



# First St. John Journal



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**T**his will be a great month for us here at First St. John – there is so much to look forward to. We will celebrate each of our graduates’ accomplishments at our annual Graduation Recognition Service on Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. Our Director of Christian Education, Jamie Blazevich, and her “VBS Buddies” are working very hard to prepare for another great Vacation Bible School this year, which will run from Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

And on June 10<sup>th</sup>, thanks to the planning of “The Committee” (definitely *not* a secret group – they’re always looking for new members), we will have an outdoor worship service on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. The service will be held close to the Lutheran Home (hopefully close to the Labuhn Center) and will help us to *celebrate* the opening of The Labuhn Center, a unit that will have 27 brand new private rooms for short-term nursing and rehabilitation care. This unit was named after our own Pastor Gerald Labuhn, LHS Executive Director Emeritus and also Archivist. Did you know that Pastor has served LHS (Lutheran Home Society) in various capacities for over 60 years? He also served as the Executive Director of LHS from the years 1964 to 1994. Pastor Labuhn will preach that Sunday, and everyone will be able to tour the Labuhn Center and see just what a wonderful and needed addition it is.

If you would like to help either Jamie as she and her “buddies” work on June’s VBS or help “The Committee” plan and help on that Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, you can call Jamie or Bill Caldwell or Mike Folk. Together, let’s make this a memorable June for First St. John.

— *Pastor Blohm*



## **BIBLE STUDY AND BRUNCH**

Please watch your Sunday bulletins for notice of our summer Bible Study and brunch to be held sometime in July in our air-conditioned lounge. Hope you can join us.

## **SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES**



Summer worship begins June 3rd and runs through September 2nd. We will have only one service at 9 AM and no Sunday School for the summer. We will alternate between traditional and celebration formats, with communion on the first Sunday of the month.

**Summer Office Hours:** Beginning Monday, June 4th through Friday, August 31st the church office will be open from 9AM to 2PM each day.

## **JUNE 10<sup>th</sup> SERVICE & LABUHN CENTER OPEN HOUSE**

Our June 10<sup>th</sup> service will be outdoors at 9:00 am in front of the Lutheran Home Assisted Living building. Pastor Labuhn will preach that Sunday. Following the service, all First St. John members are invited to tour the new Labuhn Center at the Lutheran Home. Refreshments will be provided.



## **ATTENTION CHURCH COUNCIL**

We will have meetings throughout the summer: June 19th, July 17th, and August 21st. You will receive your regular reminders. Please remember to notify the church if you cannot attend.

## **CONGREGATIONAL VOTE RESULTS**

A congregational meeting to approve capital improvement projects was held after each service on May 13th. Majority votes passed the capital improvements for replacing windows in the Educational Building, purchasing a new copy machine for the church office, paying off one of two existing loans, and asphalt replacement for the Seaman St. parking lot. The proposed HVAC engineering study for future air conditioning in the sanctuary was voted down.



## DAVID WINSLOW SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to Hunter Bell, Maggie Mullen, Brett Winslow, and Patrick Winslow, recipients of this year's David Winslow Memorial Scholarship. Congratulations, and best of luck in your future studies.

### REBECCA CIRCLE MEMBERS

We will meet on Saturday, June 2nd at 11:30 am in the (air-conditioned) lounge. See you there!

### MEMBER UPDATES

#### Births

4/30/12 *Blake Boos*, born to Walter Boos and Nichole Belcher.

#### Baptisms

5/27/12 *Ethan Lee Clair*, born June 20, 2005 and *Brandon Jacob Clair*, born September 28, 2006 to Kyle and Sabrene (El Helou) Clair. Sponsors for both are Jessica Miller, Kelli Hall, and Sarah Mendoza.

