

*ANNOUNCEMENTS – May 1<sup>st</sup>*

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God in honor of Xavier Probasco on his birthday tomorrow, given by Joan Probasco; in loving memory of our Aunt Ruby Statler, given by the Schuetz and Cromly families; and in loving memory of Kim Cousino on her birthday and in remembrance of hers and Jim's 41<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary, given by Jim Cousino and family.

**HOMEBOUND OUTREACH** is presented in loving memory of Clarence Grant and Dick Bailey and in honor of Raylan Aschemeier on his fourth birthday, given by their family.

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

4-24-22: 8:00 am: 26    10:30 am: 80    Online: 28    Total: 134

**OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED**

Eleanor Cochenour – St. Charles Hospital  
Jeff Smith – Select Specialty Hospital (Florida)  
Eleanor Lang, Ken Villhauer – Gardens of St. Francis Rehab

**PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES:** *Add:* Eleanor Cochenour, Kathleen Gingrich, Nancy Gallaher, Florinda Norwalk, Leona Ryan, Family of Sharon Winslow

*Ongoing Concerns:* Lynn Balogh, Bennett, Terri Bianchini, 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, Ken DeWitt, Chiara Del-Mace, Ann Dudics, Emmalyn, Lynn Folk, Julie Frederick, John Geiger, Paulette Giaimo, Sarah Gladioux, Grace Harris Greenbank, Tom Hartford, Helen, Gary Henningsen, Andrea Hosley, Pastor Beth Huener, Joe, Derek Kochanski, Tom Kohn, Sharon Kruse, Eleanor Lang, 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, Shelley Sherman, Connie Singlar, Skylar, Ann Smith, Jeff Smith, James Spenthoff, Julie Swanson, Tom Tedrow, Joan Tilton, Carlene Trost, Kellie Ulrich, Jane Vargo, Ken Villhauer, Terry Vogalsang, Deb Dusseau Warnke, Katelyn Weirich, John Yard, Raetta Zeisler, Rob Zunk

**CALENDAR FOR MAY 1 – MAY 7**

<b><u>Today</u></b>	8:00 am	- Worship / Communion
	9:15 am	- JAM Sunday School
	9:15 am	- Adult Bible Study in Lounge
	9:15 am	- Catechism
	10:30 am	- Worship
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	9:00 am	- Set Up for Rummage Sale / Item Drop Off
	6:00 pm	- Item Drop Off for Rummage Sale til 8:00 pm
	6:30 pm	- Altar Guild
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	9:00 am	- Set Up for Rummage Sale / Item Drop Off
	11:00 am	- Ruth Circle at Prime Thyme Eatery
	6:00 pm	- Item Drop Off for Rummage Sale til 8:00 pm
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	9:00 am	- Set Up for Rummage Sale
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	9:30 am	- Rummage Sale
	7:00 pm	- Choir Practice
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	9:30 am	- Rummage Sale
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	11:30 am	- Rebecca Circle

**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).

**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 while Pastor Rayl is on vacation.

**THANK YOU** also to Cheri Sergent, our Bell Choir director, for providing the special music this morning.

**DEAR FRIENDS AT FIRST ST. JOHN:** Thank you for your recent gift of \$80 to our Genacross Family and Youth Services ministry. Your gift is a strong witness to the power of our Lord's resurrection that reaches across generations to "embrace individuals and families with compassionate care and services throughout life's journey." The history that First St. John shares with the Genacross (LHS) Ministry is truly amazing. It is, indeed, a gift from God!

-- Dr. Jim Dumke, VP for Mission Integration

**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

**ALTAR GUILD CELEBRATION SUNDAY:** As part of our 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary, today we will celebrate the wonderful work the Altar Guild has done over the years and recognize its members. Thank you for all the work you do to make our sanctuary beautiful.

**MAY NEWSLETTERS** are available for pick up in the lounge and the Narthex (lobby) if that is how you have chosen to receive them.

**YOUTH NIGHT:** Our next youth group meeting will be May 15<sup>th</sup> from 4 - 6pm in the youth room. Food will be provided, and the topic is psychology.

**PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS FOR MAY** is men's and women's deodorant (no travel sizes, please, as products should be able to last one month). 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 May is our Member Assistance Fund, which helps support members who need temporary assistance with rent, utilities, etc. To support this effort, please place your check in the yellow envelopes in the pews and place in the offering plate. Thank you!

