

ANNOUNCEMENTS – October 24th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in honor of Dr. Mike Schweizer on his birthday on October 9th, given by the Verlène & Edward Schweizer family; in loving memory of our mother and grandmother Lucille Schuetz on her birthday, given by the Schuetz and Cromly families; and in honor of First St. John Lutheran's 160th anniversary, given by the Altar Guild.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

10-10-21: 8:00 am: 44 10:30 am: 110 Online: 32 Total: 186
10-17-21: 8:00 am: 40 10:30 am: 86 Online: 20 Total: 146

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Mary Gillespie – Orchard Villa, Hospice Care

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Toni Henline, Family of Nancy Rupp, Louise Sommers, Family of Edie Felhaber, Christine Balk, Raedell Long, Scott Giaimo & family, Terry Mays, Carlene Trost, Dan Bibish, Mary Gillespie, Tom Hartford, Dustin Lively, Nick (no last name given), Jeff Wheeler

Ongoing Concerns: Lynn Balogh, Bennett (no last name), Karen Bless, Pastor Joe Brosious, Bruce (no last name given), Amy Brumley, Lori Capitola, Jeannette Carlo, Pat Christy, Marjorie Counterman, Nancy Coy, Hannah Culler & family, Mary Ann Davies, Olivia & Delaney Dawkins, Dawn (no last name given), Chiara Del-Mace, Emmalyn (no last name given), Paulette Giaimo, Mickey Jurrus Gill, Grace Harris Greenbank, Gary Henningsen, Pastor Beth Huener, Dana Justice, Mark Kieswetter, Joanne Koch, Tom Kohn, Ada Kreger, Laureen (no last name given), 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, Shelley Sherman, 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 OCT. 24 – OCT. 30

<u>Today</u>	9:15 am	- Catechism
	10:00 am	- Worship – 160 th Anniversary Celebration
	11:30 am	- Anniversary Luncheon in Gym
	4:00 pm	- Candy Crawl in front parking lot till 6:00 pm
<u>Monday</u>	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir
<u>Thursday</u>	7:00 pm	- Chancel Choir

WE WELCOME everyone this morning to our celebration of 160 years of ministry at First St. John Lutheran Church. We give a special welcome to Bishop Daniel Beaudoin of the NW Ohio Synod of the ELCA for visiting with us today, and also to all our visiting musicians who have come to help us celebrate, and to Jordan Cummerow, our cross bearer. Thank you, one and all, for making this a wonderful day.

2021 CANDY CRAWL TODAY: Since it was such a great event last year, we are again joining with several local churches and businesses for a “Candy Crawl” TODAY 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 community locations. Thank you to everyone for your donations of candy.

REBECCA CIRCLE NEWS: Please note the Rebecca Circle will not meet in November.

CEMETERY REMEMBRANCE: Next Sunday, we will have a cemetery remembrance presentation showing the origin and history of our cemetery.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTERS can be picked up next Sunday in either the Narthex (lobby) or the lounge, if that is how you have chosen to receive yours.

DARTBALL HIGHLIGHT: When both our First St. John teams played each other last week, Team 1 took two out of three games against Team 2. At the bottom of the 11th inning, Milan “Babe” Youster scored a 2-run homer to win the game. Congratulations!

COMMUNITY DISCOUNT CARD FUNDRAISER: The Day School is having a fundraiser selling cards that allow you to enjoy special discounts at your favorite local vendors. The card is good from November 1, 2021 to November 1, 2022. Some of the savings include 15% off at El Camino Real, \$12 for a 20-pound propane tank refill at Gladieux Home Center, 10% off at Salad Galley, 10% off at Lee Williams House of Meats, 15% off a full service oil change at Valvoline, \$5 off \$25 at Live Lively Boutique, plus discounts at other local stores like Soap City Car Wash, Shawarmaholic, Beth Allen’s Florist, Great Clips, Eastern Lanes, and Marco’s Pizza. Cards are \$20, and you can purchase them in the Narthex after church today and also on upcoming Sundays. Or, you can purchase them from the church or Day School offices during the week. Thank you for supporting First St. John’s biggest ministry!

DAY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER PLANNING MEETING: Our Day School’s fundraising Gala is “on” again (after a long Covid hiatus) and is scheduled for November 5, 2022. This will be a BIG event with dinner & dancing, raffles, silent auction, and more. We also would like to discuss other fundraising ideas. If you would like to help with the Gala, we will have our first planning meeting on Tuesday, November 3, 2021 at 5:00 pm in the lounge. If you have questions, please call Andrea Buckley at 419-691-6480.

