

ANNOUNCEMENTS – May 17th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in honor of Dominic Vartorella's confirmation and Deion Vartorella's graduation, given by Mike and Laura Vartorella and family.

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

None of which we are aware.

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Larry Baumer, Eleanor Heckman, Paulette Giaimo, Katelyn Weirich, Family of Dorothy Zeader, Family of Chuck Neal, Family of Margie Myers, Terry Crowell, Family of Dylan (no last name)

Ongoing Concerns: Lee & Karyl Antoine, Lynn Balogh, Karen Bless, Mitchell Broyles, 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, Sharon Grames, Dorothy Felderman, Sara Florian, Toni Henline, Karen Huber, Pastor Beth Huener, 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, Jason Monti and family, Mary Bell Moore, Bill Morse, Susan Murphy, Joyce Ostapowicz, Pfouts family, Pam Pirolli, David Poore, Mike Ray, Courtney Reed, Michael Rheinbolt & family, Steven Riegle, Logan Roberts, Karen Rowley, Neil Rutledge, Erich Schiddel, Andrew Schlegel, Rick Schumaker, Connie Singlar, Skylar (no last name given), Michelle Stanberry, Diane Swartz, Becky Thielan, Joan Tilton, Barb Tischinae, Samuel Unnerstall, Steve Uzl, Jane Vargo, Jim Vogelsang, Nick Wasserman, Barb West, Kellyn Wyngate, John & Grace Yard, Raetta Zeisler

CONGRATULATIONS to James and Chelsea (Bell) Weber who welcomed their baby daughter, Addison Anne, to their family last Sunday, May 10th.

THANK YOU: I've really enjoyed Pastor Rayl's sermons online. Easter made me feel I was in church! Pastor did great without a congregation. The altar looked beautiful, and Adam (Ladd) and our organist did a splendid job. Thank you for making my day!
-- *Ruth Cummerow*

THANKS so much for asking me to play trumpet for Easter. It was my pleasure to participate and help make Easter special for everyone. Thanks for thinking of me. – *Adam Ladd*

PARK & PRAY AT GENACROSS: Some of you may have heard about these events—many have been held at Bay Park Hospital since the pandemic began. Every Thursday at 6:30 pm the radio station 102.3 Proclaim FM broadcasts prayer for those who have contracted the virus, all the health care workers, and other first responders. Those who want to be a visible demonstration of support for these workers have been parking at the hospital with their lights on, perhaps even honking their horns a few minutes before the start of the prayer. *We would like to do this for the health care workers at the Genacross Toledo campus next door.* However, at this time we are working out the details of parking at the facility, so we'll keep you posted as to when we will do this.

CONFIRMATION POSTPONED: Confirmation of our 8th grade students will not take place today as was originally planned. We will have a confirmation ceremony when we can have church services again. Pastor Rayl will be in touch with the confirmation families.

WORSHIP SERVICES CANCELLED THROUGH MAY: Bishop Beaudoin has determined we should not have group worship throughout the month of May. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Rayl at 567-395-0143 or pastor1@firststjohn.com

SUMMER WORSHIP / OFFICE HOURS: Our summer schedule begins on Sunday, May 24th, which is Memorial Day weekend (even though we still won't have services for the month of May) and continues through September 6th. We'll have just one service at 9:00 am. Beginning Monday, June 8th church office hours will change to 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday, until after Labor Day. Keep in mind the church secretary may still be working from home, depending on the governor's orders and whether we open our Day School for its summer program.

GRADUATION RECOGNITION POSTPONED: In order to leave our calendar open for possibly scheduling confirmation in June, we have postponed our annual recognition of our graduates until a later date. We will continue to collect your achievements via the graduate recognition forms found in the newsletter, bulletin and sometimes the announcements. You can mail these to the church or scan and email your information to office@firststjohn.com. Thanks for your understanding.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR FSJ'S NEW MINISTER OF YOUTH AND FAMILY: First St. John Lutheran and Martin Luther Lutheran churches are looking for a faithful, talented disciple of Jesus Christ to fill a new position as Minister of Youth and Family at First St. John and who will also act as spiritual leader at Martin Luther. This will be a shared staffing position between the two congregations. This person will demonstrate a life of faith in Jesus Christ and of active discipleship. The candidate should be an energetic self-starter with a passion for young people, with a goal of working for the youths' well-being and faith development in discovering their path of discipleship. The Minister of Youth and Family is responsible for assisting the church in planning, coordinating and promoting the youth programs of the church as well as special youth projects, assignments and events. This person needs a proven ability to relate well to young people and their families from diverse backgrounds and have an understanding of the complexities of the challenges facing them. The candidate should have experience organizing and leading effective youth activities with proven positive outcomes.

