
First St. John Journal

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“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” (Hebrews 13:2)

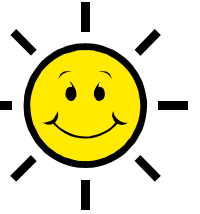
Hospitality can be defined as “a cordial and generous reception and disposition towards guests,” and this is a biblical principle. This verse actually has to do with the concept of evangelism, of telling others about the plan and the love that God has for us. When the writer of Hebrews says that some, by being hospitable, have “entertained angels without knowing it,” he is referring to Abraham’s cordial actions towards some strangers who actually were angels, unbeknownst to Abraham (see Genesis 18:1-8, 19:1). Although we don’t usually think that newcomers to our church are actually angels, they may well be people who can be channels through which God can send a new blessing to our congregation.

We will be forming an evangelism team, a group of between five and eight people who have a passion and interest in helping our church become a more open and welcoming place for “outsiders” and “strangers” who may come to our church seeking a place of fellowship, a place where they can find God. If this sounds exciting and challenging to you, please contact Pastor Blohm or the church office.

— Pastor Blohm —

SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

Our summer worship schedule begins Sunday, June 6th and runs through Sunday, September 5th. We will have only one service at 9:00 am and no Sunday School for the summer. We will alternate between traditional and celebration formats, with communion on both the first and last Sundays of the month. June 6th will start with the traditional format, June 13th with the celebration format, etc. See you this summer!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our 8th graders who were confirmed on April 18th: Alex Cole, Brooke Gallaher, Steven Kinsel, Olivia Marsh, Rachel Nelson, Jay Smith, Kaleigh Thayer, and Austin Vartorella. May God bless you as you continue your journey with Him.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year’s Vacation Bible School will be Sunday, July 18th through Thursday, July 22nd from 6:00 to 9:00 pm each night. This year’s theme is “High Seas Expedition: Exploring the Mighty Love of God.” Vacation Bible School is for ages 3 through fifth grade and is a great ministry tool for helping kids become closer to Jesus. Please pray and ask God what He might want you to help with! Look for registration information soon. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help, contact Abbie Skorupa at 419-346-1752 or email her at peachee318@yahoo.com



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
MAY 22nd

MEMBER UPDATES

Births

3-20-10 *Kendall Addison Gaines*, born to Nathan and Danielle (Heninger) Gaines.

Baptisms

4-3-10 *Frey Charles Meinke*, born December 9, 2009 to Luke and Whitney (Shellhammer) Meinke. Sponsors are Zach and Miken Shellhammer.

4-11-10 *Elise June Beavers*, born October 26, 2009 to Sean and Sarah (Braunbern) Beavers. Sponsors are Kaylee Beavers and Grace Hughes.

4-11-10 *Barry James Layman II*, born April 25, 2006 to Barry and Michelle (Rogers) Layman. Sponsors are the parents.

Marriages

4-24-10 Esther Gustafson & Bart Ameling

Deaths

4-12-10 Bernard C. Cedoz

Transfers to St. John

None.

Transfers from St. John

Jeremy and Sandy Orth and their children Jaclyn Kinsey and Jared & Jessica Orth to St. John Lutheran in Stony Ridge.

ELDERS FOR MAY

	<u>7:45 am</u>	<u>10:15 am</u>
2nd	Bill Nelson Joanne Henningsen	Dick Haar Lynn Folk
9th	Linda Erdmann Darold Henninger	Eric Johnson Linda Kusian
16th	Mike Winslow Gene Schacht	Darold Henninger Jim Swanson
23rd	Dick Haar Joanne Henningsen	Youth Group
30th	Eric Johnson Linda Kusian	Linda Erdmann

ALL-DAUGHTER BANQUET

“Serving in His Footprints”

All God’s daughters are invited to the banquet on Wednesday, May 12th at 6:00 pm. Come find out what sunscreen, a shovel, a bucket, beach balls, and sunglasses have to do with God. You can purchase tickets after both church services at the Welcome Center in the Narthex or in the church office through May 9th.

Tickets Prices

Adults 13 & over — \$8.50

Children 6-12 — \$4.00

Children 5 and under — Free

If you have any questions, contact Linda Kusian at 419-836-7480. Thank you very much.