#### Marriages

5/5/12 Sarah Lumbrezer & Michael Johnson

5/26/12 Alicia Kuehl & John Wagner

#### Deaths

None

#### Transfers to / from St. John

None

## ELDERS SCHEDULE

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

### JUNE

3rd Darold Henninger, Kevin Ruedy

10th Linda Yenrick, Bill Nelson

17th Tom Eppard, Linda Erdmann

24th Eric Johnson, Jim Swanson

### JULY

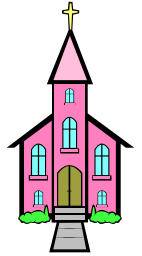
1st Mike Winslow, Al Collins

8th Jeff Smith, Jason Blazeovich

15th Linda Yenrick, Bill Nelson

22nd Darold Henninger, Kevin Ruedy

29th Eric Johnson, Jim Swanson



### AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE — JULY 20th



### MEMBER ADDRESS CHANGES

Jackie and Tina Curtis  
906 Greenwood Ave.  
Toledo, OH 43605

Steven Sanchez, Jr.  
700 Nevada St. #3  
Toledo, OH 43605

### 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

### CURRENT FUND

In memory of **Theresa Meyer** by Jim Harrell.

### HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES

In memory of **Theresa Meyer** by Bob & Sherrie Haar.

In memory of **Ivan Myers** by Bob & Sherrie Haar, Norman & Phyllis Schuffenecker.

In memory of **Bob Dotson** by Bob & Sherrie Haar.

### MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of **Theresa Meyer** by Bob & Margie Eikost, Sandy Boehly, Martha Meyers, Irene Dusseau, Ann & Barry Ramlow, Helen Grummel, Ginger & Jack Grummel, Paula Norwine, Eugene & June Hegemier, Barb Rhodes, Pat & Jack Poling, Jerry & Ginny Nissen, Rhea Longenecker, Josephine Meyer, Joe & Annette Braden.

In memory of **Ivan Myers** by Elaine Gladioux, Doris & Bud Fox, Clara Kreger, Roy & Pauline Moritz, Ada Kreger and Jonathan Cypher.

In memory of **Bob Dotson** by Norman & Phyllis Schuffenecker.

### AIR CONDITIONING FUND

In memory of **Theresa Meyer** by Ralph & Ethel Mae Vogtsberger.

In memory of **Eleanor Habegger** by Ralph & Ethel Mae Vogtsberger.

In memory of **Earl Warnke** by Ralph & Ethel Mae Vogtsberger.

In honor of **Bill & Ginny Wegman's** 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Bill's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by Ralph & Ethel Mae Vogtsberger.

### ELEVATOR FUND

In memory of **Theresa Meyer** by Bonnie Varga and family.

### CEMETERY FUND

In memory of **Theresa Meyer** by Carl & Janet Morrison.

In memory of **Earl Warnke** by Carl & Janet Morrison.

### ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of **Ivan Myers** by Gene Hagedorn.

In memory of **Bob Dotson** by Gene Hagedorn.

### QUILTERS

In memory of **Elmer & Eleanor Habegger** by Sue Moszkowicz.

In memory of **Ivan Myers** by Sue Moszkowicz.

In memory of **August & Bernadine Lofquist** by Sue Moszkowicz.

### DEBT FUND

In memory of **Theresa Meyer** by Louise & Jim Sommers.

In memory of **Bob Dotson** by Louise & Jim Sommers.

### BELL CHOIR

In memory of **Bob Dotson** by Olga Zimmerman.



### **MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP**

Our men's breakfast group next meets on Saturday, June 2nd at 8AM at the Bob Evans restaurant on Navarre Ave. In July, we'll meet on Saturday, July 7th at 8AM at a location yet to be announced. Please watch your June bulletins for updates on the July meeting. Please call Bob Haar 419-250-9409 if you need a ride.

### **DAVID WINSLOW MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**



This four-man scramble will be held on Saturday, July 28th at 8AM at the Chippewa Golf Club. Cost is \$65 per person, which includes green fees, cart, and food. Prizes will be awarded for first place, longest drive and closest to the pin. Reservation and fees are due Monday, July 23rd.

*\*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.

**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
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**Old Business**-none

**New Business**-Darold Henninger said late one night there was a skunk at the Ed. Bldg. door. Many people are aware of his presence. No plans to take care of him at this time. Keith mentioned that we need to meet in June, so there will be a meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Some members agreed we should meet throughout the summer months.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Habegger

**A LETTER OF THANKS**

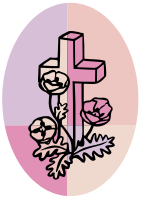
Dear First St. John Lutheran Church, Reverend Blohm, and Dayschool Educators,

*Thank you so much for your kind recognition at the Founders Hall Dedication on May 20th. It is a thrill to me to see its growth and success. The need for social and moral growth by young children is needed as much today as it was in 1976.*

