

ANNOUNCEMENTS – April 24th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in honor of the wedding of Rachel Nelson and Kevin Cola yesterday afternoon.

HOMEBOUND OUTREACH is presented in honor of Tyler Abbey on his birthday on April 23rd and his Aunt Sharon Abbey Aschemeir on her birthday on April 28th, given by their family.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

4-17-22: 8:00 am: 139 10:30 am: 146 Online: 56 Total: 341

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Nancy Gallaher – St. Charles Hospital Acute Care Rehab
Bill Wiener – Ebeid Rehab at Flower Hospital
Eleanor Lang – Orchard Villa
Jeff Smith – Select Specialty Hospital (Florida)
Ken Villhauer, 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 Gladioux, Sarah Gladioux, 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, 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. 24 – APR. 30

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- Worship
	9:15 am	- Adult Bible Study in Lounge
	9:15 am	- Catechism
	10:30 am	- Worship / Communion

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).

CONGRATULATIONS to Rachel Nelson and Kevin Cola who were married here at First St. John yesterday afternoon.

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

THANK YOU to Deacon Laura Scherer who will officiate for us this week and next while Pastor Rayl is on vacation.

THANK YOU to everyone who prayed and sent cards after the deaths of my sister and brother. I know for certain that I have a wonderful church family.
-- Claudia Patchen

FUNDRAISER FOR JEFF SMITH: A friend of Jeff's family has designed t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies with a special logo, and he has a website to sell them. The logo shows Jeff's passion for diving and symbolizes the mask of a diver made from Jeff's initials "JAS" with the Marine Corps logo on the regulator. It also shows the phrase "I am the storm" from the quote: "The devil whispered in my ear, 'You are not strong enough for the storm.' But today I whispered in the devil's ear, 'I am the storm.'" There are a variety of colors to choose from. (To those who are careful about their internet usage, this site has been verified as legitimate by Deb Hagedorn.) ALL proceeds will be sent to the Smith family to help with their medical expenses. If you'd like to purchase something to help them out, check out the website at <https://the-wood-shop.creator-spring.com/>

CHOIR MEMBERS: There is no choir practice this week.

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!

CAN YOU HELP? After services today someone will be in the Narthex (lobby) handing out fliers advertising our Card Party on May 10th (see announcement below). If you know somewhere in the community where you can post a flier, please take one (or more). Thank you!

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!

MIRIAM CIRCLE: We are moving our meeting date to Wednesday, May 11th at 9:30 am so as not to conflict with the Rummage sale. See you then.

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE – HELP NEEDED!! The rummage sale will be Thursday, May 5th from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm and Friday, May 6th from 9:30 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, 3rd, and 4th 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

YOUTH GROUP START UP – GRADES 5 THROUGH 8: In the interest of trying to expand our ministerial outreach, we are thinking of starting a youth group for grades 5 through 8. If this is something that would interest your child(ren), please contact Jacob Kelly by emailing fsjyouth@firststjohn.com with the name(s) and age(s) of your child(ren). If there is enough interest, we will begin planning events.

SUMMER DANCE PARTY POSTPONED: As of this printing, the Summer Dance Party originally scheduled for Saturday, June 4th has been postponed. Please make a note of it.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S – FIRST ST. JOHN'S TEAM: Janine Contat has started a team in memory of her Aunt Dorothy, and is inviting everyone to join her in walking or donating to help fight Alzheimer's. The Toledo walk will be October 8th. If you are interested in walking with us or would like to donate, the deadline to register is April 30th. Please go to www.alz.org/nwohio/walk and scroll down to click on the Toledo walk. On the next screen, scroll down again to the "Find Team" section and type "Aunt Dorothy." From there, you can choose to donate to or join Janine's team. Thank you for helping us fight for this great cause. If you have questions, you can contact Janine at 419-902-1897.

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.

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.

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.

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.