

◈ First St. John Journal ◈

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"I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then said I, 'Here am I; send me.'" – Isaiah 6:8

 One of the items in Ripley's *Believe It or Not* Museum is a plain bar of iron. The description reads that as a plain bar of iron, it is valued at \$5. The "Believe It Or Not" is to consider the same bar of iron has a far different value if it is fashioned into different items, such as:

- ◆ As a pair of horse shoes, it would be worth \$50.
- ◆ As sewing needles, it would be worth \$5,000.
- ◆ As balance springs for fine Swiss watches, it would be worth \$500,000.

The main consideration is that the raw material is not what is important. What's important is how that raw material is developed!

Each of us has been given talents and abilities – some have received more, others less, but all have received something as a unique gift from God. As Christians, we also enjoy spiritual gifts which flow from the Holy Spirit of God.

The value of these raw materials, however, is a moot point unless we develop them and use our talents, abilities, and spiritual gifts as a force for divine good in this world.

If you don't know what your abilities and gifts are, ask God to reveal them to you. Then ask God to show you what God wants you to do with them. Your happiness and success in life will be found in fulfilling God's plan for your life.

As you read through the First St. John Newsletter, you will run across a number of opportunities to allow the raw material of your gifts, talents and treasures to be fashioned and utilized by God in

opportunities of worship, learning, stewardship, service and mission. And there are more that can be developed and initiated with your suggestions and input. Don't miss the chance to let the Holy Spirit craft your life into the purpose God has in mind for you, and to add the true value that only God's workmanship can accomplish.

— Pastor Rayl

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Our regular schedule resumes Sunday, September 7th with traditional service at 7:45 am and celebration service at 10:15 am. Rally Day for all Sunday School children will be Sunday, September 14th at 9:00 am. (Catechism and adult classes will begin September 21st at 9:00 am.) Join us!

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

On Tuesday, September 2nd, church office hours return to Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The office will be closed for Labor Day.



RALLY DAY

September 14th begins our J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) Sunday School for children ages preschool through 6th grade. This is the annual kick-off to our weekly Sunday School. Snacks will be provided, and you can tour our J.A.M. area.

Also on that day, we will have a special presentation that children of ALL ages will surely enjoy, featuring Jim "Basketball" Jones as our special presenter! As a child he had to overcome a disability that placed him in special education classes. His presentation encourages character development using basketball tricks and audience participation. Don't miss it!

Member Address Changes

Bill Giles
Lutheran Home Assisted Living
2519 Seaman St. Apt. 30
Toledo, OH 43605

Cynthia Henderson
2549 Ironwood Way Apt. C
Lexington Park, MD 20653

Adam & Julie Ladd
436 Yarrow St.
Oregon, OH 43616

Ruth Ziethlow
West Park Place
3501 Executive Pkwy
Toledo, OH 43606



CEMETERY NEWS



Dear Friends of the Cemetery,

As many of you have probably realized, there are new signs at each driveway stating the rules for the cemetery. The rules are the same as they've always been, however, we are asking you to please review them and keep them in mind when tending to your loved ones' graves.

The rules are:

- ◆ Hours are dawn to dusk
- ◆ Spring cleanup begins March 15th. Fall cleanup begins October 15th. Decorations not removed by the family will be discarded.
- ◆ Families are responsible to removing decorations when they become unsightly or they will be discarded.
- ◆ All decorations are limited to 12 inches in front of the headstone only.
- ◆ Glass floral containers, metal stakes, stone, marbles, fencing or edging materials, statues, benches, or the planting of trees, shrubs and bushes is not permitted.

Fall clean up of the cemetery will be October 15th. Anything in violation of the cemetery rules will be removed on October 15th, so please remove any items you may wish to keep before then.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support. A lot of work has gone into getting the cemetery to this point, and we deeply appreciate everyone's efforts so we can continue to be proud of our cemetery.

— Your Cemetery Committee

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 19th

ELDERS FOR SEPTEMBER

	7:45 am	10:15 am
9/7	Tom Eppard Al Collins	Eric Johnson Laurie Witt
9/14	Dick Haar Jeff Ladd	Jeff Smith Jason Blazeovich
9/21	Linda Yenrick Bill Nelson	Darold Henninger Mike Winslow
9/28	Eric Johnson Laurie Witt	Tom Eppard Al Collins

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 _____



PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY UPDATE

As of the end of July, our East Toledo Lutheran Ministry Personal Needs Pantry has provided the following number of items to 45 adults and 39 children in our community. Fifteen volunteers from the five Lutheran churches have given 138 hours of their time serving in the pantry.

