

*ANNOUNCEMENTS – April 10<sup>th</sup>*

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are presented to the glory of God in honor of the wedding of Emily Guth and James Kelvin Dunaway here at First St. John yesterday afternoon.

**HOMEBOUND OUTREACH** is presented in loving memory of Joan Bailey and in honor of her grandson Ryan Abbey on their birthdays, given by their family.

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

4-3-22: 8:00 am: 33    10:30 am: 76    Online: 18    Total: 133  
4-6-22: 11:00 am: 32    7:00 pm: 23    Total: 55

**OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED**

Eleanor Lang, Ken Villhauer – Orchard Villa  
Jeff Smith – HCA Florida Ocala Hospital  
Eleanor Cochenour – Gardens of St. Francis Rehab

**PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES:** *Add:* Florinda Norwalk, Family of Sharon Winslow, Lynn Folk, Family of Mary Batchman, Terri Bianchini, Family of Marilyn Cashen, Eleanor Cochenour, Ken DeWitt, Ann Dudics, Helen, Andrea Hosley, Joe, Eleanor Lang, Leona Ryan, Family of Judy Sharp, Jeff Smith, James Spenthoff, Ken Villhauer, Deb Dusseau Warnke (**Note:** *The Ongoing Concerns list will not be printed today. Please check the bulletin board postings and the April newsletter for these names.*)

**CALENDAR FOR APR. 10 – APR. 17**

<b>Today</b>	8:00 am	- Worship
	9:15 am	- JAM Sunday School
	9:15 am	- Adult Bible Study in lounge
	10:30 am	- Worship / Communion
	4:00 pm	- Bunny Hop
	5:00 pm	- Movie Night
<b>Monday</b>	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir
	6:30 pm	- Choir Practice (note date change)
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 pm	- School Board Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00 pm	- Altar Guild Practice for Maundy Thursday
<b>Thursday</b>	11:00 am	- Maundy Thursday Service in Church
	7:00 pm	- Maundy Thursday Service in Church
<b>Friday</b>	12:00 pm	- Good Friday Service in Church
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am	- Altar Guild Set Up for Easter
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	- Easter Service
	10:00 am	- Easter Service

**WELCOME** to First St. John Lutheran Church! We're so happy you're here. If you are visiting with us, please sign the guest book, located in the Narthex (lobby).

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Please remember to silence your cell phone before church begins. Thanks!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Emily Guth and James Kelvin Dunaway who were married here at First St. John yesterday afternoon.

**THANK YOU:** We are most thankful for our generous donors who assist us in achieving our daily mission of helping individuals in need. We'd like you to know how much we appreciate your gift of \$423.25, received on March 16<sup>th</sup>, serving the food pantry. – *Tracia Jaksetic, VP, Lutheran Social Services*

**UPDATE - SOUPER BOWL OF CARING:** We collected **671** items and \$844, the equivalent of **1,515** food items. (Each dollar equals one food item Lutheran Social Services can buy. Thank you for your generosity, and thank you to the catechism class for transporting the items.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES:

Maundy Thursday	April 14 <sup>th</sup> : 11:00 am & 7:00 pm
Good Friday	April 15 <sup>th</sup> : 12:00 pm (no evening service)
Easter	April 17 <sup>th</sup> : 8:00 am & 10:30 am

**“BUNNY HOP” TODAY:** Local churches and businesses again are offering a community-wide “Bunny Hop” TODAY from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Our candy station will be located in the parking lot across the street from the church. Thank you to everyone who has donated candy!

**ORPANAGE VIDEOS TODAY!** TODAY at 5:00 pm in the gym, we will show home videos of the orphanage. Beverages and snacks will be available.

**DARTBALL WRAP UP:** Congratulations to First St. John’s Team #2 on winning the league title. And we also congratulate First St. John’s Team #1 that finished in second place, only two games behind. Congratulations to all and see you next season!

**ALTAR GUILD MEETING:** We will practice for the Maundy Thursday service on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. We will set up for Easter on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Thank you.

