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To help our students get ready for the classroom (and give us alumni a brief refresher), the following email is a study of the Beauty of Math. Thank you to Gene Hagedorn who forwarded this email to us from his brother, Floyd. Absolutely amazing!

— *Pastor Blohm*

$1 \times 8 + 1 = 9$
 $12 \times 8 + 2 = 98$
 $123 \times 8 + 3 = 987$
 $1234 \times 8 + 4 = 9876$
 $12345 \times 8 + 5 = 98765$
 $123456 \times 8 + 6 = 987654$
 $1234567 \times 8 + 7 = 9876543$
 $12345678 \times 8 + 8 = 98765432$
 $123456789 \times 8 + 9 = 987654321$

$1 \times 9 + 2 = 11$
 $12 \times 9 + 3 = 111$
 $123 \times 9 + 4 = 1111$
 $1234 \times 9 + 5 = 11111$
 $12345 \times 9 + 6 = 111111$
 $123456 \times 9 + 7 = 1111111$
 $1234567 \times 9 + 8 = 11111111$
 $12345678 \times 9 + 9 = 111111111$
 $123456789 \times 9 + 10 = 1111111111$

$9 \times 9 + 7 = 88$
 $98 \times 9 + 6 = 888$
 $987 \times 9 + 5 = 8888$
 $9876 \times 9 + 4 = 88888$
 $98765 \times 9 + 3 = 888888$
 $987654 \times 9 + 2 = 8888888$
 $9876543 \times 9 + 1 = 88888888$
 $98765432 \times 9 + 0 = 888888888$

Brilliant, isn't it? And look at this symmetry:

$1 \times 1 = 1$
 $11 \times 11 = 121$
 $111 \times 111 = 12321$
 $1111 \times 1111 = 1234321$
 $11111 \times 11111 = 123454321$

$111111 \times 111111 = 12345654321$
 $1111111 \times 1111111 = 1234567654321$
 $11111111 \times 11111111 = 123456787654321$
 $111111111 \times 111111111 = 12345678987654321$

Now take a look at this: 101%

From a strictly mathematical viewpoint, what equals 100%? What does it mean to give more than 100%?

We have all been in situations where someone wants you to give over 100%. How about achieving 101%?

What equals 100% in life? Here is a little mathematical formula that might help answer these questions:

If: ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

Is represented as: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

If: H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K is represented as:

$8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98\%$

And: K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E is represented as:

$11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 96\%$

But: A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E is represented as:

$1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100\%$

Then: Look how far the love of God will take you:

L-O-V-E-O-F-G-O-D

$12+15+22+5+15+6+7+15+4 = 101\%$

Therefore: One can conclude with mathematical certainty that:

While hard work and knowledge will get you close, and attitude will get you there, it is the Love of God that will put you over the top!

MEMBER UPDATES

Births

None of which we are aware.

Baptisms

6-28-09 *Alexander James Fisher*, born November 9, 2006 to Sara Vandeneynde and James Fisher. Sponsors are Shawn and Megan Poore.

Alexis Lyn Fisher, born November 6, 2008 to Sara Vandeneynde and James Fisher. Sponsors are Shawn and Megan Poore.

6-28-09 *Jesse Emerson Eck*, born February 13, 1993 to Robin Sherman and Jerry Eck.

7-5-09 *Lilly Wesley Perkins*, born March 23, 2009 to Jason and Kristin (West) Perkins. Sponsors are Grant and Katie Tesst.

7-12-09 *Destiny Rain Hall*, born December 20, 2006 to Crystal Hall and Derek Hall. Sponsors are Debbie Kidwell, Tammy Belcher, and Brandon Belcher.

Richard Charles Kelsey, born May 15, 2008 to Crystal Hall and Ralph Kelsey. Sponsors are Richard Barnes and Maria Smith Ortiz.

7-18-09 *Jacob Edward Donley*, born July 15, 2008 to Jessica Whitney and Jacob Donley. Sponsors are Jason Whitney and Justin Donley.

