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# First St. John Journal

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**T**he other day, I came across this one single verse in Luke's gospel that sort of hit me between the eyes. It's Luke 1:37: "For nothing is impossible with God." How often do we make the mistake, with our fallible, human minds, of denying the power of God?

With God's power in Jesus Christ, forgiveness becomes possible, peace with God Almighty becomes possible, living with God for eternity becomes possible. All this may seem totally impossible to the world's way of thinking. And, for the world, it is absolutely impossible. But not for God.

Nothing is impossible for God.

God can forgive your sins through faith in Christ. Through Christ, God can give you the assurance of peace. And through Christ, God has promised you and me a heavenly home. So let the world laugh and say it's impossible! Remember what the angel said: "For nothing is impossible with God!" Don't deny the power of God around you and in you!

— *Pastor Blohm*

## ***HOLY WEEK SERVICES***

### **Maundy Thursday, April 1**

12:00 pm – Worship

7:00 pm – Worship

### **Good Friday, April 2**

12:00 pm – Worship

7:00 pm – Worship

### **Easter Sunday, April 4**

7:45 am – Early Worship

8:45 am – Easter Breakfast

10:30 am – Late Worship

11:30 am – Communion Following

## ***CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS!***



We will move our clocks forward one hour (spring ahead!) on Sunday, March 14th at 2:00 a.m. So remember to set your clocks ahead one hour when you go to bed on Saturday, March 13th.

## **DAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

First St. John Dayschool Open House for parents interested in enrolling their children will be Tuesday, March 2nd beginning at 6:00 pm. If you know anyone who is looking for a quality school, please encourage them to come, see, and experience the awesome program we have to offer. Many have already sent families our way, and we appreciate it. Word of mouth has always been our best advertisement. Thanks, and we hope to see you on March 2nd!



## ***DAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT***

Beginning March 1st, the general public is invited to enroll their children for the 2010/2011 school year. All children who will be age 3 by September 30, 2010 are eligible to attend. First St. John members also are encouraged to call and "check out" our school. If you're interested and/or would like more information, please call Barb Shellhammer at 419-691-6480.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  
MARCH 22nd**

## **LENTEN SERVICES**





Each Wednesday during Lent, we'll have a noontime service in the chapel and a 7:00 pm service in the sanctuary. Services continue March 3rd through the 24th. Please join us as your schedule permits.





## ELDER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

	<u>7:45 am</u>	(Wed.)	<u>10:15 am</u>
3rd		Mike Winslow Gene Schacht	
7th	Eric Johnson Linda Kusian		Bernie Erdmann Linda Erdmann
10th		Darold Henninger Jim Swanson	
14th	Darold Henninger Jim Swanson		Mike Winslow Gene Schacht
17th		Dick Haar Joanne Henningsen	
21st	Joanne Henningsen Bill Nelson		Lynn Folk Dick Haar
24th		Lynn Folk Bill Nelson	
28th	Bernie Erdmann Linda Erdmann		Eric Johnson Linda Kusian



### MEMBER ADDRESS CHANGES

 Richard & Jody Bronwoski   
3153 Hazelton Dr.   
Oregon, OH 43616   
(Sierra)

 Sue Ann Rogers   
2757 Luverne Ave.   
Oregon, OH 43616 



### ADDRESS CHANGES/CORRECTIONS

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

## MEMBER UPDATES

### Births

12-29-09 *Carly Sue Minnick*, born to Tod and Amy (Helle) Minnick.

2-15-10 *McKenna Alexis Cummerow*, born to Brian and Jodi (Johnson) Cummerow.

2-16-10 *Carson Michael Pax*, born to Jeffrey and Ashlee (Besgrove) Pax.

### Baptisms

2-14-10 *Connor James Newman*, born January 6, 2010 to Christopher and Kristina (Roberts) Newman. Sponsors are Jack & Kelly Braden.

