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# First St. John Journal

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## *To Seek AND To Save*

In this worship series for Lent and Holy Week, *To Seek and To Save*, we will follow Jesus as he turns toward Jerusalem and the cross. Come walk in his footsteps, from the miracle of raising Lazarus to Jesus' own empty tomb on Easter morning. This was the purpose for which Jesus had come—to seek and to save the lost.

We began the journey of Lent with our Ash Wednesday worship where we received the mark of ashes, a reminder that we are sinners redeemed by Christ the Crucified. In our lesson from God's Word, we learned that, just as Lazarus was unbound and released from his burial wrappings, we are released from the deadly bonds of our sin through the forgiveness that is ours in Christ Jesus. Join us throughout the month of March for our special Wednesday worship at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

### **March 4 - Week 1: That One Man Should Die** (John 11:45-53)

This week in our Lenten worship we will hear in God's Word the prophecy of Israel's high priest: "It is better that one man should die than the whole nation perish." That one man is the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who died, not just for one nation, but for all the people of the world. Our Savior Jesus Christ, the only truly innocent One, took onto himself the penalty of death that we deserved. He offered up his life as a sacrifice for the sins of the world. Through his death and resurrection, we are set free from our sins.

### **March 11 - Week 2: For My Burial** (John 12:1-8)

This week in our Lenten worship we will see how Jesus is anointed ahead of time for his burial, an act of love and devotion by Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus. We too have been anointed by the water and Word and Spirit of Baptism. We have been united with Christ in holy Baptism, joined to his death, burial and resurrection.

We have been buried and raised with Christ Jesus to new life.

### **March 18 - Week 3: Up to Jerusalem** (Mark 10:32-34)

This week in our Lenten worship we will see how Jesus sets out for Jerusalem, knowing what lies ahead for him during the time we now call Holy Week. According to God's plan and foreknowledge, Jesus will be delivered into the hands of his enemies, tried and condemned and crucified. But also according to God's plan, he will rise, and he will one day raise us up from death. Jesus told his disciples what lay ahead for him in Jerusalem and, obedient to his heavenly Father, he took his final steps to the cross. We follow our Savior through life, into death and into eternal life in his presence.

### **March 25 - Week 4: The Cup That I Drink** (Mark 10:35-45)

In this week's Lenten worship, we will learn how some of Jesus' disciples wanted special places of honor in his kingdom. They did not remember that we are to live in humility, putting the needs of others ahead of our own, just as Jesus did for us. We often think of ourselves first before we think of the needs of others. Two of Jesus' disciples do the same, as they make a special request of the Savior. Jesus reminds them that his kingdom is a place of humble service. Before glory comes the cross. We will see that on the cross, Jesus drained the cup of God's judgement against sin, so there is nothing left in it for us to drink.

### **April 1 - Week 5: To Save the Lost** (Luke 19:1-10)

All during Lent we are reminded that Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. In our Lenten worship this week before the start of Holy Week, we will see how Jesus finds one lost sinner—up in a tree! We will join Zacchaeus, a lost sinner found by Jesus, and rejoice in the salvation won for Zacchaeus and for all of us on the cross. That is the reason Jesus came, to seek and to save the lost, setting us free from our sins through his suffering, death and resurrection.

—Pastor Rayl

## ELDER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

	<u>7:45 am</u>	(Wed.)	<u>10:15 am</u>
1st	Dick Haar Tom Eppard		Darold Henninger Kevin Ruedy
4th		Tom Gaskins Terry Ruedy	
8th	Bob Haar Sherrie Haar		Tom Gaskins Terry Ruedy
11th		Ben Hodges Bob Hecklinger	
15th	Ben Hodges Bob Hecklinger		Jeff Ladd Jeff Smith
18th		Jeff Ladd Jeff Smith	
22nd	Darold Henninger Kevin Ruedy		Dick Haar Tom Eppard
25th		Darold Henninger Kevin Ruedy	
29th	Tom Gaskins Terry Ruedy		Bob Haar Sherrie Haar

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  
MARCH 23rd**



### WINSLOW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE

This scholarship helps members of First St. John attending college for the 2020/2021 year. Applications are in the church office; they must be completed and returned to the church office by March 30th to be considered. If you want one emailed to you, please contact the church office at [office@firststjohn.com](mailto:office@firststjohn.com)

## DAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



The Day School's Open House will be Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. If you or a friend has children who will be three or four years of age, please come to meet the teachers and see the school! After you're finished checking out the school, join us for our Lenten service, beginning in our beautiful church at 7:00 pm.

