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# ◊ First St. John Journal ◊

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I'd like to thank everyone for their cards, letters, and prayers over the last month. I am feeling much better and trying to do what my doctors are telling me to do.

I hope you're excited about our Celebration Sunday on September 7th. Rally Day will start at 9:00 am in the gym for all teachers (God bless them) and students (God bless them, too!). Following Sunday School is a special Celebration Service in the church at 10:15 am! After the church service, there'll be a church picnic with great food and games for all ages.

Feel like celebrating our church family and our life in Christ? Come and join us on September 7th! Let's worship and have fun together!

— Pastor Blohm

## RALLY DAY CELEBRATION SERVICE: A LUTHERAN SERVICE APPEALING TO ALL AGES



Join us on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 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 a message. After church, plan on attending a church picnic. We hope to see everyone there for this special event.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

Do not forget: Rally Day is in the gym on September 7th from 9:00 to 10:00 am. Plan on enjoying the games, crafts, and snacks. Parents, please come up to register your child if you haven't yet. Plan on staying for our Celebration Service at 10:15 am and the church family picnic immediately following. Sunday School has some exciting plans for fall. For the rest of September, the preschool through 6th grade will be doing "Rescue 911" focusing on Zacchaeus Repents, Jesus Saves the Criminal on the Cross, Saul's Conversion, and Nicodemus Learns About Eternal Life. The older grades also will have interesting new themes. Hope to see everyone return.

— The Board of Education



## TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Is the Bible true? What about Jesus? Did He really exist? Is the resurrection true or is it just make believe, a figment of the disciples' imaginations? Beginning on Tuesday, September 9th at 7:00 pm, Pastor Blohm will show an eight-part video series by bestselling author Dr. Paul Maier entitled: "Jesus: Legend or Lord?". This is an extremely enlightening video series by one of the world's foremost Christian scholars. Hope to see you there on September 9th.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
**SEPTEMBER 19th**

## ***WHO'S WHO AT FIRST ST. JOHN***

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### RALLY DAY PICNIC!

Rally Day is coming soon on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. A picnic will be held after the service with grilled hotdogs, baked beans and all the fixin's. Please join us in fellowship and sign up to bring a dessert, summer salad, or cut up fruits or vegetables. Sign up sheets are posted in the lounge and the Narthex.

Volunteers of all ages are also needed to help set up tables and chairs on Saturday as well as help serve and clean up on Sunday. Remember: Catechism students receive volunteer points for this service! Sign up sheets are posted in the Narthex and the lounge.

### Member Address Changes

Troy & Megan Boze  
7661 Kensington Dr.  
Lambertville, MI 48144  
(Kennedy)

Rev. Ken & Nichole Fouty  
PO Box 899  
Clarkston, MI 48347  
(Kenny, Eddie, Andy)

Joan (Szollosi) Juhasz  
2053 Ottawa River Rd.  
Toledo, OH 43611

Phyllis Wagner  
Lutheran Home Assisted Living  
2519 Seaman St. Apt. 8  
Toledo, OH 43605

Dorothy Zeadker  
2471 Luther Hills Circle  
Oregon, OH 43616

### MEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

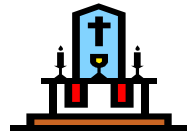
Our next gathering is Saturday, September 6th at Frisch's Big Boy on Navarre Ave. Call Bob Haar at 419-360-7510 to let him know if you are planning to attend so he can arrange for enough seating. Also let him know if you need transportation. Thanks!



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We're trying something new this year. Empty, but decoratively wrapped, 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. Thank you.

### ELDERS FOR SEPTEMBER



- 10:15 am**
- 9/7** Mike Winslow  
LuAnn Schuffenecker
- 9/14** Mark Ackerman  
Janine Contat
- 9/21** Dick Haar  
Lynn Folk
- 9/28** Darold Henninger  
Joanne Henningsen

### ADDRESS CHANGES/CORRECTIONS

To keep our office records up-to-date, 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. Or email us: firststjohn@sbcglobal.net

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## MEMORIALS

### ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Wayne Likens by Pastor & Ilean Labuhn.

In memory of Maurice Sindlinger by Gene Hagedorn, Warren & Doris Danekind.

In memory of Terry Zimmerman by Marilyn Cashen.

### CEMETERY FUND

In memory of those that have passed away by the Bereavement Committee.

### BETTY HYRE'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR

In memory of Terry Zimmerman by Nancy Gallaher, Norm Schumaker, Pastor Gerald & Ilean Labuhn, Royal & Phyllis Wagner, Ethel Rideout, Stephen & Kathy Porter.