**Marriages:** None.

### Deaths

2-6-10 Joanne Harrell

2-18-10 Fred "Bill" Besgrove

**Transfers to/from First St. John:** None

## MOVIE NIGHT



Join us on Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8pm in church to watch "Veggie Tales: An Easter Carol." All ages welcome! Enjoy fellowship & snacks while watching this fun and meaningful movie. This event is FREE and for all ages.

## WHAT'S THIS ENVELOPE FOR?

If you wish to donate to our local benevolences, you may write a check, place it in the envelope, and either mail it back to the church or place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Recent additions to the library: **THE POWER OF THE PRAYING WOMAN**, given by Sue Moskowitz in honor of LaVerne Klawitter will help you draw closer to God and receive comfort. Sue also gave **PRAYER THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING**, in honor of Monica Moskowitz's birthday. Both of these books were written by Stormie Omartian.

Remember the three "R's": Respect for self, respect for others, and responsibility for all your actions.

— Marilyn Cashen

## FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR



For March, we are asking for tuna, noodles, canned salmon, cream of celery or cream of mushroom soup, and mac-n'-cheese mix. Of course, we will always accept canned goods, non-perishable food items, and baby food. Place your donations in the bins in the Narthex (under the main bulletin board) or the lounge (near the double doors). No glass containers. Thank you for your help.

## FIRST ST. JOHN ALTAR GUILD EASTER FLOWER SALE



The Easter Flower Sale has begun. The price of the flowers is \$8.00 per plant. You can choose a lily, daffodil, hyacinth or tulip plant. An order form will be in the bulletin on March 7th, and someone will take orders in the Narthex on March 14th.

Please complete the order blank below and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office: 2471 Seaman St., Toledo, OH 43605. Please make checks payable to: *First St. John Altar Guild*. Payment must accompany orders.

*The deadline for ordering is Mon., March 15th.*

No. of plants @ \$8.00 each: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Type of plant: \_\_\_\_\_  
(lily, daffodil, hyacinth, tulip)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In Loving Memory of (Deceased): \_\_\_\_\_

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In Honor of (Living): \_\_\_\_\_

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*You are cordially invited*

*First St. John Easter Breakfast*

*Sunday, April 4 8:45 - 10:00 am*

Easter breakfast will be at 8:45 am between the early 7:45 service and the late 10:30 service. The menu includes scrambled eggs, toast, pancakes, and sausage. Orange juice, coffee, and tea will be served with your breakfast. In order to plan, we need to know how many are attending. Please fill out the portion below and mail to the church office or place it in the offering plate. Free will offering will be taken. Thank you, and hope to see you there!

*Yes, I/we plan to attend the Easter breakfast on  
Sunday, April 4th at 8:45 am.*

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

# MEMORIALS

## CHRISTMAS TREE

In memory of **Elenore Taylor** by Jim & Louise Sommers, Eileen Young, Louise Diersch, George & Christine Veronie, James & Irene Veronie, Maxine Eggerth.

In honor of **Elaine Ackerman and Eileen Young's** 80<sup>th</sup> birthday by Louise & Jim Sommers.

## CEMETERY FUND

In memory of **Elenore Taylor** by Nancy Gallaher.

In memory of **Joanne Harrell** by M/M William Fischhaber, Ken & Joyce Villhauer, M/M Ron Sattler, M/M Richard Warkentien.

## QUILTERS

In honor of **Elaine Ackerman and Eileen Young's** 80<sup>th</sup> birthday by Paul & Vivian Kuhlman.

In memory of **Joanne Harrell** by Sue Moszkowicz.

## CHOIR FUND

In memory of **Elenore Taylor** by Chuck & Betty Hyre.

In memory of **Mark Brecklen** by Chuck & Betty Hyre.

## MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of **Mark Brecklen** by the Spoerl Family, Steve Gail, Henry & Irene Meech, Darold & Marcia Henninger, Jim & Judy Gephart, Barb & Frank Meyers, Lois Brecklen, Darrel & Heather Wagner, Heidi Locknane.