For more information, contact Andrea Buckley at 419-691-6480 or check out the school's website at: [www.firststjohndayschool.org](http://www.firststjohndayschool.org)

## LENTEN SERVICES

Our Wednesday Lenten services begin March 1st at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm. Both services will be in the church. This year's theme is "To Seek and To Save." See the front page of this newsletter for more information. Please take time to enrich your faith and join us on this Lenten journey.

## MEMBER UPDATES

### Births

2-2-2020 *Adeleigh Jean Miller*, born to Nick and Kristine (Hecklinger) Miller.

### Baptisms

2-16-2020 *Zayne Lincoln Myrice*, born September 13, 2019 to Dan and Kathryn (Metzger) Myrice, Jr. Sponsors are Cody Myrice and Lauren Gardner.

### Marriages

None.

### Deaths

2-2-2020 Gene Schacht

### Transfers to/from First St. John

None.

## ADDRESS CHANGES/CORRECTIONS

To keep our records current, please notify us if your address or phone number changes by faxing (419-691-7220), mailing this form to 2471 Seaman St., Toledo, OH 43605, or emailing [office@firststjohn.com](mailto:office@firststjohn.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_



**SPECIAL MUSIC MARCH 29  
DR. PATTIN AND  
DR. PATTIN**

No, that's not a misprint—our fabulous organist/pianist Dr. Anthony Pattin will play the piano at both services on March 29<sup>th</sup>, accompanied by his nephew, also named Anthony Pattin, who will play the cello.

Both men have doctorates. Dr. Anthony Pattin (the nephew) received his doctorate in Pharmacy in 2009. He is an Assistant Professor, teaching pharmacology at the University of Toledo.

*Don't miss it!*

**SOUPER BOWL  
OF CARING DEADLINE**



Our deadline for bringing in items for our food drive for Lutheran Social Services is Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

A soup pot is in the Narthex to collect monetary donations—pocket change, a dollar or two—to help keep this program going. Also, shopping carts are in the Narthex and other locations to collect canned goods and other non-perishables. Carts are in the Narthex, the JAM room (in the church basement), and the basement hallway in the Educational Building. Whatever you can do to help support this important ministry is greatly appreciated!

**MEMBER ADDRESS CHANGES**

Hunter Bell  
304 S. Main St.  
Polk, OH 44866

Emee Kovetsdi  
75 Drake Blvd.  
Oregon, OH 43616

Matthew & Christine Phillips  
10457 Lindberg Ave. Unit 5000  
Jber, AK 99506

**NOTICE TO ALL  
CATECHISM STUDENTS**

On Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> after the late service we will load all the food items collected during Souper Bowl of Caring and take them to Lutheran Social Services. This community outreach event is for all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

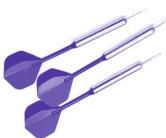
**REMINDER—  
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS!**



Move your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 am (or when you go to bed on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>).

**A.W.E. SERVICE NOTICE**

The A.W.E. service for March has been cancelled due to a schedule conflict with the Wednesday Lenten services.



**DARTBALL TOURNAMENT**

The Men's Dartball tournament will be at First St. John on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm in the gym. Please arrive by 6:45 for position draws. Also, bring a canned good to donate to the LSS Food Pantry. All players please bring \$1.00 to offset the cost of donuts and coffee. If you can help set up, please meet in the gym at 1:00 pm on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanks.

**TOILET PAPER DRIVE**

Thank you for your donations to the East Region Churches United (ERCU) drive. Our collection continues through March. Please place your donations in the alcove in the Narthex. The ERCU goal is to collect 10,000 rolls. Keep 'em coming!

**MOVIE NIGHT**



Our next movie night will be Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> in the gym, beginning with a light dinner at 5:00 pm.

At 5:35 pm, we'll show the movie *Risen* (rated PG-13), starring Joseph Fiennes. Here is a synopsis: "Roman soldier Clavius has served 25 years in the army. He arrives at a crossroad when he is tasked with investigating the mystery of what happened to Jesus following His crucifixion. Accompanied by trusted aide Lucius, his quest to disprove rumors of a risen Messiah makes him question his own beliefs. As his journey takes him to places never dreamed of, Clavius discovers the truth he's been seeking."