Marriages

7-18-09 Crystal Davies and Robert Swaisgood

Deaths

None.

Transfers To/From First St. John

None

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST



All men—both young and not-so-young—are invited to the next Men's Fellowship breakfast on Saturday, August 8th at 8:00 am at Bob Evan's Restaurant on Navarre. (Date changed because of David Winslow Memorial Golf outing on August 1st.) Please call Bob Haar, 419-360-7510, to RSVP or if you need a ride. August's devotional theme is a tribute to farmers. Please join us.

(If you're planning ahead, our September meeting will be Saturday, September 12th at 8:00 am at Bob Evans on Navarre. The date change avoids the Labor Day holiday weekend.)

REMEMBER YOUR CONFIRMATION?

Photos of each confirmation class from 1931 to the present are displayed in the lounge under the clock, and we need your help. Photos from 1958, 1962, and from 1968 to 2005 have the names listed in alphabetical order instead of in order by position in the photo. If you don't know the names, you don't know which name fits with which picture.

To correct this, we need your help. If you were confirmed in the years listed above, please stop by and check out these photos. We've now numbered each person in the photo and have a piece of paper for each year that is numbered for each student. Start with yourself: write your name on the sheet of paper next to your number in the picture. Then, if you can help with some of the other names in your class (especially if they no longer attend here or have passed away), write their names next to their numbers. (If you're confused, just flip back to a year prior to 1958 to see what we mean.)

When we get everyone identified, we'll re-do the name lists in order by photo positions. Thank you for your help.

NEWSLETTER NOTE

Beginning this issue, we'll no longer run the "Who's Who" page. If you need a phone number or email address of our church leaders, please call Toni in the office. This change was made to save a newsletter page and try to cut down on paper costs.

MEMBER ADDRESS CHANGES

SPC Doherty, Steven D.
Co. D 132nd BSB
Camp Bucca
APO AE 09375-0500

Mary Farkas
180 Main St. Apt. D135
Walpole, MA 02081

Marilyn Koester
506 Whittemore St.
Toledo, OH 43605

Amanda (Feher) & Philip Konczal
1950 Metz Ave.
Oregon, OH 43616

ATTENTION CONGREGATION



If you have any events that you or your family is involved in, please keep us updated. These events will be put up on the screen before the 10:15 service. Please send any announcements to Mary at mdarling05@yahoo.com.

ATTENTION: PARENTS OF 7th & 8th GRADERS

Catechism begins with an informational meeting on Monday, August 24th at 6:30 pm in the church (please enter and exit through the church doors as there will be an event in the lounge that evening). Catechism is for all kids going into 7th or 8th grade this fall. Both parents and kids are encouraged to attend.

Regular catechism classes will begin on Monday, August 31st at 6:30 p.m. Classes will break for the Labor Day weekend and then resume weekly beginning September 14th.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Calling teachers, retired teachers, moms, dads, or anyone who would like to communicate with the children of First St. John. Would you like to try your hand at giving the Children's Message during the worship service? This would not be a permanent position, just a chance to try it every so often. You can volunteer at either or both services. For more information or to sign up, please call Laura DeWitt at 419-693-2264.

STAFFED NURSERY NOW AVAILABLE

Our nursery is now staffed during both services. If you'd like to take your child to the nursery, you will find it in the church basement just past the RENEW youth room.

ELDERS FOR AUGUST

	<u>7:45 am</u>	<u>10:15 am</u>
2nd	Jeff Smith Linda Kusian	Bernie Erdmann Eric Johnson
9th	Mike Winslow LuAnn Schuffenecker	Mark Ackerman Janine Contat
16th	Dick Haar Joanne Henningsen	Darold Henninger Lynn Folk
23rd	Bernie Erdmann Eric Johnson	Jeff Smith Linda Kusian
30th	Mark Ackerman Janine Contat	Mike Winslow LuAnn Schuffenecker

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

ALTAR GUILD

In memory of Suzanne Garey by Bob & Sherrie Haar.