### CHOIR FUND

In memory of Terry Zimmerman by Terry & Jane Schuetz, Carl & Janet Morrison, Ada Kreger, Victor & Eileen Schuerman, Jean DeWitt, Kathryn & Bob Webb, Chuck & Jane Neal, Ernie & Marge Bollinger.

### GENERAL FUND

In memory of Terry Zimmerman by George & Elaine Ackerman.

### MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Terry Zimmerman by Leona Arnold.  
In memory of Maurice Sindlinger by Irene Abbott, Francis & Vicki David, Rose & Richard Sabo, Linda Young, Ida Sturgill, Pastor Gerald & Ilean Labuhn.

### ALTAR GUILD

In memory of Maurice Sindlinger by Jean DeWitt.

### AIR CONDITIONING FUND

In memory of Maurice Sindlinger by Joe & Marian Chaney, Esther Bell, First St. John Dartball Team #1, August Lofquist, Chuck & Andra Bell.

## DARTBALL NEWS



We begin our season on Monday, September 29th at 7:30 pm. Team #1 plays St. Mark and Team #2 plays Trinity at home. We're always looking for new players. If you'd like to join us, the captain for Team #1 is Augie Lofquist (419-698-8694) and the captain for Team #2 is Bill Nelson (419-836-4165). We play the first and third Monday evenings (and fifth, if the month has a fifth Monday) at 7:30 pm. Hope to see you soon!

## BOARD OF MINISTRIES MEETING

Our next Board of Ministries meeting will be Wednesday, September 24th at 7:00 pm in the lounge. We hope you can attend.

### *WOMEN'S CIRCLE MEETINGS ALL LADIES WELCOME!*

The women meet monthly in several different "circles" where they study the Bible and have fellowship. Circles normally meet in the lounge. Most circles provide refreshments either prior to or after their studies. All ladies are welcome to join one of the following circles:

**Ruth Circle**—Meets first Tuesday of the month at 11:00 a.m. Our next meeting is September 2nd. We will finish "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren.

**Rebecca Circle**—Meets first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Our next meeting is September 4th. We're studying "The Purpose Driven Life."

**Miriam Circle**—Meets first Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Our next meeting is September 3rd. We're studying the book of Revelation with Pastor Labuhn.

**Hannah Circle**—Meets second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Our next meeting is September 9th. We're studying "Decisions" — seeking God's guidance for the decisions of our lives.



## ELDER NEEDED

The Elders need one person for a short time to fill a vacancy through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008. If you would be willing to help out, please call Bernie Erdmann at 419-698-8603.

## BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY

Our Brown Bag Bible Study will continue on Thursdays at noon in the lounge on Thursday, September 11th. Bring your lunch; coffee and water will be provided. Pastor Blohm will be leading the Bible Study this year. Please come for lunch, fellowship, and study.

**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.

## BELL CHOIR PRACTICE

Come on out and join the Bell choir! Our first practice is Monday, September 8th at 6:30 pm. No experience necessary! Hope to see you there.

## CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

The Caregiver Support Group will meet Wednesday, September 3rd 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, LINCS Program Coordinator, and member of First St. John. Co-sponsored by First St. John and Lutheran Homes Community Services.

## Membership Updates

### Births

- 6-12-08 *Morgan Anne Schweizer*, born to Tracy (Hall) and Michael Schweizer.
- 7-24-08 *Catrina Joelle Carlo*, born to Anthony and Angela (Dedmon) Carlo.
- 7-24-08 *Elijah Andrew Welling*, born to Andrew and Janelle (St. John) Welling.
- 8-8-08 *Kennedy Elisabeth Boze*, born to Troy and Megan (Vaillant) Boze.

### Baptisms

- 8-9-08 *Daeveon Joseph Pettaway*, born April 9, 2008 to Sondra Pettaway. Sponsors are April and Timothy Moore.
- 8-24-08 *Cam James Schumaker*, born July 16, 2008 to Brian and Angela (Buchman) Schumaker. Sponsors are his parents.

### Marriages

- 8-9-08 Danielle Heninger and Nathan Gaines
- 8-23-08 Sara St. Clair and Joseph Peters

### Deaths

- 8-5-08 Terry Zimmerman

### Transfers to St. John

None.

### Transfers from St. John

None.