Everyone is welcome. Popcorn, other snacks, and beverages also will be available. Bring your own stadium chair, if you'd like. See you then!



### ANNUAL CARD PARTY

The 29<sup>th</sup> annual Card Party & Luncheon is Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at noon. For reservations call either the church office (419-691-7222) or Jane Schuetz at 419-691-5506. The elevator will be available.

If you can donate a 9x13 dessert to serve at least 12 people, please sign the sheet on the clipboard in the lounge. We also need donations for raffle prizes, with a value of at least \$25 (gift certificates, gift baskets, flower arrangements, etc.) We also need door prizes, either something you make or that you can ask a business to donate. These are worth about \$5 to \$10, like gift certificates, dish towels, small items from stores like Bath & Body Works, etc. Boxes will be in the lounge and Narthex for your donations. Everyone is welcome to join us.

### FIRST ST. JOHN ALTAR GUILD EASTER FLOWER SALE



It's time to buy flowers that will decorate the church on Easter Sunday. The price is \$9.00 per plant. You can choose a lily, daffodil, hyacinth or tulip plant. The last Sunday to order is March 22<sup>nd</sup> when someone from the Altar Guild will be taking orders in the Narthex.

Please complete the order blank below and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office: 2471 Seaman St., Toledo, OH 43605. Please make checks payable to: *First St. John Lutheran Church*. Payment must accompany orders.

***The deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.***

### DESIGNATED FUNDS REPORT

From time to time, the Finance Committee will publish a report of our designated fund accounts. This report is included in this month's newsletter (on a separate page) for First St. John members. If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Lisa Anderson at 419-392-3712 or Kelley Allred at 419-351-6178. Thank you.



### CEMETERY CLEAN UP

We will have our semi-annual cemetery clean up on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am. Volunteers are needed! Please remove anything you would like to keep—older decorations, grave blankets, and especially anything from Christmas—before March 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you.

### CHAPEL COMMUNION NOTICE

Chapel Communion has been postponed until Sunday, March 8th at 2:00 pm, Please make a note of it. Thank you.

### PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY

Our designated item for March is toilet paper. The bins for collecting items are under the main board in the Narthex (far left pull-out bin) or the bright green bin in the lounge. Thank you for your help.

No. of plants @ \$9.00 each: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Type of plant(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
*(lily, daffodil, hyacinth, tulip)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In Loving Memory of (Deceased):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of (Living): \_\_\_\_\_

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## **First St. John Prayer Chain** *(as of February 26, 2020)*

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### **Crisis Prayer List**

*For those individuals who need our prayers in urgent matters such as upcoming surgery, emergency medical care (ICU), etc. Individuals will be moved to the chronic list after one month unless a prayer chain contact is notified:*

**Mitchell Broyls  
Jason Monti and family  
Courtney Reed  
Karen Rowley  
Family of Bryan Salgot  
Family of Rick Schumaker  
Jane Vargo**

### **Chronic Prayer List**

*For those individuals who need our prayers for ongoing serious situations such as cancer treatments, medical struggles and recovery and/or personal situations. Individuals will be moved off after three months unless a prayer chain contact has been notified:*

**Lee & Karyl Antoine  
Lynn Balogh  
Karen Bless  
The Burk Family  
Rosie Burtch  
Jeannette Carlo  
Pat Christy  
Greg Contat  
Marjorie Counterman  
Nancy Coy  
Dick Crouse  
Hannah Culler & family  
Olivia & Delaney Dawkins  
Joy DeVore & family  
Chiara Del-Mace  
Robin Duck & family  
Ann Dudics  
Andy Dupris  
Dylan (no last name given)  
Dorothy Felderman  
Sara Florian  
Sharon Grames  
Jim Harrell  
Toni Henline  
Mike Henneman  
Karen Huber  
Dana Justice  
Phyllis Kelly  
Mark Kieswetter  
Joanne Koch**

