
First St. John Journal

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Once upon a time there was a college basketball player who was very good and very lazy. He felt he was so good he didn't need to practice. After all, with the little effort he put out, he was all-conference and second team all-American.

The coach always pushed him to practice his free throw, but since his average was already so high, he was content with his current skill level. He was not very responsible about staying in good condition, either. He only did the workouts that were required, and not one thing more.

It was a good season and the team made it into the NCAA tournament, and even to the elite eight. One more victory and they would be in the final four. This was the furthest for any team from their college. Our hero was already worn out from the long season so when the game went into overtime, he was so exhausted he could hardly move up and down the court.

With ten seconds to go, there was only one point separating the teams. One basket, and our hero's team would win. He saw his opportunity. With the ball in his hands, he drove the full length of the floor, jumped in the air and was brutally fouled by a player on the other team. As he approached the foul line, he mumbled to himself, "If I had been in better shape, I would have made that shot despite the foul. But, I still have two shots to win the game."

He took a deep breath and felt his body go weak. The ball began to feel like a lead weight. The basket moved farther away. Two free throws, one to tie and one to win. You know what? He missed them both! Later he apologized to the coach. "If I had listened and done my conditioning and practice, when the time came, I would have been up to the task."

Even though this little story is fiction, it still points out the importance of practice even for those with skill and confidence. There is a big difference between confidence and arrogance. We can see this exemplified in great athletes and musicians. The greatest and most successful are also those who have

a quality of humility that admits their human weakness and accepts the need for regular disciplines of training and practice. These folks know this is the only way to be prepared when the true challenges arise and their skills are put to the real test.

The same is true of our faith in Jesus Christ. If our faith is to stand moments of testing, we must maintain a regular discipline of prayer, worship, and fellowship. The Apostle Paul compared his daily walk of faith to that of an athlete training for a great race, only the prize at the end of his race as a follower of Christ was worth far more than any trophy or championship on earth. He wrote in 1 Corinthians 9:24, "Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control (discipline) in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable."

As we come into the summer season it is easy to be distracted by the good weather and all the activities that good weather invites us to join. The hours of daylight may increase, but the hours of the day remain the same. There are still only 24 hours in each day and seven days to each week. In order to do one thing we must choose not to do another. We risk disaster when we allow our devotional and worship life to be crowded out by all the special activities of summer. It is essential to maintain our regular discipline so our faith remains strong in the good times, and that we have the resources to stand the test when challenges come along.

As a resource, here is a suggestion for a daily prayer in the morning and at night. These were written by Martin Luther and have been helpful to faithful folks for hundreds of years. They may help you, too. And don't forget the church is open all through the summer with worship every Sunday. There really is no better way to start the week. It is easy to see that when the beginning is right, the ending is, too.

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MEMBER UPDATES

Births

None of which we are aware.

Baptisms

4-6-14 *Rowan Mae Lofquist*, born April 30, 2013 to Christopher and Breena (McCool) Lofquist. Sponsors are Mason McCool and Bracy McCool.

Marriages

None.

Deaths

3-30-14 Margaret Koester

Transfers to / from St. John

None

ELDERS FOR MAY



	<u>7:45 am</u>	<u>10:15 am</u>
4th	Dick Haar Jeff Ladd	Jeff Smith Jason Blazeovich
11th	Linda Yenrick Bill Nelson	Darold Henninger Mike Winslow
18th	Eric Johnson Laurie Witt	Tom Eppard Al Collins
25th	Jeff Smith Jason Blazeovich	Dick Haar Jeff Ladd

ATTENTION CHURCH COUNCIL

Pastor Rayl will be on vacation on our regular meeting date, so our May meeting has been moved up to Tuesday, May 13th at 7:00 pm. Please make a note of it. Thanks.



SUMMER WORSHIP

Our summer worship schedule begins Sunday, June 1st and runs through Sunday, August 31st. We will have only one service at 9:00 am and no Sunday School for the summer.

