

ANNOUNCEMENTS – October 31st

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Aunt Mil and Aunt Ruby, given by the Schuetz and Cromly families; in honor of Reformation Sunday, given by John & Judi Shilling; and in honor of all the “behind the scenes” volunteers at First St. John, given by Penny DeWitt.

ROSE ON THE LECTURN is to honor Roann Cody Baron, born May 8, 2021 to Nicolas and Jessica Baron.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

10-24-21: 10:00 am: 195 Online: 236 Total: 431

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Mary Gillespie – Arbors of Oregon, Hospice Care

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Janet Quiroga, Family of Toni Henline, Sharon Kruse, Family of Edie Felhaber, Christine Balk, Raedell Long, Scott Giaimo & family, Mary Gillespie, Terry Mays

Ongoing Concerns: Lynn Balogh, Bennett (no last name), Dan Bibish, 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, Tom Hartford, Gary Henningsen, Pastor Beth Huener, Dana Justice, Mark Kieswetter, Joanne Koch, Tom Kohn, Ada Kreger, Lauren (no last name given), Heidi LeGrand, Linda (no last name), Dustin Lively, Joyce Martin, Evan Matheney, Bonnie Meier, Donna Miller, Nick (no last name given), 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, Louise Sommers, Girrard Stewart, Julie Swanson, Tom Tedrow, Becky Thielan, Joan Tilton, Carlene Trost, Kellie Ulrich, Jane Vargo, Mark Walker, Nick Wasserman, Katelyn Weirich, Jeff Wheeler, Bill Wiener, Sharon Winslow, John Yard, Raetta Zeisler

CALENDAR FOR OCT. 31 – NOV. 6

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- Worship
	9:15 am	- JAM Sunday School
	9:15 am	- Catechism
	10:30 am	- Worship / Baptism
<u>Monday</u>	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir
	6:30 pm	- Altar Guild
	7:30 pm	- Dartball (Team 2 is Home; Team 1 is on bye)
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:00 am	- Ruth Circle
<u>Wednesday</u>	9:30 am	- Miriam Circle
	5:00 pm	- Fundraising (Gala) Meeting for Day School
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00 am	- Bible Study
	7:00 pm	- Bible Study
	7:00 pm	- Choir
<u>Saturday</u>	1:00 pm	- Lounge Rental (Slater)
	4:00 pm	- Roast Pork Drive Thru Dinner

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).

BAPTISM TODAY is for Roann Cody Baron, born May 8, 2021 to Nicolas and Jessica (Church) Baron. Sponsors are Tim Swartz and Alexandria Miller.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped make the 160th anniversary kick-off service and luncheon a huge success. We appreciate all your hard work. -- *The 160th Anniversary Committee*

THANK YOU! Despite the rain, we had another very successful Candy Crawl Halloween event. We counted at least 200 cars coming through our parking lot, averaging 2-5 children each. We gave out 625-630 treat bags. The drivers and adults were all very grateful, thanking us for taking part in the Candy Crawl. The children were all in costume, having fun. It was great to represent First St. John in this community event. Thank you to everyone who donated and/or helped in any way to make this such a great event!

NOTICE REGARDING BAPTISMAL INSERTS: Since the baptismal liturgy can be used for all baptisms, we would like to begin reusing them to save on paper and color copy expenses. After the service today, please remove the baptismal insert from the bulletin and place it in the box on the table next to the wooden church that we use for the offering. Thank you!

CEMETERY REMEMBRANCE: The cemetery remembrance presentation showing the origin and history of our cemetery has been moved to All Saints Sunday, which is next week.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS next Sunday, November 7th. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday, November 6th before you go to bed.

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

BAKED GOODS NEEDED: During our craft show coming up on November 13th, we will have a bake sale. If you can help by donating some baked goods, we would greatly appreciate your help. You'll need to drop off your donation on Friday, November 12th. Thanks a bunch!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY: We need two people to serve in the Personal Needs Pantry. You will need to be available on Wednesdays from 9:00 am -11:30 am. **You will only serve every five weeks for the first two months and then possibly only every six weeks for the rest of the year.** The schedule is set for the whole year, so it is easy to make arrangements to trade shifts well in advance. The pantry is located in the basement of the church, so you will be going up and down some steps. You can find someone to partner with and both of you volunteer or you can be a single and partner with someone else who has volunteered as a single. I would like to know if you are interested as soon as possible so I can get the 2022 schedule made by December. If you are interested, I will meet with you and give you training. It's a very simple but highly rewarding ministry! If you would like more information, please feel free to give me a call (419-691-3225 or 419-279-4289) or send me an email at ch eh17@aol.com
– Karen Holmes

ALTAR GUILD will meet TOMORROW at 6:30 pm in the lounge.

RUTH CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, November 2nd at 11:00 am in the lounge. We will continue our Bible study with Aaron from "Men of the Bible."

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. If you can help us that day, please fill out the slip below and place it in the offering plate or call the church office at 419-691-7222.

Yes, I would like to help with the Roast Pork Drive-Thru Dinner. I will (check all that apply):

_____ Help package the dinners _____ Help take down tables & clean up afterward

_____ Help bag leftovers

Name: _____

NEW BIBLE STUDY: Romans may be the most important letter you will ever read. It is Paul's masterpiece, the clearest and fullest explanation of the gospel in the Bible. John Calvin said, "If a man understands it, he has a sure road opened for him to the understanding of the whole Scripture." But watch out! Those who study Romans are rarely the same afterward. Martin Luther wrote about his encounter with Romans, "I grasped the truth that the righteousness of God is that righteousness whereby, through grace and sheer mercy, God justifies us by faith. Thereupon I felt myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise."

Come join Pastor Rayl and the other members of the Bible Study class in a life changing and faith strengthening encounter with Paul's Letter to the Romans on Thursday mornings at 11:00 am and Thursday evening at 7:00 pm. The class will begin on Thursday, November 4th. Bring your Bible and \$20 for the cost of materials. See you there!

POINSETTIA ORDERS START TODAY: See the order form in the back of the bulletin for ordering poinsettias to be placed in the altar area for Christmas Eve. You have a choice of red or white poinsettias, and the cost is \$12 each. Deadline for turning in orders is December 5th.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO DECORATE the church for Christmas. We will meet on Saturday, November 27th at 9:00 am. If you'd like to help, please call the church office at 419-691-7222. Thanks!

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.

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.

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 **8 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.

HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS: We will meet next on Tuesday, November 16th at 6:30 pm in the small lounge in the basement of the Educational Building.

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

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS FOR NOVEMBER is sanitary pads. 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!

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 supplied the empty shoeboxes for you. These are in the Narthex and the lounge 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.

MONTHLY MINISTRY OUTREACH: In November, we will continue collecting for our 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.

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.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: Our next breakfast will be Saturday, December 4th 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. After breakfast we will go to the church to set up for the annual Christmas dinner. For more information, please call Bob at 419-250-9409.

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.

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