**Tom Kohn  
Carole Kolibar  
Ada Kreger  
The Lee Family  
Heidi LeGrand  
Bonnie Lutzman  
Joyce Martin  
Teresa McFarland  
Joanna Melden  
Donald Meyer  
Donna Miller  
Mary Bell Moore  
Bill Morse  
Keith Mullen  
Susan Murphy  
Margie Myers  
Chuck Neal  
Joyce Ostapowicz  
Pfouts Family  
Pam Pirolli  
Jullian Ramsey  
Mike Ray  
Michael Rheinbolt & family  
Logan Roberts  
Neil Rutledge  
Erich Schiddel  
Connie Singlar  
Skylar (no last name given)  
LuAnn Spoerl  
Michelle Stanberry  
Diane Swartz  
Becky Thielan  
Joan Tilton  
Samuel Unnerstall  
Steve Uzi  
Jim Vogelsang  
Nick Wasserman  
Barb West  
Kellyn Wyngate  
John & Grace Yard  
Raetta Zeisler**

**\*\* IMPORTANT \*\*** Please check the list and let any of the prayer chain contacts-listed in the next column-know if individuals can be removed from the list.

### **Prayer Chain Contacts**

Coordinator, Carol Abbey  
419-351-9795 or [cabbeyrn@aol.com](mailto:cabbeyrn@aol.com)

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

## ***DAY SCHOOL NEWS***

March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. The Day School students are ready for the warm weather so they can spend more time outside! On March 7<sup>th</sup> we will have our Flapjacks Fundraiser at Applebees (in front of Meier on Curtice Rd.) from 8:00 to 10:00 am. Tickets are \$8 a person and will be available from the Day School office, after church on March 1<sup>st</sup> and on the Day School website. We rely on fundraising to keep our school going, and we look forward to everyone attending.

We are now fully rolling with registration for the 2020-2021 school year. Classes are slowly starting to fill up and we are looking forward to meeting new faces. The school will be hosting an Open House Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to see the classrooms and meet the teachers. If you know any prospective families, please invite them to the Open House or have them call 419-691-6480 to schedule a private tour.

Although the weather may be chilly outside, we are getting ready for our new summer program. This year, we are offering a day camp with an extended care option. Whether you need child care or have kids looking for something to do, our summer program will fit the bill. We are accepting children ages 3-12. You will need to sign up for the weeks you are interested in by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. For more information, just go to the Day School website at [www.firststjohndayschool.org](http://www.firststjohndayschool.org)

The list below shows our themes for each week of our summer program. Don't miss the fun!

- ◆ June 1-5 Gardening Week
- ◆ June 8-12 Cowboy Week
- ◆ June 15-19 Science Week
- ◆ June 22-26 Animal Week
- ◆ June 29-July 2 (we will be closed July 3rd)  
Red White and Blue Week
- ◆ July 6-10 Music Week
- ◆ July 13-17 Cooking Week
- ◆ July 20-24 Christmas in July Week
- ◆ July 27-31 Olympics Week
- ◆ August 3-7 Water Week
- ◆ August 10-14 Art Week

— *Andrea Buckley*

## **MEMORIALS**

### **CEMETERY FUND**

In memory of **Kim Cousino** by Norman Schumaker, Elaine Gladieux.

In memory of **Gene Schacht** by Walt & Darlene Metzger, Norman Schumaker.

### **MEMORIAL FUND**

In memory of **Kim Cousino** by Ron & Joann Wilka, Karena, Rachel, Ryan and family.

In memory of **Gene Schacht** by John & Carol Schwegler, Bill & Cathy Caldwell.

### **ENDOWMENT FUND**

In memory of **Gene Schacht** by Gene Hagedorn.

### **ELEVATOR FUND**

In memory of **Gene Schacht** by Winnie Wohlgamuth.

### **DEBT FUND (ROOF)**

In memory of **Gene Schacht** by Mike & Donna Winslow, First St. John Dartball Teams 1&2, Joanne & Henry Schumaker, Janet Schacht, Marge Bollinger.

