
☀ First St. John Journal ☀

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Summer is slipping by quickly! August is coming like a freight train, and soon it will be time for things to start up again. On Sunday, August 29th at 9:00 am we will have a special worship service. On that day we have invited our First St. John Day School families to worship with us. We really want to make this a friendly, welcoming experience for our guests. We want them to have a positive reaction to our church and perhaps consider connecting with us. Toward the end of the service we will give several scholarships toward the cost of Day School expenses (thanks to you and your help!), as well as installing both our Day School and Sunday School teachers.

What I have come to realize is no one can do all this by him or herself. I have come to understand we are a team, not just the Day School, the Elders, the Boards, the Pastor – we, together, are First St. John Lutheran Church. We, together, can be friendly, welcoming, and ready to introduce ourselves to our guests. Together we can make this service a positive, joyful experience for everyone! (And everyone is welcome to the Pancake Breakfast afterward in the gym!)

Please plan to attend and be part of the team that helps make this service something very special and rewarding! For example, we need teams of greeters at all the entrances to our church – people who are willing to shake hands, introduce themselves and welcome families to our church, both before and after worship. After all, they are strangers, and we want to make them feel welcome. Please call myself, Barb Shellhammer, Karen Holmes, or Bill Caldwell if you have any questions or are willing to help!

— Pastor Blohm

COMPANY IS COMIING!



On Sunday, August 29th, we will have a special service welcoming our Dayschool families, many who have never been in our church before. We are working hard to make this service very special and meaningful so they will feel the love of Christ and will want to continue to worship with us. To make this day a success, we need to ask for some help from you. Please consider helping out in the following ways:

1. If possible, please leave parking spaces open in our lot across the street. You may want to park at the Grove or next door at the old orphanage. We will be using the Dayschool bus to shuttle people to the church and back if you park in these areas.
2. We will have chairs set up in the church basement with a live feed of the service on a television for all to see. Please consider offering your pew to a visiting family and going to the basement to worship.
3. Please introduce yourself to those around you and make them feel welcome.

Please plan on attending this service even though it may be very crowded. We need everyone to help make this service a success!

ATTENTION 7th & 8th GRADE PARENTS

An informational meeting for catechism is on Monday, August 30th at 6:30 pm in the church. Catechism is for all kids going into 7th or 8th grade this fall. Both parents and kids are encouraged to attend. Regular classes begin Monday, September 13th at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

MEMBER UPDATES

Births

None of which we are aware.

Baptisms

- 5-30-10 *Emerson Clara Rose Goa*, born April 24, 2010 to Grady & Kara (Wiener) Goa. Sponsors are Matthew Wiener and Kimberly Goa.
- 6-13-10 *Reece Anthony Nichols*, born November 27, 2003 to Tony Nichols and Michele Cerveny. Sponsors are Josh Nichols and Michelle Giovanoli.
- Chandler Ryleigh Nichols*, born January 3, 2005 to Tony Nichols and Michele Cerveny. Sponsors are Fred Artiaga and Ann Farrell.
- 6-20-10 *Rilee Jean Popovich*, born May 4, 2010 to Chuck & Erin (Kwiatkowski) Popovich. Sponsors are Ashlee Kwiatkowski and Bill Fisher.
- 6-27-10 *Mckenna Alexis Cumemrow*, born February 15, 2010 to Brian and Jodi (Johnson) Cummerow. Sponsors are Cheri Johnson and David Cummerow.

Marriages

- 6-12-10 Michael Beard & Katie DeLong
- 6-26-10 Adam Ladd & Julie Bauerschmidt
- 7-12-10 Charles Yohn & Linda Bomia

Deaths

- 6-5-10 Joseph H. Chaney
- 7-7-10 Naomi L. Zimmerman

Transfers To/From First St. John

None

ARTICLES OF FIRST ST. JOHN'S HISTORY NEEDED



Next year is our 150 year anniversary, and we are collecting as much church history as possible. But we need your help. If you have any documents, pictures, or artifacts, please contact Jane Schuetz at 419-691-5506. We will take your name, phone number, and email address and contact you to see how we may make copies of your material. We promise to be careful with any material we receive and return it promptly. Please help us if you can. We want to make our celebration very special. Thank you.