*Barb Shellhammer, Jamie Blazeovich, Karen Holmes, and all the educators I have met are wonderful people.*

*My daughter, Jill, was part of the first 11 children enrolled at the school, and she also attended the service that day.*

Thank you,  
Brenda Alvarado



**CEMETERY RESTORATION**

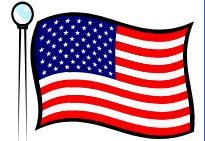
Cemetery restoration is in full “bloom!” If you haven't been out to see the cemetery with its new, spruced-up-look, take a drive through. Uneven and sinking gravestones are being straightened; shrubs and trees are pruned, and the flowers are a glory of color! There are more floral pieces fixed on graves this year than in many years. A huge THANK YOU to those who helped make the cemetery “bloom.”

Our cemetery is an historic one. The first graves were an Ackerman infant, circa 1861, child of founder Christoph & Rebecca Ackerman. Sophia Moll and infant daughter of founder Frederick & Sophia Kohne followed soon after. The Ackerman and Kohne-Fox families have descended to us today! Thank you to the families who have recently contributed to the Cemetery Fund. Your dollars are being put to work! Please give us your family biography by sending it to the church office or to Lynette at [lak1955@charter.net](mailto:lak1955@charter.net) to be included in a history of our cemetery. THANK YOU to all!

**REMINDER FROM ALTAR GUILD**

Don't forget to honor your loved ones with flowers for the altar. Find the red flower book in back of the church under the bulletin board and sign up for the Sunday you want. Flower sheets for each Sunday in 2012 are there. Flower vases are \$15 each; you can take an envelope out of the book to use for payment.

**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!

*Chief Petty Officer Cynthia Henderson*  
44425 Scobee  
California, MD 20619

*Chief Petty Officer Marc Le Duc*  
78382 Dukewood Trail  
Yula, FL 32097

*1st LT Michael R. Pavley*  
11 W. 11th St. Apt. 32  
Columbus, GA 31901

*Matthew Phillips*  
4924 Soaring Springs Ave.  
Las Vegas, NV 89131

*Captain Lindsey Rowland*  
Madison Barracks  
237 Bartlett Dr.

**THE MOUSE REPORT**  
**A Blast from the Basement?**

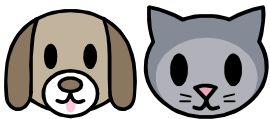
My frog/toad friend and I have been communicating, and we have joined together on Sunday mornings to check attendance. Have you seen us?

Even though the Toad “WeeDipts” and I squeak, another church relic has been found in the basement. Both young and old have passed it repeatedly without question. Today it stands, supporting the work of the LORD, with face to the wall doing what it did facing the congregation in past years. From the minutes of January, 1889: “It was decided to purchase a reading pulpit.”

The Dayschool’s “sign-in station” in the Educational Building basement hallway is that “reading pulpit” or lecturn is the term most of us would better recognize. It was last used for reading Scripture in 1876, but I doubt anyone remembers that. However, most should remember it from Sunday School or Catechism up into the late 1900’s. It has served faithfully and still does with little fanfare!

Thanks to my Toad friend for the story. It has convinced me to spend a couple hot months at the beach—uh, creek. If you walk the cemetery, check me out in the creek!

-- *Your Mouse*

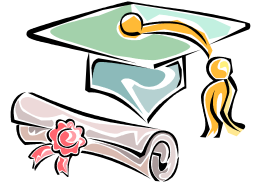


**TOLEDO HUMANE  
 SOCIETY - WISH LIST  
 ITEMS NEEDED**

The Toledo Humane Society will be visiting our Dayschool summer care children on Tuesday, July 24th. When they come, we’d like to be able to provide items from their wish list that will help them continue their day-to-day care of animals in the Toledo area.

If you’d like to help by providing some of these wish list items, you can find a complete list in the Narthex, church office and in future bulletins. Please drop off your donation to the Dayschool office prior to July 24th. Thank you for your help.

**GRADUATE  
 RECOGNITION  
 SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2012**



We will publicly acknowledge all our graduates from high school and college at our worship services on Sunday, June 17th. Please plan on having your graduate attend this service since 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 11th.