## HARVEST FESTIVAL

Harvest Festival will be Sunday, Sept. 21st. If you are donating produce, please have the food here by Saturday, Sept. 20 at 9:00 a.m. Also, help is needed to put quilts in the pews. If you can come on Saturday, September 20, please call Ginny Nissen at 419-698-2822. Thank you!

## First St. John's Lutheran Church Prayer Chain (as of 8-25-08)

### Crisis Prayer List

For those who need prayers in an urgent matter such as upcoming surgery, emergency medical care (ICU), etc. Individuals moved to the "Chronic Prayer List" after the first month unless a prayer chain contact is notified otherwise:

#### Family of Don & Melinda Ciesielczyk

Walter Felder

Mike Folk

Sharon Shinaver

Shirley Warnke

Bill Zeisler

### Chronic Prayer List

For those who need prayers for ongoing serious situations such as cancer treatments, medical struggles, recovery and/or personal situations. Individuals moved off after 3 months unless one of the prayer chain contacts is notified of special /continuing circumstances:

Lola Abbey

Kara Albrecht

Sharon Arnold

Wendy Arnold

Dick Bailey

Pastor Blohm

Virginia Brandeberry

Marjorie Counterman

Jordan Cummerow

Tina Curtis

Ed Ellis

Melissa Emerson

Rick Fouty

Justin Heath

LaVerne Klawitter

Ty Klocko

Julie Klosterman

Laurie Madraza

Gene Patterson

Family of Norman Schultz, Sr.

Heather & Kayleigh Thayer

Diane Smith

Candy Webster

Sally Winstead

Virginia Wright

Ken Yard

Dorothy Zeadker

Please check the list and let any of the prayer chain contacts-listed below-know if individuals can be moved off the list.

Lynn Folk 419-691-3410 hpyhmker@sbcglobal.net  
Donna Koehn 419-693-5030  
Ada Kreger 419-693-1549  
Gloria Ross 419-836-7166

## **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)*



## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS**

Pastor Blohm will lead adult Bible classes on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the lounge beginning September 14th. Please take this opportunity to gather for coffee and fellowship every



## WELCA GENERAL MEETING

The Women of the ELCA General Meeting will be Wednesday, September 10th at 7:00 pm in the lounge. Our speaker will be Ruth Moeller from Lutheran Social Services who will speak about "Area Services and Needs." Everyone is welcome, men included. We hope you can join us.

## DAVID WINSLOW MEMORIAL GOLF SCRAMBLES UPDATE

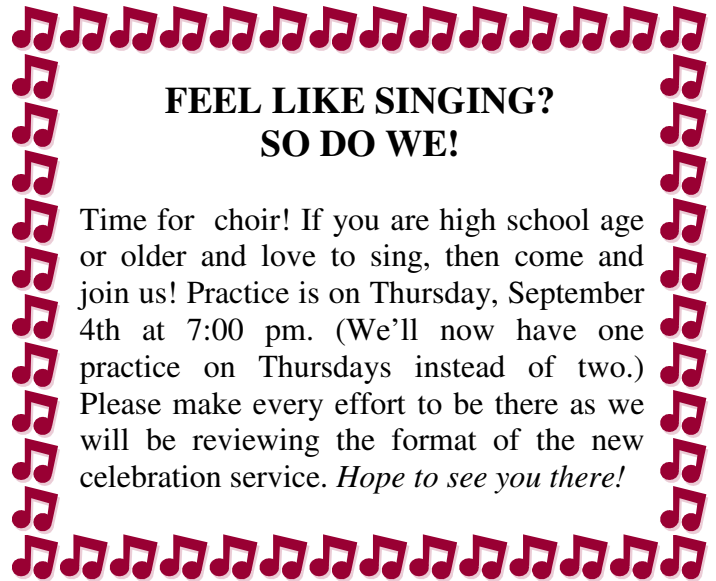
We held our annual golf outing on August 9th. Thank you to everyone who participated, whether you golfed, sponsored a hole, donated a door prize, etc. We made \$3,447, plus \$300 in matching funds from Thrivent. Of that total, \$2,000 will go to the Winslow Memorial Scholarship Fund with the remainder going toward a new lighted flag pole in the cemetery. Thanks everyone, and we'll see you next summer!



## HANNAH'S SOCKS

Hannah's Socks is an organization that began right here in Toledo. Hannah is now 6 years old, and she recognized a need at the Cherry Street Mission when she saw a man in line for food who had no socks. His toes were sticking out of a hole in his shoe. Since then, Hannah and her mother have given away hundreds of pairs of socks for the needy in Toledo, branching out to serve many organizations in the Toledo area.