-- Bill Caldwell

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the next Men's Fellowship breakfast on Saturday, August 7th at 8:00 am at Bob Evan's Restaurant on Navarre. Please call Bob Haar, 419-360-7510, to RSVP or if you need a ride.

ATTENTION PRE-K THROUGH 6th GRADE STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Save the date! September 12th is J.A.M. FEST (Sunday School). Join us for The Amazing Race! A registration form can be found in this newsletter which you can mail or fax to the church.

Hebrews 12:1 – *“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.”*

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Join us for a pancake breakfast on August 29th in the gym after the 9:00 am service. We're inviting the Dayschool families, too. We hope to have a large crowd, and we need to know how many people are coming. We also need volunteers to help set up on Sat., Aug. 28th and help with the breakfast on Aug. 29th. A sign-up/help sheet is included in this newsletter. You can mail or fax this sheet to the church or simply call the church office to let Toni know how many are attending or if you can help. If you have any questions please call Jane Schuetz at 419-691-5506 or e-mail her at JESchuetz@aol.com.



LIBRARY NEWS

LOVE AWAKENS THE HEART by Lori Wick is a book donated by Joanne Koch. The novel takes place in San Francisco in 1871. The heroine faces tragedy and grief and learns to trust in God. Enjoy.

— Marilyn Cashen

ELDERS FOR AUGUST

We continue with the summer worship services at 9:00 am for the month of August.

- 1st Dick Haar, Joanne Henningsen
- 8th Eric Johnson, Linda Kusian
- 15th Darold Henninger, Jim Swanson
- 22nd Mike Winslow, Gene Schacht
- 29th Lynn Folk, Bill Nelson



DAYSCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS— SEE INCLUDED ENVELOPE

“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.” - Proverbs 22:6

The Board of Education needs your help to give financial support to our Dayschool families in the form of scholarships. Many of our own children have been blessed by this ministry. Please consider donating to this fund so we can continue to “train” the next generation of children. An envelope is attached for your offering to this ministry. Thank you to all who have already given to this fund!

MEMBER ADDRESS CHANGES

Christina Boos
1115 S. Wheeling St., Apt. 2
Oregon, OH 43616
(Nicholas)

TSgt Kevin Fouty
2412 1st Ave. N.
Great Falls, MT 59401

Jackie Meyers
1808 Connaught Ct.
Fort Wayne, IN 46815
(Jude)

2LT Michael R. Pavley
104th Transportation Co.
Shindand AB
APO AE 09382

Nicole Riffner (formerly Wulf)
24075 W. James Ridge Rd.
Millbury, OH 43447

Bill & Ginny Wegman
4744 Navarre Ave. #23
Oregon, OH 43616

Jeff & Jessika Wilson
PO Box 494
Walbridge, OH 43465
(MaKaela, MaKenzy, MaKenna)

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

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

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Paul L. Muffett by Carl & Janet Morrison, Nancy Gallaher.

In memory of Walter Felder by Ada Kreger.

In memory of Joe Chaney by Dave & Di Habegger, Gary & Penny DeWitt, Margie Heninger.

DEBT FUND

In memory of Pat Nelson by Todd, Susan & Alex Rathke, Ken & Barb Laughery, Anne, Larry & Ron Deal, M/M DuWayne Brendley, Bessie Nagy and family, Omajean Roper, Bill & Donna Nelson and family, Ray & Carol Cousino and family, Calvin & Maruel Nelson, Robert & Janet Guthrie.

In memory of Joe Chaney by Eleanor Symington.

ELEVATOR FUND

In memory of Pat Nelson by Phyllis & Roger Dehring, David & Bette Westinghausen, John & Carol Schwegler, Tom & Mary Ann Bell, Mary & Dean Lowe, Robert Snow, Vonda Spiegel.

AIR CONDITIONING FUND

In memory of Mary Thomas by Ruth Cummerow, Esther Bell, Jean DeWitt.

ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Joe Chaney by Gene Hagedorn.

CURRENT FUND

In memory of Joe Chaney by Beth Lauman, Casey Erdmann, Marlene Fouty, Jim & Louise Sommers.

