
◊ First St. John Journal ◊

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A couple weeks ago, as I was driving on one of the local expressways, I ended up behind a semi with the words “We Need You” taking up almost the entire back of the trailer. Even though I’m not looking for a job as a driver, I felt affirmed just looking at the words “We Need You.” Everybody wants to be *wanted*; we all need to be *needed*.

As I began to think about our church and many of the people I have had the privilege and joy of serving with, many names and faces began to go through my mind. I thought of the gifts each of those people had (or has). So let me say to each of you: We Need You. We need your smile, we need your ideas, we need your singing voice, we need your caring and Christ-like attitude. *You* make our church better! And as we begin again here in the fall of 2012, no matter who you are (and I know most of you) We Need You! And the so-called “little” things like praying, encouraging, mentoring, and being a “prayer buddy” are really big, big things to somebody else.

And if you think little, tiny things don’t matter, you might be interested in knowing that a single comma once saved a man’s life in Russia. Here’s the true story, as told in the publication *Bits & Pieces*:

Czarina Maria Fyodorovna transposed a comma in an order that had been signed by her husband, Czar Alexander III. Originally, Alexander had written: “Pardon impossible, to be sent to Siberia.” The Czarina craftily moved the comma so the order read like this: “Pardon, impossible to be sent to Siberia.”

That’s what Christ does for us. Originally the order was: “Pardon impossible, to be sent to Hell.” Through Christ’s death and resurrection, the order has been changed to “Pardon, impossible to be sent to Hell.” You see, You Are Needed, both by First St. John – and by God.

FALL SCHEDULE

Our regular schedule resumes Sunday, September 9th with traditional service at 7:45 am, Sunday School (JAM) at 9:00 am, and celebration service at 10:15 am. (Catechism classes will begin September 16th at 9:00 am.) Join us!

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

On Tuesday, September 4th, church office hours return to Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The office will be closed for Labor Day.



YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

MEETING—7th & 8th GRADE: Sunday, Sept. 9th at 6:30 pm in the Youth Suite in the basement of the educational building.

CEDAR POINT TRIP: Saturday, Sept. 15th for “Pointfest,” a day of fun on the rides and a Christian music concert in the evening. The concert features Skillet, RED, Francesca Battistelli, Royal Tailor, and Jamie Grace. We will leave at noon from our church parking lot. Cost is \$27.99. RSVP to Mike Winslow at 419-691-8430 or winsloms@bp.com

MEETING—9th–12th GRADE: Sunday, September 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Youth Suite in the basement of the educational building.

RALLY DAY



September 9th is J.A.M. FEST (Sunday School) for children from ages pre-kindergarten through sixth grade. Join us for a special presentation children of all ages will enjoy. The Crazy Craig Juggling Variety Show will perform at 9:00 am. Snacks will be provided and everyone will be able to tour the Jesus



CIRCLE NEWS

Miriam Circle will meet Wednesday, September 5th at 9:30 am in the lounge.

Ruth Circle will meet Tuesday, September 4th at 11:00 am in the lounge.

Rebecca Circle will meet Saturday, September 8th at 11:30 am in the lounge.

Hannah Circle will meet Monday, September 10th at 7:00 pm in the J.A.M. Café area (in the basement of the church).

HAVE YOU MOVED?

Please notify the office when your address has changed. Newsletters sent to your old address are re-routed, but the church pays a fee each time this happens. Thanks.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Births

5-21-12 *Hannah Rose Eversman* to Kurt and Erin (Matejka) Eversman in Riverdale, ND.

Baptisms

None.

Marriages

8-10-12 Elizabeth Marsh and James Ayres

Deaths

8-9-12 Betty Helle

8-12-12 Robert Glass, Sr.

Transfers To/From First St. John: None.