We will alternate between traditional and celebration formats, with communion on the first Sunday of the month (only one Sunday a month for communion). June 1st will start with the traditional format, June 8th with the celebration format, and so on. See you this summer!

NOTE: Because of Pastor Rayl's vacation, Chapel Communion in June will be June 8th at 2:00 pm.

MEMORIALS

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ELEVATOR FUND

In memory of Margaret Koester by M/M Gerald Labuhn, Bill & Ginny Wegman.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES

In memory of Margaret Koester by Bob & Sherrie Haar.

ALTAR GUILD

In memory of Margaret Koester by Fred & Wanda Rice.

CHOIR FUND

In memory of Margie Heninger by Darlene Eggert.

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 or emailing us at: office@firststjohn.com

Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____ Phone _____

MEMORIALS



MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of **Margie Heninger** by Diane & Lowell Hartman, Norman & Phyllis Schuffenecker.

In memory of **John Deuble** by Margaret Deuble.

In memory of **Margaret Koester** by Marilyn Cashen.

CURRENT FUND

In memory of **Margie Heninger** by Carl & Janet Morrison.

In memory of **Margaret Koester** by Ruth Ziethlow.

ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of **Margie Heninger** by Ada Kreger.

QUILTERS

In memory of **Margaret Koester** by Olga Zimmerman, Eileen Young.

CEMETERY FUND

In memory of **Margaret Koester** by Ruth Cummerow, Esther Bell, Esther Speck, Elaine Gladieux, Ada Kreger, Carl & Janet Morrison, Norman & Phyllis Schuffenecker, Kevin & Carol Abbey, Robert & Iva Jenkins, Betty Jo TenEyck, Gene Hagedorn, S. John Jenkins, Matt Jenkins, Stephanie Jenkins, John & Paulette Bresler, Linda Merckens, Phyllis Wietelmann, Ernie & Marge Bollinger, Mark & Debbie Ackerman, Ralph & Ethel Mae Vogtsberger, Dennis Walendzak, Tom & Linda Sigurdson, Kevin & Judy Kwiatkowski, Cam Taylor, Marvin & Carol Keller, Ted & Susan Polter, Mark & Mary Abner, John & Lou Mann, David & Deb Mann, Dennis & Lisa Pavley, M/M Roger Hansen, Jim & Sandy Koester, Jeanette Dotson, Donna Koester, Deb Lofquist, James & Norma Coy, Cliff & Madonna Bury, Sandra Stahl, Chuck Bell, Jan Nowak, Ben Toneff, Jean DeWitt, Penny DeWitt, Dan, Joyce & Jean Martin, Patrick & Jen Martin, Chuck & Jane Neal, Karen & Mike Godfrey, Gloria Ross, Paul Kuhlman, Deb Rowland, M/M Max Brandau, Rev. Mark & Judith Becker, Jerry & Ginny Nissen, Karen Frey, Leslie & Linda Wyse, M/ M Duane Isom, Roberta Cajka, Ron & Joanne Koch, James & Mariel Rolf.

DAYSCHOOL

In memory of **Margaret Koester** by Patricia Buenting.

DAYSCHOOL NEWS

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A special invitation about the Prayer Buddy breakfast will be sent soon. Thank you so much for going above and beyond my expectations. You are truly remarkable!

Scrip - Our school has begun an on-going, bi-monthly fundraising program called Scrip, which is a way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks and credit cards. When you buy gift cards at face value, our coordinator orders the cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. The price difference is an instant rebate for our school. Great Lakes Scrip Center offers over 300 of the country's biggest brands, including Meijer, Bob Evans, Burger King, Circle K, BP Gas, Speedway, Lowe's, Home Depot and more. Order due dates for May are Tuesday, May 6 and Tuesday, May 20.

