

ANNOUNCEMENTS – August 29th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Marjorie Blum, given by her husband, George (2 vases).

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

8-22-21: 96 Online: 34 Total: 130

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

None of which we are aware.

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Family of Lynn Osgood, Bruce (no last name given), Family of Chad Martin, Family of Dolores Heilman, Joanne Koch, Family of Norman Kujawa, Laureen (no last name given), Dustin Lively, Shelley Sherman, Jeff Wheeler, Family of Chuck Wood

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, Herb Frey, Paulette Gaiimo, Mickey Jurrus Gill, Grace Harris Greenbank, Toni Henline, Gary Henningsen, Karen Huber, Pastor Beth Huener, Dana Justice, Mark Kieswetter, Tom Kohn, Ada Kreger, Heidi LeGrand, Linda (no last name), Joyce Martin, Evan Matheney, Bonnie Meier, Donna Miller, Liz Perozek, Pam Pirolli, John Ranchan, Todd Reynolds, Steven Riegle, Logan Roberts, Ann 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, Bill Wiener, Sharon Winslow, John Yard, Raetta Zeisler

CALENDAR FOR AUG. 29 – SEPT. 5

<u>Today</u>	9:00 am	- Worship
<u>Thursday</u>	7:00 pm	- Choir Practice
<u>Saturday</u>	11:30 am	- Cremation Burial for Frederick Johlin

THANK YOU to Mary Mortemore for sharing her music with us and filling in for Dr. Tony while he's on vacation. Thanks also to Bob Haar for officiating today and next week while Pastor Rayl is on vacation.

THANK YOU for your expression of sympathy for the loss of our Mom, Lucille Paul. The prayers, cards and donations were very much appreciated. The cards that were sent to Mom while she was in Genacross lifted her spirits. Thank you Pastor Rayl for your visits and the beautiful service you performed at her funeral. Thank you to the Bereavement Committee and all those that provided deserts. Your thoughtfulness, acts of kindness and love truly showed. Words cannot express how appreciative we are for our church family.
-- The Paul Family

THANK YOU to everyone who donated to or was a part of the David Winslow Memorial Golf Scrambles tournament held on August 7th. We had 99 golfers and raised \$5,720 for the First St. John Winslow Scholarship Fund.

THANK YOU: Your recent gift of \$286 to the Genacross Lutheran Services Toledo Ministry, as well as the other gifts we have received in the past, is strong evidence of your sharing in the gospel with us. First St. John has been a faithful friend of Genacross (and especially the Toledo Home) for so many years. You are truly part of our ministry! Blessings to you!

-- Dr. Jim Dumke, VP for Mission Integration, Genacross Lutheran Services

NOTICE: If you enter the Educational Building during the week while the Day School is in session, we ask that all visitors please wear a mask. Thank you.

MIRIAM CIRCLE NEWS: The Miriam Circle will meet on Wednesday, September 1st at 9:30 am in the lounge. Please remember to bring your "Women of the Bible" book with you. See you then!

CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN AGAIN: As of this printing, we are planning to start choir rehearsals on Thursday, September 2nd at 7:00 pm. Choir members should have received either an email or a letter from Annette this past week with additional details. If you would like to join our choir, we'd LOVE to see you! Call our Music Director, Annette Slater, at 419-262-0880 or aslater@firststjohn.com for more information. See you soon!

CONNECT WITH US ON TWITTER AND INSTAGRAM: 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. ALSO, First St. John Lutheran Church is now on Instagram! You can find the Instagram account by searching for First St. John Lutheran Church and then clicking on the profile that is titled **fsjyouth**. The account has a profile picture of the church. If you have any questions or need help locating either of these accounts, please call our Youth and Family Minister, Jacob Kelly, at 419-691-7222 or emailing him at fsjyouth@firststjohn.com

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet next on Tuesday, September 7th. Place and time are yet to be determined.

RUTH CIRCLE: The Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday September 7th at 11:00 am in the lounge for our Bible Study from The Men of the Bible. It will be on Judah. Pastor Rayl will lead the study.

REBECCA CIRCLE The Rebecca Circle will meet on Saturday, September 11th at 11:30 am in the lounge. Please bring your own lunch and beverage.

PASTOR BLOHM IS RETIRING: We have received word that Pastor Blohm is retiring at the end of this month (today is his last Sunday). For those who would like to send cards and well wishes, please mail them to: 920 Reynolds Circle, Oregon, OH 43616.

ALTAR GUILD: Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 13th at 6:30 pm in the lounge.

FIRST ST. JOHN'S BELL CHOIR is always looking for new members! If you are interested in trying it out, please call Cheri Sergent at 419-410-3572.

ORIENTATION FOR FALL CATECHISM: 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!

TENTS NEEDED FOR RALLY DAY: We are in need of canopy tents to use for our After Party on Rally Day, September 12th (see article below for more information). If you have one you can donate, please call the church office at 419-691-7222. Thank you!

