

## *ANNOUNCEMENTS – September 20<sup>th</sup>*

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Rodney Price who passed away on September 22, 2018, given with love from his mother, Ruth, and brother, Paul; and in honor of Nancy Gallaher's birthday today, given by Don and Karen Holmes.

### **CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

9-13-20: In-Person: 75    On-Line: 24    Total: 99    Confirmation Service: 108

### **OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED**

Susie Moszkowicz – Kingston of Perrysburg

**PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES:** *Add:* Gail McWatters, Family of Dorothy Felderman, 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), Cory & Collin Folk, Jean Fry, Paulette Giaimo, Joan & Marty Hanshew, 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

**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!

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** the family of Dorothy Felderman, who passed away on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Dorothy was our former school administrator Carol Felderman's mother-in-law.

**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. \*\*

**IMPORTANT NEWS FOR JAM SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We are beginning our Sunday School year with virtual learning on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> (NOTE DATE CHANGE). We will have pre-recorded lessons posted on our church website ([www.firststjohn.com](http://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.

**CANDY NEEDED FOR "CANDY CRAWL":** In lieu of our annual Trunk or Treat event (because of covid restrictions), this year we are joining with several local churches and businesses for a "Candy Crawl" on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. We will have one station in the parking lot across from the church to hand out candy. Parents will drive their children to the different locations. Since this is the first time we've tried something like this, we have no idea how many people may attend and how much candy we'll need. If you can help, we will need bags of candy like you'd buy for Halloween. We will be putting several pieces in Ziploc bags for the children to take. Collection boxes will be in the Narthex if you bring the candy to in-person worship. Or, you can come to the Educational Building during church office hours from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm during the week, call the office when you arrive (419-691-7222) and someone will meet you at the door to accept your donation. Thank you in advance for your help!

**DRIVE-THRU CHICKEN DINNER:** Since we cannot have our Chicken & Ham Dinner this year, we will be having a drive-thru chicken dinner on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> (time TBA). Stay tuned to upcoming announcements for more information.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES:** We still are holding this annual event. Shoeboxes and brochures should be available soon. Remember, no liquids toothpaste, war-related toys, or anything that can break or melt. The last day to turn in boxes will be Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> (no exceptions). This year, you can build a “virtual shoebox” on the Operation Christmas Child website. If you’d like to see how to do this, please go online to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>

**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)

**HELP US CELEBRATE OUR 160<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY!** Next year is First St. John’s 160<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

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**PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY:** We reopened the Personal Needs Pantry on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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!

**ONLINE GIVING:** If you’d still like to consider online giving to the church, 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). 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](mailto:office@firststjohn.com)

**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.

**TOLEDO LUTHERAN BOWLING LEAGUE:** We have started our bowling season for 2020/2021, and there is still time to join us! We have made a few changes because of covid: We now have teams with three bowlers; teams can be women and men in any combination. You must wear a mask when entering the building and walking around, but you can remove it when sitting at your table and when bowling. Remember, this is a fun league, not a serious league. We bowl at Interstate Lanes in Rossford. If you are interested or have questions, email Steve Mawhorter at [sdmawhorter@gmail.com](mailto:sdmawhorter@gmail.com) or text him at 419-343-0957. If you prefer to call him, please leave a message and he will get back to you.

**LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE–WILDFIRES:** Wildfires have erupted across California, Oregon, Washington and other states. At least 35 people have died, hundreds of thousands of people are under evacuation orders and more than 3.5 million acres have burned. Some evacuees must decide whether to stay in a shelter during the pandemic. If you want to help, your check or money order can be sent to Lutheran Disaster Response, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009. Write “U.S. wildfires” on the memo line. Or give by phone at 800-638-3522 or online at <https://community.elca.org/uswildfires>

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