In memory of **Joanne Harrell** by Margie Heninger, Marilyn Cashen, Paul & Vivian Kuhlman, Phyllis Coontz, Art Gomoll, M/M Bernard Cedoz, M/M Larry Johnson, Betty Schroeder, M/M Harold Padley, Rose Moring, Joe & Dolores Stobinski, M/M Nelson Bohloff, Tom & Shelley Garrett, Helen Konoff, Norman & Phyllis Schuffenecker, Bob & Betty Anderson, George & Elaine Ackerman, Phyllis & Larry Kelly, Florence Heintchel, Jim & Dianne Schumaker, Ron & Brenda Fussell, Dave & Sue Kimmet, Jack & Kay Hoeflin, Roy & Pauline Moritz, Cliff & Madonna Bury; Jon, Melissa, Hannah & Noah Lang, Margaret Rogers, William & Julie Moritz, Troy & Lisa Anderson, M/M William Selee, Peggy & John Morton.

## ELEVATOR FUND

In memory of **Jim Ackerman** by Bob & Paulette Giaimo.

In memory of **Joanne Harrell** by Bonnie Varga, Robert Varga, Jr. & Doreen Cluckey, Jeannie & Bill Free.

## COUNCIL MINUTES

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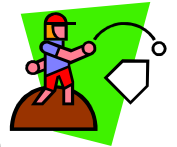
**New Business (continued)** - Linda Kusian made a motion to use that money to buy the computers. Chris Hunsaker seconded. The information will be taken to the congregation to vote on since this amount is over \$5000. The vote passed. He also discussed new wireless hardware and a new phone system with installation of those items, costing about \$2500 for each. A discussion took place.

Bill also talked about putting new carpeting in the nursery and the basement area of the church. That cost is estimated at \$7000-\$8000. The carpeting is the tile kind. Jim Sommers made a motion to use \$13000 from the Bosse Fund to cover the carpet, phone system, and wireless hardware. Gary Henningsen seconded it. The council voted and the motion passed. Again the proposal will be taken to the congregation to vote on.

The meeting was called to adjourn. A motion was made by Dave and Gary seconded it. Meeting adjourned. Pastor dismissed us with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Habegger

## 2010 HOMEPLATE— RESRVATIONS EXTENDED



Join us Saturday, May 1st at Comerica Park as the Tigers take on the Los Angeles Angels. The program begins at 9:30 am. Members and coaches of the Detroit Tigers speak about their faith in Jesus Christ. Afterward, an on-the-field baseball clinic runs from 11:00 am - 12:15 pm. Everyone gets a meal coupon for the concession areas, too. Then stay for the game, which begins at 1:05 pm. Tickets are \$26 per person. Call or email the church office soon to reserve your tickets. Deadline to reserve 4 tickets is March 25, 2010.



## WOMEN'S HEALTH BAZAAR

As a fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, we will host a Women's Health Bazaar at First St. John on Saturday, March 20 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm in the gym. This event is open to anyone, so bring your friends. Several booths will be set up for wellness testing, and other booths of interest to ladies, such as makeup, accessories, etc. Watch your bulletins for additional information as it becomes available.

## MEN'S MINISTRY

Our next gathering is Saturday, March 6th at 8:00 am at Bob Evans on Navarre Ave. Come for breakfast, a short devotion and fellowship. Call Bob Haar at 419-360-7510 to RSVP so he can arrange for seating. Also let him know if you need transportation.

### RENEW March Schedule



**March 2, 6PM —Dayschool Open House.** Come help and be friendly!

**March 3, 7PM—Lenten Church Service**

**March 7—**Sunday School at 9AM  
Youth Group 7PM

**March 10, 7PM—Lenten Church Service**

**March 14—**Sunday School at 9AM  
Youth Group 7PM

**March 17, 7PM — Lenten Church Service**

**March 21—**Sunday School at 9AM  
No Youth Group. TobyMac concert at the Lucas County Arena. Additional information TBA.