Market Day - Help feed your family and support our school at the same time by participating in this monthly fundraiser (even in the summer) that offers restaurant quality groceries you can pick up at First St. John. Market Day offers a variety of foods like lower calorie meals, fish, chicken, pork, vegetables, pasta, gluten and peanut-free items, desserts and pizza. Market Day catalogs are in the Narthex and the church office. Order using the catalog form or on-line at www.marketday.com. Click on "New to Market Day" then "Register Now" to begin. Select our school by keying the school's account number: 30777. This year, our goal is to raise \$10,000 to provide student resources, including a new outdoor playspace. Up to 20% of each order supports our school. Order deadline for May is the 7th (hard copy form) or the 10th (on-line). Pick up is Friday, May 16th from 4:15 - 5:15 pm. Questions? Call 1-877-632-7753.

Please spread the word about our school and our registration. Morning classes are already full with waiting lists. If you know anyone who might be interested, please encourage them to come, see, and experience the quality program we offer. Please continue to keep this ministry in your prayers. It is truly a blessing to all involved.

In Him,
Barb Shellhammer

CHURCH CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE NEWS

Our first meeting will be Monday, May 5th at 7:00 pm. We will meet the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:00 pm in the room next to the lounge. If you would like to serve on this committee, please notify Bob Haar at 419-250-9409 or Toni in the church office at 419-691-7222. Thanks.



DINING TO DONATE— APPLEBEE'S NIGHT

Here's an easy way to help raise funds for First St. John—just dine at Applebee's! When you dine any time of day on Tuesday, May 20th at the Applebee's in Northwood, present a flyer to your server and First St. John will receive 15% of your bill AND you will receive a \$5 Off coupon on your next visit! You can pick up these flyers at church in the Narthex, lounge, or church office. Those who get this newsletter by email will have the flyer attached.

CHAPEL COMMUNION NOTICE

Because Pastor Rayl will not be back from his vacation until June 2nd, Chapel Communion for June has been moved to Sunday, June 8th at 2:00 pm. Please make a note of it.

"DINNER WITH FRIENDS"

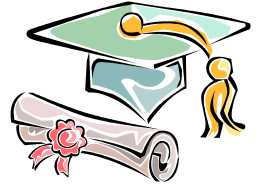
Our next dinner will be Wednesday, May 21st at 6:00 pm. Come and have a light dinner in the company of your friends from First St. John. Our FREE dinners continue in September and November. If you would like to attend, please fill out the slip below and return it to the church office or the offering plate so we know how many to plan for. Join us!

*Yes, I will attend Dinner With Friends
on Wednesday, May 21st*

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY June 22, 2014



We will publicly acknowledge all our graduates from high school and college at our worship service on Sunday, June 22nd. Please plan on having your graduate attend this service as all graduates will be recognized.

If you know of a graduate, please complete this form and drop it in the offering plate, mail to the church office, or fax this page to 419-691-7220 by Monday, June 15th. Thank you.

NAME OF GRADUATE _____

GRADUATED FROM _____

DEGREE EARNED _____

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FUTURE PLANS (SCHOOL, WORK, ETC.)

YES, WE PLAN TO BE AT THE SERVICE _____

PARADE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are walking in the Oregon Fest parade on Sunday, May 18th and we need volunteers to walk and hand out candy to the bystanders. If you can help, contact Jamie at 419-691-7222 or cedir@firststjohn.com Also, if you can donate candy, please bring it to the church office.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our 8th graders who were confirmed on April 27th: Garret Anderson, Ally Church, Thomas Cluckey, Zach Groll, Evan Marsh, Madison, Natalie, and Scarlet Rice, Bo Szymczak, and Olivia Tilton. May God continue to guide you on your life's journey with Him.



ALL DAUGHTER BANQUET

All God's daughters are invited to join us on Wednesday, May 14th at 6:00 pm for the All-Daughter Banquet in the gym (elevator available). The Traveling Taps, an off-Broadway dance company, will provide this year's entertainment—and we may have a chance for audience participation!