Remember, if you or someone you know may need our services, please contact Toni in the church office at 419-691-7222. We are working hard to serve even more community members, and we feel that it has been a success to those whose lives it has already touched!

Paper towels - 52	Shampoo (adult) - 30
Toilet paper - 245	Shampoo (child) - 10
Tissues - 32	Feminine products - 39
Deodorant - 62	Body soap - 149
Body lotion - 30	Laundry soap - 29
Toothpaste - 38	Fabric softener - 26
Toothbrushes (adult) - 54	Dish soap - 30
Toothbrushes (child) - 11	Band-aids - 28

NOTICE TO ALL CHURCH GROUPS—2014 BUDGET



The Finance Committee will meet in late September to work on the 2015 budget. Please email your budget requests and/or questions to Lisa Anderson (ljanderson@bex.net) or Jim Sommers (SomAGA.aol.com) no later than September 15th.

ZUMBA CLASSES RETURN!

Zumba classes return on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the gym. The first class is Tuesday, September 9th. Join us for a great time!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our adult class begins on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the lounge on September 21st. Join our bunch as we discuss the issues of today in light of the Word of God. All are welcome!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Births

8-18-14

Tiberius "Ty" Allen Siebenaler, born to Melissa Boos and Dustin Siebenaler.

Baptisms

7-27-14

Adult baptism—*Tori Ann Martin*
Adult baptism—*Jenna Marie Martin*. Sponsor Justin Silcox.

Marriages

8-2-14

Tori Martin and Justin Silcox

Deaths

6-9-14

Doris Bober

8-16-14

Evelyn Giles

8-17-14

Richard "Larry" Harmon

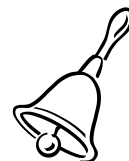
8-20-14

George Ackerman

Transfers To/From First St. John

None.

BELL CHOIR PRACTICE



Have you ever wanted to come up and ring those beautiful bells? Here's your chance! The first bell choir practice is Monday, September 8th at 5:30 pm in the church. No experience necessary! See you soon.



THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Our lunch/Bible study sessions begin on Thursday, September 18th at 11:00 am in the lounge. Bring your own lunch; coffee and water will be provided. Everyone is welcome!

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY MEETING

The Homebound Ministry team will meet on Wednesday, September 10th at 4:00 pm in the lounge. Homebound Ministry team members visit our shut-ins and give them communion. If you might be interested in this ministry, feel free to attend this meeting or talk to Pastor Rayl.

LADIES FALL KICK-OFF EVENT

All ladies are invited to the Women of the ELCA (WELCA) Fall Kick-Off event on Saturday, September 6th at 10:00 am in the lounge. Pastor Rayl will be our guest speaker and will present a video presentation about women of the Bible—Jesus' response to women of faith and the risks they took to remain faithful. Brunch will be served. Door prizes, too! What a great time to get together and just enjoy each other's company. Pastor wants to fill the lounge, so please join us if your schedule permits.

CIRCLE NEWS

Ruth Circle will meet Tuesday, September 2nd at 11:00 am in the lounge. Pastor Rayl will do a video Bible Study. All ladies are welcome.

Rebecca & Miriam Circles will meet as part of the Ladies Fall Kick-Off Event on Saturday, September 6th at 10:00 am in the lounge.

Hannah Circle will meet Monday, September 8th at 7:00 pm at Kim Kwiatkowski's home. Call her if you need directions.



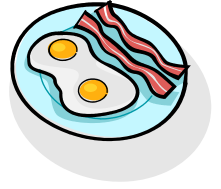
DINNER WITH FRIENDS SEPTEMBER 17

Join us on Wednesday, September 17th at 6 p.m. in the lounge for Dinner With Friends. Menu includes beef and noodles, salad, roll & butter, beverage, and dessert. Come on out for a nice evening with your friends from First St. John. If you plan to attend, please fill out the RSVP slip below and either put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

I/we will attend Dinner With Friends on Sept. 17

Names _____

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP



Our next meeting will be Saturday, September 6th at 8:00 a.m. at Bob Evans on Navarre Avenue. We'll be celebrating our ninth year of meeting together. If you need a ride, please call Bob Haar at 419-250-9409. Join us!