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 NAME OF GRADUATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
 GRADUATED FROM

\_\_\_\_\_  
 DEGREE EARNED

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE PLANS (SCHOOL, WORK, ETC.)

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YES, WE PLAN TO BE AT THE SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_



## NOTES FROM JAMIE (OUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR)

As we approach summer, I thought I would include some activities ALL ages can participate in, all while having fun. You might even win a prize. My challenge to you is to complete at least five of the activities below, take a picture of you/your family participating in the activities, and send it to me at [cedir@firststjohn.com](mailto:cedir@firststjohn.com) Deadline for turning in your entries is Friday, August 31st.

When you complete five of the activities listed below, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$30 Gift Certificate to Bob Evans. A night off from cooking – maybe even to enjoy one more activity from the list! Pick activities that you have never done before – challenge yourself and your family! Think of the memories you are creating.

### **FUN SUMMER ACTIVITIES**

Grow a green thumb! Purchase some flower seed packets--cosmo, poppy, sunflower (unsalted, of course!)--and plant them in your own garden patch. Tending to your sprouts will keep you super-busy, and it's oh-so satisfying to watch as your blooms blossom.

Head for the nearest gumball machine. Now, get four gumballs for a buck for you and each of your friends, and have a contest to see who blows the biggest

Play a prank on a friend

Go bird watching

Whitewater Canoeing

Go Caving

Fishing--whether it's deep sea, stream or fly--fish on!

Go for a Helicopter Ride

Go on a Sightseeing Plane Ride

Hot-air Balloon Ride

Orienteering (a sport or game that involves racing against a clock and navigating with a map)

Go Scuba Diving

Ride a Roller Coaster

Climb a Tree

Go Rock Climbing (with a harness!)

Play Paintball

Go Whitewater Rafting

Surfing / Wakeboarding / Water-skiing

Rent or get a ride in a convertible

Windsurfing

Fun Fitness - Start a fitness program based on fun activities that give you a good cardio workout

Have a Pillow Fight

Play Twister

Have a Water Fight with the garden hose, water balloons or water guns

Street Hockey

In-line Skating

Jog at sunset with really cool music on your I-pod

Plant a Time Capsule or something else creative

Pie Someone (hopefully a friend!)

Cloud Evaluation - Look for shapes in the clouds

Instead of spending money on airfare or a hotel room - have a backyard vacation

Start a diet plan and workout routine

Slip and Slide

Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest

Research - check the local paper for special events

Have a Lemonade Stand

Favorite Tunes - Make a list of your favorite songs and then make a CD

Badminton

Baseball or just play some catch

Have a Three-Legged Race - If you have a lot of people, play three-legged soccer or baseball

Build a Tree House

Tricycle Races - Kids or adults can have fun at this— Make sure everybody wears a helmet.

Learn to Ride a Unicycle

Camp out in the backyard

Have Christmas in July

Draw with chalk on the sidewalk

Have an Egg Toss

Play HackeySack

Do a Headstand

Take your bed outside when it is really hot at night

Watch Fireflies

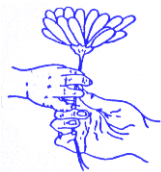
Play a sport like football or baseball

Messy fun thing to do - Food Fight!

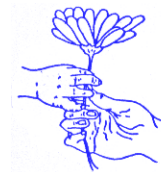
Do arts and crafts outside

Get up early and watch the sunrise

Have a cool picnic



## DAYSCHOOL NEWS / HISTORY



Dear Friends,

*And they ate and were well filled, for He gave them what they craved. — Psalm 73:29*

As teachers of the Dayschool we know we have a responsibility to give children what they crave. They crave the same thing as adults—a relationship with God. Throughout the day there are many “teachable moments” to show children His amazing love, to draw them closer to Him, and to let them know He is always with them and they can trust in Him. How blessed are we! I want to share the history of the Dayschool as heard during the May 20<sup>th</sup> service. As a congregation, you should be so proud of this seed planting ministry you support. A sincere thanks to those involved in bringing life to this school and, in so doing, bringing eternal life to countless number of children and families.