Member Address Changes



Kevin & Jennifer Fouty
2504 4th Ave. S.
Great Falls, MT 59405

Adam & Julie Ladd
719 Allison Ave. Apt. 10
Manhattan, KS 66502

Norma Manteuffel
1036 N. Cousino Rd.
Oregon, OH 43616

Jeff & Ashlee Pax
546 Georgetown Dr.
Oregon, OH 43616
(Carson)

Justin Pfouts
532 Donovan Rd.
Curtice, OH 43412

Paul & Mary Rang
2851 Westowne Ct.
Toledo, OH 43615

John, LuAnn, & Amanda Spoerl
6228 Seaman St.
Oregon, OH 43616



DAYSCHOOL FUNDRAISER

“Save Around” is a coupon book with loads of coupons for area businesses, good throughout the year. This year’s books are \$20 each. See Barb Shellhammer in the Dayschool office or Toni in the church office if you’d like to buy one.

ADDRESS CHANGES/CORRECTIONS

To keep our office records up-to-date, if your name, address or phone number changes, please notify the office by faxing (419-691-7220), mailing this form: 2471 Seaman St./ Toledo, OH 43605, or sending an email to: office@firststjohn.com

Name _____

Address _____

ELDERS FOR SEPTEMBER

9/2	Linda Yenrick, Bill Nelson	
	7:45 am	10:15 am
9/9	Tom Eppard Linda Erdmann	Eric Johnson Jim Swanson
9/16	Mike Winslow Al Collins	Jeff Smith Jason Blazeovich
9/23	Linda Yenrick Bill Nelson	Darold Henninger Kevin Ruedy
9/30	Eric Johnson Jim Swanson	Tom Eppard Linda Erdmann



DO YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR YARD WORK? LET US HELP!

Our new Youth Group is planning a fall yard work schedule for those at First St. John who need some assistance with raking leaves and other types of yard work. If you would like to be on the schedule, contact Mike Winslow at 419-691-8430 or winsloms@bp.com with your name, phone number, and address. You may also contact the church office at 419-691-7222 or email us at: office@firststjohn.com

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 21st

COUNCIL MINUTES (continued from page 9)

NEW BUSINESS (continued) Jim Sommers distributed a graph that he prepared to show attendance from 2002 thru 2012 at First St. John. Jim will continue to update the graph in the future. Hopefully we will see an increase in our attendance.

President asked for a motion to adjourn. Dave Warnke made the motion and Tom Eppard seconded it. Motion passed. Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Fussell

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP



Our next meeting will be Sat., Sept. 1st at 8:00 a.m. when we'll celebrate our fourth anniversary of meeting together. Join us at Bob Evans on Navarre Avenue. If you need a ride, please call Bob Haar at 419-250-9409. Let's see if we can break our record of 18 guys in attendance. Join us!

DAYSCHOOL NEWS (continued from page 7)

New windows have just gone in and floors still need to be replaced, along with many other projects that come up in a building this age. Please prayerfully consider helping us in this endeavor.

If you would like to visit a classroom or have a special talent to share with the children, please call me at 419-691-6480, and we can schedule a time for your visit. Your hands could also be put to use in various ways around the building. If this interests you please email: b.shellhammer@firststjohn.com

On November 1, 2011 George and Elaine Ackerman designated a gift to First St. John Lutheran Church to start a scholarship fund to financially help students attending Kindergarten at First St John Dayschool. What a blessing! Three families will be awarded a partial scholarship for the 2012/2013 school year. Christian education is the foundation for a lifelong relationship with our Father. Thank you to George and Elaine for seeing the value of this ministry. Mr. Ackerman invites everyone to contribute to this scholarship fund. If you want to contribute, please send a check to the church with "Ackerman Scholarship Fund" in the memo line.

Thank you for inviting the Dayschool families to join you for worship and fellowship on September 9. I also want to acknowledge WELCA and thank them for the scholarships to be presented on September 9 because of their commitment to support this ministry. Our main objective is to lead children to Jesus, and without the support of this congregation that could never be accomplished. May our heavenly Father bless our school and church family as we grow together in His love.

In service to His children,
3 Barb Shellhammer

FROM JAMIE'S DESK

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Catechism Beginning September 16th at 9:00 a.m.