WELCA BOARD MEETING

The board for the Women of the ELCA will meet on Monday, September 15th at 6:30 pm in the lounge.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING

We will meet on Monday, September 8th at 6:30 pm. Mark your calendar!



HARVEST FESTIVAL DONATIONS NEEDED

We will celebrate Harvest Festival on Sunday, September 21st. Donations of produce, canned goods, etc. can be placed in the lounge on Friday, September 19 or the church by 10 am on Saturday, September 20. Please help us beautify our altar on this special occasion. The Altar Guild greatly appreciates your help. Thank you.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

In September, we'll meet on Tuesday, September 2nd at 7:00 pm in the room next to the lounge AND on Monday, September 22nd at 7:00 pm in the lounge.

ATTENTION CHOIR MEMBERS

As of this printing, there will be no Thursday practices in the month of September. We WILL practice at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings and WILL begin singing during church on Sunday, September 7th. Chuck Neal will direct us on September 7th and 14th while John Rowley is on vacation. We will keep you updated if anything changes. Thanks.

Nathan comes home from his first day at school. Mother asks, "What did you learn today?" He replies, "Not enough. I have to go back tomorrow."

Think about this. While this is a joke about the beginning of school, it also applies to our lives and our gracious God. Again and again we have the opportunity to wake up every day and attend the Classroom of the world. Every day is another opportunity to see the wondrous world HE made. Every day we are blessed to learn about HIM, listen to HIM and see HIM in the people in our lives. May we WANT to learn more about Him as we read, study, and meditate on His word. As we start this new school year, may we, just like Nathan, realize we have not yet learned all we need to about GOD and that we, too, must immerse ourselves in our Spiritual education.

As we try to "turn over a new leaf" this fall, let's take advantage of all the opportunities that First St. John has to help you grow in your spiritual knowledge. Below are several upcoming events. Join us!

UPCOMING EVENTS **RALLY DAY**

Sunday, September 14, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Join us for a special presentation that children of ALL ages will surely enjoy. This is the annual kickoff to our Jesus And Me (J.A.M.) weekly sessions. Snacks will be provided. You will then be able to tour our J.A.M. area.



FEATURING

We are so excited to have Jim "Basketball" Jones as our special presenter on Rally Day!

As a child he had to overcome a disability that actually placed him in special education classes. His presentation involves character development with basketball tricks and audience participation.

TEACHER INSTALLATION

Sunday, September 14, 2014 at 10:15 a.m.

Join us for a special worship service where 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).

**Starting Sunday, September 21, 2014
at 9:00 a.m.**

JESUS AND ME (JAM): Join us each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for age appropriate, Bible-based teaching and activities. Our mornings start with 15 minutes of singing, and then we break into groups determined by age. Feel free to join us any time. We would love to have you!

CATECHISM will once again be on Sunday mornings from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Catechism consists of lessons two Sundays out of the month, while the other two Sundays will be filled with faith testimonies, meeting with Pastor (8th) and learning about the groups we have within our church (7th). For the 7th graders we feel that while learning about the groups in our church, our youth might find an interest in one and hopefully, once confirmed, become a participant within that group. We have over 27 groups within our church. We will be introducing the youth to a few of these groups.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Adult Bible classes begin on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the lounge on September 21st. Join us and our bunch as we discuss the issues of today in light of the Word of God. All are welcome!

9TH – 12TH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL: We are excited to announce we will have a 9th-12th grade Sunday class beginning September 21st at 9:00 a.m. Pam Beavers will be the instructor, and this class will meet in the Youth Room in the basement! The class will cover topics such as: *Can I Be A Christian Without Going To Church, Can It Be Proven That God Exists, Can You Accept The Theory of Evolution and Still Be A Christian, What If My Friends Aren't Christian, Why Does God Let Bad Things Happen, How Do I Stop Doing Things I Know I Shouldn't Do, and What Does God Think About War?* (continued on page 10)

First St. John's Prayer Chain (as of 8-26-14)

