

ANNOUNCEMENTS – October 3rd

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God in honor of Mark Ackerman’s birthday, given by his loving family; and in honor of John & Ruth Shilling and Don & Lillian Shinew, given by their children.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

9-26-21: 8:00 am: 35 10:30 am: 69 Online 10:30 am: 38 Total: 142

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Mary Gillespie – Orchard Villa, Hospice Care

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Terry Mays, Carlene Trost, Dan Bibish, Family of Collin Folk, Mary Gillespie, Tom Hartford, Dustin Lively, Nick (no last name given), Family of Pietro Spallino, Jeff Wheeler Shelley

Ongoing Concerns: Art Balk, 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, Toni Henline, 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, Skylar (no last name given), Sherman, 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. 3 – OCT. 9

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- Worship / Communion
	9:15 am	- JAM Sunday School
	9:15 am	- Catechism
	10:30 am	- Worship
	2:00 pm	- Chapel Communion
	5:00 pm	- Movie Night in Gym
<u>Monday</u>	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir in Church
	6:30 pm	- Altar Guild
	7:30 pm	- Dartball (Home)
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:00 am	- Ruth Circle
<u>Wednesday</u>	9:30 am	- Miriam Circle
<u>Thursday</u>	7:00 pm	- Choir Practice
<u>Friday</u>		- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

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).

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER PICK UP: For those who agreed to pick up their newsletters here at church, the October newsletter is in the Narthex on the Welcome Center shelf (near the Portals of Prayer).

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE: The church secretary will be on vacation the week of October 11th and will be printing both the October 10th and 17th bulletins this week. Please have any information you would like included in the bulletins for those two weeks turned in to the office by Tuesday, October 5th. You can call 419-691-7222 or email office@firststjohn.com to reach the secretary.

MOVIE NIGHT TONIGHT: Join us tonight at 5:00 pm for the return of movie night. We will be showing “RISEN,” 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. Bring your friends!

ALTAR GUILD NEWS: We will meet tomorrow, October 4th at 6:30 pm.

DARTBALL BEGINS TOMORROW: 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.

RUTH CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, October 5th at 11:00 am in the lounge. Pastor Rayl will lead our Bible study on Moses.

MIRIAM CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, October 6th at 9:30 am in the lounge. Please remember to bring your Women of the Bible book for our Bible study that day.

MONTHLY MINISTRY OUTREACH: As you may recall, before COVID hit we collected monetary donations each month for various charities. We are beginning this worthwhile endeavor once more, starting today 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.

CEMETERY CLEAN UP: Our semi-annual cemetery clean up will be Saturday, October 16th at 9:00 am. Volunteers needed! Please bring brooms and garbage bags. If you have items on a grave that you would like to keep—older decorations, grave blankets, holiday decorations, etc.—please remove them before October 16th. Thank you.

BIBLE PRESENTATION OCTOBER 10th: Next Sunday at the 10:30 am service, we will present Bibles to our catechism students. We hope these Bibles will be well read, not just during their catechism years, but for many more years to come.

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 specially marked boxes in the Narthex and/or in the lounge. Thank you for your generosity.

ATTENTION: 2022 BUDGET PLANNING: The Finance Committee will start working on the 2021 budget soon! Group leaders, please email your budget requests to treasurer@firststjohn.com by October 15th. Thank you.

YOUTH NIGHT – “MESSY DONUTS”: Join us for a fun, Halloween-themed evening of “messy” donuts, candy, and more! We'll meet in the gym on Sunday, October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. See you soon!

HARVEST FESTIVAL will be Sunday, October 17th. We welcome donations of produce to decorate the altar area for that day. You can drop them off at the church as the date gets closer. For more information, call Beth Hugueley at 419-350-0529.

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

TOILET PAPER DRIVE: *East Region Churches United (ERCU)* is a gathering of churches in Oregon, Northwood, Genoa, East Toledo and surrounding communities, 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. In 2020 we had to suspend our annual collection because of Covid concerns. But we are collecting this year to ensure our most vulnerable populations are not left without. Collected toilet paper will benefit Ashland Church, Birmingham Food Pantry, Food For Thought at St. Paul's Episcopal and Waite High School, 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; whatever we collect will go to St. Paul's Episcopal for final distribution.

You can place your donations in the west alcove of the Narthex, set them in the lounge, or 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.

WELCA MEETING: Our next meeting is Monday, October 18th at 6:30 pm in the lounge. **All** women of First St. John Lutheran are invited to attend.

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, October 19th at 6:30 pm in the catechism room (down the hall from the lounge).

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: Our next men's and women's fellowship breakfast will be Saturday, October 23rd 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.

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!

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 on signing up for the luncheon. Please make plans to attend and help us celebrate 160 years of ministry here at First St. John.

DEADLINE FOR 160th LUNCH RSVP IS NEXT WEEK! If you plan to attend the luncheon for our 160th Anniversary, please turn in your RSVP by Sunday, October 10th. The special worship & lunch is Sunday, October 24th at 10:00 am (note we only have one worship service that day). There are several ways to RSVP. **There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex**, or you can call the church office at 419-691-7222 or Bob Haar at 419-250-9409 or by filling out the slip below and placing it in the little wooden church in the Narthex where you place your offering. Want to help? Please call Bob Haar. Thanks.

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

Name(s) _____

Yes! I/we will help with set up or clean up for the luncheon.

Set Up: _____ (name) Clean Up: _____ (name)

CATECHISM INFORMATION: We **WILL** have catechism class on Sunday, October 24th at 9:15 am as that is the day of the first in-person quiz. Please watch the live-streamed recording of the October 24th service (when it becomes available) and complete your notes then. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – JESUS AND ME: We will cancel Sunday School on October 24th since that is the day of our single worship service at 10:00 am to kick off our 160th anniversary. Please mark your calendars.

CEMETERY REMEMBRANCE: As part of our 160th year observances, we will have a cemetery remembrance presentation on Sunday, October 31st, showing the origin and history of the cemetery.

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

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 7th: On that day, we read the names of those members of our congregation who passed away from November 1, 2020 to the present. 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.

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!

FIRST ST. JOHN CRAFT SHOW: Our craft show is back! It will be Saturday, November 13th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the gym. 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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD ADDITIONAL INFO: 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. Empty shoeboxes are in the Narthex for you to take and fill up. We will collect boxes until Sunday, November 21st. *If you can, please add \$9 per box to help with shipping.* **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 for helping us meet our goal and share the message of God's love with 160 children around the world.

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.

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.