RALLY DAY – JAM NEWS: On September 12th we will have our first JAM classes of the season starting at 9:15 am. After church that day, please join us for the Rally Day After Party! This includes a variety of food trucks with food available to purchase. ALL CHILDREN 14 AND UNDER WILL EAT FOR FREE!! It will be a day of fun, filled with carnival games, food, face painting, a bounce house, photo opportunities, and other exciting activities. Come hungry for God's Word, amazing food, fellowship, and lots of fun. Don't forget on this glorious day that the Day School also will be singing in church AND remember to bring your backpacks because Pastor Rayl will bless them during the worship service. See you soon!!!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD KICK-OFF: In honor of our 160th anniversary celebration, the Sunday School children and staff have a challenge for you — our BIG goal is to have 160 filled shoeboxes for our 160th anniversary! We've taken the first step to achieve our goal by supplying the empty, but decorated shoeboxes for you. All 160 empty shoeboxes will be on display for Rally Day on September 12th. Take a box and fill it up! We will collect boxes until Sunday, November 21st. Please help us meet our goal and share the message of God's love with 160 children around the world.

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.

TEACHER INSTALLATION: As part of our Rally Day celebration this year on September 12th, we will install both the JAM and Day School teachers at the 10:30 am service (note time change of second service).

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

CHAPEL COMMUNION BEGINS: We will again hold chapel communion services on a monthly basis starting Sunday, September 12th at 2:00 pm. Our regular chapel communion Sunday will be the first Sunday of the month, but we changed it for September because of the Labor Day holiday.

YOUTH GAME NIGHT: There will be another youth event on Sunday, September 19th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. This event will be a "meet-and-greet" with pizza, beverages, and games provided. This is another wonderful way for me to get to know you. I look forward to seeing you all then!

—Jacob Kelly, Youth & Family Minister

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BREAKFAST BEGINNING NEXT MONTH: Have you missed the Saturday morning men's and women's fellowship breakfasts? We are going to resume the breakfast meetings beginning Saturday, September 25th at 8:00 am at the Woodville Diner on Woodville Rd. Separate men's and women's breakfasts will be led by Bob and Sherrie Haar. For more information and to RSVP, please call Bob at 419-250-9409. See you there.

MOVIE NIGHT IS BACK: As of this printing, we are planning to begin our movie nights again on Sunday, October 3rd, 2021. The movie that we are showing will be "RISEN," which is a Biblical story of Jesus' resurrection, as told through the eyes of a non-believer. A light supper of individually wrapped sliders, snacks, popcorn, pop, and water will be provided from 5:00 to 5:45 pm, with the movie starting directly afterwards. The movie is rated PG-13 and runs 1 hour and 50 minutes.

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

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 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 or filling out the slip below and placing it in the little wooden church in the Narthex where you place your offering. Deadline for reservations is Sunday, October 10th. Let's have a BIG turnout for the service and the luncheon. Want to help? Please call Bob Haar. Thanks.

Yes! I/we will attend the 160th Anniversary Luncheon on Sunday, October 24th.

Name(s) _____

FIRST ST. JOHN CRAFT SHOW: First St. John will once again hold a craft show in our gym on Saturday, November 13th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you are interested in purchasing a table to sell your craft item, please call the church office at 419-691-7222 or Karyl Antoine at 419-350-7040. Table rental is \$20 per 8 ft. table or \$25 if you need electricity. Stay tuned to future newsletters and bulletins for more information.

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS FOR AUGUST is bars of body soap. (Our item for September is adult and baby shampoo.) 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.

SIGNING UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS 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 prefer. 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 and have Toni sign you up for whichever Sunday you wish. Thank you so much for helping!

OUR SUPPLY OF DR. TONY'S CDs HAVE BEEN REPLENISHED: CDs of Dr. Pattin's music are available for purchase at \$15 each in the church office. Here is the list of titles with the number of CDs 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 (5)

Recital Highlights (5)

Trip Down Memory Lane (3)

Live From New York (6)

Tidings of Comfort and Joy (6)

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE The U.S. Wildfires out west and the recent devastating earthquake in Haiti are just two of the many places Lutheran Disaster Response is helping around the world. If you would like to make a donation, you can go online to <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response> and choose which area you would like to support. Or, you can donate by calling 1-800-638-3522 or send a check or money order to: Lutheran Disaster Response, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 Write "Haiti Crisis" or "U.S. Wildfires" on your check memo line, depending on the area to which you would like to donate. Thank you so much for your help.

"GLORY WAY" MUSIC CONCERT TODAY at 2:00 pm at Unity United Methodist Church. Glory Way is a men's gospel singing group from Mansfield, Ohio. Tickets are \$10; call Arnie at 419-698-3240 for information. Unity United is located at 1910 E. Broadway St. in Northwood, Ohio.

"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.