Many new changes are happening in our Catechism classes. We have moved the class to Sunday mornings and will combine both classroom teaching with activities and learning about the different groups we have within our church. We have over 27 groups. Throughout the year, we will introduce the students to 14 of them. Our hope is they learn that our church is run by many different groups and will feel a connection with one or two of them. After they are confirmed, we will encourage them to become involved within one of these groups. If you have any questions regarding these changes, please feel free to see myself or the Board of Education.

The Youth Board

The Youth Board has recently met through the volunteerism of Mike and LeAnn Winslow. We are thankful that Mike saw a need and has graciously agreed to help me coordinate the youth board. Mike will be the primary "staff" person for this, as I will help plan and coordinate the activities that Mike tells me the youth would like to do. Mike has energy and passion and is looking for others to help chaperone some of events he has planned. If you are interested, please feel free to contact Mike at 419-691-8430 or winsloms@bp.com

Contact Information

419-691-7222 or cedir@firststjohn.com



VINEYARD & JAM PARENT GROUPS

The Vineyard Sunday morning adult class will begin September 16th at 9:00 am in the kindergarten room next to the lounge. The J.A.M. Adult Coffee hour will begin on Sunday, September 16th in the J.A.M. area at the tables outside the J.A.M. Sunday School classes. Join us!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

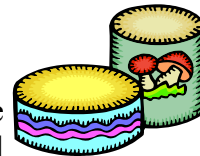
Our adult class begins on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the lounge on September 16th. Join our bunch as we discuss the issues of today in light of the Word of God. All are welcome!

CHOIR PRACTICE—EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

If you are high school age or older and love to sing, then come and join us! Our first practice is Thursday, Sept. 6 at 7:00 pm. *See you there!*

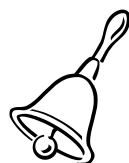
FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR!

Our collections for this ministry are still down. Let's start off the fall season by helping those less fortunate. Please bring your canned goods and non-perishable food items and place them in the bins in the Narthex (under the main bulletin board) and the lounge (near the double doors). Please do not bring in anything in a glass container since they may break during shipping. Thank you.



BOARD OF MINISTRIES MEETING

Join us on Tuesday, September 11th at 6:00 pm as we get back in touch with each other and discuss what's happening in our ministries for the fall.



BELL CHOIR PRACTICE

Come on out and join the Bell choir. Our first practice is Monday, September 10th at 5:30 pm in the church. No experience necessary! Hope to see you there.

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY

Our lunch/Bible study sessions begin on Thursday, September 13th at 11:00 am. Come, and together we'll discuss what we want to study this year! Bring your own lunch; coffee and water will be provided. Everyone is welcome!

EVENING BIBLE STUDY— DATE CHANGE



Join us beginning Monday, September 17th at 6:30 pm in the JAM Café (the area just outside the Sunday School room in the basement of the church). We will meet every Monday except the first Monday of each month.

First St. John's Prayer Chain (as of 8-28-12)

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

Don Curtis
Family of Bob Glass
Sally Schumaker Hartzell
Jeanette Miller
Gary Taylor

Chronic List *Those who need prayers for ongoing serious situations such as cancer treatments, medical struggles, recovery, and/or personal situations. Persons moved off after 3 months unless a prayer chain contact is notified of special circumstances:*

Carol Abbey
Elaine Ackerman
Jordyn Beckhusen
Bob Boehm
Karen Burris
Bernie Erdmann
Phyllis Frey
Frank Fulkerson
Dave Grueshaber
Grace Heninger
Family of Rick "Slim" Henning
Herman Jeskey
George "Skip" McCullough
Shirley Miller
Ava Morin
Charlie Ohlson
Joan Rowe
Bishop Sanchez
Tim Smith
Louise Sommers
Christopher Thiel
Bruce Traver
Bonnie Varga
Bob Webb
Candy Webster
Bill Wegman
Terry Williams

Please check the list and let any prayer chain contact listed below know if persons can be moved off the list.

