Smith
Candy Webster
Sally Winstead
Virginia Wright
Ken Yard
Dorothy Zeadker**

Please check the lists and let any of the prayer chain contacts know if there are individuals who could be moved off the lists.

Prayer Chain Contacts

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

DAVID WINSLOW MEMORIAL GOLF SCRAMBLES

This 4-man scrambles will be Sat., Aug. 9th at 8:00 am at Chippewa Golf Club. Price is \$60 per person, which includes green fees, cart, & food (burgers and brats & sides). Prizes awarded for first place, longest drive and closest to the pin. Reservation deadline is Sat., Aug. 2nd; all fees must be turned in by Mon., Aug. 4th. **All proceeds go to First St. John.** To register or sponsor a hole, call Mike Winslow at 419-691-8430 or 419-698-6507.

FIRST ST. JOHN LUTHERAN COUNCIL MINUTES—July 20, 2008

A special council meeting was held at 9:40 a.m. on July 20. President Bill Caldwell brought the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Of those attending, only nine were voting members – not a quorum. LuAnn Schuffenecker made a motion to poll absent members to vote on motions brought to the July 20th council meeting to create a majority vote. Dick Haar seconded the motion – motion carried.

Jim Sommers made a motion for the approval to explore the availability and salary and benefit requirements for calling an Associate Pastor/Youth Director. Janine Contat seconded the motion – motion carried.

Mike Folk made a motion for the approval to explore the availability and salary and benefit requirements of an interim to help lead the Youth Group until the above motions are resolved. Bernie Erdmann seconded the motion – motion carried.

Jim Sommers made a motion to hold Sunday School at 9 a.m. and have one church service at 10:15 a.m. on Rally Day, Sept. 7. Pam Beavers seconded the motion – motion carried.

Jim Sommers made a motion to evaluate having only one blended service in the fall for 5 weeks at 10:15 a.m. following Rally Day. Lynn Folk seconded the motion – motion carried.

The meeting was not adjourned – waiting the results of the poll of absent voters.

Respectfully submitted,

6 Esther Bell, Recording Secretary