### **The Start of the Dayschool**

Brenda Alvarado, a Dayschool founder: I was taking my daughter, Jill, to a Montessori preschool at a church on Collingwood. She needed to make her way up two flights of stairs by herself because I usually had her handicapped brother with us. Also, there was the expense. She loved school. When I looked around in Oregon, there was not such a choice. First St. John was the second church that I approached. The pastor was Rev. John Underdahl. Charles Neal was on the council that approved the start of a day school. My son, Jeff, had attended a preschool called Opportunity Kindergarten run by Easter Seals. They had a great format. Each child did three "work jobs," which could be matching, puzzles, finding differences, etc. Then they could choose a play activity. That school was at the Libby House by the Toledo Museum of Art. The freedom of movement at the Montessori school was perfect for young children. We copied many things: snacks for example, became a choice. One table was set up for two at a time to be able to serve and clean up after themselves when they wanted to have a snack. Other choices were a water table, book section, play house, large blocks and trucks, painting or crafting, a tree stump for pounding nails, etc. Jeanette Robinson was very creative with a morning lesson. I remember her talking about constellations and making telescopes from paper towel rolls. She covered one end with tissue that had holes poked in it to look like the constellation. I remember having lessons about musical instruments. Every week was different. One time she popped popcorn with the lid off so it could fly around the circle. Unfortunately for Donna's daughter Gretchen, one hot kernel hit her. Donna had three children in the original eleven. They were Brooke, Brent, and Gretchen. My daughter Jill was part of that group, and once in a while my son Jeff would join us. We are so happy to see the growth and success. And it grew quickly.

Donna Koenker, School Administrator 1979 -1986: First St. John Dayschool began in the fall of 1976. At the time there were few preschools in the area. Daycare was just beginning, but a Monday/Wednesday/Friday or Tuesday/Thursday preschool program was not available in the Oregon area. First St. John Lutheran Church was fulfilling this need for the parents in the vicinity. Jeanette Robinson, Donna Koenker and Brenda Alvarado were the first teachers in the program. Brenda and Donna both had preschoolers and were anxious to have them in a preschool experience. Donna worked for three years without pay so her children could attend the program. The first classes were very small with only 11 children in the sessions. At first, it was totally divided with 3 year olds attending on T/R and 4 year olds attending on M/W/F. After a year we found that parents wanted a choice about when to attend and that the three year-olds gained a lot by having a mixed 3-4 class.

Donna: The tuition for T/R was \$27.00 a month.

Barb: It is now \$95 a month.

Donna: And the M/W/F program cost \$35.00 a month.

Barb: It is now \$115 a month.

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## **DAYSCHOOL HISTORY**

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*Barb Shellhammer, School Administrator 2000 - present: And so it continued under the watchful eye of Judy Cervantes, School Administrator 1986 -2000. My four children attended the Dayschool from 1986 – 1995, so I experienced firsthand the wonderful atmosphere created by my predecessors. As I type this I realize that my first child began during Judy's first year. She led the school with such strength and passion and became a mentor and friend to me as I continued along the same career path. I remember as a young girl going to the next door neighbor of a friend and holding a newborn baby in my arms. The baby was Judy's daughter, and the memory of her welcoming us and sharing her joy with us has always stayed with me. At this same young age, Jeanette Robinson was a part of my church family. She taught Sunday school and was at every gathering. For a couple summers I assisted her in her Vacation Bible School. I find it interesting that God connected me to these women early on and that both would come back into my life to me lead to the spot I am today. I began a preschool in my home church in the late 1980's. Jeanette was there to guide me through the process, and Judy became a constant sounding board. Both women had a faith that was visible, and I appreciated their belief in the ministry of planting seeds of faith in young children. And now the rest of the story...*

*For many years the mixed age groups continued, and then when The No Child Left Behind Act was signed into law in 2002, we found the kindergarten experience was vanishing. Separating the ages allowed us to provide that experience once more in a pre-kindergarten classroom.*

**Donna:** That first year we started the Thanksgiving dinner, the La Posadas Tradition at Christmas, the eggnog party, and the carnival at the end of the year.