Tickets are \$9 for adults 13 and older, \$4 for children ages 6 – 12, and free for children 5 and under. To make a reservation, please fill out the order form below and turn it in to the church office or the offering plate with payment. Once we receive the form, we will assign you to a table. If you prefer to be seated next to someone who is not in your party, please write their name on the back of the form. Hope to see you there!

All-Daughter Banquet RSVP / Order Form

Yes, we will attend the All-Daughter Banquet on May 14th.

_____ Adults (\$9 for 13 and up)

_____ Children (\$4 for ages 6-12)

_____ Free (Children 5 and under)

Name(s): _____

Payment Enclosed: \$ _____

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

Our next meeting is Saturday, May 3rd at 8:00 am at Bob Evans on Navarre Ave. Call Bob Haar at 419-250-9409 if you need a ride. See you there.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Derek & Matea Cousino
29034 E. Broadway Rd.
Walbridge, OH 43465



DAVID WINSLOW MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

This four-man scrambles will be Saturday, August 2nd at 8:00 am at the Chippewa Golf Club. Cost is \$65 per person, which includes green fees, cart, and food (menu yet to be determined). Prizes will be awarded for first place, longest drive and closest to the pin. Reservation and fees are due by Monday, July 28th. If you'd like to register or sponsor a hole, call Mike Winslow at 419-691-8430 or 419-698-6507.

All proceeds go to First St. John.

BORROWING TABLES & CHAIRS

When you want to borrow tables and chairs for your summer events, please make sure you call the church office to reserve them ahead of time. There are lots of parties this time of year, and demand for tables and chairs is high. We only have six tables available.

Also, please remember the tables and chairs in the gym are not to be removed from the building; instead, the tables and chairs in the parsonage garage are available for borrowing. Thank you.

RUMMAGE SALE

Thursday, May 1, 10 am-4:00 pm
Friday, May 2, 10 am-1:00 pm



All circles and everyone from the congregation are asked to help. Please call Wanda Rice at 419-691-8328 to volunteer.

First St. John Prayer Chain
(as of April 28, 2014)

Crisis Prayer List: *For those who need prayers in an urgent matter such as upcoming surgery, emergency medical care (ICU), etc. Individuals will be moved to "Chronic Prayer List" after the 1st month unless a prayer chain contact is contacted:*

Jackie Curtis
CD
Jason Grimes
Families of Lake Erie Boaters
Norma Manteuffel
Dutch Morrison
Jeanette Pavuk
Barb Uhler

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

George Ackerman
Fritz Babcock
Jordyn Beckhusen
Russell Bodette
Karen Burris
Baby Camille
Gail Chaffee
Sally Christianson
Dakota (no last name given)
David & Cindy (no last name given)
Jane Doe
Lily Georgeson
Larry Grant
Bob & Debbie Hecklinger
Sophie LeDuc
George "Skip" McCullough
Jeanette Miller
Christopher Molnar
Jessica Mueller
Calvin Nelson
Charlie Ohlson
Demetra Pender
Rita Riegle
Kim Roach
Cindy Roecker

Dianne Schumaker
Richard Trybula
Maggie Van Horn
John Wagner
Terry Williams
Bill Zeisler

Please check the list, and let a prayer chain contact know if individuals can be moved off the list.

Prayer Chain Contacts

Carol Abbey 419-351-9795
or cabbey@jcrinc.com

Lynn Folk 419-691-3410
Donna Koehn 419-693-5030
Ada Kreger 419-693-1549
Gloria Ross 419-836-7166

**4th ANNUAL
MEMORIAL DAY
CELEBRATION**



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The fourth annual First St. John Cemetery Memorial Day service will be observed on Monday morning, May 26th. Watch the weekly church bulletin for the latest details. We will ring the old church bell for all those who have passed since last year. The American Legion, Dunberger Post in Oregon, Ohio, and the East Toledo Memorial Association will offer their services.

If you would like to purchase a brick for the Memorial and Engraved Paver Project, **please turn in your order by Monday, May 5th**. Order forms can be found in the lounge, Narthex, and church office. This offers you an opportunity to honor anyone affiliated with First St. John, even someone still living or perhaps buried elsewhere.

