

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS – March 21<sup>st</sup>***

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of our dads and grandpas, Erwin Vogelsang and Eardley Schuetz, given by the Schuetz and Cromly families; and in honor of Dave Wilbarger on his birthday today, given by his family.

### **CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

3-14-21: In Person: 68    Online: 36    Total: 104

3-17-21: 11:00 am: 18    7:00 pm: 15    Online: 10    Total: 43

### **OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED**

Delores Heilman – St. Charles

Lucille Paul – The Labuhn Center

Herb Frey – Kingston Rehab

**PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES:** *Add:* Family of Mary Alice Pattin, Herb Frey, Ann Smith, Rick (no last name), Linda (no last name), Family of Joe Marazon, Lucille Paul, Family of Bill Morse, Liz Perozek, Winnie Wohlgamuth, Ron Schieb, Collin Folk

**Ongoing Concerns:** Doug Amstutz, Art Balk, Lynn Balogh, Bennett (no last name given), Karen Bless, Lori Capitola, Jeannette Carlo, Pat Christy, Marjorie Counterman, Nancy Coy, Hannah Culler & family, Mary Ann Davies, Olivia & Delaney Dawkins, Chiara Del-Mace, Don Dotson, Emmalyn (no last name given), Jean Fry, Paulette Giaimo, Grace Harris Greenbank, Delores Heilman, Toni Henline, Gary Henningsen, Karen Huber, Pastor Beth Huener, Eric Johnson, Dana Justice, Mark Kieswetter, Joanne Koch, Tom Kohn, Ada Kreger, Heidi LeGrand, Carol Lorenzen, Teresa McFarland, Joyce Martin, Evan Matheney, Donald Meyer, Donna Miller, Sue Moszkowicz, Pam Pirolli, Steven Riegle, Logan Roberts, Leona Ryan, Norm Schumaker, Skylar (no last name given), Julie Swanson, Becky Thielan, Joan Tilton, Jane Vargo, Nick Wasserman, Katelyn Weirich, Jeff Wheeler, Bill Wiener, Sharon Winslow John & Grace Yard, Raetta Zeisler

### **CALENDAR FOR MAR. 21 – MAR. 27**

<b><u>Today</u></b>	9:00 am	- Worship
	10:30 am	- Virtual Sunday School for 3, 4, 5 year olds
	10:30 am	- Virtual Sunday School for 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , & 6 <sup>th</sup> grades
	11:30 am	- Virtual Sunday School for 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , & 3 <sup>rd</sup> grades
	4:00 pm	- "Bunny Hop" in church parking lot across the street til 6:00 pm
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	9:30 am	- Quilting
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	11:00 am	- Lenten Service in Church
	7:00 pm	- Lenten Service in Church
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	11:30 am	- Bible Study on Zoom

**THANK YOU:** Thanks to everyone who purchased popcorn or made a donation toward the Day School's fundraiser. We made \$2,345 for the school, so thanks so much!

**THANK YOU!** Thank you to the congregation for all your prayers, calls, and cards while I was recuperating at Kingston. It truly meant a lot to me, especially since I was not allowed visitors due to Covid. I am home now and just wanted to say thank you for everything.        -- Sue Moszkowicz

**THANK YOU:** Lutheran Social Services is grateful for the gift of \$666.09 we received that benefitted the Toledo Food Pantry. Over and over again, we find our donors put others first and are selfless and compassionate. In this year of upheaval and fear, you have shown grace and generosity. Thank you for your continued support.        -- Tracia Jaksetic, Vice President

**"BUNNY HOP" IS TODAY:** Our area-wide "Bunny Hop" event is TODAY from 4:00 to 6:00 pm in the parking lot across the street. We will have one station to hand out candy. Parents will drive their children to the different locations. If you can stop by today and pass out candy, we'd greatly appreciate your help!

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES:** We are planning to hold in-person worship services this year; the times of these services are listed below. Services will be livestreamed and also recorded for future viewing.

March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday	9:00 am
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Maundy Thursday	11:00 am, 7:00 pm
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Good Friday	12:00 pm, 7:00 pm
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Sunday	8:00 am, 10:15 am

\*\* For Easter, we will have overflow seating (if needed) in the lounge and the gym, and the service will be livestreamed there. Masks, social distancing, and sanitizing will still be in effect.

**SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE AFTER EASTER:** Good news! We are returning to two Sunday services after Easter, at least through the end of May. Services will be at 8:00 am and 10:15 am. All Covid precautions (masks, social distancing, sanitizing) will remain in place for both services. We will still livestream and record the services if you don't yet feel comfortable coming to in-person worship. And don't forget—when the weather gets warmer, our new air conditioning will make the sanctuary comfortable!