HATS, MITTENS, SOCKS AND BOOTS NEEDED: WELCA is collecting hats, mittens, socks, and boots for local school children. You can place your donations in the designated boxes in the Narthex or the lounge. Thank you for your generosity.

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 sold 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, payable when you pick up your meal (no tickets needed). Chef Butch’s Country Catering from Pemberville Rd. in Northwood will prepare the food.

FIRST ST. JOHN CRAFT SHOW – VENDOR SPOTS STILL OPEN: Our craft show is back! It will be Saturday, November 13th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the gym. At this time, we have about 10 tables still available. If you are interested in purchasing a table to sell your craft items, 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. Vendors are asked to donate one item from their inventory for a raffle. Lunch is available to purchase.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 7th: On that day we will read the names of those members of our congregation who passed away from November 1, 2020 to October 31, 2021. If you would like the name of your friend or relative who passed away prior to November 1, 2020 remembered in the bulletin that day (does not have to be a member), please write their name in the small booklet located near the bulletins in the Narthex or call the church office at 419-691-7222.

LET’S DO A BIBLE STUDY! Pastor Rayl is offering some opportunities for Bible Study this year. These will include the books of Genesis, Romans, the Gospel According to St. John, and The Lord’s Prayer. Please fill out the form below, then return it to the church office. Or you can indicate your preference by sending Pastor Rayl an email at (pastor1@firststjohn.com) or a text message to 567-395-0143. The requests will be compiled, and classes announced later. Thanks.

Name: _____

Contact Info (phone or email): _____

Bible Study Preferences: _____

Day & Time Preference: _____

Would a ZOOM online class be helpful? _____ YES _____ NO

FYI – ORDER FORMS FOR POINSETTIAS: Beginning next Sunday, you can order poinsettias to be placed in the altar area for Christmas Eve. You will have a choice of red or white poinsettias, and the cost is \$12 each. Deadline for turning in orders is December 5th.

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS FOR OCTOBER is adult toothbrushes (no more than four in a package, please) and toothpaste (children's not needed at this time). 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. Thank you!

MONTHLY MINISTRY OUTREACH: Before COVID hit we collected monetary donations each month for various charities. We have begun this worthwhile endeavor once more, starting with our own ministry, the Personal Needs Pantry. Monetary donations help our coordinator purchase items to make up for shortages in actual product donations. Special envelopes are in the pews for you to include a donation to the pantry. Please continue to bring in pantry products too, as the need is always great.

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.

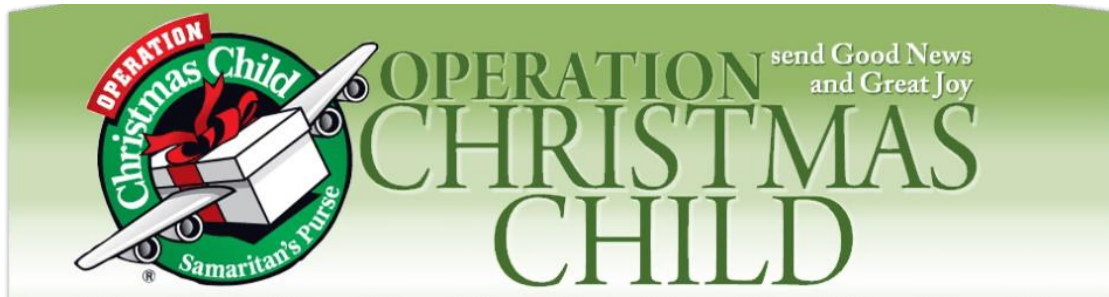
TOILET PAPER DRIVE: *East Region Churches United* (ERCU) is a gathering of east side churches, now in its third year. Two years ago, we collected more than 6,000 rolls that were distributed through several local organizations, including First St. John's Personal Needs Pantry. Collected toilet paper will benefit Ashland Church, Birmingham Food Pantry, Food For Thought at St. Paul's Episcopal, Helping Hands of St. Louis, Jerusalem Township Pantry, Martin Luther Lutheran, Providence Center, St. Mark's Lutheran, and our own Personal Needs Pantry. We will collect through October 31st and our donations will go to St. Paul's Episcopal for final distribution.