Prayer Chain Contacts

Carol Abbey 419-351-9795 or
cabbey@jcrinc.com
Lynn Folk 691-3410
Donna Koehn 693-5030
Ada Kreger 693-1549
Gloria Ross 836-7166

MILITARY ADDRESSES



Here are the names and 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
** We do not have a current address **

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

Captain Lindsey Rowland
Madison Barracks
237 Bartlett Dr.
Sackets Harbor, NY 13685



OREGON BANDSTAND Senior Center Benefit

Oregon Bandstand in the Grove featuring Bob Wurst will be held Saturday, September 29th at Oak Shade Grove in Oregon from 6:30 to 11:00 pm. Come dressed to rock to the oldies but goodies! Cost is \$15 per person. All proceeds benefit the JWH Oregon Senior Center.

School has started, and we are reminded of fresh starts and new beginnings. With this I am reminded of the Bible verse: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." *Jeremiah 29:11*

What comforting words as students to know that God has plans for you as you start a new school year. He knows your struggles and your joys and they are all for your good; For you to prosper and to give you hope for the future. Trust in the Lord with all of your heart.

These are also comforting words for parents. For the Lord knows the plans He has for your children. As they start this new school year, parents also struggle with anxiety and excitement for their children. Rest assured that as you pray throughout the day for your child that the Lord has them in His hands.

The church also has fresh starts and new beginnings. Below is a list of all our upcoming events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 9, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Join us for a special presentation that children of ALL ages will enjoy, featuring the **CRAZY CRAIG JUGGLING VARIETY SHOW**

This is the annual kickoff to our Jesus And Me (J.A.M.) weekly sessions. Snacks will be provided. Then you can tour our J.A.M. area.

Sunday, September 9, 2012 at 10:15 a.m.

Join us for a special worship service. We will install and bless our Dayschool and Jesus And Me (J.A.M.) Sunday School teachers as they begin this wonderful adventure with your child(ren).

We are also excited at this service to award scholarships to a few families of our Dayschool. These scholarships are to be used toward tuition at the Dayschool for the 2012-2013 school year.

After the worship service we would like to invite you to attend our continental breakfast. This will allow you to meet many of our Dayschool families.

There is no charge for this breakfast, but please RSVP so we can plan accordingly.

Starting Sunday, September 16, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Adult Bible classes on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the lounge beginning September 16th. Join us and our bunch as we discuss the issues of today in light of the Word of God. All are welcome!

THE VINEYARD: You are invited to come to the Vineyard. "I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing." *John 15:5*. This Bible study follows a curriculum. If you are interested in this study, we meet in the kindergarten room next to the lounge on the second floor of the educational building.

J.A.M. ADULT COFFEE HOUR: This group discusses the world today in a relaxed atmosphere. While our children are in JAM learning about our GOD, we get to sit and enjoy a nice conversation with our Brothers and Sisters in Christ. It's a nice way to start your Sunday morning. Our group begins on Sunday, September 16th in the J.A.M. area at the tables outside the J.A.M. Sunday School classes. Join us!

We also like to support each other in our outside activities. If there is a fundraiser, special event, etc., you would like us to help publicize, please feel free to contact Jamie Blazeovich using the contact information at the end of this article (on page 4).

Our Jesus And Me (J.A.M.) regular classes start September 16th. Here is the calendar for September:

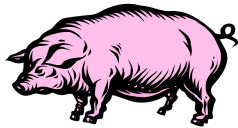
9/9	Rally Day
9/16	The Bible – The Inspired Word of God
9/23	The Bible – Our Guide
9/30	The Bible – Source of New Life

We also have plenty of volunteer opportunities if you are interested. Some only take 10 – 15 minutes, but if you are interested contact Jamie Blazeovich.

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Chicken & Ham Dinner



Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 3rd—the biggest church event of the year! Delicious meals of chicken, ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, rolls & butter, and homemade desserts will be served from 4:00-7:00 p.m. This is a great community event, and it's not just for members. Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers—they'll be glad you did!!!

Tickets will be available in September. You may buy tickets from the church office or from circle members, or you can call Jane Schuetz at 419-691-5506. Tickets will go on sale after services in the lounge and narthex on October 21st and 28th. And, yes, you can buy them at the door.

