
First St. John Journal

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Finally, it is summer! The trees are full of leaves, the grass is green, and the wind is nice, warm, and welcoming! I certainly hope you are able to get away and enjoy the days of summer that our Lord has given us (but don't forget we need you at worship on Sunday morning)!

I want to share a piece written by Paul Thigpen in a book he wrote entitled A Reason For Joy: "In the beginning was God's Joy. And the Joy was with God, and the Joy flowed within God. He willed that all things might come into being, that His Joy might fill all things. So God loved the universe into being.

The love that holds all things together by its limitless power was the Fount of Joy, the mouth of a mighty river that flows singing in superabundance from the heart of God. But the Adversary was near. Devoid of heaven's music, he was devoid of heaven's joy. He lured the creatures' gaze away from the face of God so that the floodgates of Joy were closed.

But in the fullness of time, the Fount of Joy became flesh, and dwelt among us, full of light and song. By Him the floodgates were opened, the furrows dug again, until the hills themselves burst into music and the trees of the fields clapped their hands."

In the midst of all that is happening around us, may the Joy of the Lord be with you during the warmth of summer!

— *Pastor Blohm*

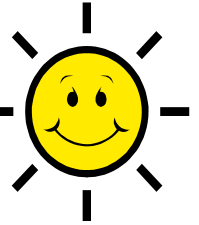


SUMMER BIBLE STUDY AND BRUNCH

Everyone (men and women) is invited to a one-day summer Bible study and brunch on Saturday, July 24th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in our air-conditioned lounge. Hope to see you there!

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. To be fair, 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!



NOTE ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

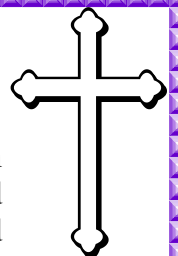
This newsletter contains items for both June AND July. Toni will be out of the office on vacation at the end of June and will not have time to prepare a July newsletter. See you soon!

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please turn in any bulletin announcements for the June 20th, 27th, and July 3rd bulletins by noon on Friday, June 11th. Toni will be on vacation from June 19th through July 5th.

JOIN OUR EVANGELISM TEAM

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 here 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.





DAVID WINSLOW SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to Grant Winslow and Chelsea Folk, recipients of this year's David Winslow Memorial Scholarship. Grant and Chelsea each will receive \$1,000. Congratulations, and best of luck to both of you in your future studies.

ELDERS SCHEDULE

Please note that we will have only one service at 9:00 am each Sunday in the summer.

JUNE

- 6th Darold Henninger, Jim Swanson
- 13th Mike Winslow, Gene Schacht
- 20th Lynn Folk, Bill Nelson
- 27th Dick Haar, Joanne Henningsen

JULY

- 4th Eric Johnson, Linda Kusian
- 11th Darold Henninger, Jim Swanson
- 18th Mike Winslow, Gene Schacht
- 25th Lynn Folk, Bill Nelson

MEMBER UPDATES

Births

- 4-24-10 *Emerson Clara Rose Goa*, born to Grady and Kara (Wiener) Goa.
- 5-4-10 *Rilee Jean Popovich*, born to Chuck and Erin (Kwiatkowski) Popovich.

Baptisms

- 5-16-10 *Kendall Addison Gaines*, born March 21, 2010 to Nathan and Danielle (Heninger) Gaines. Sponsors are Tracy Gaines, John Heninger, and Nicole Heninger.
- 5-16-10 *Alyssa Renee Brown*, born August 30, 2008 to David and Jeanette (Tousley) Brown. Sponsors are Jay Tousley and Michelle Brunner.

Marriages

- 5-1-10 Brandy Knavel and Todd Hubley

Deaths

- 5-5-10 Ida Nelson

Transfers to St. John: None.

Transfers from St. John: None

NOTICE REGARDING CONFIRMATION PICTURES



The quality of the photos taken of individual students is not good. We have sent refund checks to those who pre-paid for their photos. The group photo is a little light, but basically okay. The individual and group photos will be in the RENEW room for pickup if you'd still like to have them. We apologize for the errors and any inconvenience.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Summer hours begin Tuesday, June 1st and run through Labor Day. The church office will be open from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm each day.

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

ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of **Bernie Cedoz** by Gene Hagedorn.

CEMETERY FUND

In memory of **Magdalene Fischhaber** by B.J. Searles and family, Jean Garey.

