

ANNOUNCEMENTS – April 17th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God. Please see the Easter flower insert in today's bulletin for more details.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

4-10-22: 8:00 am: 38 10:30 am: 123 Online: 26 Total: 187
4-14-22: 11:00 am: 19 7:00 pm: 72 Total: 91

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Barb Meyers – St. Charles
Nancy Gallaher – St. Vincent
Bill Wiener – Ebeid Rehab at Flower Hospital
Eleanor Lang, Ken Villhauer – Orchard Villa
Jeff Smith – HCA Florida Ocala Hospital
Eleanor Cochenour – Gardens of St. Francis Rehab

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Nancy Gallaher, Florinda Norwalk, Family of Sharon Winslow, Lynn Folk, Family of Mary Batchman, Terri Bianchini, Eleanor Cochenour, Ken DeWitt, Ann Dudics, Helen, Andrea Hosley, Joe, Eleanor Lang, Leona Ryan, Jeff Smith, James Spenthoff, Ken Villhauer, Deb Dusseau Warnke

Ongoing Concerns: Lynn Balogh, Bennett, Dan Bibish, Karen Bless, Pastor Joe Brosious, Bruce, Amy Brumley, Lori Capitola, Jeannette Carlo, Jordyn Cheatham, Pat Christy, Greg Contat, Richard & Marjorie Counterman, Hannah Culler, Mary Ann Davies, Olivia & Delaney Dawkins, Dawn, Chiara Del-Mace, Emmalyn, Debbie Eversman, Julie Frederick, John Geiger, Paulette Giaimo, Elaine Gladieux, Sarah Gladieux, Grace Harris Greenbank, Tom Hartford, Gary Henningsen, Pastor Beth Huener, Derek Kochanski, Tom Kohn, Sharon Kruse, Heidi Le Grand, Linda, Joyce Martin, Tina McQuillan, Bonnie Meier, Christina Merritt, Deborah Miller, Donna Miller, Logan Murphy, Nick, Pam Pirolli, Janet Quiroga, John Ranchan, Todd Reynolds, Logan Roberts, Sara Richardson, Vickie Schnapps, Jim Schumaker, Shelley Sherman, Connie Singlar, Skylar, Ann Smith, Julie Swanson, Tom Tedrow, Joan Tilton, Carlene Trost, Kellie Ulrich, Jane Vargo, Terry Vogalsang, A.J. Walker, Katelyn Weirich, John Yard, Raetta Zeisler, Rob Zunk

(Special Notice: Some people who are on the Ongoing Concerns list have been there for many years. Read the names, and if you know of anyone who is now doing well and can be removed from the list, please notify the church office at 419-691-7222. Thank you.)

CALENDAR FOR APR. 17 – APR. 23

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- Worship / Communion
	10:30 am	- Worship
<u>Monday</u>		- OFFICE CLOSED
	6:30 pm	- WELCA Board Meeting
<u>Tuesday</u>	7:00 pm	- Church Council Meeting (Boards at 6:30)
<u>Wednesday</u>		- OFFICE OPENING AT 9:30 AM
	7:00 pm	- Choir Practice (Note date change)
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00 am	- Bible Study
<u>Friday</u>	5:00 pm	- Wedding Rehearsal – Nelson/Cola
<u>Saturday</u>	8:30 am	- Men's & Women's Breakfast – Frisch's on Woodville
	2:30 pm	- Wedding Rehearsal – Nelson/Cola

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

WELCOME AND THANK YOU to Adam Ladd and Emily Lipper who will accompany the hymns on the trumpet this morning. We are so grateful you can join us!

THANK YOU to everyone who donated candy or helped in other ways to make last week's Bunny Hop a big success. We had over 200 kids this year!

THANKS to everyone who came out and helped with the cemetery clean up last weekend. Your hard work is very much appreciated.

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 16th, serving the food pantry. – *Tracia Jaksetic, VP, Lutheran Social Services*

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

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!

CALLING ALL CHOIR ALUMNI: May 15th 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 5th and Wednesday, May 11th at 7:00 pm each night. Praise Singers practice will be Monday, May 9th 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!

MEN'S & WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: Our next Men's & Women's Breakfast Fellowship will be Saturday, April 23rd 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!

THE CARD PARTY IS BACK! The 29th annual Card Party and Luncheon is Tuesday, May 10th 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!

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE – HELP NEEDED!! The rummage sale will be Thursday, May 5th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and Friday, May 6th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. If you can, please bring in your items April 26th–29th from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm and place them on the gym stage. You also can bring in your items on May 2nd and 3rd 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. ***

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

SUMMER DANCE PARTY – PLEASE RSVP SOON: Save the date--Saturday, June 4th 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 15th**. Get your confirmation class together to "bee-bop" and "doo-wop" the night away!

DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION – SPOTS FILLING UP! Members of First St. John have the opportunity to enroll their children and pay no registration fee for the 2022/2023 school year. If you have questions or would like to tour the school, please call our administrator, Andrea Buckley, at 419-691-6480.

CHURCH-WIDE GARAGE SALE: We will be holding a church-wide "garage" sale in the gym on Saturday, June 11th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Since it's a fundraiser for our WELCA group, you can purchase a table for \$20 to sell your items (\$25 if you need electricity). Food will be available to purchase. Look for more details in your May newsletter.

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!

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 160th 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.

CAN YOU HELP? 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 housing community for individuals aged 55+. Would your family or church group consider volunteering to serve just ONE HOUR this year to host an activity for seniors at the Lofts? Hosting ideas: Bingo, crafts, social hour, games, a bible message, exercise class, refreshments, etc. You choose the date and time (ideally (M-F) during business hours. To sign up, please contact Karen Culler at kculler21@gmail.com or 419-276-2798.