UNEMPLOYMENT RESOURCES FROM THRIVENT FINANCIAL

At some point in your career, you're likely to face unemployment. It can be a difficult period, filled with both insecurity and anticipation. This is true whether you're a new graduate entering the workforce, someone who's changing careers, or you've recently lost a job or are preparing yourself for the possibility.

As a fraternal benefit society, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is committed to helping you face life's challenges. Log on to www.thrivent.com for a series of resources to help you put your job transition into perspective and prepare for your next career move.

Online Educational Resources: A series of educational web modules on topics including practical advice for job seekers, interviewing, resume building, networking, differentiating yourself and more.

Navigating Financially: When you're out of work, finding new employment is a natural primary focus – but it's also important to make smart decisions about money. Learn more about the different financial stages of the job transition process.

Navigating Emotionally & Spiritually: During a period of unemployment, finding emotional and spiritual support is vital. Explore ways to turn uncertainty into opportunities for renewal and reflection.

There are also training modules, including writing resumes, networking, job boards, and more. Go to www.thrivent.com, click on "Programs & Outreach," and then click on "Job Transitions" in the left column.

JOIN US FOR ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION 2009 MEMORY WALK



This year's walk will be Sunday, September 20th. Registration starts at 10:30 am, and the Walk starts at noon. Anyone interested in joining First St. John's team, please go on-line to:
<http://toledomemorywalk2009.kintera.org/>
1ststjohnluthchurch

You can register to be a walker and set your own personal goal for donation requests. Talk with your family and friends about becoming involved in this very worthy cause. As a group, we can truly reach out and help others. If you have any questions, call or email: Janine Contat 419-693-5183 or j9swancont@hotmail.com, or June Might 419-662-8024 or bugmight@sbcglobal.net

MIRIAM CIRCLE SEPTEMBER MEETING

The Miriam Circle will meet Wednesday, September 2nd at 9:30 am. Pastor Labuhn will be leading our Bible study for the new season.



WELCA NEWS

Board Meeting: Monday, August 24th at 6:30 p.m. in the catechism room next to the lounge.

September General Meeting: Our general meeting will be Wednesday, September 9th at 7:00 pm. Thrivent representatives will tell us what Thrivent is and what it represents. They will also tell us about the different types of memberships available. Men and women are welcome.

DAYSCHOOL REGISTRATION

Classes for the 2009/2010 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!



FIRST ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ 2009/10 Registration

Kids may forget what you say – but they remember what they discover on their own. With our NEW Hands-On Curriculum, that happens because every class is fun...playful...and packed with learning! Sunday School is for ages 3 through 6th grade.

Please complete the form below and place it in offering plate or turn it in to the church office by September 1st, to allow time to order "Gizmos" for everyone!

Mark your calendar for Sunday September 13th - J.A.M. Fest

Student name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade in fall: _____

Parent Names: _____

Address: _____

Contact numbers: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Any Allergies to foods or materials: _____

Student will use the staffed nursery during early/late church: _____

** Any other siblings attending nursery not registered for J.A.M.: (age & name)

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!

SPC Doherty, Steven D.
Co. D 132nd BSB
Camp Bucca
APO AE 09375-0500

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

SGT Nick Grady
2711B Chow Circle
Kailua, HI 96734

Chief Petty Officer Cynthia Henderson
521 Pine Forest Trail
Orange Park, FL 32073

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

Officer Candidate
Pavley, Michael
Class #009-08 3rd PLT. CHARLIE CO.
3-11th Infantry Regiment (OCS)
7480 Riordan St.
Ft. Benning, GA 31905

Matthew Phillips
1 ERHG / Red Horse
APO AE 09355

Captain Lindsey Rowland
(we do not currently have an address for her; please keep her in your prayers)

Grant Rowland
BP 493 Kaolack
Senegal, W. Africa

RENEW CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

Pointfest Ticket Deadline

If you want to reserve a ticket please let Mary know by August 5th. EVENT DATE: September 19, 2009 at Cedar Point in Sandusky, OH. Featuring: Toby Mac, Family Force 5, Brandon Heath, Tom Richter, Bluetree, Rich Praytor

\$45 FOR CONCERT & THEME PARK TICKETS! Remember, if you helped with fund-raisers this past year, your ticket will be cheaper.