In memory of Mary Thomas by Jim & Louise Sommers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

In memory of Joe Chaney by Frank & Barb Meyers, Bob & Sherrie Haar.

CHOIR

In memory of Joe Chaney by Ruth Ziethlow, Ernie & Marge Bollinger.

BELL CHOIR

In memory of Joe Chaney by Raj & Linda Joshi.

CEMETERY FUND

In memory of Joe Chaney by Dennis & Lisa Pavley, Ken & Joyce Villhauer, Martha Meyers, Esther Bell, Ralph & Ethel Mae Vogtsberger, Jim & Kim Cousino, Jean DeWitt, Dorothy Zeadker & Gene Saunders, Ron & Joanne Koch, Pastor Gerald & Ilean Labuhn, John & Linda Maiani, Tom, Sandy & Kevin Garverick, William & Julie Moritz, Earl Warnke, Deb Lofquist, Jerry & Ginny Nissen, Hank & Joanne Schumaker, Bill & Ginny Wegman, Gerald & Elinor Ehram, Norman & Phyllis Schumaker, Liz England, Chuck & Betty Hyre, Mitzi Staskiewicz, Toledo Lutheran Dartball League, Robert & Nancy Day, Paul & Vivian Kuhlman.

YOUTH

In memory of Joe Chaney by Jim & Janet Fox.

DARTBALL

In memory of Joe Chaney by Ada Kreger, Chuck & Jane Neal, Carl & Janet Morrison, Bill & Donna Nelson and family, Yvar & Mindy Yap, Larry & Darlene Paul, Leona Arnold, Eric & Cindy Johnson, Richard Haar, Marilyn Cashen, Kitty & Chuck Rapp, M/M Roger Brown, Bridget Benton Jim & Dianne Schumaker.



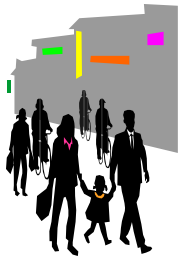
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

AUGUST 19th

NEW CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESS

The church's e-mail address has changed. Our new email is: office@firststjohn.com Please update your email address book accordingly.

Reminder: If your email address has changed, please call (or email!) the church office to update it. Thanks.



**JOIN US FOR
ALZHEIMER'S
ASSOCIATION 2010
MEMORY WALK**

This year's walk will be Sunday, October 3rd. Registration starts at 10:30 am, and the Walk starts at noon. Please consider joining us this year as a team member. We had six people last year who helped raise over \$1,100. This year our goal is \$1,500 for this very worthy cause. There is no registration fee, and each participant who raises at least \$100 will receive a tee shirt, besides having a great day at the Zoo!

To join the team or to donate online, please go to www.toledomemorywalk2010.kintera.org. Follow the prompts to our team, First St John Lutheran Church. You may also give cash/check donations to any team member if you're not comfortable with online giving. If you or someone you know is a business owner, you also can give corporate sponsorships that can be added to our church's team total. If you have any questions, please call Janine Contat at 419-693-5183 (after 5:00 pm) or email her at j9swancont@hotmail.com.

**SECOND KINDERGARTEN
CLASS ADDED**



Due to the long waiting list for our Dayschool kindergarten, the school has decided to open a second class for the 2010/2011 school year. If you (or someone you know) are interested in finding a quality kindergarten for your child who will be 5 years old by September 30th, please call Barb Shellhammer in the Dayschool office at 419-691-6480.

DAYSCHOOL REGISTRATION

Classes for the 2010/2011 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!

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND

We're all so busy with our lives — our appointments, jobs, children, grandchildren, vacations, and volunteer work for committees and charities — that we tend to overlook our older members who can no longer attend church due to health problems. Yet they miss us. Some have family who visit, but others do not. It's a lonely existence, one we ourselves may be faced with sometime in our futures. The following is a list of our homebound members who may enjoy a card, a phone call, or a visit. If you need their phone numbers and/or addresses, call Toni in the church office (419-691-7222). Take a moment out of your day to brighten someone else's. Thanks, and God bless you.