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:*

**Family of George Ackerman
Family of Evelyn Giles
Family of Richard "Larry" Harmon
Rose Hensley**

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:*

**Fritz Babcock
Jordyn Beckhusen
Karen Burris
Gail Chaffee
Tim Christman
Jackie & Tina Curtis
Bernie Erdmann
Cliff Fordney
Lily Georgeson
Cooper Goa
Good Shepherd Church of the Deaf
Robin Gram
Larry Grant
Lori Hall-Diehl
Bob & Debbie Hecklinger
Gary Henningsen
Scott Keller
Stephanie Larkins
Bonnie Lutzman
Dan Martin
George "Skip" McCullough
Jeanette Miller
Christopher Molnar & his family
Joel Moszkowicz
Jessica Mueller
Norma Newell
Charlie Ohlson
Lucille Paul
Demetra Pender
Cindy Roecker
Doris, Edward, & Neil Rutledge
Dianne Schumaker**

**Brenda Seimet
Tom Sigurdson
John Spoerl
John Sutton
Pat Vogelsang
Ginny Wegman
Terry Williams
Bill Zeisler**

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

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S 2014

Join First St. John's team for this year's walk to benefit the Alzheimer's Association. This annual walk will be Sunday, October 19 at the Lucas County Rec Center on Key St. in Maumee. Registration begins at 12:30 pm, ceremony at 2:30 pm, and the walk starts at 3:00 pm. Anyone can join our church team—families, teens, singles, couples. Bring your friends, relatives, and co-workers! Ask your favorite businesses to make a "special" donation to our team and we'll make sure they are recognized. Or, you can make a donation in honor or in memory of someone special.

If you have any questions, please call Janine Contat at 419-837-0013 or email her at: j9swancont@hotmail.com. To make an online donation, go to <http://act.alz.org/Toledo2014> and key in our team name: 1st St. John Lutheran Church.

If you'd like to volunteer to help organize fundraising activities before the walk, please let Janine know. Thank you so much for helping with this effort.



MEMORIALS



ELEVATOR FUND

In memory of **Barb Uhler** by Winnie Wohlgamuth.

CEMETERY FUND

In memory of **Barb Uhler** by Nancy Gallaher.

DAYSCHOOL

In memory of **Barb Uhler** by Lucille Paul, Leon & Janet Salenbien, Peggy & Chris Pekis, Darlene & Larry Paul, John Spoerl Family, Marlene & Nathan Cassabon, Bob & Judy Bennett, Gilbert Keefer.

ALTAR GUILD

In memory of **Barb Uhler** by Mary Lou & Jerry Ramasocky, Holly Szeplia, Gloria Ross, Emily Kruse, Darlene Lorenzen, Joan Probasco, Cindy & Eric Johnson.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES

In memory of **Norma Manteuffel** by Bob & Sherri Haar.

CURRENT FUND

In memory of **Norma Manteuffel** by Olga Zimmerman, Carolyn & Richie Turturice, Elaine Gladieux, Ruthann & Dennis Griffith, Wanda Lawrence, Tom & Jan Eppard, Dale & Mary Partin, Carol Keeley, Barbara Weir, Edward Adams, Florence Partin, Carl & Janet Morrison.

DAYSCHOOL NEWS

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."
— 2 Corinthians 5:17*

Dear Friends,

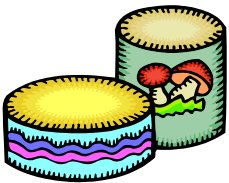
Another school year is beginning, and we are excited to have the opportunity to teach young children about our Father and to watch their faith grow. It is a happy time around here, a time of new beginnings and friendships. We know each child is a special gift from God and we thank Him for bringing them to us. Our teachers have spent a great deal of time preparing for this school year. They are committed to providing a Christ-centered learning environment for their students. We ask God's blessing on the coming school year and your prayers that God will give us wisdom and joy as we teach His children!

We begin fundraising this year by selling coupon books with worthwhile content. The books feature many locations and offers not found in any other program. The unique combination of local and national merchants means coupons to use at places you already love. The cost of the book is \$20; you can see it in the church office before purchasing if you would like. Funds raised will be used for program improvements and supplies. Please consider helping us in this endeavor.

We will also raise funds in early October with our first annual **L.E.A.F. FESTIVAL** Providing a Loving Educational Atmosphere in Faith since 1976 on Saturday, October 11th from 6:30-11:30 pm. This event will be at the Sunrise Park & Banquet Center, 1460 Woodville Rd. in Millbury. Doors open at 6:00 pm with grazing stations at 6:30 pm. Ticket price is \$35.00, or you can reserve a table for 8 for \$280.00.