**CALLING ALL CHOIR ALUMNI:** As part of the church’s 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary, May 15<sup>th</sup> is Choir Celebration Sunday. We are inviting ALL former choir members and praise singers to join us in singing that day! We will hold special rehearsals for everyone on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm each night. Praise Singers practice will be Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm. If you know someone who used to be in the choir, please tell them about this event. If you have any questions, please contact any current choir member or call Annette Slater at 419-262-0880. We’re really looking forward to seeing everyone!

**QUILTING WRAP UP:** We finished our sessions for this year, and we made 117 adult and 10 baby quilts. Thank you to everyone who pinned, tied and sewed quilts, whether you came to church or worked on quilts at home. Our quilts are being donated to several charities, including Dialysis Center of Oregon, Beach House, Salem Lutheran, Cocoon Ministries, and the Bed Ministry of First Presbyterian in Monroe, MI. We look forward to Quilter’s Sunday on May 8<sup>th</sup> when we will have our quilts on display during church that day.

**CARD “SHOWER”:** Pat Christy, a friend to many WELCA ladies, is celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 14<sup>th</sup>. We’d like to invite you to send a birthday card to brighten her day. If you choose to send one, here is her address: 19821 E.W. Curtice Rd., Curtice, OH 43412. Thank you!

**ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE:** The rummage sale will be Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. If you can, please bring in your items April 26<sup>th</sup>–29<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm and place them on the gym stage. You also can bring in your items on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. We need volunteers to help run the elevator during all drop off times AND during the sale. If you can help run the elevator, please use the slip below, or you can call the church office at 419-691-7222. We also need people to help sort through items and set them on the tables, and clean up afterward. If you can help, call the church office at 419-691-7222 or Sue Ann Rogers at 419-280-1310. Please come out to help make this one a success. A big thank you goes out to everyone who has helped in the past to make our Rummage Sale a success. \* **Please note this will be our last rummage sale.** \*

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*Yes, I can help run the elevator for the Rummage Sale. (Please circle the days you’re available.)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Days available: April 26   April 27   April 28   April 29   May 2   May 3   May 4   May 5   May 6

**MEN'S & WOMEN'S BREAKFAST:** Our next Men's & Women's Breakfast Fellowship will be Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 am at Frisch's Big Boy Restaurant on Woodville Rd. Please make note of the change in the time and place. See you there!

**TO SEND A CARD TO JEFF SMITH:** Jeff is currently in a hospital in Florida. If you'd like to send a card, here is Jeff and Debbie's Florida address (their mail here in Oregon is being forwarded): Jeff & Debbie Smith, 9701 East Highway 25, Lot 114, Bellview, FL 34420

**NEW PORTALS OF PRAYER AVAILABLE:** The Portals of Prayer Devotional booklets for April through June are now available for pick up. You can find them in the Narthex (lobby), the lounge, the church office, and in the small caddy outside of the door by the choir loft. They come in both large and small print versions. Feel free to take some for a friend!

**DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN:** Registration for the Day School's 2022-2023 year has begun. Members of First St. John have the opportunity to enroll their children and pay no registration fee. If you have any questions or would like to tour the school, please call our administrator, Andrea Buckley, at 419-691-6480.

**THE CARD PARTY IS BACK!** The 29<sup>th</sup> annual Card Party and Luncheon is Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at noon in our gym (elevator available). Cost is \$12, which includes a wonderful lunch with homemade desserts. Door and raffle prizes available. Even if you don't play cards, come and play board games or just hang out with your friends from First St. John. For reservations, call the church office (419-691-7222) or Jane Schuetz (419-691-5506). Everyone is welcome!

**DONATIONS FOR CARD PARTY:** We need donations for our card party raffle. Raffle prizes should have values at least \$30 (gift certificates, gift baskets, flower arrangements, etc.) Door prizes can be something you make or that you can ask a business to donate. These are worth about \$10 to \$15, like gift certificates, dish towels, small items from stores like Bath & Body Works, etc. Boxes will be in the lounge and Narthex (lobby) for your donations of both types of prizes. Thank you!

