

ANNOUNCEMENTS – March 22nd

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Erwin Vogelsang on his birthday, given by the Schuetz and Cromly families.

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Chuck Neal – Toledo

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Barb Tischinae, Pastor Beth Huener, Steven Riegle, LuAnn Spoerl, Andrew Schlegel, Jason Monti and family, Courtney Reed, Mitchell Broyles, Karen Rowley, Family of Bryan Salgot, Jane Vargo

Ongoing Concerns: 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 and family, Olivia & Delaney Dawkins, Joy DeVore & family, Chiara Del-Mace, Robin Duck & family, Ann Dudics, Andy Dupris, Dylan (no last name given), Sharon Grames, Dorothy Felderman, Sara Florian, Toni Henline, Karen Huber, Dana Justice, Phyllis Kelly, Mark Kieswetter, Joanne Koch, Tom Kohn, Carole Kolibar, Ada Kreger, The Lee Family, Heidi LeGrand, Bonnie Lutzmann, Joyce Martin, Teresa McFarland, 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, Rick Schumaker, Connie Singlar, Skylar (no last name given), Michelle Stanberry, Diane Swartz, Becky Thielan, Joan Tilton, Samuel Unnerstall, Steve Uzl, Jim Vogelsang, Nick Wasserman, Barb West, Kellyn Wyngate, John & Grace Yard, Raetta Zeisler

THANK YOU to everyone who came out and supported the Day School's Pancake Breakfast on March 7th at Applebee's. We raised \$864.32 for the school.

THANK YOU to everyone for their prayers and concern during my recent illness. I believe the prayers help me and I am grateful for all I received. Thank you again. -- *Mike Henneman*

CHURCH EVENT CANCELLATIONS: Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, the following church events are cancelled until further notice.

- ❖ Movie Night (3/22). We will reschedule the movie "Risen" at a later date.
- ❖ All remaining quilting sessions
- ❖ Confirmation Classes ** ON-LINE HOME LEARNING IS REQUIRED **
- ❖ All Wednesday Lenten Services. Bulletins will be on the church website: www.firststjohn.com
- ❖ March 22nd, March 29th and Holy Week Services (Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday).
- ❖ All JAM Sunday School Classes
- ❖ All remaining Dartball matches AND the Dartball Banquet
- ❖ All Wednesday and Thursday Bible studies and grief studies.
- ❖ All choir and bell choir practices
- ❖ All Zumba classes
- ❖ Breakfast Fellowship Group (4/4)
- ❖ Card Party (4/21) – Donations already given will be held for next year's event.
- ❖ Rummage Sale (4/30 & 5/1)

VERY IMPORTANT: Even though church services are cancelled, we still have our regular church operating expenses to meet. If you'd like to consider on-line giving, please go to our church website www.firststjohn.com and click on the "Vanco" link to sign up. You may also consider mailing your church offering: 2471 Seaman St. Toledo, OH. 43605.

EASTER FLOWER NOTICE: Currently, the deadline for ordering Easter flowers is March 22nd. As of this writing, there has been no determination as to whether Easter services will be held. We will hold the flower orders we've already received until we are certain about Easter services.

NOTE: There will be not A.W.E. service in April because the regular date falls during Holy Week. Our next A.W.E. service is scheduled for May.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY DR. ANTHONY PATTIN & DR. ANTHONY PATTIN originally scheduled for March 29th will be rescheduled for a later date.

WINSLOW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE: Please turn in your completed applications to the church office by March 30th to be considered. Money is supplied from proceeds of the Winslow Memorial Golf outing held each summer, along with donations from church members.

TOILET PAPER COLLECTION: Our toilet paper drive for the East Region Churches United (a group of east side churches) has now ended. We collected 530 rolls, many of which will be given directly to our Personal Needs Pantry. Thank you for your help!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: Our annual collection of money and canned goods for the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry has ended. We collected 812 items. (We will publish the dollar amount collected next week.) The food will be taken to Lutheran Social Services soon.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for April - June are available. These daily devotional booklets are free. Both large and small print versions are in the Narthex, the lounge, and Chapel. Small print versions are also in the caddy on the wall outside the door by the choir loft.

WRAP UP OF LUTHERAN MINISTRIES OF MERCY MEETING: Three representatives from First St. John attended the 7th annual meeting of Lutheran Ministries of Mercy (LMM) on March 9th. LMM is a combination of Filling Memorial Home (61st annual meeting), Luther Home of Mercy (92nd annual meeting), and the Lutheran Social Services of NW Ohio (109th annual meeting). Following the dinner, the business meeting consisted of nominations for the various boards, reviewing the financial balance sheet, and learning that over 42,200 lives were positively impacted by the organization last year. This assistance ranged from an intermediate care facility, community housing, to food pantries and mental health programs. Featured speaker this year was Karen Vadino who has over 30 years in the human services field, concentrating much of her work in the field of chemical dependency.

DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION continues, both for the summer program and the 2020-2021 school year. Preference will be given to church members and families whose children have attended the school or are attending now. We have made a few changes and additions to our services that will hopefully fit into most families' schedules and help our students get the most out of our education programs. Right now, we are offering an early bird special off the registration fee, and we will waive the registration fee for registered church members. Go to our website at www.firststjohndayschool.org for detailed information about our classes, and feel free to contact Andrea Buckley in the Day School office (419-691-6480) if you have any further questions.

RECYCLE YOUR ELECTRONICS: Our Day School is collecting old cell phones, tablets, iPods and PDAs to be recycled. Depending on the item, the school will receive a monetary donation for each. Collection boxes are located at the front of the church and near the front door of the school. Thank you!

ORPHANAGE TOURS: Archivist/Museum Curator Bob Haar is now scheduling tours from now through September 30th of the old orphanage located next door to First St. John. No group is too large or too small! If you and your group would like to arrange a guided tour, please call Bob at 419-250-9409.

MONTHLY MINISTRY OUTREACH: Our ministry outreach for March is Trinity Lutheran Seminary. Trinity's website states that the heart of a theological education is forming faithful, wise and courageous leaders to witness to the good news of Jesus Christ in word and action. The church is called to be a servant-witness in the world. That requires leaders who are formed in faith, informed by knowledge, and experienced in practical application of their learning. To support this cause, please mail your check in to the church office. Thank you!

GENACROSS 160th ANNUAL MEETING scheduled for April 2nd has been cancelled. We will let you know when it will be rescheduled.

JOBS AT GENACROSS LUTHERAN SERVICES (current listings): Genacross is hiring at its various campuses. Please email your resume and cover letter for these positions. More detail is on the main bulletin board in the Narthex or on their website at www.Genacross.org.

Ministry Support: Billing Specialist, Revenue Cycle Assistant – Jobs@Genacross.org

Family & Youth Services: Direct Support Professionals, Residential Treatment/Direct Care Staff for Youth and Young Adults – Jobs@Genacross.org

Housing & Community Services: Activity Aide/Driver, Assistant Housing Site Manager, LPN/RN, STNAs/CNAs – JobsHousing@Genacross.org

Genacross at Home: RNs, LPNs, and Home Health Aides – JobsHousing@Genacross.org

Napoleon Campus: Dietary Aides/Cooks, RNs/LPNs, RN Supervisor, Resident Assistants, STNAs – JobsNapoleon@Genacross.org

Toledo Campus: Dietary Aides/Cooks, Housekeeper, MDS Nurse, RNs/LPNs, RN Night Shift Supervisor, Resident Assistants, Scheduler/Receptionist, STNAs – JobsToledo@Genacross.org

Wolf Creek (Holland) Campus: Activity Aides, Dietary Aides, LPNs, MDS Coordinator, Resident Assistants, STNAs – JobsWolfCreek@Genacross.org

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TETELESTAI - "IT IS FINISHED" This musical portrayal of the trial, execution, and resurrection of Jesus (script & lyrics by Joel Nagy; music by Russ Nagy) will be done at Epiphany of the Lord Parish, St. Thomas Aquinas Campus on Friday, March 27th at 8:00 pm, Saturday, March 28th at 8:00 pm, and Sunday, March 29th at 1:00 pm. Admission is free with donations accepted. Epiphany of the Lord Parish is located at 729 White St. in East Toledo. www.livethepassion.org

GOOD FRIDAY REENACTMENT: "Journey to the Cross" is a dramatic reenactment of Christ's last days. The program is presented on Good Friday, April 10th, from noon to 3:00 pm and again from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1920 Lewis Ave. in Ida, MI. Guided tours begin every 15 minutes to The Last Supper, The Garden of Gethsemane, The Carpenter's Shop, and The Tomb. This is a free event, suitable for all ages. Handicap accessible. For more information, call 734-269-2420.

PORTAGE VALLEY FEDERATION OF LUTHERAN MEN & PASTORS SPRING MEETING will be Tuesday, April 14th at 6:30 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 220 Cedar St. in Pemberville. Worship and business meeting begins at 7:15. Speaker is Mike McMaster from the Wood County Historical Society. The topic is "Henry County in the Great War, German Americans & the League of American Patriots." The outreach project is funding for beds for residents at Luther Home of Mercy. Individuals who want to support this cause but cannot attend may send donations directly to: Ralph Aufdenkamp, Treasurer, 8369 Kramer Rd., Bowling Green, OH. 43402.

SCRAPBOOKING CROP FUNDRAISER for the Luther Home of Mercy will be Saturday, April 18th from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm at 5810 N. Main St., Williston, OH 43468. Included in your fun day for \$35: light continental breakfast, lunch & dinner; snacks and bottled water; full 8 ft. table space; help unloading and loading your supplies; raffle prizes (tickets 6 for \$5). You can also rent a half table (4 ft.) for \$25. Register and pay online at www.lutherhome.org or make a check payable to Luther Home of Mercy and mail with registration slip (see Toni in our church office for an RSVP slip) to Megan O'Brien, 5810 N. Main St., Williston, OH 43468. Questions? Call Megan at 419-972-4436 or email mobrien@lutherhome.org