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of **Bernard Cedoz** by Jim & Dianne Schumaker, Gerald & Elinor Ehrsam, Linda & Gary Kusian, Paul & Vivian Kuhlman, William & Cheryl Garlow.

In memory of **Ida Nelson** by Helen Gilbert.

DEBT RETIREMENT

In memory of **Bernie Cedoz** by Jim & Louise Sommers.

ELEVATOR FUND

In memory of **Ralph Nissen** by Bonnie Varga and family.



**THANK YOU,
THANK YOU,
THANK YOU!**

Thanks to everyone who helped make the All-Daughter Banquet such a great success! Special thanks to Betty Hyre and the children's choir and to Bill Hamilton and John Rowley for accompanying them. Also, thanks to the men who helped serve and clean up, and also to Verlene and Bill Schweizer for their efforts with the flowers for the tables. Thanks also to Keith Mullen for lending us his speaker system.

Additional thanks to the property management committee who came out on short notice to change the light bulbs in the overhead fixtures in the gym. Special ladders were needed, and changing these bulbs is not a simple job because of the height involved. So, thank you again for coming out so quickly.

MEMBER ADDRESS CHANGES



Brian & Christina (Boos) Tokar
617 Prentice Ave.
Toledo, OH 43605
(Nicholas)

Deb Warnke
PO Box 167885
Oregon, OH 43616

FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR

Requests for food continue to rise. Please consider donating canned goods and non-perishable food to the Feed Your Neighbor program. Place your donations in the bins in the Narthex (under the main bulletin board) and in the lounge (near the double doors). PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANYTHING IN A GLASS CONTAINER. Thank you.

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 also a great way to become informed of upcoming events at First St. John and additional news. See you there.



NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Our next new members class will be Sunday, June 6th at 10:30 am in the lounge following the 9:00 am service. We'll share brunch together then study the book "Come and Grow With Us." Please register for this class by calling the church office at 419-691-7222 or by completing the form below and dropping it in the offering plate or mailing it to the church office.

**Yes! I/We will attend the New Members Class
on Sunday, June 6th.**

Name(s): _____

3 Phone: _____

MEN'S MINISTRY

Our men's breakfast fellowship will next meet on Saturday, June 5, at 8:00 am. We will meet at the Bob Evans restaurant on Navarre Ave. The devotional theme for June will be a remembrance of D-Day, June 6, 1944, and a special prayer for all of our members who are currently serving in the Armed Forces. In July, we will meet on July 3rd at 8:00 am at Bob Evans on Navarre. Please call Bob Haar 419-360-7510 if you would like a ride.

DAVID WINSLOW MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



This four-man scrambles will be held on Saturday, July 31st at 8:00 am at the Chippewa Golf Club. The price is \$60 per person, which includes green fees, cart, and food (BBQ beef & shredded chicken, sides, watermelon, beverages, and a hotdog and drink at the turn). Prizes will be awarded for first place, longest drive and closest to the pin. Reservation deadline is Monday, July 26th and all fees must be turned in by Friday, July 30th. **All proceeds go to First St. John.**

If you'd like to register or sponsor a hole, call Mike Winslow at 419-691-8430 or 419-698-6507.

150 YEAR CELEBRATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

A committee of volunteers has been formed to work on plans for next year's celebration of First St. John's 150 year anniversary. Members of the committee are: Jim Fox, Mike Winslow, Jane Schuetz, Bill Nelson, Marge Bollinger, Floyd Hagedorn, Janine Contat, and Darlene Lorenzen. We have had several meetings to brainstorm activities that would run throughout next year. Many of these will require a chairperson to lead the project, so we will be looking for more volunteers. In addition, we are looking at fund-raisers this year to help put on these programs.

One of our activities will be to ask for old pictures, movies, pamphlets, documents, etc. of the church. We want anything that can be copied that depicts our history. We want to scan these items into the computer so we will have a digitized library that anyone can access in the future. If you are interested in doing this kind of work please let me or one of the committee members know. Look for more details of the committee's work in future newsletters and church bulletins.