This ceremony can be a **"teaching moment"** for our children and a time to reflect for the older among us. We promise to get you home in time for the family picnic!

FROM THE DESK OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

As we wind down our JAM sessions for this year, I have to say I've really enjoyed watching the children grow in their faith in the Lord. We have such a WONDERFUL group of teachers who really take pride in what they do. Thank you to all the awesome individuals who help out on a weekly basis. We also recognize the parents of our JAM students who week after week brought their children to JAM to learn about our Savior. In honor of our parents, we will have a "Pastries for Parents" celebration on Sunday, May 11th during the JAM hour. This celebration will be in the gym, and we invite all our JAM parents to attend this breakfast with their JAM student. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Jamie at 419-691-7222 or cedir@firststjohn.com

We had an Easter egg hunt for JAM and the Dayschool during the Sunday School hour on April 6th. 49 kids participated and we had a total of 2,170 eggs. Thank you to all who donated their time and effort to fill the eggs and/or help with the hunt.

JAM Meets at 9:00 a.m.

May 4: VBS Preview – Introduction of Vacation Bible School (VBS).

May 11: Pastries for Parents – This celebration will be in the gym, and we invite all our JAM parents to attend this breakfast with their JAM student. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Jamie at 419-691-7222 or cedir@firststjohn.com

JAM Singers will sing on May 11th as well. This is also our last day of JAM for the year!

Oregon Fest – Sunday, May 18. We will walk in the parade, so we need donations of candy and volunteers to walk in the parade and pass out candy.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars!!! Vacation Bible School this summer will be Monday, June 23 – Thursday June 26 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. each night. VBS is for ages 3 through fifth grade and is a great ministry tool to help children become closer to Jesus.

Please pray and ask God what HE might want YOU to help with. We need many volunteers for this wonderful 4-day event!

NOTE: Check out the Donation Board in the Narthex in the next few weeks for items we will need to make this VBS another success.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

VBS: "Weird Animals"
Monday, June 23 – Thursday,
June 26



VBS - *Where Jesus' Love is One-of-a-Kind*
God filled the world with a lot of crazy creatures . . . including you! When kids feel weird, different, or even lost in a crowd—nothing compares to the extraordinary love of Jesus.

Register Online at:

<https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/firststjohn>

COUNCIL MINUTES

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A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Luann Spoerl and seconded by Tom Eppard. The motion carried. Closing was led by Pastor Rayl with everyone praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Hunsaker



NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Our next new members class begins Sunday June 8th at 10:15 a.m. (after the 9:00 a.m. summer service) in our air-conditioned lounge. If you or someone you know would like to be part of this class, contact the church office at 419-691-7222 or office@firststjohn.com. There will be four sessions, meeting on consecutive Sundays (June 8 – June 29th).

Even if you're already a member you are invited to participate in reviewing some of the basics of our Christian faith and Lutheran teachings. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Rayl.



LIBRARY NEWS

The following items have been added to our library. Stop by the lounge and have a look!

Biblical Archeology Review—Periodicals, Jan./Feb. 2014 and Mar./Apr. 2014

Nearing Home by Billy Graham

80th Anniversary History Book Luther Home of Mercy

The Easter Story by Tracy Harrast (for Children)

The Song of Bernadette—Tape

You Are Not Your Own by Jason Perry

The Bible — New International Version on CD

A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23 by Phillip Keller

— Gloria Ross

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

Our Dayschool's new fundraising program is called Scrip-- a program that enables you to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks and credit cards. When you purchase gift cards from our school at face value, our coordinator orders the cards at a reduced price. The price difference becomes an instant rebate for our school, anywhere from 1 to 16% of the card's value! Order forms are available in the lounge and Narthex. Just complete the form and send cash or check for the gift card value to the church office. The cards usually arrive about one week after the order due date.