Renew Student Ministry Cookout—
August 12th @ 6:30 pm.

Meeting—August 19th at 6:30 pm in lounge. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER WITH THE STUDENT MINISTRY PLEASE COME TO THE AUGUST 19TH MEETING @ 6:30 PM IN THE LOUNGE

Upcoming events took look forward to!

Sunday School Kick-off
PointFest
Alzheimer Disease walk (see page 4 for more information about the walk)

PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK FIRST ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION FOR BOTH THE RENEW AND COLLEGE BREAK GROUPS:

www.firststjohn.com

LIBRARY NEWS



LAKE WOBEGONE by Garrison Keillor has been donated to the library. You will enjoy this radio humorist's characters and places.

THE BLUEBIRD AND THE SPARROW was donated by Joanne Koch. This is actually two stories about two girls and their relationship, written by Janette Oke.

— Marilyn Cashen

**First St. John Lutheran
Prayer Chain** (as of 7-27-09)

Crisis Prayer Chain List: *Those who need prayers for upcoming surgery, emergency medical care (ICU), etc. Individuals moved to Chronic list after 1st month unless a prayer chain contact is notified of special circumstances:*

**Nancy Ackerman
Kelsey Engles
Glenn Everett
Carly & Samantha Gardull
Jerry Gears
Jasmine Rae Hachuela
Sharon (no last name given)
Nancy Sniegocki
Shirley Vick**

Chronic Prayer List: *Those who need prayers for ongoing serious situations such as cancer treatments, medical struggles, recovery, and/or personal situations. Individuals moved off list after 3 months unless a prayer chain contact is notified of special circumstances:*

**Jim Ackerman
Janet Bain
Lynne Bateman
Virginia Brandeberry
Chris & Doug Burk
Family of Dewey Caldwell
Joe Clifford
Marjorie Counterman
Linda Curran
Jackie & Ronald Curtis
Ed Ellis
Walter Felder
Patty Gable
Sally Winstead Hartzell
Mary Lou Hoeflinger
Doris Karow
Connie Koch
Nancy Pass
Suzanne, Ella, & Lainey Peace
Melissa Perry
Janet Roberts
Fred Saelzler
Zak Salls
Family of Shirley Warnke
Candy Webster
Jimmer Woods
Bill & Rietta Zeisler
Ruth Ziethlow**

Please check the lists and let any prayer chain contact know if individuals can 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**



If you've signed up to play, the event is Saturday, August 1st at 8:00 am at Chippewa Golf Club. Call Mike Winslow: 419-691-8430 or 419-698-6507 for more information.

WEBSITE INFORMATION

If you have information to be posted to First St. John's website, please contact Diane Habegger using this email address: dihab53@gmail.com



THANK YOU SO MUCH

I'd like to thank our church family for the outpouring of love shown to my family after the passing of my grandmother, LaVerne Klawitter, in December. The church was full at her funeral service, which shows that her church family loved her as much as she loved them.

First St. John's was such a large part of grandma's life, so I was glad the services were able to be held there. Grandma gave so much of herself to the church and its members because she truly loved you and God. From quilting, circles, baking for numerous church events, to visiting members at the nursing home (the list goes on), she gave selflessly, as a true follower of Christ. Most importantly, she did these things not because she felt obligated, but because she enjoyed giving to others.

Thank you to everyone involved in grandma's life. Know that she loved you very, very much. A special thank you to Pastor Blohm for his comfort and care of our family. And thank you to grandma's good friends, Ada Kreger and Theresa Meyer. Your friendship means more to my family than you can imagine. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

—Monica G. Moszkowicz