Ticket Prices:

Adults	\$9.00
Children 3-12 yrs	\$4.00
Children 2 yrs & under	Free (still need ticket)

Watch your October bulletins and newsletter for more information and a sign up sheet with ways you can help us make this dinner a success.

DAYSCHOOL NEWS



Dear Friends,

“Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.” —Psalm 125:1

The children began school this week, and I am again reminded of the joy-filled start of a new school year. It is a happy time, a time of new beginnings and friendships. It can also be a bit scary; the classrooms to ready and manage, the meetings to prepare for and orchestrate, working to gain the trust of new families. Knowing God surrounds us in abiding love can calm our hearts and minds. My prayer is we have the confidence to teach and lead from the heart. That's a good thing, for the lives we touch—children, parents, family members, board members, and congregations—need to see our work is solidly placed in God's hands! Then they, too, are reminded to place their trust in God in their daily lives. Join me in prayer that the ministry that has been a part of this congregation for almost 40 years continues to spread the good news of the grace we share in Jesus.

As always, the Dayschool teachers have created an atmosphere that fosters a love for learning. We are so blessed to have teachers committed to doing their very best for their students and for this ministry. I am so thankful for each of them.

The first call for Prayer Buddies has been delivered. The lives touched by this program will have a ripple effect for many years to come. Ask Him if He wants you to be a part of it.

By Design will have its first meeting on October 10th! If you are a young mother or someone able to mentor young mothers, please consider joining us as we seek to gain knowledge of His purpose and plan for our lives.

We are selling coupon books from *Save Around The City*. The books feature many locations and offers not found in any other program. The unique combination of local and national merchants means coupons worth using at places you already love. The cost of the book is \$20.00 and will be available to see before purchasing in the church office. Funds raised will be used for physical program improvements.

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Needed: Craft & Bake Sale Items

We need items to sell at the Craft and Bake Sale held during the Chicken and Ham Dinner on November 3rd. If you can help or if you would like to have your own craft table, please contact Jane Schuetz at 419-691-5506 or Louise Sommers at 419-691-7719.

ELECTRONIC GIVING AVAILABLE!

This fall, please consider signing up for electronic giving. First St. John relies on the financial support of the congregation, and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. Please contact the church office for details. Thank you!

News from The Church Mouse

“Wish You Were Here Card”

When I was a little Mouse, mailing a picture postcard to your friends from the vacation places you visited was expected. A much-used closing line was “Wish You Were Here.” Your Mouse is still enjoying the outdoors at the Creek.

I must tell you about the Toledo Reunion of Cemetery Mice which was held last month at Forest Cemetery. All my rodent friends were telling stories about their many guests at each cemetery. It was a “can you top this” conversation.

This Mouse told about a recent revelation from the 91-year-old son of a couple interred at First St. John’s who purchased four graves and were buried at the center of those four so that they would not feel crowded. Who was that, and where are they?

This was the week in which another “perfect”* baseball game had been played. This was the third one during the 2012 season and only the 23rd in all baseball history! A certain Cemetery Mouse began to boast about one of his guests being the first man to pitch a perfect game. He was the first regular left-handed pitcher and played for Worcester against Cleveland in a National League contest on June 12, 1880. This man was born in 1857 and spent over 40 years in Toledo before his demise in 1929. His monument is engraved with a scorecard for the perfect game. Do you know who and where he lies?

*“WISH YOU HAD BEEN THERE”
Your Mouse*

*Perfect game = 9 innings with 27 batters all of which were “out”

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND



We’re all busy with our lives that we tend to overlook our older members who can no longer attend church. Some have family who visit, but others do not. It’s a lonely existence, one we ourselves may be faced with 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.