The event will include: grazing stations all evening by Carolyn's Catering, silent auction raffles, wine tasting by Chateau Tebeau Winery, entertainment provided by Midwest Dueling Pianos, and cash bar-- must be 21 If you would like to buy tickets, make a contribution or need more information, please contact one of the following: Julie Gallaher 419-250-4143, jgallaher848@gmail.com, Bill Caldwell 419-376-9846, Billcathyc@buckeye-express.com, or myself at the Dayschool office 419-691-6480, b.shellhammer@firststjohn.com

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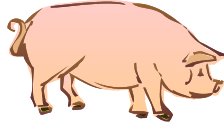


FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR!

Let's start off the fall season by helping those less fortunate right here in our own community. 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 transport to Martin Luther Lutheran Church. Thank you for your generosity.



Chicken & Ham Dinner



Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 1st—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 soon. You may buy tickets from the church office or from circle members, or call Jane Schuetz at 419-691-5506 or Karen Holmes at 419-691-3225. Tickets will go on sale after services in the lounge and narthex on October 19th and 26th. 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.

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 1st. 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.



MEN'S DARTBALL

Dartball begins soon! If you want to play or have questions (like "What is dartball?"), call either Ted Mitchell at 419-345-6260 or Bill Nelson at 419-836-4165. Our first game is Monday, September 29th at 7:30 pm when our two First St. John teams will take on each other!

DAYSCHOOL NEWS (continued from page 7)



We would love to have you visit a classroom! This is a great opportunity to get to know the children and families who benefit from this ministry. Do you have a special talent you think the children would be interested in? Or perhaps you just enjoy children and would be willing to spend time assisting in a classroom. Your hands could also be put to use in various ways around the building. If any of these interest you, please call me at 419-691-6480 or drop me an email at b.shellhammer@firststjohn.com

Thank you for inviting the Dayschool teachers and families to join your congregation for worship on September 14th. The Dayschool has been a part of First St. John's ministry for just short of FORTY YEARS! What a remarkable blessing to this community you have been. I hear daily affirmation of that from the families, who together, we have served. The Dayschool's main objective is to lead children to Jesus. 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,
Barb Shellhammer

LIBRARY NEWS

Here what's featured in our library this month. Stop by any time (the library is in the lounge) and check out all our library has to offer.

Biblical Archeology Review (periodical)

Jan/Feb 2011, May/Jun 2011, Jul/Aug 2011, Mar/Apr 2014, & May/Jun 2014

God is in the Hard Stuff by Bruce Beckel
& Stan Jantz

The Power of One by Ron Luce

Men of the Bible by Ann Spangler
& Robert Walgemuth

God & Government by Charles Colson

—Gloria Ross, Church Librarian

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES—AUGUST 12, 2014

President Keith Mullen opened the Tuesday, August 12, 2014 meeting to order. Pastor Rayl led with devotions and prayer.

A motion was made by John Spoerl and seconded by Luann Spoerl to accept the minutes from the July meeting, motion carried.

Christian Education Report—Jamie Blazeovich reported she met with Pastor to discuss Catechism, Rally Day and 9-12th grade Sunday school. Curriculum is set for Sunday school. She will meet with the teachers next week. We welcome back Darlene Paul, Sue Ann Rogers, Max Schwiefert, Susan Tilton, and Deb Ladd. We welcome Kimberly Vaculik to teach Kindergarten since Rachel Nelson left for college. We are starting a 9-12th grade Sunday School and we are so excited to have Pam Beavers teaching that. Pam taught the 9th graders last year in catechism and had a great connection with them. We would like the high schoolers to have some “buy-in” on what the class looks like. We will have a structured brainstorming meeting for them on September 21st. We would like to see a combination of Bible study and discussion of real life issues. We are desperately looking for someone to teach the 8th grade catechism class. They would be responsible for two Sundays per month. The other Sundays are filled with hearing faith testimonies and a “Sunday with Pastor.” We are looking for individuals to give their faith testimonies to the 7th and 8th graders. This is your story of how you have overcome struggles in your life through faith. We have guidelines on how to structure your testimony, so if you are interested please contact Jamie for more details.

Miss Betty has resigned from her position as Children’s Choir Director. We asked Miss Dawn from the Dayschool. She contemplated it but decided she needed to concentrate on her lead teachers’ position with the school. Jamie and Julie Gallaher have a meeting this week to discuss another possibility.