Gift cards are available for over 300 brands, including Amazon, Applebee's, Bass Pro Shops, Bath & Body Works, Buffalo Wild Wings, Chili's, Circle K, Dillard's, Family Christian Stores, Family Video, The Gap, Home Depot, Jo-Ann Fabric, Kohl's, Meijer, Menard's, Pottery Barn, Rave Cinemas, Starbucks, and more. To view all available gift cards, go on-line to www.glscrip.com Our next order deadlines are Tuesday, May 6th and Tuesday, May 20th.

PASTOR'S VACATION

Pastor Rayl will be on vacation from Tuesday, May 20th through Sunday, June 1st. Pastor Ray Gottschling will be filling in for the May 25th and June 1st services. If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, please call Toni in the church office. She will contact the pastor who will be providing emergency coverage during the week.

MARKET DAY

Help feed your family and support our school at the same time with this monthly fundraiser offering restaurant quality groceries you can pick up here at First St. John.

Catalogs are in the Narthex and the lounge so you can see the available food. Order using the sheet in the catalog or on-line at www.marketday.com Click on "New to Market Day" then "Register Now" to begin. Select our school using the school's account number: 30777. Next order deadline is May 7th (hard copy form) or 10th (on-line). Pick up is Friday, May 16th from 4:15 to 5:15 pm. Thank you for your support of this fundraiser.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Prayer in the Morning: "We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us."

Prayer at Night: "We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us."



DAYSCHOOL NEWS

"Celebrate GOD. Sing together—everyone! All you honest hearts, raise the roof!" Psalm 32:11

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that our year of learning together is ending. This has been a good year for all of us. How we have grown! As teachers in ELCA schools, we have the privilege of teaching from the heart, of teaching from our faith. We create an atmosphere of faith in our classrooms and throughout the building. It is our responsibility to see that our students know to celebrate God. We are so grateful for the opportunity to share the Gospel with the children and families with whom we've been entrusted. Thank you for the part you play in this. Your prayerful support, your encouraging words, your donations of materials, and the gift of your time have been so appreciated. May we keep on growing in our understanding of God's plan for us as we continue to tell others of the living Christ.

Laura DeWitt, a member of the Dayschool Board of Education for several years, has recently resigned. I am so thankful for her willingness to serve on the board. For me personally, Laura has been someone I can bounce ideas off, count on her recall (what a marvelous brain this girl has), and trust her desire to minister to the hearts and minds of young children, their families, our teachers, and me. I know she is faithful to His word and that He will continue to use her gifts to benefit others. Thank you, Laura!

Another special thanks to the Dayschool Board--Julie Gallaher, Melissa Collins, Bill Hamilton, and Bill Caldwell-- for your plan to acknowledge the teachers and staff of the school and church with a fabulous noontime meal at the end of this month. We are so blessed to have you all!

ALMOST HERE...Attention all Prayer Buddies. SAVE THE DATE-- Sunday, May 18th. A service recognizing our kindergarten children and their successful completion of the school year will take place that day. Following the service, the children will be introduced to their prayer buddy during a breakfast where they can eat together and have a moment to personally get to know each other.

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MILITARY SERVICE NOTES



Here are the names and addresses of members, family, and friends of First St. John who serve in the military if you wish to send cards or packages. Please 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

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

Lindsey Rowland
No Current Address

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED IN SERVING THE COMMUNITY?

The East Toledo Lutheran Ministry group will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, May 13th at 6:30 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 106 W. Plumer St. in east Toledo. Anyone interested in collaborating with the East Toledo Lutheran churches is welcome to attend this meeting.

In just a short time, this group has held a community-wide healing service and established the Personal Needs Pantry at the Lutheran Homes Society. We are open to new ideas and ways we can continue to serve others in our community. These meetings are very casual and include pastors as well as laypeople, so don't hesitate to attend because all are welcome!



