

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – July 25<sup>th</sup>**

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Eugene Schacht on his birthday on July 29<sup>th</sup>, given by his family; and in honor of the birth of Oliver Kenneth Mausser on July 10, 2021 to Daniel and Maggie (Mullen) Mausser, given by Great-Grandma Joyce Yard (2 vases).

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

7-11-21: 126 Online: 40 Total: 166  
7-18-21: 96 Online: 36 Total: 132

**OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED**

None of which we are aware.

**PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES:** *Add:* Mickey Jurrus Gill, Todd Reynolds, Chuck (no last name given), Chad (no last name given), Family of Jean Fry, Anne Everett, Family of Paul Feher, Lucille Paul, Family of Dorothy Laney, Thomas Abalos, Sr., Amy Brumley, Kellie Ulrich

**Ongoing Concerns:** Art Balk, Lynn Balogh, Bennett (no last name), Karen Bless, Pastor Joe Brosious, Lori Capitola, Jeannette Carlo, Pat Christy, Marjorie Counterman, Jill Cousino, Nancy Coy, Hannah Culler & family, Mary Ann Davies, Olivia & Delaney Dawkins, Dawn (no last name given), Chiara Del-Mace, Emmalyn (no last name given), Collin Folk, Karen Frey, Herb Frey, Paulette Giaimo, Grace Harris Greenbank, Delores Heilman, Toni Henline, Gary Henningsen, Karen Huber, Pastor Beth Huener, Dana Justice, Mark Kieswetter, Joanne Koch, Tom Kohn, Ada Kreger, Heidi LeGrand, Linda (no last name), Carol Lorenzen, Joyce Martin, Evan Matheney, Bonnie Meier, Donna Miller, Liz Perozek, Pam Pirolli, John Ranchan, Steven Riegle, Logan Roberts, Ann Ryan, Leona Ryan, Norm Schumaker, Judy Sharp, Skylar (no last name given), Ann Smith, Girrard Stewart, Julie Swanson, Tom Tedrow, Becky Thielan, Joan Tilton, Jane Vargo, Mark Walker, Nick Wasserman, Katelyn Weirich, Jeff Wheeler, Bill Wiener, Sharon Winslow, John Yard, Ruth Zasada, Raetta Zeisler

**CALENDAR FOR JULY 25 – JULY 31**

<b><u>Today</u></b>	9:00 am	- Worship
	10:00 am	- Congregational Update
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	5:00 pm	- Light Supper before VBS
	6:00 pm	- Vacation Bible School
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	5:00 pm	- Light Supper before VBS
	6:00 pm	- Vacation Bible School
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	5:00 pm	- Light Supper before VBS
	6:00 pm	- Vacation Bible School
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	5:00 pm	- Light Supper before VBS
	6:00 pm	- Vacation Bible School

**WELCOME** to First St. John Lutheran Church! We're happy you're here. If you are visiting with us, please sign the guest book, located in the Narthex (lobby).

**THANK YOU** to Laurie Crouse for being our hymn leader and providing special music during the offertory this morning.

**CONGREGATIONAL UPDATE TODAY:** Please stay after the service today for a brief update of what's going on at First St. John and any upcoming information.

**DAVID WINSLOW MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT:** This four-man scrambles will be held on Saturday, August 7th at 8:00 am at the Eagles Landing Golf Club. Price is \$75 per person, which includes lunch and a hot dog and beverage at the turn. Prizes will be awarded for 1st place, longest drive and closest to the pin. Reservation and fees due by Sunday, August 1st. If you'd like to register or sponsor a hole, call Mike Winslow at 419-691-8430. *All proceeds go to First St. John.*

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STARTS TOMORROW – WALK INS WELCOME!** Join us for VBS here at First St. John Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:30 pm when our theme will be “Treasured: Discovering You’re Priceless to God.” NOTE: We will be serving a light supper between 5:00 and 5:30 pm, so come for dinner and stay for VBS! Vacation Bible School is for children ages 3 through going into 5th grade. Youth ages 6th grade and over are also very welcome to help! Our leaders this year are Lori Pfeiffer and Andrea Buckley. To register your child, you can go online to <https://firststjohndayschool.org/vacation-bible-school/> (scroll to the bottom of the web page).

**DAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:** All prospective students and parents are welcome to attend our Open House on Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 6:00 pm. We’ll have Kona Ice, snacks, bounce house, and a photo booth. The kids can play on the playground, and families can meet the teachers. Looking forward to seeing you. Pass the word!

**ELCA YOUTH GATHERING:** It is official! We are going to Minneapolis, Minnesota for the 2022 ELCA Boundless Youth Gathering. There will be two informational meetings held next month for any youth in grades 8-12 interested in attending, plus their parents/guardians, and any adult who is interested in volunteering their time as a leader. The dates for these informational meetings are on Sundays, **August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021** and **August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. Both meetings will be held in the lounge after the worship service. Refreshments will be provided. The Gathering asks that all adult leaders be able-bodied and over the age of 21. We look forward to seeing you! -- *Jacob Kelly, Youth & Family Minister*

**ALTAR GUILD MEETING:** We will resume our monthly meetings on Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm in the lounge. Mark your calendars.

**MIRIAM CIRCLE** will meet for lunch at Cousino’s Steakhouse on Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am.

**REBECCA CIRCLE NEWS:** The Rebecca Circle will meet on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at the Water’s Edge restaurant inside the lodge at Maumee Bay State Park. Call Chris at 419-376-7363 or Emily at 419-836-5473 with any questions. Thank you!

**HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS:** The Hannah Circle will meet on Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm at Debbie Smith’s home for a cookout. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages will be provided; please bring a dish to share. See you soon!

**REMINDER:** If you have not been vaccinated against COVID-19, we ask that you continue to wear masks while at church. Thank you.

**THE ALTAR GUILD NEEDS YOUR HELP!** Each Sunday, we need at least two vases on the altar for the worship service (we can have three). Vases are \$15 each, and when no one signs up for flowers, the Altar Guild has to pay for them out of their own funds, which can be expensive when we go for several weeks with no one signing up. Please consider selecting a Sunday and purchasing flowers for the altar. In the past, folks have signed up for vases in honor of someone’s birthday or anniversary, or in memory of someone. However, there are plenty of other things to celebrate or commemorate. These may include: graduations, weddings (even if they are not here), holidays, someone’s retirement, new baby, or a thank you to someone or a group for their hard work or thoughtfulness.

The sign up book is under the main bulletin board in the Narthex (lobby) for you to select the Sunday you’d like. Envelopes for payment are also in the book; you can fill it out, add your donation, and put it in the small wooden box that’s on the wall to the right of the bulletin board. Or call the church office during the week and have Toni sign you up for whichever Sunday you wish. Thank you so much for helping!

**PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS FOR JULY** is body lotion. (The focus item for August is bars of body soap. Reminder: Items are supposed to last the client for a month, so please no travel or hotel sizes.) 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 in the lounge.

**SIGN UP & ORIENTATION FOR FALL CATECHISM:** We're getting a head start on next fall's catechism class, so we'd like to announce that catechism orientation will be Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the catechism room (located on the middle floor of the Educational Building near the ladies restroom). If you have a child who will be in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade this fall, please call Toni in the church office at 419-691-7222 to sign up. Students are encouraged to invite their friends!

**160<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY KICKOFF EVENT:** Please circle Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> on your calendars. We will have our 160 Anniversary kickoff celebration that day with one service at 10:00 am. Bishop Daniel Beaudoin will visit with us, and we'll have a luncheon afterwards in the Fellowship hall. Please make plans to attend and help us celebrate 160 years of ministry here at First St. John.

**CDs OF DR. TONY'S MUSIC AVAILABLE:** In response to several requests Dr. Pattin has received from church members for CDs of his music, we now have five CDs available at \$15 each. Briefly, here are descriptions of the CDs: "**With a Touch of Class**" includes 10 favorite hymns, arranged by Dr. Tony, along with several concert pieces; "**Live From New York**" is a recording of a 2002 concert at Merkin Concert Hall at Lincoln Center in New York City that includes works by William Grant Still, Debussy, Rachmaninoff, and George Gershwin; "**Recital Highlights**" features live performances from The University of Montevallo Recital Hall in Alabama where Dr. Tony taught for many years, and includes pieces from Bach, Debussy, Mompou, Chopin, and Gershwin; "**Tidings of Comfort and Joy**" is a festive holiday collection, including Dr. Tony's version of Themes from "The Sound of Music" by Rodgers and Hammerstein; and finally "**Trip Down Memory Lane,**" which was commissioned by a couple celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and includes arrangements of Moon River, Smoke Gets in Your Eyes, Moonglow, Stardust, and Misty. If you'd like to purchase CDs, please call or stop in to the church office. (If paying by check, please make it out to Anthony Pattin.)

**CHURCH MEMORABILIA NEEDED:** The 160<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee is looking for old photographs of church activities such as picnics, quilting, Sunday School classes, VBS, women's circle activities, dinners, construction photographs, military photos, festivals—anything about our church's history. Please call Bob Haar at 419-250-9409 or see him after church service. The photos will be scanned and returned to you. Thanks.

**DAY SCHOOL FALL REGISTRATION:** Registration for our fall 2021-2022 Day School program also has begun. Our regular fall program begins August 19<sup>th</sup> (note date change). 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.

**LUTHERAN MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE:** The pre-season meeting will be Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Interstate Lanes. (The new season begins Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at Interstate Lanes.) Each team has 3 bowlers, mixed (men and/or women), over 18 years old. Friends and family members are welcome! This is a 100% handicap league; we're just out to have fun! The one-time USBC fee for each bowler is \$12. Cost each night is \$14 per bowler for 32 weeks. Part of the bowler fees go to a scholarship fund to help area Lutheran Seminary students. For more info, call or text Steve Mawhorter at 419-343-0957 or email him at [sdmawhorter@gmail.com](mailto:sdmawhorter@gmail.com)

**KIDNEY DONOR NEEDED:** We received a flyer regarding the need for a kidney donor, which is posted on the main bulletin board in the Narthex (lobby). All pertinent information regarding the recipient and contact information is available there. All expenses will be paid for by the donor and his caregiver.

**LUTHER HOME OF MERCY GOLF OUTING:** The 36<sup>th</sup> annual golf outing is Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am (shotgun start) at Maumee Bay Golf Course, 1750 Park Rd. #2, in Oregon. Price is \$80 per golfer. If you round up to \$100, you will receive a package of a dozen raffle tickets and 3 mulligans. Prizes awarded for the winning foursome in each division: men's, women's, and mixed (2 women and 2 men on a team). Contact Megan O'Brien at 419-972-4436 or [mobrien@lutherhome.org](mailto:mobrien@lutherhome.org) with questions. Register at [lutherhome.org](http://lutherhome.org) or return completed registration forms to Luther Home of Mercy, Attn: Megan O'Brien, PO Box 187, Williston, Ohio 43468. (First St. John's church office has a registration form as well.)