**SUMMER DANCE PARTY FOR CONFIRMATION ALUMNI:** Save the date--Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in the gym. We are having a Confirmation Alumni Summer Dance Party. If you were confirmed here at First St. John (and even if you weren't), come out and listen to the golden oldie hits spun by Bob "Elvis" Haar! Better yet, come and dance to the hits from the 50s, 60s, and 70s. It's time to get groovy and let your hair down! Pizza and pop provided. Confirmation alumni, their guests, and EVERYONE are invited. Call the church office at 419-691-7222 or Bob Haar at 419-250-9409 to RSVP—**deadline for reservations is Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Get your confirmation class together to "bee-bop" and "doo-wop" the night away!

**PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS FOR APRIL** is facial tissues. 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. Thanks!

**MONTHLY MINISTRY OUTREACH** for April is Salem Lutheran Church. Special blue envelopes are in the pews starting next week if you would like to donate to this worthy cause. Make your check out to First St. John and write "Salem Lutheran" on the memo line. Then place your envelope in the offering plate or mail it to the church. Thank you.

**COMMUNITY DISCOUNT CARDS:** This ongoing fundraiser for our Day School involves purchasing a card that allows 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 now just \$15**, and you can buy them from the church or Day School offices during the week. Thank you for supporting the Day School!

## **REMAINDER OF EVENTS FOR OUR 160<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION**

Sunday, May 1: Altar Guild Celebration  
Sunday, May 8: Mother's Day and Quilter's Celebration  
Sunday, May 15: Choir Celebration Sunday  
Sunday, May 22: Vision Sunday  
Sunday, May 29: Veterans Memorial Remembrance in Church  
Monday, May 30: Veterans Memorial Remembrance in the Church and Cemetery at 8:00 am.  
Saturday, June 4, 5:00 to 8:00 pm: Confirmation Alumnae Celebration's Summer Dance Party  
Sunday, June 19: Father's Day, Graduate Recognition Sunday, Winslow Scholarship Award Presentation, and Remembrance of Past Scholarship Winners.

**JESUS AND ME SUNDAY SCHOOL - YOUR IDEAS ARE NEEDED!** Our JAM Sunday School attendance is extremely low, and we need your help. Whether the reasons are due to Covid, families out of town on Sundays, or sports tournaments on Sundays, it's clear the spiritual foundation that is so critical for our young children is being set aside in favor of other things. Please give this problem some thought, and if you have any suggestions or ideas you feel can help us bring back our children, please contact Sandhya Holston at 419-215-8970 or email her at [diyah812@yahoo.com](mailto:diyah812@yahoo.com) Thank you so much.

**CAN YOU HELP THESE SENIORS?** Many seniors at the Oregon Senior Lofts (near the Drive-in on Navarre Ave.) are lonely and lack companionship and Christ-like love. The Lofts is a senior housing community for individuals age 55+. Would any family or church group consider volunteering to serve just ONE HOUR this year to host an activity for our neighbors at the Lofts? Hosting ideas: Bingo, crafts, social hour, games, a bible message, exercise class, refreshments, etc. Day/Time/Month: You choose! Per management, ideally (M-F) during business hours. To sign up for a month, please contact Karen Culler at [kculler21@gmail.com](mailto:kculler21@gmail.com) or 419-276-2798.

**UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE – YOUR GIFTS DOUBLED:** Lutheran Disaster Response is partnering with Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service agencies in Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia, and Hungary to provide those fleeing Ukraine with immediate assistance such as food, blankets, water, and hygiene kits. Your help is desperately needed. ***NEW: Through a generous offer to Lutheran Disaster Response, all gifts given between now and April 10<sup>th</sup> will be doubled.*** You can call 1-800-638-3522 Monday – Friday from 8AM to 5PM Central Time to make a donation with a credit card. Or you can mail a check to Lutheran Disaster Response and write “Eastern Europe Crisis Response” on the memo line. Then send it to: **Lutheran Disaster Response, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**