-- Bill Caldwell

SEARCHING FOR DAYSCHOOL ALUMNI

The Board of Education is planning a special service on August 29 for the Dayschool families to welcome them to the school and to our church. We would like to have Dayschool alumni help during this service as ushers, greeters, readers, etc. Unfortunately, we have no records of previous students who have attended the Dayschool. We would like to find as many of these former students as possible. If you, or someone you know, attended our Dayschool would you please e-mail Karen Holmes at cheh17@aol.com or contact the church office to leave names and phone numbers for these people? We would like to have their names even if they do not attend our church.

AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

JULY 23rd



Ahoy There, Mateys!

Join us this year during **Vacation Bible School** as we embark on a high seas expedition where we will be exploring the mighty love of God!

Sunday, July 18 – Thursday, July 22
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Each day, kids will enjoy cool **crafts** and exciting **games**, experience thrilling **Bible stories**, sample tasty **snacks**, and hear unforgettable **music**.

We want kids to bring their friends, and plan to make new ones! Everyone can come! Kids 3 years old through kids entering 5th grade this fall are invited to participate! Teens entering 6th grade this fall through adults are welcomed to run a station, lead a crew or just help out.

To register, mail or drop off a registration form to the church office (forms can be found in the back of the Narthex, the lounge, the church office, or in this newsletter), or contact Abbie Skorupa at 419 346 1752 or Peachee318@yahoo.com.

Volunteers Needed

Vacation bible school cannot take place without **your** help! If you are interested in helping (no matter how large or small) please contact Abbie Skorupa at Peachee318@yahoo.com or 419 346 1752.

Supplies Needed

Supplies are always needed to help make vacation bible school a huge success. If you would like to contribute to our success please refer to the weekly bulletin news regarding what supplies are needed.



2010 Vacation Bible School

July 18—22

-Registration Form-

(One per child please)

Name: _____

Street address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home telephone: _____

Date of birth: _____

Age: _____

Grade this fall: _____

Parent's Email: _____

In case of emergency, contact:

Mother (name and alt. phone#): _____

Father (name and alt. phone#): _____

Other (name, relationship to child, & phone#): _____

Allergies (especially food allergies) or other medical conditions:

Please check if you are interested in helping _____

Name: _____ Phone#: _____

Please mail or drop off to the church office or give to Abbie Skorupa.



RENEW SUMMER EVENTS

Congrats to all GRADS! You are amazing, and God has blessed you so much. Now, go for your dreams and don't give up.

I am also very proud of the students and adults who helped with the Student Service. Way to go!

If anyone has any photos from confirmation, please email them to me: mdarling05@yahoo.com

June SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER!

June 8 @ 6:30PM in the Lounge.

Please come if you are interested in planning MIT (Mission In Toledo). Bring your own dish to pass! We will have dinner and plan MIT. Both students and adults are invited.

If you have summer sports or events, please let me know so I can come support you.

Also, if you would like to hang out with me just call or text. I'm up to meeting at a coffee shop etc. We also will be going out to breakfast randomly throughout the summer after the 9:00 service.

July Happy Fourth of July!

MIT July 7-10

2 days of mission service

2 days of fun

Additional information TBA

If anyone in church is interested in making and serving meals, please let me know. If you are interested in volunteering with chaperoning and mentoring during these 4 days, please let me know.

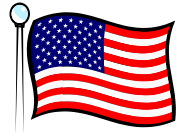
July 18-22 VBS If you want to volunteer, please let me know. WE need you! Most importantly, God can use you during this week.

Additional event information can be found on the student website.

DAYSCHOOL KINDERGARTEN OPENS SECOND CLASS

Due to a long waiting list, First St. John Dayschool is opening a second kindergarten class for the 2010 / 2011 school year. If you or someone you know has a child who will be 5 years old by September 30th and is interested in kindergarten, please contact Barb Shellhammer at 419-691-6480 or the church office.

MILITARY ADDRESSES



Here are the 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
(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

2nd Lt. Michael R. Pavley
6254 Warm Springs Rd.
Apt. A-22
Columbus, GA 31909

Matthew Phillips
2611 10th Ave. S Suite 2
Box 263
Great Falls, MT 59405

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

Grant Rowland
BP 493 Kaolack
Senegal, W. Africa

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES

(As of May 25, 2010)

Crisis Prayer List

This is for those who need prayers in an urgent matter such as upcoming surgery, emergency medical care (ICU), etc. Individuals will be moved to "Chronic" after the first month unless one of the prayer chain contacts is contacted about special circumstances:

