

ANNOUNCEMENTS – June 7th

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

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Marilyn Richards – St. Charles

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Nick Sass, Cory & Collin Folk, Lynn Denny & family, Jeff Stahl, Bill Wiener, Family of Terry Crowell, Karen Kruse, 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 for your continuing support and gift of \$500 for the Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Food Pantry and \$304.53 for the Souper Bowl of Caring and for stocking the Food Pantry. In the days ahead, let us serve as we are able, lift up those who care for others in our name, and continue to be (as our annual themes state) “Together Toward Tomorrow, Working As One For the Good of Many.”

-- Terri Rodriguez, President & CEO and Rev. Charles Campbell, Board Chairman of Lutheran Ministries of Mercy

NEW CLERGY VISITATION POLICY AT MERCY HEALTH: We received a letter this past week regarding new regulations for clergy hospital visitation at Mercy Health-Toledo hospitals. Please know the following:

- ❖ *Patient must request the clergy visit*
- ❖ Visitation hours are from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm with exceptions for end-of-life and other extenuating circumstances
- ❖ Clergy must allow their temperature to be taken before entering the facility
- ❖ Clergy must wear a mask and are asked to bring their own, if available. Masks will be provided if needed
- ❖ Use hand sanitizer as you both enter and exit the patient’s room
- ❖ If clergy are experiencing symptoms of illness, they are to refrain from visiting until they feel better.

OFFERING UPDATE: We have received almost all the mail (we hope!) that was held in Detroit for so long and we are now receiving regular mail delivery at the church. The online giving option may still be a great idea for some. If interested, 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).

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 18th through July 16th. 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 or Darlene Paul at jam40st.john@gmail.com See you there!

LATEST INFORMATION ON REOPENING CHURCH: The Reopening Task Force group has determined we will begin meeting for in-person worship here at church on Sunday, July 5th (no communion that Sunday). We will have limited capacity for the building and limited seating because of health and governmental guidelines. Church will be VERY different for a while in how it looks and how we do things. More details on our worship will be forthcoming. **IMPORTANT NOTICE:** If you feel sick or have been exposed to someone who is sick, OR if you are still uncomfortable going out in public, there is no shame in staying home. We understand. You can still catch the service on our website (although it will be recorded live with all our human mistakes).

The task force continues to meet, so 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 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. ** Don’t forget to check for a link to the weekly announcement so you can stay up-to-date on the latest church news.

CHURCH OFFICE: Hours are from 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.

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 1st 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.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES: We have delivered all the directories we had on hand. Now we are waiting on the delivery of our replacement directories. Once we have those, we will complete our deliveries. Thank you for your continued patience!

DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR FALL We're still registering for our fall program that begins August 19th. 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 for detailed information, and feel free to contact Andrea Buckley at 419-691-6480 with any further questions.

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 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, or on our website at 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:

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| 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

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.):
