

ANNOUNCEMENTS – October 18th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in honor of Bill and Donna Nelson's 34th wedding anniversary today, given by their family.

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Bea Kline, Family of Butch Ulrich, Emmalyn (no last name given), Family of Dorothy Felderman, Carol Lorenzen, Darlene Lorenzen, Gail McWatters

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

CALENDAR FOR OCT. 18 – OCT. 24

Today	9:00 am	- Worship / Communion
	10:30 am	- JAM Online for 1 st -3 rd grades
	11:30 am	- Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner
Monday	6:30 pm	- WELCA Board Meeting
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!

DRIVE-THRU CHICKEN DINNER TODAY: We are having a Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner today in the parking lot across the street from the church from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm or until sold out. Price is \$10 per dinner, which includes a ½ chicken, baked potato with butter & sour cream, roll & butter, cole slaw, and a cookie. Tickets will not be sold ahead of time; you can pay as you go. See you soon!

JAM SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today at 10:30 am our first, second, and third grade students will have a live Zoom lesson. If you miss the live lesson, it will be posted later in the week on our church website at www.firststjohn.com. Lessons will be on a staggered schedule depending on the age of the students. You can sign up your children any time! If you have any questions, please contact Darlene Paul at 419-350-3364 or Debbie Ladd at 419-250-1460.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: Sunday, November 1st is All Saints Sunday. We will remember our church family who passed away from November 1, 2019 to October 31, 2020 (we already have those names). If there is someone you want to honor who was not a member or who was a member who passed away prior to November 2019, please contact the church office at 419-691-7222 or office@firststjohn.com to have their names included on the list for that day. Thank you.

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 25th 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 are now 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!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES: We still are holding this annual event. A few shoeboxes will be in the Narthex, but we encourage you to use your own this year. (**NOTE:** Hobby Lobby stores have plastic Operation Christmas Child boxes available for \$2.99, which is nice because you don't have to wrap them.) The last day to turn in boxes will be Sunday, November 22nd (no exceptions). You can bring your box to in-person worship or drop it off during the week (call the office when you arrive.) This year, you can also build a "virtual shoebox" on the Operation Christmas Child website. To see how to do this, go online to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>

EGGLESTON-MEINERT-PAVLEY CALENDARS for 2021 are in the Narthex if you'd like to take one.

PASTORAL VISITS TO NURSING HOMES: Restrictions on visits to nursing home facilities have been eased somewhat. If you have a relative in a nursing facility and would like Pastor Rayl to visit, please contact him. Also, make sure that you or another family member will accompany Pastor Rayl while he meets with your relative. Also note that you must set up an appointment with the nursing facility in order to have pastor visit. Please call pastor at 567-395-0143 with any questions.

CONFIRMATION PICTURES: The confirmation pictures have been delivered and are in the church office. Please call to arrange a pick up (419-691-7222).

WELCA NEWS: We will not collect items for baby care kits this year. We also have canceled our hats, boots, socks, & mittens drive, both due to covid restrictions. We hope to resume these collections next year. Our next board meeting will be Monday, October 19th at 6:30 pm (place to be determined).

RUTH CIRCLE NEWS: We will not meet in November.

NEW CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED: We are looking for new Council members for the upcoming year. We need people for Property Management, Elders, Finance Committee, Sunday School Board, and Day School Board. Please contact Mark Ackerman at 419-345-6934 or the church office at 419-691-7222 if you are interested or have any questions.

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

FALL GATHERINGS, ALL WELCOME: Everyone is invited to join Bishop Daniel Beaudoin and the NW Ohio Synod staff for virtual fellowship and conversation about what it means to be "On the Way" together. Remaining virtual meetings are Thursday, October 29th at 7:30 am and Thursday, November 5th at 9:00 pm. For more information, please go to www.nwos-elca.org

COMMUNITY PANTRY AT PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN: Prince of Peace Lutheran, located at the corner of Lallendorf and Pickle roads in Oregon, has a mini community pantry in their parking lot. It's stocked with non-perishable food items and toiletries for anyone who needs them, but it's also open to anyone wanting to donate these items.

ADOPT-A-RESIDENT AT LUTHER HOME OF MERCY: With your help, Luther Home of Mercy hopes each of their residents will have a present under the tree this Christmas. If you are interested in helping, contact Arielle Semer at 419-972-4431 or asemer@lutherhome.org When you sign up, you will receive gift ideas for the resident. Then simply purchase the gifts and deliver them to Luther Home a few weeks before Christmas. Luther Home of Mercy is located at 5810 N. Main St. in Williston, OH.

PANDEMIC AND THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS: This was recently posted by the Northwest Ohio Synod's Deacon Sherry Krieger, Director of Leadership for Congregational Care. "The relapse and overdose rate has increased by 30% since March 2020. Mental health issues related to our lock down and the pandemic are especially hard for people with depression. If you or someone you know needs help, NAMI, The National Alliance on Mental Illness, has a 24-hour helpline: 800-950-6264." Check their website at www.nami.org/help for more information.

HELP WANTED – CEMETERY CARETAKER: The Cemetery committee is looking for someone to take over the duties of cemetery caretaker. This is a part time paid position on an as-needed basis. These duties are now being performed by volunteers. (**Note:** Mowing and grave digging is not part of this job, as it is handled by individual contractors.) This position reports to First St John Lutheran Church Cemetery Committee and performs duties pertaining to the administration of burials as well as physical upkeep of the landscape and grave sites of the church cemetery.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Coordinates with First St John Lutheran Church clergy, staff and funeral directors in locating and marking graves for burial.
- Communicates with church staff to confirm suitability of grave sites for burial and provides information necessary for good record keeping.
- Present for all excavation, funeral services and back filling of graves.
- Levels and grass seeds new graves.
- Removes all weeds and debris from grave sites.
- Sprays weeds and fertilizes when necessary.
- Identifies grave markers that need maintenance and coordinates with the cemetery committee to take corrective action.
- Provide cost of any additional services required to Cemetery Committee for approval.
- Always maintains a safe working environment.
- Follows all written rules and regulations pertaining to First St John Lutheran Church Cemetery.

For more information or to apply, call Joanne Crandall at 419-343-4811 or Bill Caldwell at 419-376-9846.

JOBS AT GENACROSS LUTHERAN SERVICES (current listings): Genacross is hiring at its various campuses. Please email your resume and cover letter for these positions. More detail is on the main bulletin board in the Narthex or on their website at www.Genacross.org.

Ministry Support: Executive Director of Genacross Lutheran Services Foundation – Jobs@Genacross.org

Family & Youth Services: Direct Support Professionals, Residential Treatment/Direct Care Staff for Youth and Young Adults – JobsFYS@Genacross.org

Housing & Community Services: Dietary Cook/Dietary Aides, Housing Site Manager, Maintenance Technician, STNAs/CNAs – JobsHousing@Genacross.org

Genacross at Home: RNs & LPNs, Home Health Aides, OTs, PTs, SLPs, OTAs, & PTAs – JobsHousing@Genacross.org

Napoleon Campus: Clinical Supervisor, Cooks, RNs/LPNs, STNAs – JobsNapoleon@Genacross.org

Toledo Campus: Activity Aides, Assisted Living Nurses, Dietary Aides/Cooks, Housekeeper, Maintenance Technician, Nursing Scheduler / Receptionist, RNs/LPNs, Resident Assistants, STNAs – JobsToledo@Genacross.org

Wolf Creek (Holland) Campus: Activity Aides, Dietary Aides, Housekeeper, LPNs, Resident Assistants, STNAs – JobsWolfCreek@Genacross.org