This person needs to be able to prepare and lead worship services at Martin Luther, providing leadership and insight for the congregation, focusing on building the congregation and their outreach within the community, in addition to ministering to the sick and shut-ins. Previous experience as a church leader and youth worker or a person who has or is working toward a degree in church work is preferred. The position will begin asap. Salary is competitive, based on qualifications and experience. For further information and a complete job description, please contact Pastor Jerald Rayl at 567-395-0143, or email at pastor1@firststjohn.com, or on our website at www.firststjohn.com.

UPDATE ON GIVING YOUR OFFERING: Currently, contributions are down from what we'd normally see this time of year. To give online, go to www.firststjohn.com and click on "Stewardship & Giving" to sign up for the Vanco program. (If you need help, contact Lisa Anderson at 419-392-3712). You may also consider mailing your offering: 2471 Seaman St. Toledo, OH. 43605. Someone is again picking up our mail at the downtown post office and depositing any contributions. If you have offering checks that have not yet been cleared, they may still be delayed due to postal service problems. Please know we will deposit them as they are received. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY CANCELED: After much discussion, we have decided NOT to have an "official" service this year. Christ Dunberger Post is unclear about their activities as well, due to the uncertainty stemming from the pandemic. A few days prior to Memorial Day we intend to put the flags out for the veterans buried in our cemetery, so it will be ready for anyone planning to visit on their own.

-- Cemetery Committee

DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION continues for the summer program and the 2020-2021 school year. We hope to begin our summer program June 1st, however it looks like our opening will be delayed. Our fall program is to begin August 19th. 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 hopefully will fit into most families' schedules and help our students get the most out of our programs. Our "early bird" registration special of \$100 instead of \$150 has been extended to June 1st. The registration fee is waived for registered members of First St. John. See our website at www.firststjohndayschool.org for detailed information, and feel free to contact Andrea Buckley at 419-691-6480 with any further questions.

UPDATE ON THE CHURCH DIRECTORY: Our church directory has finally been delivered, but we still need to figure out how to get it to you. Mailing would be very expensive, so we may still arrange a scheduled pick up time at a later date, perhaps a "drive-thru" event. Some directories have already been delivered. When we have scheduled a pick up date, we will send out an email to local members and place it on the church's Facebook page. We will also call others who may not have internet access. Thank you for your patience.

LISTENING TO WORSHIP ON-LINE: Pastor Rayl has been video recording the services and placing the links to them on our website www.firststjohn.com. Once there, look on the right side of the home page in the box labeled "Recent Posts." The link to the most current service will be there. A link to some of Dr. Pattin's music can also be found on our homepage in green lettering about half way down the page.

MASKS NEEDED FOR GENACROSS: If you know groups or individuals who are making masks and would like a place to donate them, the residents and staff could benefit from them. If you are able to help, please contact Amanda Schroeder, Vice President of Home & Community Based Services, at ASchroeder@Genacross.org or 419-309-4288. Thank you for your willingness to help. We are giving thanks to God for you. *Blessings, Rev. Dr. Jim Dumke, VP for Mission Integration*

OTHER DONATIONS FOR GENACROSS RESIDENTS: The staff is trying to keep the residents busy and engaged even though they are sequestered in their rooms, which means they need more materials the longer this goes on. ***We checked with Genacross this week, and they said they are still accepting these donations.*** If you can, would you volunteer to order some items online and then have them shipped directly to Genacross? This is a simple act many of us can do to help. Thank you for your generosity! Some ideas for items to donate include:

adult coloring books	decks of cards
sketch pads	books
markers, colored pencils	jigsaw puzzles
puzzle books of all kinds	stationery, notecards and pens
crafts they can make on their own (craft kits)	

NOTE: If you would like a tax credit letter for the amount of the items you donate, please contact Ann Biel at 419-861-4965 or email her at abiel@genacross.org

When you order, please have the items shipped to:

Genacross Lutheran Service, Assisted Living
131 N. Wheeling St.
Toledo, Ohio 43605

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: Accounts Payable Specialist, Billing Assistant, Billing Specialist, Executive Director, Genacross Lutheran Services Foundation, 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: Dietary Cook/Dietary Aides, Housing Site Manager, LPN/RN, Maintenance Technician, 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 – Night Shift, Resident Assistants, STNAs – JobsNapoleon@Genacross.org

Toledo Campus: Assisted Living Nurses (RNs & LPNs), Business Office Coordinator, Dietary Aides/Cooks, Housekeeper, MDS Nurse, RNs/LPNs, Resident Assistants, STNAs – JobsToledo@Genacross.org

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

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

With the uncertainty of our church service schedule at this time, we may have to postpone our graduate recognition until a later date. But we will begin to collect our graduate's information now.

If you have a high school or college graduate in your family, please complete this form and either mail or email (office@firststjohn.com) it to the church. If you email the information, you don't need the form, unless you have scanning capability at home. Thanks!

NAME OF GRADUATE

GRADUATED FROM

DEGREE EARNED

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

FUTURE PLANS (SCHOOL, WORK, ETC.):
