

## *ANNOUNCEMENTS – May 3<sup>rd</sup>*

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are presented to the glory of God.

**MESSENGERS** are presented in honor of their grandson Raylan Aschemeier on his second birthday, given by Kevin & Carol Abbey.

**OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED**

None of which we are aware.

**PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES:** *Add:* Family of Dorothy Zeadker, Family of Chuck Neal, Family of Margie Myers, Terry Crowell, Family of Dylan (no last name), David Poore

**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, 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

**WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to the family and friends of Dorothy Zeadker. Dorothy passed away on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and was buried in our cemetery on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**THANK YOU** to everyone involved with replacing the windows in the Altar Guild room. The trustees oversaw their installation, Thermal Twin installed them, and WELCA agreed to pay for them. They look fantastic, and when we're all back in church again, we invite you to stop by the Altar Guild room and take a look. Thanks again!  
-- *The Altar Guild*

**WORSHIP SERVICES CANCELLED THROUGH MAY:** (This is part of Pastor Rayl's letter that can also be found in its entirety in the May newsletter.) Bishop Beaudoin has determined we should not have group worship experiences throughout the month of May. This has necessitated the postponement of Confirmation Sunday (I will be communicating with the families shortly), Mother's Day, and a wedding that was scheduled for May 30. I know this is not what you may want to hear: it is not what I want to hear, but I believe this is still the most responsible and loving course of action. I would be happy to speak with anyone regarding the issues we are facing at this time. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 567-395-0143 or pastor1@firststjohn.com -- *Pastor Rayl*

**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](http://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.

**UPDATE ON THE CHURCH DIRECTORY:** After much delay, our church directory has finally been delivered. Now we have a new problem—how to get it into your hands. Mailing would be very expensive, so we'd like to arrange scheduled pick up times at some date in the near future, perhaps a "drive-thru" event. For those with health issues or scheduling problems, we may arrange for a delivery. 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.

**REGARDING THE A.W.E. SERVICE:** We have decided to suspend the A.W.E. service until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We will keep you updated on possible future services.

**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](http://www.firststjohn.com).

**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](http://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.

**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

**ORPHANAGE TOURS:** Archivist/Museum Curator Bob Haar is now scheduling tours through September 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Even though church services are cancelled, we still have our regular church operating expenses to meet. To consider on-line giving, go to our church website [www.firststjohn.com](http://www.firststjohn.com) and click on the "Stewardship & Giving" link to sign up. (If you need help, please contact Lisa Anderson at 419-392-3712). You may also consider mailing your church offering: 2471 Seaman St. Toledo, OH. 43605. See earlier announcement "Update on Giving Your Offering" in this bulletin for news about our church mail. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

**DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION** continues for the summer program and the 2020-2021 school year. We hope to begin our summer program on June 1<sup>st</sup>, however at the current time it looks like our opening will be delayed. Our fall program is set to begin August 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 programs. Our "early bird" registration special of \$100 instead of \$150 has been extended to June 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, for registered church members, the registration fee is waived. See our website at [www.firststjohndayschool.org](http://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.

**DAY SCHOOL GALA POSTPONED:** The school's Gala fundraiser originally scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup> of this year has now been postponed until the spring of 2021. There is a lot of planning involved and a lot of time needed to secure prize donations, and as the closures were extended, we realized we wouldn't have enough time to plan the quality event we would like to have.

**MASKS NEEDED FOR STAFF & RESIDENTS OF 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](mailto: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 NEEDED 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'd like to ask everyone who can if they would 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)	

When you order, please have the items shipped to:

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