**March 24, 7PM — Lenten Church Service**

**March 28—Sunday School 9AM**

**Movie Night.** We'll see "Veggie Tales: An Easter Carol" beginning at 6:30 PM in First St. John Sanctuary. All ages welcome! Come enjoy fellowship & snacks while watching this fun and meaningful movie. This event is FREE.

## MILITARY SERVICE NOTES



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

*Cpl Thomas L. Bolander, Jr.*

**Thank you for your prayers. He is home now and doing well!**

*SSGT Kevin Fouty*

(we do not have a current address)

*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*

(we do not have a current address)

*Matthew Phillips*

1 ERHG / Red Horse  
APO AE 09355

*Captain Lindsey Rowland*

(we do not have a current address)

*Grant Rowland*

BP 493 Kaolack  
Senegal, W. Africa



## WINSLOW SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This scholarship helps members of First St. John attending college for the 2010/2011 school year. Money from the proceeds of the David Winslow Memorial Golf outing fund this scholarship. (Watch your bulletins and newsletters in the spring for this year's date.) Also, anyone can donate to this fund. Scholarship applications are in the church office. Applications must be completed and returned to the church office by May 1<sup>st</sup> to be considered.

## **First St. John Prayer Chain**

(As of February 24, 2010)

### **Crisis Prayer List**

*This 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 the chronic list after the first month unless one of the prayer chain contacts is notified:*

**Bernie Erdmann  
Walter Felder  
Family of Bill Fouke  
Stephen Hogg  
Jake Richards  
Kathy Rushing  
Tina (no last name given)  
Donna Wief**

### **Chronic Prayer List**

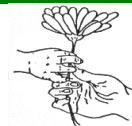
*This is for those who need our prayers for ongoing serious situations such as cancer treatments, medical struggles and recovery and/or personal situations. Individuals will be moved off after 3 months unless one of the prayer chain contacts has been notified:*

**Family of Sandra Abramczyk  
Family of Jim Ackerman  
Eileen Aysh  
Donald Curtis  
Jackie Curtis  
John Deuble  
Family of Casey Erdmann  
Joe Frobase  
John (no last name given)  
Jerry Gears  
Don Higley  
Veva Larson  
Kathleen Lytle  
George "Skip" McCullough  
Theresa Meyer  
Connor Miller  
Laura Nickel  
Jodi Perlinski  
Julia Rhoades  
Janet Roberts  
Kristen Rollman  
Candy Webster  
Christopher Wilson  
Dorothy Zeadker**

### **Prayer Chain Contacts**

Lynn Folk 419-691-3410 (hpyhmker@aol.com)  
Donna Koehn 419-693-5030  
Ada Kreger 419-693-1549  
Gloria Ross 419-836-7166

## **DAYSCHOOL NEWS**



Dear Friends,

This month includes an emphasis on Lent, our Savior, and His message of forgiveness. This message will be integrated in our curriculum. We'll talk about what it means to prepare our hearts for Jesus. We'll discuss how much God loves us, we are His children, and Jesus is our Savior. We'll talk about what it means to be saved, and why God wants to save us. Through songs and fingerplays we'll learn the story of His sacrifice and the Good News of His resurrection.

An Open House for the community is on Tuesday, March 2nd from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Registrations from children already enrolled and children of the congregation are coming in steadily. Please help spread the word about our school & the registration process. My personal prayer is we have a strong enrollment by June. If you can hang a flyer at your workplace (like the one at the back and front entrances of the educational building) let me know. Also, if you know anyone looking for a quality Christian school, encourage them to come, see, and experience our awesome program. Many already have sent families our way, and we appreciate it. Word of mouth is always our best advertisement.