**Doris Bober
Russell Bodette Sr.
Virginia Brandeberry
Donna Cedoz
Doris Danekind
Peg & John Deuble
Mary Dippman
Darlene Eggert
Edie Felhaber
Nyla Gerrard
Margie Heninger
Don Higley
Virginia Hoffman
Margaret Koester
Dorothy Kreszowski
Paul & Vivian Kuhlman
Dorothy Laney
Norma Manteuffel
Betty Morse
Hilda Saelzler
Forrest Ulrich
Phyliss Wagner
Bob Webb**

DINNER WITH FRIENDS—SEPTEMBER 19th

Join us on Wednesday, September 19th in the JAM Café (outside the choir room in the basement of the church) for Dinner With Friends. Tentative menu: soup, salad, and dessert. Come for the food, come for the fun, come for the game(!), and come for a nice evening out with your friends from First St. John. To get an accurate count of those who will attend, please fill out the RSVP slip below and either put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. You can also call or email (office@firststjohn.com) the church office.

Yes! I/we will attend Dinner With Friends on September 19th.

Names _____

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES—AUGUST 21, 2012

President Keith Mullen called the meeting to order. Pastor gave the devotions.

Roll call was taken. Minutes of last meeting were read, Keith asked for a motion to approve them. Dave Warnke made the motion and seconded by Mike Winslow, approved by all.

BOARD OF EDUCATION / YOUTH – Jamie Blazeovich reported.

- Board of Ed. reported two (2) new board members, Melissa Collins and Bill Caldwell.
- 180 enrollments were reported for the Dayschool. Mon., Aug. 20th was the first day of “extended care” and Wed., Aug. 22nd begins the first day of Kindergarten.
- Jamie Blazeovich, Karen Holmes and Lori Pfeiffer have been working on the Catechism curriculum. Catechism parents meeting is Wednesday, August 29th at 6:30pm. Catechism will be on Sunday mornings at 9:00a.m. starting September 16, 2012.
- Thank you to Mike Folk who made the frame for the plaque of the “Founder’s Hall” designed for past, present and future administrators of First St John Dayschool. Mike also hung this plaque for us. Looks very nice!
- Rally Day will be September 9th at 9:00 a.m. There will be a juggling act and snacks provided. Families can tour the JAM room.
- Teacher Recognition Service will follow Rally Day at the 10:15 service on September 9, 2012 along with a continental breakfast following the service.
- Sunday school added two new teachers. 5th & 6th grade will be Matt Schwiefert. 1st & 2nd grade will be Deb Ladd.
- Changes on the website of the church and Dayschool have been made. Take a look at what's new at www.firststjohn.com
- Youth Room has been cleaned. Preparing for new furniture. Stop in and take a peek.
- Christmas play will be the 2nd Sunday of December, and the Christmas Lesson on the 16th of December.

TREASURER – Jim Sommers reported a shortfall of \$540 for the month. Of this, the lawn care service

had not been submitted and the heating budget is being re-evaluated for the year, so they were not included in this shortfall.

The Dave Winslow Golf Outing had excellent returns and has been paid out.

Mike Winslow made the motion to accept and Eric Johnson seconded it. Motion passed to accept the Treasurer’s report.

PASTOR – No transfers in or out for the months of June or July.

Thank you to Mike Folk for putting the "Founders Hall" sign up in the Dayschool.

ELDERS - No report.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT – The new windows are currently being installed. Look very nice and will be finished in the next few weeks. Continuing to work on the "honey do list."

- Elevator Inspection complete
- Tree limbs removed from the property
- Installed new attic ladder in Altar Guild room.

OLD BUSINESS - Al Collins reported he has contacted City of Oregon Council Member Dennis Walendzak to have the evergreen tree in front of the church cut down by the City of Oregon at *no cost* to the church. This tree will then be used by the City of Oregon Christmas lighting on the corner of Navarre & Wheeling. In the spring, the city will come back and remove the stump at no additional cost.

NEW BUSINESS – Mike Winslow is organizing the Youth Group with parents’ involvement. There were 11 youth members that met on Sunday, August 19th with a pizza party and a scavenger hunt. The youth will be learning about how to service the church, community services, and participating in group activities.

Jim Sommers reported the "Labuhn Center" of the Lutheran Home has been approved by the State of Ohio to open on August 27th. There will be an open house prior to the opening to the public. Hope to see members in attendance to support this wonderful center.

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