WELCA has decided to support Hannah's Socks. In September, there will be two trees, one in the Narthex and one in the lounge. Similar to how we help a needy family at Christmas, there will be decorations on the trees with requests for pairs of socks. Simply take a decoration, fill out your name on one, and take the one behind it with you when you donate your package of socks. We need men's heavier white socks and socks for children ages first through sixth grade. There will be carton boxes near each tree in which to place your donations. This drive will run through September 30th. We hope you can help fulfill Hannah's dream to minister to the needy in our area. Thank you.



## FEEL LIKE SINGING? SO DO WE!

Time for choir! If you are high school age or older and love to sing, then come and join us! Practice is on Thursday, September 4th at 7:00 pm. (We'll now have one practice on Thursdays instead of two.) Please make every effort to be there as we will be reviewing the format of the new celebration service. *Hope to see you there!*

## CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE

First St. John now has a website. Check it out at [www.firststjohn.com](http://www.firststjohn.com) You can view the monthly calendar and previous newsletters, email the church, plus find out about upcoming events. You also can click on different group headings and find out what each group is doing in the near future.

*\*\*Coming Soon:* A link to the Dayschool's new website.\*\*

Thank you very much to Diane Habegger for putting the website together.

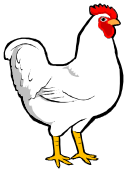
### CATECHISM BEGINS SOON

Attention parents! If your child is entering either the 7th or 8th grade this year, please call the church office at 419-691-7222 to register for catechism. Catechism classes begin on Monday, September 8th at 6:30 p.m.

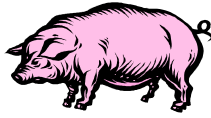


## HATS, MITTENS, SOCKS & BOOTS NEEDED

WELCA will collect hats, mittens, and boots for local children during October. Hat & mitten sizes 0-5 go to the Toledo Day Nursery; sizes 6-Adult go to Riverside School. Also collecting toddler and preschool size socks and boots for Toledo Day Nursery. Place donations in the marked boxes in the Narthex and/or the lounge. Thank you.



## Chicken & Ham Dinner



If you're new to First St. John or have never been to this dinner, then reserve Saturday, November 1st for the biggest event of the year! Delicious meals of chicken, ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, rolls & butter, and homemade desserts will be served from 4:00-7:00 p.m. This is a great community event, and not just for members. Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers— they'll be glad you did!!!

Tickets will be available in September. You may buy tickets from the church office or from circle members, or you can call Jane Schuetz at 419-691-5506. Tickets will go on sale after services in the lounge and narthex on October 12 and 19. And, yes, you can buy them at the door.

### Ticket Prices:

Adults	\$8.50
Children 3-12 yrs	\$4.00
Children 2 yrs & under	Free (still need ticket)

Watch your October bulletins and newsletter for more information and ways you can help.

## DAYCHOOL NEWS

Dear Friends,

It's wonderful to have our halls filled with parents dropping off children and rooms filled with children excited to meet friends and engage in learning activities. The teachers have spent a great deal of time preparing for this new school year. They are committed to providing a Christ-centered learning environment for their students. We ask for God's blessing on the coming school year.

If you would like to visit a classroom or have a special talent you think the children would be interested in, please call me at the Dayschool office 419-691-6480, and we can schedule a time for your visit.

As always, thank you for your support. Our main objective is to lead children to Jesus Christ, their Savior, and, without the support of this congregation, that could never be accomplished.

In service to His children,  
Barb Shellhammer

## Needed: Craft & Bake Sale Items



We need items to sell at the Craft and Bake Sale held during the Chicken and Ham Dinner on November 1st. If you can help or if you would like to have your own craft table, please contact Jane Schuetz at 419-691-5506 or Louise Sommers at 419-691-7719.

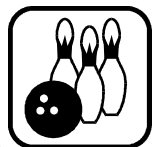
## REGULAR OFFICE HOURS RESUME

On Tuesday, September 2nd, church office hours return to Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The office will be closed for Labor Day.

## ALTAR GUILD MEETING

Our next Altar Guild meeting will be Monday, September 8th at 6:30 p.m.

## LUTHERAN MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE



We bowl each Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Interstate Lanes in Rossford (I-75 & Buck Rd.). League is 100% handicap so every team has an equal chance to win. Part of the fees collected each week go toward a fund for scholarships for Lutheran Seminary Students. Join us for some fun and competition. Questions? Call Steve Mawhorter at 419-836-6711.