*Barb: The Thanksgiving Dinner has now become a Thanksgiving Feast feeding about 800 people. The children prepare the meal, set the table by making placemats and centerpieces, decorate with artwork on the walls, sing a thank you song, and lead us in a prayer of thanksgiving. We still do the Los Posadas tradition where the children walk through the church knocking at the doors of the classrooms and church rooms asking if anyone has room for Baby Jesus. They eventually find Him in a manger in the church and lay their gifts before Him. We have our Christmas chapel at the foot of the manger. Instead of the carnival, we now celebrate the year end with individual class picnics, giving teachers' opportunities to celebrate the year and say special goodbyes to their students.*

*We also celebrate Halloween with a special chapel that explains to children how faith is growing inside of them and that the light of Jesus shines through them. Our Christmas programs take place in the evening in the beautiful sanctuary of First St. John, and the number of people who attend is astounding. The women of First St. John put together gift bags for each child! We sing in church every spring during a Sunday worship service. And by Easter the children have the Gospel firmly planted in their hearts and are able to tell it to me (in great detail) at the foot of the cross during our Easter chapels in the sanctuary. Parent involvement is encouraged, and many parents are present at the chapel services. They are always brought to tears by the young verbalization of faith. We also now have an evening kindergarten graduation ceremony in the sanctuary. Pomp and Circumstance, caps and gowns, songs, and memory sharing all help to mark the completion of the first year of formal education for our students.*

**Donna:** Before long, enrollment soared and we began a morning and afternoon session of each group. In the fall of 1979 the kindergarten was established. There were requests from parents to expand, and we went with the need. Donna moved to teach the kindergarteners and new teachers and aides were hired.

*Barb: Our second extended care started in 2001; our summer program started in 2003; our five day pre-kindergarten morning and afternoon started in 2005; our August Teacher Installation Service started in 2009; we added scholarship distribution to the August service in 2010; our second kindergarten began in 2010; our May Kindergarten Recognition Service began in 2010; By Design (an outreach ministry to young mothers) began in 2011, as did the Prayer Buddy Program where a congregation member lifts a Dayschool student up in prayer for the year. A loud cry to add additional grades is a constant.*

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At Sky VBS, kids will discover "Everything is possible with God!" Your children will be in for a high-flying unforgettable time. Don't miss this opportunity - register now to be a part of this SKY VBS!

**Sunday, June 24 - Thursday, June 28**

**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 5<sup>th</sup> grade this fall are invited to participate! Teens entering 6<sup>th</sup> 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, or in the church office), or online at [www.firststjohn.com](http://www.firststjohn.com) and click on the VBS Registration tab or contact Jamie Blazeovich at 419 691-7222 or [cedir@firststjohn.com](mailto:cedir@firststjohn.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 register at online at [www.firststjohn.com](http://www.firststjohn.com) and click on the VBS Registration tab (yep volunteers can register online) or contact Jamie Blazeovich at 419 691-7222 or [cedir@firststjohn.com](mailto:cedir@firststjohn.com)

#### 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 board (located at the back of the church) regarding what supplies are needed.



**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 24 – June 28, 2012**  
**6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**Registration Made simple:**

Register online at [www.firststjohn.com](http://www.firststjohn.com)  
and click on the VBS Registration tab

(One form 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 Jamie Blazevich*

## PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES

(As of 5/29/12)

### 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:*

**Family of Rick "Slim" Henning  
Bonnie Varga**

### 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:*

**Anonymous  
Jordyn Beckhusen  
Karen Burris  
Cassandra Carr  
Greg Contat  
Donald Curtis  
Duke Dawkins  
Family of Bob Dotson  
Carl Ellis  
Bernie Erdmann  
Family of Ethan William Freck  
Family of Mary Garverick  
Family of Jerry Gears  
Bob Glass  
Dave Grueshaber  
Karin Gustafson  
Tammy Heard  
Grace Heninger  
George "Skip" Mc Cullough  
Ava Morin  
Willie Moritz  
Family of Ivan Myers  
Charlie Ohlson  
Camille Osborn  
Family of Leonard Ott  
Pastor Mike Pryzbylski  
Bishop Sanchez  
Connie Singlar  
Tim Smith  
Family of Irene Soltesz  
Josh Vasko  
Family of Rich Ward**

**Family of Earl Warnke  
Bob Webb  
Candy Webster  
Terry Williams  
Winnie Wohlgamuth**

Please let any of the prayer chain contacts know if any of these individuals could be moved off the list.

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### NOTES FROM JAMIE

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#### Fun Activities List (Continued)

Have a FUN Marathon - do fun activities from sunrise to sunset on the longest day of the year  
Throw a Frisbee around  
Go sailing

Most importantly, HAVE FUN!

