

ANNOUNCEMENTS – September 5th

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Marcia on our 60th wedding anniversary, given by Darold Henninger (2 vases); and in honor of Darold Henninger on his 80th birthday on September 6th, given by Debbie Henninger and Joan Probasco.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

8-29-21: 73 ** No recording last week, so no online viewing. **

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 Heilmann, 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 Giaimo, 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 SEP. 5 – SEP. 11

<u>Today</u>	9:00 am	- Worship / Communion
<u>Monday</u>		- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:00 am	- Ruth Circle in Lounge
	6:30 pm	- Day School Board Meeting
	6:30 pm	- Hannah Circle at Mel-O-Creme
<u>Thursday</u>	7:00 pm	- Choir Practice
	11:30 am	- Rebecca Circle in Lounge

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 Bob Haar for leading us in worship this morning while Pastor Rayl is on vacation.

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

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 who 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

NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE STARTS NEXT WEEK: 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.

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Hours for the church office return to 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, beginning Tuesday.

FOUND: Reader glasses, purple and silver, found in the ladies restroom in the church basement. If they are yours, please see Toni in the church office to claim.

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!

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 **6th or 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!

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.

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 at 6:30 pm at the Mel-O-Creme in Millbury.

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.

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 (September 12th), we will install the JAM and Day School teachers at the 10:30 am service (note time change of 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.

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.

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: 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 LUNCHEON: Our 160th Anniversary worship service with Bishop Daniel Beaudoin preaching is approaching on Sunday, October 24th at 10:00 am (we only have one worship service that day). A catered luncheon will follow 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) _____

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: We 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.

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 (4)

Recital Highlights (4)

Trip Down Memory Lane (2)

Live From New York (5)

Tidings of Comfort and Joy (5)

SIGNING UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS 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 (\$15 per vase). You can commemorate someone's birthday, anniversary, graduations, weddings, holidays, retirement, or new baby. Or you can give flowers in memory of someone. The sign up book is under the main bulletin board in the Narthex (lobby) for you to sign up. Envelopes for payment are also in the book; you can put your donation in the wooden box 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!

HURRICANE IDA - LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE: As a strong Category 4 storm, Hurricane Ida's 150 mph winds, torrential rain and strong storm surge caused widespread flooding and wind damage in southeastern Louisiana and coastal Mississippi. Strong winds knocked out power lines and electrical substations, leaving more than 1 million people without power, including the entirety of New Orleans. In some areas, electricity is not expected to be restored for weeks. The impact of 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 Write "U.S. Hurricanes" on your check memo line. Thank you so much for your help.

RUMMAGE SALE: Unity United Methodist Church is having a big Rummage Sale on September 8th-10th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, also on September 11th from 9:00 am to noon, September 15th-17th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, and September 18th from 9:00 am to noon (bag day). Food can be purchased from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. The church is located at 1910 E. Broadway in Northwood.

"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.