

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – May 31<sup>st</sup>

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

### **OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED**

Bill Wiener – Flower Rehab

**PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES:** *Add:* Nick Sass, Cory & Collin Folk, Lynn Denny & family, Jeff Stahl, Bill Wiener, Family of Terry Crowell, Karen Krouse, Larry Baumer, Eleanor Heckman, Paulette Giaimo, Katelyn Weirich

**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, Sharon Grames, Dorothy Felderman, 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, Pam Pirolli, David Poore, Mike Ray, Courtney Reed, Michael Rheinbolt & family, Steven Riegle, Logan Roberts, Karen Rowley, Neil Rutledge, Andrew Schlegel, Rick Schumaker, Connie Singlar, Skylar (no last name given), Michelle Stanberry, Diane Swartz, Becky Thielan, Joan Tilton, Barb Tischinae, Steve Uzl, Jane Vargo, Jim Vogelsang, Nick Wasserman, Barb West, Kellyn Wyngate, John & Grace Yard, Raetta Zeisler

**THANK YOU:** Thanks to everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers on my birthday earlier this month. They were and still are greatly appreciated. I am thankful for my family of faith at First St. John.

-- Pastor Rayl

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** We ARE having VBS, but it will be different this year. We again are partnering with Christ United Methodist Church, and since Christ United has an FM receiver, VBS will be in their parking lot, which will allow children and their families to gather safely from their cars. However, instead of meeting for four days in one week, we will meet each Thursday from 7-8 PM from June 18<sup>th</sup> through July 16<sup>th</sup>. Our theme is “Knights of the North Castle: Quest for the King’s Armor.” Our new children’s choir director Hilary Heisman will co-chair with Tracy Thiel from Christ United. VBS is for ages 3 through fifth grade. To register your child(ren), go online to <https://form.jotform.com/201395589388068>. We will try to get this link on our website soon. Also, if you can help in any way, please email either Hilary Heisman at [faith.hilary@gmail.com](mailto:faith.hilary@gmail.com) or Darlene Paul at [jam40st.john@gmail.com](mailto:jam40st.john@gmail.com). See you there!

**LATEST INFORMATION ON REOPENING CHURCH:** The Reopening Task Force group had its first meeting to investigate when and how we will reopen in-person worship at First St. John. At this time, we do not anticipate opening up for in-person worship until July. This will allow us time to see how the reopening of community businesses affects the number of cases in this area. Make no mistake—we would love to have everyone back again. But we want to err on the side of caution and in love and protection for our church family. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact anyone from this committee:

**Pastor Rayl** – 567-395-0143; **Mark Ackerman** – 419-345-6934; **Chuck & Andra Bell** – 419-290-4431 or 419-350-7358; **Matt DeWitt** – 419-270-9935; **Beth Hugueley** – 419-350-0529; **Keith Mullen** – 419-345-3474; **Larry Paul** – 419-327-7097; **Annette Slater** – 419-262-0880; or **Toni Wilbarger** – 419-250-4665.

**LISTENING TO WORSHIP ON-LINE:** Since in-person worship will not occur for a while, make sure you watch our services online. The link to each service is at [www.firststjohn.com](http://www.firststjohn.com). Once there, look on the right side of the home page in the box labeled “Recent Posts.” Also, the most recent link will be emailed to all local members and shared on the church’s Facebook page.

**CHURCH OFFICE REOPENING:** Starting tomorrow, church office hours will change to 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday, until after Labor Day. **\*\* NOTE:** To remain compliant with state regulations for our Day School (reopening tomorrow), we ask that you observe the following:

- Please refrain from “popping in.” If you feel you must come to the office, please call ahead at 419-691-7222 and make an appointment. If you’re coming to pick something up or drop something off, Toni will meet you at one of the doors.
- If you must come into the building, please wear a mask and sanitize your hands at the sanitizing stations near the door and remember to observe the 6-feet of distance rule.
- When you come to the church office, please knock and wait to be let in. Toni will not be wearing a mask when she is alone in her office, so knocking and waiting will allow her to put her mask on before you enter. Thank you.
- Please keep the double doors between the lounge/library and the rest of the Educational building closed at all times.

**HOW TO GIVE YOUR OFFERING:** Contributions are still down from what we’d normally see at 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 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. **\*\*We hope to restore our regular mail delivery on June 1<sup>st</sup>, but keep in mind that it may still be hit-or-miss for another week or so after that.\*\*** Thank you for your patience.

**DO YOU SEW?:** In preparation for when we DO return to in-person worship, we would like to be able to offer cloth masks to those who may not have one. If you have already made masks for other places, would you consider making several more and giving them to First St. John? If you want to donate, please call Toni in the church office at 419-691-7222 and arrange for a time to come by and drop them off. Thank you in advance for your help!

**NO RENTALS THIS SUMMER:** As we navigate these strange days of the COVID-19 virus, we have determined that for this summer we cannot rent out the lounge or the gym, nor will we be able to accommodate borrowing tables and chairs. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

**WINSLOW MEMORIAL GOLF SCRAMBLES:** At this time, we plan to hold our annual golf tournament on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 am (shotgun start) at Eagle’s Landing golf course. Price is \$70 per person, which includes a meal (to be determined). Proceeds help fund the Winslow Memorial Scholarship that is awarded each year to a member of First St. John who is graduating high school. If you would like to sponsor a hole or make a donation, please contact Mike Winslow at 419-691-8430. To accommodate COVID-19 precautions, this year only two people can have a cart and only one person can ride in it. Thank you for supporting this ministry and for your understanding as we continue on in these challenging times.

**DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR FALL** We’re still registering for our fall program that begins August 19<sup>th</sup>. Preference will be given to church members and families whose children have attended the school or are attending now. The registration fee is waived for registered members of First St. John. See our website at [www.firststjohndayschool.org](http://www.firststjohndayschool.org) for detailed information, and feel free to contact Andrea Buckley at 419-691-6480 with any further questions.

**CHURCH DIRECTORIES:** We are delivering these to your homes, in person. Please note that because several of the directories had ink-smudged covers, we will be sending those back and getting replacements. This means we currently do not have enough for everyone. We will notify you when we get our replacements. Thank you for your continued patience!

**GENEALOGY RESEARCH:** In order to limit the number of people in our building this summer, we regret that we cannot accommodate any genealogy research within the building, i.e., no browsing through the historical church records. Again, thank you for your understanding.

**GRADUATION RECOGNITION POSTPONED:** 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](mailto:office@firststjohn.com) Thanks for your understanding.

**HELP WANTED - 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](mailto:pastor1@firststjohn.com), or on our website at [www.firststjohn.com](http://www.firststjohn.com).

**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](mailto:abiel@genacross.org)

When you order, please have the items shipped to:

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

## ***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](mailto: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!

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NAME OF GRADUATE

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GRADUATED FROM

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NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

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FUTURE PLANS (SCHOOL, WORK, ETC.):

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