### **IMPROVEMENT (PAINTING) FUND**

In memory of **Gene Schacht** by Ron & Brenda Fussell, Kevin & Carol Abbey, Mark & Debra Ackerman, Esther Bell, Karl & Diane Busson, Jean DeWitt, Tom & Janet Eppard, Jim Harrell, Sandra Stahl, Martha & David Kuhn, Jim & Sheri Harrell, Kelly & John Heninger, Janet Morrison, Cindy & Eric Johnson, Mark Morrison, Terry & Jane Schuetz, Tom & LuAnn Schuffenecker, Jim & Dianne Schumaker, Dennis & Elizabeth Pavley, Darold Henninger, Robert Hecklinger, Julie Moritz, Bill & Donna Nelson, Ken Villhauer, Dave & Lore Warnke, Noel Graham, Jr., Janice Livingston, Thomas Miller, Rosann Murray, Veronica Placko, Bob Roe, Nick & Terry Romano, M/M Tom Sigurdson, RMF Employees, Georgia Berry, Byrne Boys, John Hatfield, Russ & Ellie Fuller, Cindy Gatewood, Dan & Janet Peacock, Joe & Theresa Romano, John & Lora Rombach, Larry & Nancy Schacht, Doug & Jennifer Brummett, Rosie Dixon, Joe & Jeannie Dippman, Rick & Monique Furman, Ruth Cummerow, George Blum, Louise Sommers, Russ & Chris Hunsaker, M/M Richard Haar, Betty TenEyck, Chandlers Family, Karen Frey, Kay Cooper, Elaine Gladieux, Chuck & Cherie Miller, Elizabeth Meinert, Bob & Sherrie Haar, Jim Cousino, Sandy Hecklinger, Dennis & Suzanne Deverna.

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## WELCA NEWS

Wow! Can you believe it's time to set our clocks ahead already?! Spring is upon us.

At our last Board meeting, we discussed the possibility of purchasing 10 more chairs in the lounge. After talking to Pastor Rayl, we will not purchase the chairs. Cost was a factor.

We did discuss more on the windows in the Altar Guild room. We are moving forward in getting them installed. We are waiting to hear from Dan Hugueley to see if there will be a down payment. All bills for these windows will go to WELCA for payment. The money from the Card Party will go toward the cost of the windows.

The sale from the quilts sold after church in the spring and fall will go back into the Quilt fund. There is a special quilt fund to be used to buy batting and material each year. Thanks for the beautiful quilts you make year after year.

Remember, the rummage sale is coming up. I need to hear from all the women of the church to come forward and help with this, please. There will be a sign up sheet in the bulletin if you can help out. Whatever time you can give, from 30 minutes to all day, will help. This is a fundraiser for the Women of the Church. Please help us. We also will need men to help with the elevator. So put all efforts forward to help with the rummage sale. The neighborhood really looks forward to this each year. Thank you.

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the lounge. All women are invited to attend this meeting. Have a great month, and God bless you each and every day.

*WELCA President,  
Sue Ann Rogers*

## MEMORIALS

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### BUILDING FUND

In memory of Gene Schacht by Kevin & Kris Ruedy.

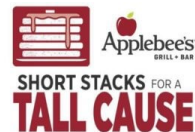
In memory of Marcia Henninger by Kevin & Kris Ruedy.

### PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY

In memory of Gene Schacht by Nancy Gallaher, Barb & Frank Meyers.



## PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER



This pancake breakfast will be at Applebee's (Northwood location near Meijer's) on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to 10:00 am. All proceeds help support our Day School. The cost of the breakfast is \$8.00 (children under three years old are free). Menu includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, two slices of bacon, and juice, milk or coffee, which will be served by the Day School teachers and board members.

You can purchase tickets after church on March 1<sup>st</sup>, at the door on the 7<sup>th</sup>, or through the Day School or church offices. Thank you!

## *MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP*

Our next men's breakfast is Sat., March 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am at Applebees (in front of Meier) so we can support our Day School's fundraiser. Call Bob Haar at 419-250-9409 if you need a ride.

## MONTHLY MINISTRY OUTREACH

Our ministry outreach for March is Trinity Lutheran Seminary. Trinity trains future leaders to witness for and serve others in the name of Jesus Christ. To support this cause, please place your check in the yellow envelopes in the pews and place them in the offering plate. Thank you!

## *RUMMAGE SALE SAVE THE DATE!*



Our annual Rummage Sale will be Thurs., April 30<sup>th</sup> and Fri., May 1<sup>st</sup>. You can start bringing in your items on Wed., April 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you can help, please sign up using the slip below or call the church office. You can place your slip in the offering plate or mail it.

**I can help sort and price items** on Mon. (4/27), Tues. (4/28) or Wed. (4/29) — *CIRCLE ONE*

**I can run the elevator** on Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., or Fri. — *CIRCLE ONE*

**I can work during sale days** on Thursday or Friday — *CIRCLE ONE*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_