

## *ANNOUNCEMENTS – September 6<sup>th</sup>*

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are presented to the glory of God in honor of Darold Henninger on his birthday today and in loving memory of Marcia Henninger on their anniversary on September 9<sup>th</sup>, given by Darold Henninger; and in loving memory of James Sommers, given by his family.

### **CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

8-30-20: In-Person: 63 Online: No online total this week.

### **OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED**

Julie Swanson – Toledo Hospital

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 Broyles, Scotty Broyles, Lori Capitola, Jeannette Carlo, Pat Christy, Greg Contat, Marjorie Counterman, Nancy Coy, Dick Crouse, 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 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

### **CALENDAR FOR SEPT. 6 – SEPT. 12**

<b><u>Today</u></b>	9:00 am	- Worship
<b><u>Monday</u></b>		- OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	11:30 am	- Rebecca Circle meet at Cedar Creek Preserve

**TODAY WE WELCOME** Jacob Henry who is substituting for Dr. Pattin who is taking a vacation day today. Welcome back, Jacob!

**WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to the family and friends of former member Kay Harmon who passed away on August 27<sup>th</sup>. A private graveside service was held on Wednesday of this past week.

**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*

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

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** If Lucas County is moved to a Level 4 on the Ohio Public Health Advisory System (purple on the state map), we will cancel in-person worship until Lucas County returns to a Level 3 or lower. Thank you.

**COLD WATER AVAILABLE** in the Narthex if you need it. Thank you to Bob and Sherrie Haar for donating!

**OFFICE NEWS:** The church office will be closed tomorrow for Labor Day. Church office hours return to Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

**CONFIRMATION NEWS:** We will hold confirmation for our 2020 eighth grade class on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at a special service at 1:00 pm. Confirmation Parents: Please arrange to pick up your students' confirmation robes by calling the church office during the week. Thank you.

**REBECCA CIRCLE GATHERING:** We will meet on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at Cedar Creek Preserve. Please bring your own lunch. Call Emily Kruse with questions: 419-836-5473

**ALTAR GUILD MEETING:** We will meet again on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at president Beth Huguely's home. Please contact Beth if you cannot attend.

**SEATING REMINDER:** ***Please wait to be seated by the elders when you come into church.*** Seating will be by the side aisles only, beginning at the front of the church and filling in toward the back. We are trying to stay as safe as possible to prevent the spread of the COVID virus.

**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.

**WELCA NEWS:** The WELCA Board held their meeting at the home of Esther Bell. Five members were present. Many things were discussed. We are working on having a Food Truck & Treat in place of the Trunk & Treat. Since we are unable to have the Chicken and Ham Dinner this year, we are thinking of having a Drive Thru Chicken Dinner. More will be discussed and finalized in September. Our next meeting will be September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm at a place yet to be determined. Please watch your bulletin announcements for the location. All Women of the church are welcomed to attend our meeting.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY APP NOW AVAILABLE:** 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 that the information on the app stays current. This week, 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 to be corrected, please email Toni at [office@firststjohn.com](mailto:office@firststjohn.com) so she can correct 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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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 will reopen the Personal Needs Pantry beginning September 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will look different as we follow Covid 19 guidelines, but we feel we have a safe plan for all involved. **PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED:** 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 will be in the Narthex if you are coming 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 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.

**LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE:** With this summer's explosion in Beirut and now Hurricane Laura, the needs are great. If you would like to donate to help Lutheran Disaster Response in their efforts, you can go online to <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response>

If you would like to mail a donation, please make your check payable to Lutheran Disaster Response and designate a specific disaster in the memo line if you wish. Mail your check to Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.

Or to make a donation with your credit card, you can call 800-638-3522, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am-5:00 pm Central Time.

**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.

**CHURCH DIRECTORIES:** If you have not yet received your church directory, ask at the attendance desk this morning. There are also has a few in the church office if you would like to stop over during the week. If you need one delivered to your home, contact Chuck Bell at 419-290-4431 or email him at [chuckbell@remax.net](mailto:chuckbell@remax.net) Thank you.

**LISTENING TO WORSHIP ON-LINE:** We are recording the worship service to place it on our website at [www.firststjohn.com](http://www.firststjohn.com) Check on the right side of the home page for the box labeled "Recent Posts." The most recent link also will be emailed to all local members and shared on the church's Facebook page. Announcements will be mailed every other week to those who do not have internet access.

**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)

**COMMITTEE / CIRCLE MEETINGS:** In keeping with our slow openings, the Reopening Task Force has decided we cannot accommodate in-person meetings at First St. John until perhaps October. We are hoping that we will have better information on the spread of or slowdown of the virus and further guidelines from the governor. You are free to hold online meetings or meetings at a member's home as you feel comfortable doing so. Our apologies for any inconvenience.

**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)