"PASTRIES FOR PARENTS"

On Sunday, May 11th at 9:00 am, we would like to recognize the parents of our JAM students who week after week bring their children to JAM to learn about our Savior. In honor of our parents, we will have a "Pastries for Parents" celebration in the gym. All JAM parents are invited to attend this breakfast with their JAM student. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Jamie at 419-691-7222 or cedir@firststjohn.com

COUNCIL MINUTES - APRIL 22, 2014

Pastor Rayl opened the Tuesday, April 22, 2014, meeting with a devotion and prayer. President Keith Mullen called the meeting to order. A motion was made by LuAnn Spoerl and seconded by Jeff Ladd to accept the minutes from the March meeting, motion carried.

Sunday School Report—Barb Shellhammer reported Easter Celebrations took place the week prior to Easter, and as you look around the walls of the school you will see evidence of how deeply planted the good news is in the hearts of the Dayschool children. She mentioned two ongoing fundraisers. Market Day (monthly opportunity to order quality foods of which the Dayschool gets a percentage, **next delivery Friday, April 25**) and the Great Lakes Scrip Cards (bi-monthly opportunity to order gift cards at businesses you frequent, of which the Dayschool gets a percentage). Teacher Appreciation is the week of May 5th. Save the Date--Sunday, May 18th. A service recognizing our kindergarten children and their successful completion of the school year will take place that day. Following the service an awesome breakfast will be provided and the children will be introduced to their prayer buddy. She will encourage all prayer buddies to purchase a children's bible for their kindergarten student (easier for all to do the same). An exciting day for all involved! Club's Choice delivery is set for April 30th. The last day of school is now Thursday, June 5, and the last day for extended care Friday, June 6. Summer program begins Tuesday, June 10. Looking Ahead - First Annual LEAF Festival ~ Join us and "LEAF" an imprint on a child's life~ Providing a Loving Educational Atmosphere in Faith on October 8th, 2014

Christian Education Report—Jamie Blazeovich reported the Easter Egg Hunt was a success and so much fun for everyone involved. There were 49 kids and 2,170 candy-filled Easter eggs.

Jamie mentioned she felt blessed to hear the Faith Testimonies of our Confirmands.

On May 4th there will be a VBS preview. May 11th the JAM kids are singing. She also said she will be attending the Synod Assembly on May 16-18 at Kalahri.

Oregon Fest is also May 18th and First St. John will again walk in the parade.

This year's VBS will be Monday, June 23rd through Thursday, June 26th, and the theme is "Weird Animals—Where Jesus' Love is One of a Kind."

Elder's Report—Bill Nelson was unable to attend, and Linda Yenrick stated how much she was impressed and how amazing this confirmation class was at doing their testing/review with the Elders. It was so inspiring to her.

Mike Winslow stated the Winslow Scholarship Foundation is awarding (2) \$1000 scholarships. The two winners this year are Brooke Gallaher and Rachel Nelson.

Property Management—Mike Folk was unable to attend, and Dave Wilbarger reported the gas line was inspected. He also stated all the window lock latches have been replaced on all our new windows and are working perfectly.

Treasurer/Finance Report—Lisa Anderson was unable to attend, and Chris Hunsaker reported March netted a positive month of nearly \$4,000 and also an amazing Easter collection of over \$12,000, but with remaining bills due this month and shortfalls on January and February, we are currently about \$26,000 short. A motion was made by Dave Warnke and seconded by Jeff Ladd to accept the report.

Pastor's Report—There were no transfers in or out. Pastor spoke about how wonderful Lent, Holy Week and Easter turned out. He is also looking for more people to come to the Synod Assembly on May 16-18 at Kalahri. On June 8th, Pastor will start a new member class. He said Bob Haar is chairing a Church Constitution Committee and is looking for people that would like to help. Pastor also talked about starting a stewardship program at First St. John, and he will be forming a committee to start this program.

Old Business—None.

New Business—Emily Kruse has set up a fundraiser at Applebee's in Northwood, on Wednesday, May 14th. Flyers will soon be put up around the church.