Rally Day is set for September 14th at 9:00 a.m. We will have Jim “Basketball” Jones as our presenter. As a child he had to overcome a disability that actually placed him in special education classes. His presentation involves character development with basketball tricks and audience participation. We will also have doughnuts & coffee, and families can tour the JAM room. After that at

the 10:15 service, we will recognize all the Dayschool and JAM teachers. Postcards will be sent to all our VBS participants and JAM students to invite them to Rally Day.

I was approached by Kevin Ruedy about getting a few people to volunteer to sell pop at the German American Festival on Saturday. There are four 2.5 hour shifts that he needs to cover. Reached out to the JAM parents and the 7th and 8th graders to see if they might be interested. If anyone is interested in any of the above opportunities please contact Jamie.

Sunday School Report—Lori Pfeiffer reported that the laptop in the Sunday School room needs repairing and asked for council’s thoughts.

Elders Report—Bill Nelson reminded the Elders we will be going to two services in September. Bill also made a suggestion that a fee for Music/Audio Preparation be charged for weddings, as this is extremely time consuming and can add to their workload.

Property Management—Fred Rice Sr. & Jr. started work on downspouts east of Education Building on Saturday, August 9th. First 30’ exposed and yard sump drain located. They will continue during the week or next Saturday.

Broken toilet removed from main floor restroom. New fixture, flush valve and hardware delivered. Retrofit required to fit old hardware with new fixture, to be complete by this weekend. Concrete broken during recent downspout cleaning has been disposed of. Will re-pour before Dayschool resumes. Outside plugs in front of Education Building are not functional. Jim Sommers and Darold Henninger to research on Saturday. It does not appear to be a breaker issue, likely a plug issue.

Pastor’s request for a plug in the sacristy from last month has not been addressed, noted again.

Exit sign outside the boiler room is not compliant to code. We believe the batteries have been changed, but the sign is not functional. Additional research needs to be done before inspector next visits on September 8th.

Moisture in the west stairwell discussed as well as other leaks noted throughout the church during our recent rain storm. We need to follow up with Jim Sommers.

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FIRST ST. JOHN COUNCIL MINUTES (continued from page 9)

Steven Saum with Nordmann has not returned email and voice mail requests to get together and discuss scope and pricing of Education Building roof. Jim has talked with him on unrelated topic, and got a square foot ballpark multiplier for budget price.

Treasurer's/Finance Report—Jim Sommers gave a presentation on the church finances, and our current year to date shortfall through July of \$39,000. We will publish the prior Sunday's offering collections in the weekly bulletin.

Dayschool Report—Barb Shellhammer reported enrollment is slightly down with approximately 25-30 openings still available. Please remember to use the Scrip and Market Day programs. Julie Gallaher is asking for donations of gift cards or donations of prizes of \$50.00 or more for the Leaf Festival on October 11th from 6:30-11:30pm at the Sunrise Banquet Center on Woodville Rd.

Bill Caldwell did a presentation on the Dayschool budget. Jeff Ladd made a motion to accept the presentation, and Mile Winslow seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report—Pastor Rayl has held his current position with First St. John Church for one year. On August 24th Pastor Labuhn will do the sermon. The Constitution Review Committee is continuing to work hard. Pastor handed out job descriptions for the Director of Music and Church Organist for our review. Pastor asked for a motion to accept both job descriptions. Lori Peiffer motioned to accept the job descriptions, John Spoerl seconded, motion carried.

Old Business—None

New Business—None

Keith asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Spoerl motioned to adjourn, Mike Winslow seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris Hunsaker

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 Marc Le Duc
78382 Dukewood Trail
Yula, FL 32097

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

Lindsey Rowland
No Current Address

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These are just a few samples, of the discussion materials that will be explored. If you or someone you know is interested, join us on September 21st at 9:00 a.m. Bring your friends!



J.A.M. ADULT COFFEE HOUR:
While our children are in JAM learning about our GOD, we 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 21st 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 market and/or get a group to attend, please feel free to contact Jamie Blazeovich using the contact information below.

We also have plenty of volunteer opportunities if you are interested. Some only take 10 – 15 minutes. We can definitely use your God-given hands and talents. It is also a great way to get involved and meet other parents. If you are interested, contact Jamie Blazeovich using the contact information below.

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