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY** is June 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have a high school or college graduate in the family, we'd like to recognize them at this service. A form can be found in the back of the bulletin and in the May newsletter. Fill it out and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office (you can fax it in at 419-691-7220 if you wish) by Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!

**VBS HELP NEEDED:** With summer right around the corner, we are hard at work planning our Vacation Bible School program, which will be held in mid to late July. We are looking for youth in junior high (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade) and high school to help with VBS this year. (Of course, adults are ALWAYS welcome!) If you are interested, please contact Jacob Kelly at [fsjyouth@firststjohn.com](mailto:fsjyouth@firststjohn.com). More information to follow.

**RUTH CIRCLE** will meet this Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 am at the Prime Thyme Eatery on Woodville Rd.

**PRAISE SINGERS PRACTICE** with our praise singer alumni will be next Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 pm. All former praise singers are invited to sign with us on Choir Celebration Sunday on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**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/>

**ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE – HELP NEEDED!** The rummage sale will be Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm and Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. You can continue bringing in your items on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. Evening drop off times are Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 pm each night. We need volunteers to help sort the items and place them on tables prior to the sale and also for 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.*** \*

**CARD PARTY IS NEXT WEEK!** 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 \$25 (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 \$5 to \$10, 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 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am so as not to conflict with the Rummage sale. See you then.

**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 [fsiyouth@firststjohn.com](mailto:fsiyouth@firststjohn.com) with the name(s) and age(s) of your child(ren). If there is enough interest, we will begin planning events.

**CALLING ALL CHOIR ALUMNI!** 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!

**SUMMER MUSIC – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Our summer schedule begins May 29<sup>th</sup> with one service at 9:00 am. Our choir will be on break for the summer, but we would still like to have special music at each service. If you have a musical talent to share (singing solo or in a group or playing an instrument), please call Toni in the church office (419-691-7222) or you can go to the choir room and sign the schedule for the Sunday you'd like.

**MEN'S & WOMEN'S BREAKFAST:** Our next Men's & Women's Breakfast Fellowship will be Saturday, May 21<sup>st</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!

**MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY:** A Memorial Day ceremony will take place on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am in the church, followed by a veterans' service in the church cemetery. Please join us for this special day of remembrance. Thanks. If you have any questions about this service, please call Bob Haar at 419-250-9409. Thank you.

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

**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.

**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 8<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in walking with us or would like to donate, the deadline to register is April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please go to [www.alz.org/nwohio/walk](http://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.

**CHURCH-WIDE GARAGE SALE:** We will be holding a church-wide "garage" sale in the gym on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 3:00 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.

### **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.

Sunday, June 19: Father's Day, Graduate Recognition Sunday, Winslow Scholarship Award Presentation, and Remembrance of Past Scholarship Winners.

**RETIREMENT RECEPTION:** For 20 years, the Rev. Dr. Jim Dumke has carried the story of Genacross into congregations where he has preached the Gospel and shared the word from the agency. Now retiring, Pastor Dumke will be honored with an Open House on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Genacross Ministry Support Office, located at 2021 N. McCord Rd. All are invited stop in to wish him well.

**JOBS AT GENACROSS LUTHERAN SERVICES (current listings):** Genacross is hiring at its various campuses. **\*\*Some positions offer sign-on bonuses.\*\*** If you are interested, go to their website at [www.genacrosslutheralservices.net/opportunities](http://www.genacrosslutheralservices.net/opportunities) and fill out an online application. Below is a list of the available jobs.

**Ministry Support:** Licensed Nursing Home Administrator/Executive Director, Foundation Support Specialist

**Family & Youth Services:** CPST/TBS Worker, Direct Support Professionals, Master's Level Counselors, Residential Treatment/Direct Care Staff for Youth and Young Adults

**Genacross at Home:** Medical Social Worker, RNs, LPNs, Home Health Aides

**Home & Community Based Services:** Dietary Aide, Dietary Cook, Housekeeper, Resident Aide, Service Coordinator

**Napoleon Campus:** Chaplain, Dietary Aide, RN Supervisor, RNs/LPN/STNAs

**Wolf Creek (Holland) Campus:** Business Office Coordinator, Case Manager, Dietary Aides, Director of Nursing, LPNs, Resident Assistants, STNAs, Unit Manager