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

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of **Bill Besgrove** by Paul & Vivian Kuhlman, Mike & Terri Thavenet, Ruth Cummerow, Carl & Janet Morrison, Goldie Demeter.

In memory of **Bernard Cedoz** by Norman & Phyllis Schuffenecker, M/M James Routson, Jerry & Ginny Nissen, Norm Schumaker, Carl & Janet Morrison, Ed & Audrey Berger, Grace VonEwegen & family, Louise & Walt Ehram, Roger & Cindy Cedoz and children, Bob & Betty Anderson, Shawn G. Clark, Phyllis Moritz Cedoz Coontz, Phyllis & Larry Kelly, Ed Wybotslli, Pastor Gerald & Ilean Labuhn, Ernie & Marge Bollinger, The Bachmayer Girls, Kathryn & Robert Webb, Jim Harrell, Anna Mae Beale, Bill & Donna Nelson and family, Jon & Donna Amundsen, The Bilang Family, Jean Garey, Martha Meyers, Ada Kreger, Jean DeWitt.

In memory of **Harley Laber** by Hank & Joanne Schumaker.

CEMETERY FUND

In memory of **Magdalene Fischhaber** by Ada Kreger.

In memory of **Bernard Cedoz** by Nancy Gallaher, Wm. Fischhaber, Joyce & Kenny Villhauer.

CHOIR FUND

In memory of **Magdalene Fischhaber** by Ron & Joanne Koch.

ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of **Bernard Cedoz** by Marilyn Cashen.

RENEW NEWS FOR MAY

Sunday, May 2- SS 9AM
Youth Group 7-8:15PM

May 6-7 - Rummage Sale. Come and shop!

Saturday, May 8 - Special Olympic games at Clay High School. See Mary to sign-up to help!
This will be a great service opportunity.

Sunday, May 9 - Happy Mother's Day. Don't forget the women who have mothered you in life.
SS 9AM. No Youth Group— Spend some time with your MOM!

Sunday, May 16 - SS 9AM
Youth Group 7PM-8:15PM

Sunday, May 23 - Student Sunday. We'll lead the 10:15 worship service! No SS. Practice at 9:15AM

Sunday, May 30 - Breakfast out! Meet at American Diner (where Cafe Marie's used to be) at 9AM. NO Youth Group. Memorial Day Weekend

UPCOMING EVENTS

MIT Mission In Toledo coming in July! If you want to be a part of the planning please let Mary know. We will schedule a planning meeting if you are interested.

VBS Volunteering July 18-22. Make a note of it!

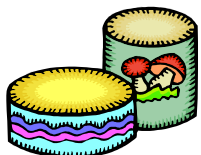
Why are we here?

What does it really mean to follow Christ? Do you have it all figured out? Are you interested in discovering new ways to share the gospel? Come be part of the Evangelism committee with Pastor and me. We welcome creativity, an open heart, a desire for spiritual growth and compassion. If this describes you, then take the journey with us and contact Pastor for more information.

The Great Commission: Matthew 28:16-19

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

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DON'T FORGET TO "FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR"

For May, we are concentrating on peanutbutter and bathroom tissue (a strange combo, but both are needed!). As always, we'll also accept canned goods and non-perishable food items. Place your donations in the bins in the Narthex (under the main bulletin board) and the lounge (near the double doors). PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANYTHING IN A GLASS CONTAINER. Thank you.

QUILTING NEWS

*Thank you Lord for life and love,
For rain and sunny weather.
Thank you Lord for this our food,
And that we are together.*

This thankful prayer could be heard around our lunch table for the 12 Mondays the quilters have met since January 4th. Our fellowship grows to include a few more each year who joyfully help pin, sew, and tie. The majority of the quilt tops and bottoms are brought in "ready to go" by Paul and Vivian Kuhlman. What a blessing they are to this group.

The quilts have been distributed to the following: 12 to Warm Up Toledo, 24 to Dialysis, 20 to Haiti, 12 to the Presbyterian Bed Ministry in Monroe, MI, and six to various local service groups. A total of 201 quilts were completed.

Many quilts will be on display in the church for both services on Mother's Day, May 9th, and they will be available for a \$30 donation.

Those not sold will be shipped to Lutheran World Relief in the fall. Thank you to everyone who came to help this year.