- Dortha Berger
- Doris Bober
- Russell Bodette Sr.
- Virginia Brandeberry
- Katherine Counterman
- Peg (& John) Deuble
- Mary Dippman
- Darlene Eggert
- Eleanor Habegger
- Elisabeth Hecklinger
- Betty Helle
- Don & Doris Higley
- Margaret Hosley
- Larry Kelly
- Margaret Koester
- Floyd Koester
- Dorothy Kreszowski
- Dorothy Laney
- Norma Manteuffel
- Rose Molnar
- Betty Morse
- Geraldine Mottmiller
- Viola Nelson
- Gloria Romano
- Marion Roth
- Fred Saelzler
- Phyllis Wagner
- Bob & Kate Webb
- Ray Zimmerman

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER!

Please welcome Jeff Winkelman who affirmed his faith with us on Sunday, July 18th. If you are interested in becoming a member of First St. John, our next new member's class will be sometime this fall.



MILITARY ADDRESSES

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

TSgt Kevin Fouty
2412 1st Ave. N.
Great Falls, MT 59401

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

2LT Michael R. Pavley
104th Transportation Co.
Shindand AB
APO AE 09382

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

RENEW CALENDAR - AUGUST

Things to look forward to!

JAM Fest September 12: We need you! If you would like to help please let Mary know:
mdarling05@yahoo.com

Sunday School for 7-12 graders will kick off September 26 at 9AM. Hope to see you in the New RENEW STUDENT MINISTRY ROOM!

No Sunday School September 19

Saturday, Sept. 18: Point Fest at Cedar Point
We will be kicking off our Renew Student Ministry by attending Point Fest! Hope you and your friends can join us! Some of the biggest names in Christian music will converge upon Cedar Point! Come see **Casting Crowns, FamilyForce5, Remedy Drive, David Nasser** and the **Skit Guys**. — Don't forget - you can also enjoy Cedar Point's 75 rides just next door, including the new Shoot the Rapids water river adventure ride! If you'd like to go please let Mary know by August 31st. We will be purchasing group tickets, so if we get a group of 15+ the price will be under \$40, depending on how many people we get to go! The ticket price includes admission to the park and concert. There are also cheaper prices if you have a season price. Departure and return times TBA.

August 29 Service

I would like to echo everything Pastor said regarding our company that is coming August 29th. We need to use this Sunday as an outreach focused Sunday. This is an amazing opportunity to step up and share the love of Christ with our brothers and sisters. I hope you all can make this Sunday to show support to the Dayschool teachers and Sunday School teachers.

Matthew 28:19—

*“Therefore go and make disciples
of all nations.”*

Alzheimer's Walk: We'll be walking to raise support for this cause on Sun., Oct. 3rd. Hope you can join us! We get a free entrance to the Zoo.

First St. John Lutheran Prayer Chain (as of 7-27-10)

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

Laura Bless
Randy Bless
Mary Brymer
Tiffany Cox
Ben Howe
Larry Lorenzen
Pat O'Connor
Barb Phillips
Fred Saelzler
Terry Leighton Schwan
Gwen Tober
Ian Vargo

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 after 3 months unless a prayer chain contact is notified of special circumstances:*

Family of Joe Chaney
Richard & Marjorie Counterman
Jackie Curtis
John Deuble
Family of Jeff Drier
Norm Drier
Kris Ensign
Bernie Erdmann
Jerry Gears
Gene Groll
Harvey Heath
Don Higley
Families of Lake Twp. Tornado Victims
Neta Lamp
Veva Larson
Alex Martinez
Geore "Skip" McCullough
Sam Mousa
Charlie Ohlson
Howard Peace
Julia Rhoades
Janet Roberts
Fran Saunders
Family of Emma Stout

Barb Straits
Candy Webster
Donna Weis
Charles Young

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

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.

DID YOU ATTEND OUR DAYSCHOOL?



The Dayschool is searching for its alumni (some are now sending their own children to the school). Future plans for the school include several events for its past students. If you or someone you know attended First St. John Dayschool, please contact either Barb Shellhammer at 419-691-6480 or Karen Holmes at 419-691-3225 and leave your name and phone number.

Also, First St. John's 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. We would like to find as many of these former students as possible. We would like to have their names even if they do not attend our church.