

ANNOUNCEMENTS – September 12th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in honor of the 53rd wedding anniversary of Bill and Cathy Caldwell; in loving memory of William Winslow and his friend James Sommers, given by Mike and Donna Winslow; and in honor of John Ranchan on his 85th birthday on September 7th, given by his wife, Sharon, daughter Michele, and son-in-law Tom Gaskins.

CHANCEL LIGHTING is presented in honor of Chelsea Bell Weber's birthday, given by Mom, Dad, James, and Addison.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

9-5-21: 67 Online: 36 Total: 103

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

None of which we are aware.

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Clara Dunn, Family of Lynn Osgood, Bruce (no last name given), Family of Chad Martin, Family of Dolores Heilman, 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 Giaimo, Mickey Jurrus Gill, Grace Harris Greenbank, 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, 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 SEP. 12 – SEP. 18

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- Worship / Communion
	9:15 am	- JAM Sunday School – Rally Day
	9:15 am	- Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	- Worship
	11:30 am	- Rally Day After Party
	2:00 pm	- Chapel Communion
<u>Monday</u>	6:30 pm	- Altar Guild Meeting
<u>Thursday</u>	7:00 pm	- Choir Practice
<u>Friday</u>		- Hodges / Johnson Wedding Rehearsal (off site)
<u>Saturday</u>		- Hodges / Johnson Wedding (off site)

WELCOME to First St. John Lutheran Church! Also, we welcome back all our kids and parents, and our JAM and Day School teachers. We're so happy you're here! If you are visiting with us, please sign the guest book, located in the Narthex (lobby).

THANK YOU: What a pleasant surprise to receive so many greeting cards for my 80th birthday! A big thank you to each of you for your thoughtfulness. It made my day! -- *Fondly, Winnie Wohlgamuth*

RALLY DAY AFTER PARTY! Join us after the 10:30 service today for our 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!! We'll also have monster truck rides, carnival games, food, face painting, a bounce house, photo opportunities, and other exciting activities.

ORIENTATION FOR FALL CATECHISM TODAY: Catechism orientation is TODAY at 9:15 am in the catechism room (located on the middle floor of the Educational Building near the ladies restroom). Students who are now in the **6th or 7th grade** are encouraged to come. Invite your friends!

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 TODAY. 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.

DAY SCHOOL AIDE NEEDED: First St. John Day School is looking to hire a part time aide. We are looking for someone to work 8:30 am -12:30 pm Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and also to fill in as a substitute when needed. If you have a love for children and are looking for something to fill your time, we would love to have you join us. Please call the Day School office for more information at 419-691-6480 or download an application from our website at www.firststjohndayschool.org/applications/

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY: Join us in the lounge today at 9:15 am as we discuss the Bible relative to the issues of the day. We meet every Sunday at 9:15 am. (The lounge is located through the door by the choir loft—just turn right and you're there!)

CHAPEL COMMUNION BEGINS TODAY: We will again hold chapel communion services on a monthly basis starting TODAY at 2:00 pm. Our regular chapel communion is on the first Sunday of the month.

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

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

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*

PORTALS OF PRAYER: These daily devotional booklets for October through December are now available for pick up in the Narthex (lobby), in the caddy outside the door by the choir loft (small print), and in the lounge. These are free to all.

160th ANNIVERSARY KICKOFF EVENT: Please circle Sunday, October 24th on your calendars. We will have our 160 Anniversary kickoff celebration that day, which will include a visit from Bishop Daniel Beaudoin and a luncheon afterwards in the Fellowship hall. See separate announcement below on signing up for the luncheon. Please make plans to attend and help us celebrate 160 years of ministry here at First St. John.

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) _____

2021 CANDY CRAWL – CANDY & HELP NEEDED: Since it was such a great event last year, we are again joining with several local churches and businesses for a “Candy Crawl” on Sunday, October 24th 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. This was well attended last year, so we’ll need bags of candy (like you’d buy for Halloween) to make this a successful event. We will be putting several pieces in Ziploc bags for the children to take. You can bring your candy to worship and place in the collection box we’ll have in the back or bring it to the church office during the week. We’ll also need help the day the afternoon of the 24th to set up, hand out candy during the event, and take tables down afterward. Thank you for all your help!

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS 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.

MEN’S AND WOMEN’S BREAKFAST: 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.

DARTBALL BEGINS: The Lutheran Men’s Dartball league starts a new season beginning Monday, October 4th at 7:30 pm. Our two First St. John men’s teams are at home that evening. Please contact Bob Haar at 419-250-9409 with any questions.

ROAST PORK DRIVE-THRU DINNER: Join us on Saturday, November 6th when First St. John will have a Roast Pork Drive-Thru dinner from 4:00 to 7:00 pm or until we sell out. The meal will consist of roast pork and gravy, red skin potatoes, coleslaw, roll and butter and a cookie. The price will be \$10.00 per dinner. Chef Butch’s Country Catering from Pemberville Rd. in Northwood will prepare the food.

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.

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.

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.

HURRICANE DAMAGE - LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE: The impact of Hurricane Ida is yet to be fully assessed, but with a hurricane of this scale, rebuilding will be costly and take years. Lutheran Disaster Response is working with local ELCA synods and Lutheran social service organizations to coordinate a response to Hurricane Ida. Immediate needs will include basic necessities and temporary housing. 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> 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. You can write “U.S. Hurricanes” on the memo line of the check. Thank you.