RUMMAGE SALE

Thursday, May 6, 10 am-4:00 pm
Friday, May 7, 10 am-1:00 pm



All circles and everyone from the congregation are asked to help. Please call Jane Neal (419-836-1751) to volunteer. Proceeds will benefit Haydom Lutheran Hospital in Tanzania, Africa and local benevolences.

Donated items may be placed on the gym stage. If you come on April 26th through 30th and need help bringing your items to the gym, please come between 10 am and 4 pm on those days and call Toni in the church office beforehand to let her know you're coming.

Rummage Sale Set-up will be Monday, May 3rd and Tuesday, May 4th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and 6 pm to 8 pm each day. Set-up and last time to bring items is Wednesday, May 6th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. If you need help bringing in your items on these days, ring the bell at the outside elevator door and someone will come down in the elevator to help you.

SIGN UP TODAY TO HELP -- BREAST CANCER FUND-RAISING WALK

Join members of First St. John's Hannah Circle on Saturday, May 8th at Levis Commons to walk for breast cancer awareness. We'll sign up team members and accept donations after both services Sunday, May 2nd. Registration begins at 8:30 am; the walk begins at 9:30 am. Making Strides gives you the power to fight back and make a difference. Please visit the website www.cancer.org/stridesonline and follow through to First St John Lutheran Church team/Hannah Circle to make a donation or sign up for the team. You also can donate to the fight against breast cancer using just your cell phone. By texting "Hope" to 20222, you can make a \$5 donation to Making Strides. The \$5 charge will appear on your next cell phone bill or be deducted from your prepaid balance. Up to five donations can be made each month. Standard message & data rates may apply. For texting information visit www.mobilegiving.org.

For more information and to sign up to walk with First St. John's team, please contact the church office at 419-691-7222.

ABC DAYSCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Board of Education and the Dayschool would like to start a scholarship program for our Dayschool families for next year. We are very excited about this new program and hope to raise enough money to be able to give scholarships to several families for next school year. We are planning to announce the winners on Sunday, August 29th when we will have a special church service to welcome all Dayschool families and staff members.

If you would like to donate to this cause, please place your donation in the special envelopes in the pews and drop your donation in the collection plate or mail it to the church office. Please make the check payable to: First St. John Lutheran. Thank you.

Prayer Chain (as of April 26, 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 "Chronic Prayer List" after the 1st month unless one of the prayer chain contacts is contacted:*

- Norm Dreier**
- Gene Groll**
- Family of Carolyn Hastings**
- Family of Barb Mistors**
- Charlie Ohlson**
- Howard Peace**
- Family of Emma Stout**

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

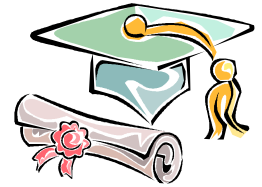
- Jackie Curtis**
- John Deuble**
- Kris Ensign**
- Bernie Erdmann**
- Walter Felder**
- Family of Bill Fouke**
- Brenda Fussell**
- Jerry Gears**
- Don Higley**
- Anne Jackson**
- Family of Helen Konoff**
- Paul Kuhlman**
- Neta Lamp**
- Veva Larson**
- George "Skip" McCullough**
- Sam Mousa**
- Family of Bill Pasztor**
- Julia Rhoades**
- Janet Roberts**
- Wayne Rode**
- Barb Straits**
- Tina (no last name given)**
- Ian Vargo**
- Candy Webster**
- Donna Weis**

Please check the list and let a prayer chain contact know if individuals can 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 13, 2010**



We will publicly acknowledge all our graduates from high school and college at our worship services on Sunday, June 13th. Please plan on having your graduate attend this service as all graduates will be recognized.

If you know of a graduate, please complete this form and drop it in the offering plate, mail it to the church office, or fax this page to 419-691-7220 by Monday, June 7th.

NAME OF GRADUATE

GRADUATED FROM

DEGREE EARNED

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FUTURE PLANS (SCHOOL, WORK, ETC.)