**Richard & Marjorie Counterman
Family of Walter Felder
Harvey Heath
Alex Martinez
Fran Saunders
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 and recovery and/or personal situations. Individuals will be moved off after 3 months unless one of the prayer chain contacts has been contacted about special/continuing circumstances:

**Jackie Curtis
John Deuble
Norm Dreier
Kris Ensign
Bernie Erdmann
Jerry Gears
Gene Groll
Family of Carolyn Hastings
Don Higley
Family of Helen Konoff
Paul Kuhlman
Neta Lamp
Veva Larson
George "Skip" McCullough
Family of Barb Mistors
Sam Mousa
Charlie Ohlson
Howard Peace
Julia Rhoades
Janet Roberts
Wayne Rode
Family of Emma Stout
Barb Straits
Candy Webster
Donna Weis**

Please let any of the prayer chain contacts know if any of these individuals could 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 8th. Please plan on having your graduate attend one of these services as all graduates will be recognized.

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

NAME OF GRADUATE

GRADUATED FROM

DEGREE EARNED

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FUTURE PLANS (SCHOOL, WORK, ETC.)

8 YES, WE PLAN TO BE AT THE SERVICE _____

FIRST ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES—MAY 18, 2010

The meeting was opened with devotions from Diane Habegger. Roll was taken. Roll was shy of a quorum. Minutes were read from last meeting but not voted on.

President Bill Caldwell did an update on some of the projects that have been done in the church and education building. About half the budget has been spent and other items are still being worked on and purchased. The ceiling tiles will not be replaced in the basement, perhaps at a later time. The carpet in the basement has been refigured and has gone up in price. Bill has asked property management to help pull the carpet in the basement to save money on the expense of the new carpet. Phones have been installed and will be connected with Buckeye Cable. They will also connect the internet. There was discussion about the carpet. Bill will let property management know when it will be ready to be pulled for new carpeting. There is still some clean-up that needs to be done in different areas of the church.

Treasurer's Report-Jim Sommers reported income for April was more than expenses due to Easter and Dayschool attendance. Over this year the current fund income has not been enough to meet expenses. Entering into summer the income stream will slow down. The committee will watch expenses compared to income. The council had no questions.

Board of Ed-Next Sunday the students will go through a Vacation Bible School kick off. VBS is in July. Dayschool and Sunday school departments are working together on the scholarship fund. Monies are being held by the finance committee. The Aug. 29 service is being planned. They will talk with the worship committee to let them know their ideas for the service. They are planning on a traditional style service. They are concerned about overflow of people and if they can go to another room to hear the service. Discussion about the sound took place.

Elders Report-Bill Nelson discussed the weddings coming up and a schedule for the summer services. Mike Winslow made an announcement about the Winslow scholarship: Chelsea Folk and Grant Winslow each will receive \$1000 from the Winslow Scholarship fund. They will give those out in accordance with Clay's scholarship night next year.

Property Mgt. Report-Dave Warnke gave the report. There will be a fire inspection in June. They will make sure we are up to code for the inspection.

Finance Report-given during the treasurer report

Youth Report-Mary is getting ready for the service this Sunday given by the youth.

Dayschool Report-Barb Shellhammer gave the report. Glad to see good attendance at the service April 25.

For kindergarten graduation next Wednesday, she will need elders to help and also greeters and cookies. Someone needs to run the sound board to play a DVD and use the camera and the mikes. The school is considering purchasing a bus for the summer program and other times. Barb made contacts about getting one and the cost for insurance, monies to drive it, and getting people with CDL licenses. Jim Sommers checked the specifics of the insurance for use of the bus.

Barb mentioned a second kindergarten class for next year. She is still thinking about whether that will occur.

Pastor Report-Pastor Blohm gave his report on the beginning of summer services.

The 8th graders took communion the first time and did a good job.

At the assembly last weekend, Bishop Lohrmann was again elected Bishop of the Northwest Ohio Synod. Pastor felt the sexuality vote was the main issue at the assembly.

The Synod-wide appeal ended up with \$120,000 to help other ministries.

Old Business-Bill spoke of the committee that will be setting up the celebration for First St. John's 150th anniversary. Bill listed some of the activities that may take place throughout that year.

New Business-The council meetings for June, July, and August will not take place. Bill asked that the meeting be adjourned. Pastor led us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Habegger