Lutheran Schools Week is March 7 -14<sup>th</sup>. We'll celebrate with spirit week. The children will wear things that aren't normally seen or worn at school. We'll also create a "graffiti" wall titled *We are all Friends with Jesus*. This is a family & congregation wall—a way of letting everyone involved with our school express how they are friends of Jesus. You'll find the walls on the office and basement floors of the building. Feel free to add handprints, messages, pictures or anything that tells people how you feel about being a friend of Jesus.

From March 15<sup>th</sup>—29<sup>th</sup>, we're again selling Club Choice products to raise funds. An order form will be in the Dayschool and church offices. Board members Bill Hamilton, Diane Habegger, Laurie Madrazo, and Laura DeWitt can assist you. Thanks in advance for helping. All funds will go toward enhancing classroom materials. May God continue to guide and bless us all.

In Him,  
Barb Shellhammer

**FIRST ST. JOHN LUTHERN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES—February 16, 2010**

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The meeting was called to order by President Bill Caldwell and attendance was taken. The group was led in devotions by Pastor Blohm. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Chris Hunsaker made a motion and Mike Winslow seconded and the motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report** - Jim Sommers gave the report. After the last council meeting Jim asked a few members what they needed to see in the new generated report. It has been scaled down. We are seeing balances in checking, reserve fund, and designated fund. Current expenses for Jan. were \$40,000. Some one-time expenses like insurance for \$11,000 occurred this month. End of Jan. was a shortfall of about \$16,000. Dave Warnke made a motion to accept treasurer's report and Bernie Erdmann seconded and the motion passed.

**Board of Ed** – The Sunday School goal is to have everything in the basement of the church. They are looking for storage for some clothing items. They will consider purchasing something to store them in. The Board of Ed will help manage the person working in the Nursery. They asked about carpeting in the basement.

**Dayschool Report**- Barb Shellhammer gave the report. She began by passing information out about Dayschool personnel. She spoke about the tax ID number that is shared between school and church. She asked other Dayschool entities around the country about that and those places all shared their number. She also showed a chart comparing our fees for Dayschool to others around Oregon. We are comparable in the daily fees as well as our fees for Kindergarten. An audit will take place before next council meeting. She also showed the financial report. The question was asked how many employees the Dayschool has, and Barb answered 19, not including subs.

**Elder's Report** – Mike Winslow gave the Elders report. They are set for the upcoming Lenten season to cover the services.

**Property Management** – No report.

**Finance Committee** – The new finance chairman is Jim Sommers. There is no report at the current time.

**Youth Report** – Mary gave the report that the youth is settling in to their room in the basement. They made over \$1000 from their spaghetti dinner with \$500 coming from the dessert auction. She will be teaching about dating and relationships in Sunday School. In March or April there will be a movie night. She is planning for a mission trip in the summer. The youth had gone to see How to Save a Life written by a pastor. It touched on many issues that young people go through in their lives.

**Pastor Report** – Pastor is inviting all of us to a time with the Bishop in the evening on Mar. 2nd at Community of Christ in Waterville. There was a request from the commerce dept. to use a room for the Census Bureau in April 24- 30. They will be here from 8 am to 5 pm. There will be 4-5 people here. Pastor passed out some information about the Church Doctor. This is an outside consultant to help churches with their attendance, stewardship, spiritual growth and other issues. A group of members went to hear a short explanation of the benefits of having this group come in. A discussion followed. A person from the group will be at our March meeting so questions can be asked.

**Old Business** – Bill brought up that there needs to be a committee put together to plan for our 150 year celebration. He asked for a chairperson and other volunteers.

**New Business** – \$22,800 has been donated by our congregation to the Lutheran Home improvement. Bill then talked about networking our computers. His proposal from DELL came in at \$6,000. A server should be added to absorb all of the info from all the other computers in the building and to back up information. It also allows us our own email domain. The cost for this is about \$7000. He asked for a motion to move ahead with this project. Maintenance could run up to \$1000 per year as general maintenance. This money would come from the memorial fund.