5 YES, WE PLAN TO BE AT THE SERVICE _____



DAYSCHOOL NEWS

Dear Friends,

It's never easy to say good-bye, and as teachers who have grown to love the children of our school, good-byes are particularly hard. Our children may be moving on to another teacher or school soon, but we want to take this last month to celebrate the circle of friends created by a year of fun and learning. We are so thankful to have been given the opportunity to love and appreciate who they are and the gifts God has blessed them with. We know that celebrating what we have learned this year will help the children (as well as the teachers!) know we will always be connected . . . no matter where we go next.

Registration looks wonderful for next year! Many classes are full or close to it! Please continue to spread the word about our school and all we have to offer.

Thank you . . . I've said it before and I want to keep on saying it. You play such an important part in this ministry. Whether it's speaking to a parent in the hallway or greeting them as they enter the building, you send a message to the community about this church and its ministry. So many of you share kind words with me or stop to let me know that you value the importance of who we are and what we are accomplishing. We have one hundred and eighty children learning about Jesus five days a week! This ministry would not exist without the support of this congregation. Please continue to believe in its importance.

In Him,
Barb Shellhammer

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!

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
HHC-210BSB 2BCT-10th Mountain
COS Hammer
APO AE 09309

Grant Rowland
BP 493 Kaolack
Senegal, W. Africa

MEN'S MINISTRY

Our next men's breakfast fellowship is Saturday, May 1st at 8:00 am at Bob Evans on Navarre. Please call Bob Haar at 419-360-7510 if you need a ride.

ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK? 

Join other believers for Bible discussions, sharing church-related events, and just saying "hi" to other members on First St. John's Facebook page. It's new, but you can make it better just by becoming a fan! See you there.

DARTBALL DIARY

March 29, 2010 — St. Lucas at St. John #1:

Tonight was a good night for St. John's teams #1 & #2. Team #1 won two of three games from St. Lucas and Team #2 won all 3 games from Trinity to clinch the league championship for the year.

In the first game, we got off to a 2-0 lead in the 1st inning on homers by Tom G. and Ted. In the 4th St. Lucas homered to make it 2-1. In the 6th St. Lucas erupted for 7 runs on a triple, single, 2 homers, double, triple, and a homer to make it 8-2. In the 7th, they made it 9-2 on a double and a triple. In the 8th they made it 11-2 on 2 homers for the final score.

In the 2nd game we got off to a 3-0 lead in the 1st inning on a single by Frank and homers by Darold and Tom G. In the 3rd we made it 5-0 on doubles by Darold, Ted, and Terry. Ted homered in the 6th to make it 6-0. Chet homered in the 7th to make it a 7-0 final score.

In the 1st inning of the 3rd game we got off to a 2-0 lead on a double by Darold and a homer by Tom G. In the 3rd they homered to make it 2-1. In the 4th Mike homered to make it 3-1. In the 7th Frank singled, Darold doubled, Tom G. sacrificed Frank home, and Ted homered to make it a 6-1 final score and win no. 2 for the night. Our record is now 20-19.

April 5, 2010 — St. John #1 at Trinity: In the first game, 1st inning, they homered for a 1-0 lead. In the 3rd they singled and doubled for a 4-0 lead. In the 5th they homered three times and doubled for an 8-0 lead. In our half of the 5th Ted homered to make it 8-1. In the 6th Eric homered, Scott tripled, and Darold singled to make it 8-3. In the 7th Ted homered, making it 8-4. In the 9th they were hit by a pitch and tripled to make it 9-4 and the ball game.

In the 1st inning of the 2nd game they got off to a 1-0 lead on 2 doubles. In the 3rd we tied it 1-1 on Eric's homer. In the 4th they made it 4-1 on 2 doubles and a homer. In our half of the 4th Darold homered to make it 4-2. In the 5th Mike homered to make it 4-3 and the ball game for Trinity.

In the 3rd game they homered in the 1st inning for a 1-0 lead. In the 2nd inning they made it 3-0 on a double and a homer. In the 3rd, Mike and Eric homered to make it 3-2. In the 4th they made it 4-2

on a homer. In our half of the 4th Ted homered to make it 4-3.

