

ANNOUNCEMENTS – September 13th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Dr. William Winslow, given by his family; and in honor of their granddaughter Jersey Schumaker on her confirmation today, given by Jim and Dianne Schumaker.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

9-6-20: In-Person: 63 Online: 44 Total: 107

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Susie Moszkowicz – Kingston of Perrysburg

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Family of Kay Harmon, Julie Swanson, Family of Kathleen Lytle, Family of Kellyn Wingate, Kathleen Gingrich, “Big Dave” Miller, Grace Harris Greenbank, Family of Lil-Mar Stroh, Family of Barbara Welling, Bennett (no last name given), Family of Larry Baumer

Ongoing Concerns: Lee & Karyl Antoine, Lynn Balogh, Karen Bless, Mitchell Broyls, Scotty Broyles, Lori Capitola, Jeannette Carlo, Pat Christy, Greg Contat, Marjorie Counterman, Nancy Coy, Hannah Culler and family, Olivia & Delaney Dawkins, Chiara Del-Mace, Ann Dudics, Emmalyn (no last name given), Dorothy Felderman, Cory & Collin Folk, Jean Fry, Paulette Giaimo, Joan & Marty Hanshaw, Toni Henline, Karen Huber, Pastor Beth Huener, Dana Justice, Phyllis Kelly, Mark Kieswetter, Joanne Koch, Sandra Koch, Tom Kohn, Ada Kreger, Heidi LeGrand, Teresa McFarland, Joyce Martin, Donald Meyer, Sue Moszkowicz, Angie Noe, Joyce Ostapowicz, Liz Perozek, Pam Pirolli, Steven Riegle, Logan Roberts, Karen Rowley, Nick Sass, Skylar (no last name given), Michelle Stanberry, Becky Thielan, Joan Tilton, Jane Vargo, Jim Vogelsang, Nick Wasserman, Katelyn Weirich, Barb West, Bill Wiener, John & Grace Yard, Raetta Zeisler

CALENDAR FOR SEPT. 13 – SEPT. 19

Today	9:00 am	- Worship
	1:00 pm	- Confirmation Service
Monday	6:30 pm	- Altar Guild Meeting at Beth Hugueley’s home
Tuesday	7:00 pm	- Council Meeting on Zoom

WELCOME to worship this morning. Although things are different now and not what we want them to be, please remember that Jesus is still the same—yesterday, today, and tomorrow!

CONGRATULATIONS to our second year catechism class who will be confirmed at a special service this afternoon at 1:00 pm. A complete list of names is in the back of the bulletin. Please pray for these young people as they continue on in their faith.

THANK YOU for your continuing support of Genacross Lutheran Services, especially in the face of the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and for the recent gift of money to our Genacross Toledo ministry. You are awesome neighbors and a true gift from God. -- *Blessings to All, Pastor Jim Dumke*

PORTALS OF PRAYER: The Portals of Prayer devotional booklets for October through December are available at the check-in table (ask Toni), or they can be picked up at church during the week during office hours (9AM – 4PM). If you need to have one delivered, please call Toni in the church office (419-691-7222). ** You’re welcome to take extras if you would like to deliver them to someone else. **

ALTAR GUILD MEETING: We will meet again on Monday, September 14th at 6:30 pm at president Beth Hugueley’s home. Please contact Beth if you cannot attend.

GOOD NEWS! The CDC has changed its guidelines to allow church goers to sing as long as they still keep their masks on. (We can also say the liturgical responses with our masks on.) So, as the Bible says, “Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.” (Psalm 96:1)

BALCONY SEATING: You can be seated in the balcony if you wish, as long as you remain six feet apart (every other pew, like the layout on the main floor) and do not sit in the first two rows.

CHURCH DIRECTORY APP: As part of our directory package, there is an app you can use on your phone to access the church directory. This could be helpful if you don't have your directory with you and need to look up another member's number or address. Toni can update change of addresses and phone numbers from her computer so the information on the app stays current. We sent out an email with instructions on how to download the app, along with each person's unique verification code. The app works on both Android and iPhone devices. After you download the app, if you see anything that needs correcting, please email Toni at office@firststjohn.com so she can change it. **NOTE:** Android users must have a version S5 or better to use the app. The app now works for the newest version (11) of iPhone, but you must first uninstall the previous version of the app and then reinstall.

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR JAM SUNDAY SCHOOL: We are beginning our Sunday School year with virtual learning on Sunday, September 27th (NOTE DATE CHANGE). We will have pre-recorded lessons posted on our church website (www.firststjohn.com). An email explaining the program will be sent to our families, along with materials needed for the lessons. If you have any questions, please contact Darlene Paul at 419-350-3364 or Debbie Ladd at 419-250-1460.

ATTENTION, "BIRTHDAY BINGO" PARTICIPANTS: We've spoken to Genacross and have decided that due to the Covid pandemic we will have to cancel the remaining Birthday Bingo events for the year.

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY: We reopened the Personal Needs Pantry on September 2nd. To help refurbish our inventory, we especially need toilet paper, paper towels, and body soap (bars only, please). At this time, we do not need children's products or feminine hygiene items. If you would like to donate, the bright green collection bin is in the Narthex if you come to in-person worship. If you want to drop off your donations, please call the church office (419-691-7222) during the week and Toni can meet you at one of the Educational Building doors. Thanks!

HELP US CELEBRATE OUR 160th ANNIVERSARY! Next year is First St. John's 160th anniversary, and we'd like to have a great celebration. That means planning will start soon! If you would like to help with this awesome event scheduled for October 24, 2021, please call Deb Ladd at 419-250-1460.

ONLINE GIVING: If you'd still like to consider online giving to the church, 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). Thank you so much for continuing to support First St. John in these times.

ORDERING ALTAR FLOWERS: The flower sign-up book will not be in the Narthex for the time being. If you would like to order altar flowers, you can call Toni in the church office at 419-691-7222 or email her at office@firststjohn.com

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 staff position between the congregations. This person will demonstrate a life of faith in Jesus Christ and 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 discipleship path. The Minister of Youth and Family is responsible for assisting the church in planning, coordinating and promoting youth programs, 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, provide leadership and insight for the congregation, focus 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, contact Pastor Jerald Rayl at 567-395-0143 or pastor1@firststjohn.com, or on our website at www.firststjohn.com

CONFIRMATION CLASS of 2020



Vincent James Barton
Son of Jeff and Lisa Barton

Carter Kenneth Baxter
Son of Chad and Crystal Baxter

April Renee Church
Daughter of Roger and Kathy Church

Ethan Lee Clair
Son of Kyle and Sabrene Clair

Brandon Jacob Clair
Son of Kyle and Sabrene Clair

Vincent Anthony Gallaher
Son of Anthony and Julia Gallaher

Emma Renee Kalmbach
Daughter of Matthew and Renee Kalmbach

Barry James Layman II
Son of Barry and Michelle Layman

Katelyn Elisabeth Le Grand
Daughter of Kenneth and Heidi Le Grand

Emily Elizabeth Lipper
Daughter of Jamie and Beth Lipper

Courtney Marie Miller
Daughter of Matthew and Jessica Miller

Noah Eugene Schacht
Son of Brent Schacht and Jennifer Schacht

Jersey Lynn Schumaker
Daughter of Brian and Angie Schumaker

Dominic William Vartorella
Son of Michael and Laura Vartorella

Alyson May Walenzak
Daughter of Dennis and Christine Walenzak