

ANNOUNCEMENTS – August 1st

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God in honor and memory of our grandparents, parents, daughter, sister, and brother-in-law, given by Paul and Mary Rang (2 vases); and in honor of Aubrey Ann Arbinger's baptism today, given by Grandma Lofquist.

MESSENGERS are presented in loving memory of Iva Grant and her son Douglas, and in honor of her grandson Ric Bailey, given by their family.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

7-25-21: 90 Online: 46 Total: 136

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

None of which we are aware.

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Family of Lucille Paul, Anne Everett, Chuck (no last name given), Chad (no last name given), Family of Paul Feher, Family of Jean Fry, Mickey Jurrus Gill, Family of Carol Lorenzen, Todd Reynolds

Ongoing Concerns: Thomas Abalos, Sr., Art Balk, Lynn Balogh, Bennett (no last name), Karen Bless, Pastor Joe Brosious, Amy Brumley, 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), 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, Kellie Ulrich, Jane Vargo, Mark Walker, Nick Wasserman, Katelyn Weirich, Jeff Wheeler, Bill Wiener, Sharon Winslow, John Yard, Ruth Zasada, Raetta Zeisler

CALENDAR FOR AUG. 1 – AUG. 7

<u>Today</u>	9:00 am	- Worship / Baptism / Communion
<u>Monday</u>	6:30 pm	- Altar Guild Meeting in Lounge
<u>Friday</u>		- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
		- Last Day of Summer School
<u>Saturday</u>	8:00 am	- Winslow Memorial Golf Tournament at Eagle's Landing Course
	11:30 am	- Rebecca Circle - Maumee Bay State Park Restaurant

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).

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family of Lucille Paul. Lucille passed away on Thursday. As of this printing, funeral arrangements are pending.

THANK YOU to Bill Hamilton for being our hymn leader and for providing the special music during the offertory this morning.

THANK YOU! Thank you very much to Larry Paul, Dave Hodges, Chuck Bell, and Dan Huguely for all the hours you spent assembling my new desk; to Lori Pfeiffer for painting the office walls and cabinets; and to Matt DeWitt for re-assembling the computer cables after the desk was placed in my office. Thanks also to Church Council for approving the expenditure. My office looks great! -- *Toni Wilbarger*

BAPTISM TODAY is for Aubrey Ann Arbinger, born April 30, 2021 to Michael and Cory (Lofquist) Arbinger. Sponsors are Josh and Kristin Hooper.

NOTICE REGARDING BAPTISMAL INSERTS: Since the baptismal liturgy can be used for all baptisms, we would like to begin reusing them to save on paper and color copy expenses. After the service today, please remove the baptismal insert from the bulletin and place it in the box on the table next to the wooden church that we use for the offering. Thank you!

DAVID WINSLOW MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT NEXT WEEKEND: 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.*

NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE THIS FALL: Church Council has approved a new schedule for when we return to two services this fall. It's a little different, but just by 15 minutes. The new schedule will start on Rally Day, which is September 12th.

8:00 am - Early Service
9:15 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Second Service

YOUTH GAME NIGHT: All incoming 7th through 12th graders are invited to attend a Game Night on Sunday, August 15th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. We will gather in the youth room in the basement of the Educational Building to enjoy food from available food trucks we will have that day. Then we'll head outside for games. I look forward to meeting you all! -- *Jacob Kelly, Youth & Family Minister*

NEW! TWITTER ACCOUNT FOR YOUTH & FAMILY: Now you can join us on Twitter! The name of the account is First St. John Lutheran Youth and Family Ministry, and you can pull it up by typing **@FirstStJohnYF** in Twitter's search bar. If you have any questions or need help locating it, please call our Youth and Family Minister, Jacob Kelly, at 419-356-2690 or emailing him at fsiyouth@firststjohn.com

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

REBECCA CIRCLE NEWS: The Rebecca Circle will meet on Saturday, August 7th 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 10th 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!

MIRIAM CIRCLE MEETING CHANGE: We are postponing our get-together until Wednesday, August 11th at 11:30 am at the Oregon Inn restaurant. Please note the change of date and location, which is different from what was in the newsletter. See you then!

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING PLANNING MEETINGS: 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 8th, 2021** and **August 15th, 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*

DAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: All prospective students and parents are welcome to attend our Open House on Sunday, August 15th 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!

WELCA MEETING: Our next meeting will be Monday, August 16th at 6:30 pm in the lounge.

160th COMMITTEE MEETING: We will meet in person on Monday, August 16th at 7:30 pm in the lounge.

RSVP FOR OUR 160th ANNIVERSARY LUNCH: Our 160th Anniversary Kick-off worship service with Bishop Daniel Beaudoin preaching is rapidly approaching on Sunday, October 24th at 10:00 am (note we only have one worship service that day). A catered luncheon will follow the service at approximately 11:30 am. So that we know how many to plan for, PLEASE RSVP for the lunch by calling the church office at 419-691-7222 or Bob Haar at 419-250-9409. There will be a freewill offering to offset the cost of the food. Deadline for reservations is Sunday, October 10th. Let's have a BIG turnout for the worship service and the luncheon. Want to help? Please call Bob Haar. Thanks.

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS 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 12th at 9:15 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 7th grade this fall, please call Toni in the church office at 419-691-7222 to sign up. Students are encouraged to invite their friends!

RALLY DAY: Rally Day this year is Sunday, September 12th. On that day, we will have several events! At 9:15 is the kick-off for JAM (Jesus and Me) Sunday School and catechism orientation. At the 10:30 service (note time changes for this year), we will install the JAM and Day School teachers, kick off our Operation Christmas Child collection, and Pastor will bless the backpacks that the children will bring that day. Following the 10:30 service, we will have a picnic to which everyone is invited. Don't miss it!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: Children and youth are encouraged to bring their school backpacks with them to church on Rally Day, September 12th at 10:30 am. During the service, pastor will bless all the backpacks and the children who will carry them for the start of the new school year.

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!

CDs OF DR. TONY'S MUSIC AVAILABLE: We still have a few CDs of Dr. Pattin's music left to purchase in the church office. We now have five CDs available at \$15 each. Here are the list of titles with the number of CDs still available in parentheses. 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.)

With a Touch of Class (3)
Live From New York (2)
Recital Highlights (2)
Tidings of Comfort and Joy (3)
Trip Down Memory Lane (1)

CHURCH MEMORABILIA NEEDED: The 160th 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 19th** (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 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.

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

“BUILD A BED. CHANGE A LIFE”: On Saturday, September 11th at 9:00 am, St. Peter Lutheran Church in Martin, Ohio (by Blackberry Corners) is partnering with *Let's Build Beds* to serve children in NW Ohio who are in need. Their goal is to build 50 beds. Volunteers of all ages are needed—there will be jobs for every age and experience level. This project includes the frame, mattress, and bedding. There are several ways to get involved, either by volunteering to build beds, donating money (\$200 buys lumber for a frame, mattress, and bedding), donating new twin size bedding (neutral colors preferred), and by praying for the teams who will be working on this project. You can sign up to help or donate online at <http://tinyurl.com/letsbuildbeds> or by calling 419-836-8903 or 567-483-0056. St. Peter Lutheran is located at 17877 W. State Route 579 near Blackberry Corners and Elliston-Trowbridge Rd.

LUTHERAN MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE: The pre-season meeting will be Wednesday, August 18th at 7:00 pm at Interstate Lanes. (The new season begins Monday, September 13th 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

LUTHER HOME OF MERCY GOLF OUTING: The 36th annual golf outing is Friday, August 20th 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 with questions. Register at 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.)