#### Vacation Bible School

VBS is fast approaching and our registrations are coming in fast and furious, just like an airplane! Given that our theme is Sky, I thought that might be appropriate wording. ☺

I still need a couple more volunteers for Vacation Bible School. I hope you will pray that GOD will lead you to volunteer at this awesome event.

#### Areas still in need of VBS Volunteers

Two male crew leaders  
Three female crew leaders

If you are interested in learning more about these volunteer opportunities and/or would like to sign up to volunteer, please contact me at 419-691-7222 or [cedir@firststjohn.com](mailto:cedir@firststjohn.com)

## ***FIRST ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES—MAY 15, 2012***

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The meeting was opened by President Keith Mullen. Pastor led us in prayer. Keith asked for roll call and there was not a quorum. Keith asked for the minutes to be read but we could not vote to accept them. On the finance report there was a question about Office Alarm expense being entered twice. Jim will look into it. There was a question about the lawn care and how we are billed. It is the same amount for 8 months of the year.

**Board of Ed/Christian Ed. Director-**The last By Design meeting was today, and they studied Martha and Mary. They will begin By Design again in Oct. The Founders Hall dedication will be Sunday, and there will be a presentation of plaques. There will be a banner on the balcony for Sunday made by the Dayschool kids. Prayer Buddies will meet the person they've been praying for throughout the school year. Oregon Fest is the same day, and the church will be walking in the parade, which is at 4:00. VBS is June 24-28 and 20 kids are already registered. VBS is still in need of volunteers and needs crew leaders as well. JAM sang this past Sunday and did a great job. Betty Hyre did a great job organizing and teaching them songs. JAM flew kites on Sunday during Sunday school. In their last class they will be doing something for Father's Day. Their last Sunday is May 20.

**Elders-**Bill Nelson gave the report. They have one wedding in June. On June 3<sup>rd</sup> we will go to one service at 9:00am. Communion will be on the first Sunday of the month. That Sunday will be the traditional service and alternate from there. June 10<sup>th</sup> is the outdoor service at 9:00 at the Lutheran Home.

**Property Management-**Mike Folk gave the report. He discussed the ballot. The window project passed, the copier passed, the parking lot passed, the loan passed, but the HVAC study did not pass. The window replacement meeting will be this Thursday to discuss details of the replacements. Heating system in education building will be studied for repairs. Parsonage outside will continue to be kept cleaned up. The attic fans in kitchen have been done. Pipe insulation will be coming in the near future. Ed. Building needs foundation work, and that will be looked into for cost and whether it can be done by Property Management. The volunteers who have

been working on the cemetery have approached the property management group about forming a Cemetery subcommittee. Trustees are responsible, but 5 people would like to be an advisory board. They plan to increase perpetual care funds, recommend and help with maintenance with volunteers, computerize cemetery records, and review and recommend updates of the bylaws of the cemetery. It's up to the trustees to approve this committee. Others commended Mike for the work he prepared in presenting the information on the vote that went before the congregation.

**Finance/Treasurer-**Jim Sommers gave the report. There is \$110,000 in checking. Monies in reserve will be reduced now with the projects at hand. There is an \$89,000 outstanding loan to endowment funds. Copy machine will come in at \$4,000 less than expected since the model was changed.

**Dayschool-**Barb Shellhammer gave the report. Kindergarten recognition service is Sunday. There may be a possibility of overflow of people. Set up for eating afterward will be done by Mike Winslow. Barb said that the thought behind the prayer buddy project was a shared ministry that extends to the congregation to make a connection between the church and the school. Last day of school is May 31. Kindergarten graduation is on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The church will need elders to handle people, screen etc for that night. Cookies are needed as well. Enrollment is normal for this time of year.

**Pastor Report-**Pastor reported new members by affirmation of faith: Leondra Frazier, Sharon Kassay, Lynette Kocha, Hope Martin and her children Samantha and Alex, and Dennis and Sarah Pawlaczyk and their children Jenna and Landon. We also welcome new confirmands Logan Cluckey, Marie Ivan, Ben Keller and LeAnn Winslow.

Synod Assembly is this weekend at Bowling Green State University.

Dept. of Health has requested the use our building in times of need to dispense vaccinations, or during disasters like tornadoes. There will be a presentation in the future to explain this further.