In our half of the 5th we took the lead 5-4, as Darold homered, Terry doubled, and Mike and Eric singled. In the 8th they homered to tie it 5-5. James made it 6-5 for us on a homer in the 8th. They tied it in the 9th on another homer. In the 10th they won it 8-6 on another double and a home run. That ends our season. Our record is 20-22 for the year. See you at the banquet on April 19, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

League Standings as of 3-29-10

	W	L	GBL
1st St. John #2	27	12	*
Trinity	22	17	5
First St. Mark	21	18	6
Messiah	21	18	6
1st St. John #1	20	19	7
Good Shepherd	19	20	8
St. Mark	15	24	12
St. Lucas	11	28	16

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the First St. John #2 dartball team on clinching their seventh consecutive Lutheran Men's Dartball League championship. Members of the team are Butch Bond, Lloyd Bond, Jim Cousino, Derek Cousino, Eugene Schacht, Dutch Morrison, Keith Mullen, Dick Haar, Bob Haar, Ryan Nelson and team captain Bill Nelson. Way to go, guys!!

RENEW NEWS

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¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Because that's what this life is about— sharing our journeys with one another.

Live in Love, Mary

COUNCIL MINUTES - APRIL 20, 2010

Pastor opened the meeting with devotions. After the devotion, roll call was taken. Because of the absence of Pres. Bill Caldwell, Keith Mullen ran the meeting.

Since we did not have a quorum last month, Keith asked for approval of the February minutes. Dave Warnke motioned and Joanne Henningsen seconded. Motion passed.

Minutes from the March meeting were read. Keith asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Jim Sommers motioned and Lynn Folk seconded. Motion passed.

Bill Caldwell wanted the council to listen to a CD from the Church Doctor, and afterward the pastor made a few comments about it.

Treasurer Report- March was a break-even month; hopefully April will come out ahead. Keith asked for a motion to accept the report. Mike Winslow motioned, Dick Haar seconded. Motion passed.

Board of Education- A special service will be Aug. 29 to start off the year for the Dayschool. Board is looking for Dayschool alumni to help at that service. They also want to offer a scholarship for the Dayschool. Envelopes will be in pews for donations to this scholarship. Discussion arose that there would probably be one service going on at that time. An announcement will be made this Sunday about the August service and the scholarship fund since the Dayschool is singing this Sunday. Sunday School attendance is currently down to about 12 students.

Elder Report-A few elders tested the confirmands. Bill restocked tapes and CDs, water, and Kleenex.

Property Management-Looking into storage for the new Christmas tree. Checked out a water problem, and the water is clear.

Finance Committee-no report

Youth Report-Mary reported the summer mission trip will be local and in July before Vacation Bible School. Their room downstairs is almost complete. In May the youth will help out with the Special Olympic spring games at Clay. Mary would like to take her group to Home Plate in Detroit. They will

see the movie "Letters to God" this Sunday. The youth is doing the 10:15 service on May 23rd.

Dayschool Report-About 70 students will sing this Sunday. Please welcome them and their families. There will be a Kindergarten graduation on May 26th at 7:00. Need elders, greeters, and people for sound and screen. Also need cookies donated for a reception afterward. Kindergarten size could be increased by 9 next year. They'd like to have another room to use for the extra class. Plans are being made with those involved to discuss that possibility.

Pastor Report-Transfer out: the Orth family to St. John Lutheran in Stony Ridge. New adults from the confirmation class are transferred in: Alex Cole, Brooke Gallaher, Olivia Marsh, Rachel Nelson, Jay Smith, Kaleigh Thayer, Austin Vartorella, and Steven Kinsel. Pastor & Mary will attend the Synod Assembly in May in Bowling Green.

For the summer, pastor suggested one service each Sunday with no Sunday school. The service will alternate between traditional and celebration services. Communion will be on the first and last Sunday of the month. The summer services would go from June 6th to September 5th at 9:00. A motion was made by Linda Kusian and seconded by Lynn Folk to approve the Sunday schedule for the summer. The motion passed. There was a motion to accept the transfer of the Orth's. Linda Kusian made the motion and Karen Holmes seconded it. Motion passed. Lastly, a motion was made to accept the confirmation students. Bernie Erdmann made the motion and Bill Nelson seconded it. Motion passed.

Old business- Phone system is being re-evaluated and will be worked out. Jim has a meeting with those involved.

New business- None

Motion to adjourn was made by Joanne Henningsen and seconded by Jim Sommers. Motion passed. The meeting was closed by saying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Habegger
Recording Secretary