You can place your donations in the west alcove of the Narthex or in the lounge, or you can drop them off during the week to the church office. If you'd prefer to make a financial contribution, please send a check to St. Paul's Episcopal Church (798 S. Coy Rd., Oregon, OH 43616) with "Wipe Out Poverty" in the memo. Questions? Call Pastor Julie Beitelschees at 419-349-8341 or email her at jbeitel@bex.net.

PROCLAIM FM CHRISTMAS DINNER: Everyone is invited to a Christmas Dinner on Thursday, December 9th at 6:00 pm at Parkway Place in Maumee. Enjoy an elegant, served dinner with music by Swingmania and a night full of love and laughter with entertainers Kristin and Danny. You can purchase tickets online at www.proclaimfm.com Parkway Place is located at 2592 Parkway Plaza in Maumee, OH. Doors open at 5:30 pm.

KOLBASZ SAUSAGE FUNDRAISER: Calvin United Church of Christ Auxiliary will be making Kolbasz on Saturday, November 20th. Kolbasz can be ordered in bulk or casing form for \$5.00 per pound. To place your order, call the Calvin office at 419-691-3033 (Opt. 4) anytime. Orders can be picked up that day from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please place your order by Saturday, November 13th. Calvin United is located at 1946 Bakewell St. in Toledo.

ADOPT-A-RESIDENT FOR CHRISTMAS: The Luther Home of Mercy welcomes everyone to participate in the opportunity for families and groups to give back in the upcoming holiday season and bring joy to the residents of the Luther Home of Mercy. Their hope is that each resident will have a present under the tree this Christmas. When you sign up, you will receive a list of gift ideas specific to the resident you are adopting. Simply purchase gifts and deliver them to Luther Home of Mercy a few weeks before Christmas. If you are interested in adopting a resident or would like more information, please call Arielle Semer at 419-972-4431 or email asemer@lutherhome.org



In honor of our 160th anniversary celebration, our BIG goal is to have 160 filled shoeboxes for our 160th anniversary! We've supplied the empty shoeboxes for you in the Narthex and the lounge. We will collect boxes until Sunday, November 21st. *If you can, please add \$9 per box to help with shipping.*

Thank you for helping us meet our goal and share the message of God's love with 160 children around the world.

Shoebox Gift Suggestions

Crafts & Activities

Pencils & Erasers, Crayons, Coloring books, Watercolor set, Playdough, Stickers, Jump rope, Make-it-yourself craft kit, Puzzles, Binoculars, Fishing kit, Gardening kit with gloves and trowel (no seeds), Magnets, Playing cards, Chalkboard and chalk

Personal Care Items

Comb, Hair Brush, Toothbrush, Washcloth, Bandages (colorful), Cup, Water bottle, Plate, Bowl, Bracelets, Sunglasses, Non-liquid lip balm, Flashlight (solar powered or hand crank; if battery operated please include extra batteries), Stick deodorant (for ages 10-14)

Clothing & Accessories

Shirt, Pants, Underwear, Purse, Shoes & Socks, Flip-flops, Hats, Scarves, Mittens, Wristwatch, Hair bows, Tote bag, Bead jewelry kit, Hair clips, ribbons, or bands, Bandana

Toys

Foam Ball, Finger puppets, Slinky, Etch-a-Sketch, Interactive toys with push buttons (include extra batteries), Tennis Ball, Play cars/trucks/boats, Plastic dinosaurs, Yo-yo, Small Frisbee, Costume jewelry, Hacky sack, Kaleidoscope

A "Wow" Item

Doll, Stuffed Animal, Harmonica, Outfit of clothing, Soccer ball, Football, Toy cars, Baseball & mitt

School Supplies

Pencils, Small manual pencil sharpener, Markers, Solar-powered calculator, Blank index cards, Safety (blunt tip) scissors, Pencil case, Glue stick (non-liquid), Ruler

Please note that the following items should not be included in your box: Vaseline®, scary items (things that will frighten a child rather than bring joy), war-related items (such as toy soldiers, military vehicles, or wearable camouflage), liquid paint sets or liquid glue, rubber balls with liquid filling, liquid lip gloss, matches or fire starters, seeds, sand/rocks/shells gathered from nature, all types of food, candy, or gum, medications or vitamins, toothpaste, nail polish, money or play money, baby powder, liquids or lotions, breakable items or glass containers, aerosol cans, used clothing or toys. Thank you.