**DONATIONS OF WOMEN'S SOCKS NEEDED:** We would like to help Salem Lutheran Church in one of their many ministries for Toledo's inner city neighborhood. They are in need of women's socks, any variety, either new or gently used. There is a collection box in the Narthex, or you can drop them off to the church office during the week. We will collect today, next Sunday, and Easter Sunday. If you have questions, please call the church office at 419-691-7222. Thanks in advance for your help.

**MISSING BIBLE STUDY DVD:** When everything shut down due to Covid a year ago, our women's Bible study called "The Armor of God" had one week left to go. As was our practice, those who missed a session would borrow the DVD in order to do the study at home and catch up. We would like to donate this study to our church library, but disc 1 is missing. If you have it, please contact Toni in the church office or return it to Toni either at in-person worship or during office hours. Thank you!

**DAY SCHOOL POPCORN DELIVERY:** Delivery will be March 25-26, and you can also pick up your order at in-person worship next Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. If you need more information or have any questions, please call LuAnn Spoerl at 419-836-1651.

**LENTEN SERVICE:** Our last Wednesday Lenten worship services for the season are on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm. The 7:00 pm service will be livestreamed from our church website at [www.firststjohn.com](http://www.firststjohn.com). The 7:00 pm service also will be recorded and posted on the church's website for later viewing in case you miss the livestream.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER BOOKLETS AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP:** Portals of Prayer devotional booklets for April—June are here. Ask for one when you check in before for in-person worship, or you can stop by the church office during the week. If you need one delivered, please call Toni at 419-691-7222 to arrange it. Thank you!

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING WRAP-UP:** We collected \$216 in January and \$450.09 in February for a grand total of \$666.09 that will be donated to Lutheran Social Services to purchase items for their food pantry. Thanks so much for your generosity.

**WINSLOW SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE APPROACHING** This scholarship is for high school seniors who are members of First St. John and will attend college for the 2021/2022 school year. Applications are in the church office, or you can call the church office to have it emailed to you. Completed applications must be turned in to the church office by March 30<sup>th</sup> to be considered. Funding for the scholarship is supplied from proceeds of the Winslow Memorial Golf outing held each summer, along with donations from church members.

**NOTICE REGARDING “BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION”:** Please note that the Day School is no longer participating in this program. You do not need to save these box tops any longer. Thank you.

**BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE NEWS:** Penny DeWitt is stepping down as committee chairperson, so we need someone else to take over. If you or someone you know might be interested or if you have questions, please contact Sue Ann Rogers, Chris Hunsaker, Darlene Lorenzen, or Esther Bell.

**PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS FOR MARCH** is toilet paper. Please deposit your items in the pull-out drawer to the left of the Feed Your Neighbor bin in the Narthex (under the main bulletin board) or in the green bin (also in the Narthex). *NOTE: Remember, no travel size or sample items—the families who come to this pantry need items to last them an entire month.* Thank you for your help.

**HELP NEEDED FOR SOUND BOARD:** We still need one more person to help operate the sound board for Sunday morning worship. Training is provided. We'd like to have additional people so each person will be “on duty” for only one week per month. If this is something you'd like to try, please contact Dave Wilbarger at 419-205-7855.

**DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION:** Registration for the both the summer and the 2021-2022 Day School program has begun. The registration fee is waived for active church members, but you must still complete the registration form in order to reserve a spot for your child. Forms can be found on the school's website at [www.firststjohndayschool.org](http://www.firststjohndayschool.org) Children must be at least three years old and potty-trained. Our classes are from 9:00 am to noon, with extended care available from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. For questions, please call Andrea Buckley at 419-691-6480.

**ORDERING ALTAR FLOWERS:** If you'd like to place flowers on the altar in honor or memory of someone, please call Toni in the church office at 419-691-7222. She will write your order in the red flower book since it is not currently displayed in the Narthex. Flower vases are \$15 each; you can either drop it in the small church in the Narthex where the offering goes, or you can drop it off or mail it to the church office.

**PROBLEMS WITH LIVE STREAMING?** If you have problems viewing the livestream of the worship service, please contact Pastor Rayl directly at 567-395-0143 (phone or text) after 10:30 am to discuss the issue you may be having. He may be able to determine the problem so you can view the service next time without difficulty.

**2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available for pick up in the Narthex in the alcove on the east side of the church. If you can deliver a box or two to other members, that would be helpful. You also can stop by the office during the week to pick them up.