

ANNOUNCEMENTS – July 31st

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in honor of Susie Skorupa's 60th birthday today, given by her family; in honor of Annette Slater for all she did for everyone, given by Susie Skorupa; and also in honor of Annette Slater for her leading the choir with such grace and humor and for being a part of our family, given by the Chancel Choir.

HOMEBOUND OUTREACH is presented in loving memory of Iva Grant and her son Douglas Grant and also in honor of her grandson Ric Bailey on their birthdays, given by their family.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

7-24-22: 90 Online: 50 Total: 140

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Ruth Zasada – Majestic Care

Eleanor Lang – Landings of Oregon

No changes for Florence Partin, Eleanor Cochenour

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Family of Ken Villhauer, Fran Lyons, Kathy Johnson, Faye Spencer, Debbie Campbell, Jeannette Carlo, Sarah Gladioux, Family of Gary Kusian, Lexie and Baby Boy, Karen Morrison, Ruth Zasada

Ongoing Concerns: Lynn Balogh, Bennett, Terri Bianchini, Karen Bless, Pastor Joe Brosious, Bruce, Amy Brumley, Lori Capitola, Jordyn Cheatham, Eleanor Cochenour, Greg Contat, Richard & Marjorie Counterman, Nancy Dangler, John Doe, Mary Ann Davies, Olivia & Delaney Dawkins, Dawn, Ken DeWitt, Ann Dudics, Emmalyn, Lynn Folk, Julie Frederick, Nancy Gallaher, John Geiger, Paulette Giaimo, Kathleen Gingrich, Mercedes Gonzales, Grace Harris Greenbank, Gary Henningsen, Joe, Cindy Knavel, Tom Kohn, Sharon Kruse, Eleanor Lang, Heidi Le Grand, Joyce Martin, Tina McQuillan, Bonnie Meier, Christina Merritt, Jeff Might, Deborah Miller, Donna Miller, Logan Murphy, Nick, Florinda Norwalk, Pam Pirolli, Craig Pym, Janet Quiroga, John Ranchan, Todd Reynolds, Sara Richardson, Logan Roberts, John Rowley, Hazel Scott, Shelley Sherman, Connie Singlar, Skylar, Jeff Smith, James Spenthoff, Julie Swanson, Tom Tedrow, Joan Tilton, Carlene Trost, Kellie Ulrich, Jane Vargo, Terry Vogalsang, Deb Dusseau Warnke, Katelyn Weirich, John Yard, Raetta Zeisler, Rob Zunk

CALENDAR FOR JUL. 31 – AUG. 6

<u>Today</u>	9:00 am	- Worship
	10:30 am	- Retirement Reception in Lounge for Annette Slater
<u>Monday</u>		- DAY SCHOOL ON SUMMER BREAK THIS WEEK
		- SECRETARY ON VACATION THIS WEEK
	6:30 pm	- Altar Guild Meeting
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:00 am	- Ruth Circle at Oregon Inn
<u>Saturday</u>	8:00 am	- Winslow Golf Outing at Eagles Landing
	11:30 am	- Rebecca Circle at Old Bag of Nails restaurant

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!

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family and friends of *Ken Villhauer* who passed away last Sunday. A private funeral service was held yesterday at Eggleston-Meinert-Pavley.

We would also like to announce the passing of *Lloyd Bond, Sr.* who died on July 7th. Lloyd was a member of our Dartball Team #2. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED THIS WEEK while Toni enjoys a week of vacation. Voicemail and email will be monitored throughout the week.

THANK YOU: The board would like to thank Emily Kruse and Chris Hunsaker for putting the pink rose bush and plaque in front of the church in memory of Ada Kreger, given by the Rebecca Circle. Ada's grandson, Jonathan, also thanks the Rebecca Circle for their sweet gesture.

-- *The WELCA Board*

THANK YOU: The family of George L. Blum would like to extend our appreciation to those who went above and beyond for his funeral service and luncheon. Whether being a part of the Altar Guild, Choir, Bereavement Committee, special music, pastoral services, or eldership, thank you all for the time you have given to honor his wishes. George loved his church and will be greatly missed. Thank you for all the prayers, get-well wishes, and sympathy cards sent to the families. We sincerely appreciate all the support during this time.

-- *The Family of George Blum*

THANK YOU for your gift of \$320 this past spring. We share and live the love of God in a place where people do not expect good things to happen. At Salem, we do ministries with people who are our neighbors; we are a rooted ministry and a good neighbor where a good neighbor is most needed. We thank God for you for being a part of our loving and growing community.

-- *Pastor Mike, Salem Lutheran Church*

FAREWELL RECEPTION TODAY: Everyone is invited to stop by the lounge after church TODAY for a reception honoring our music director, Annette Slater. Annette is leaving First St. John so she and her husband, Duncan, can travel the country.

WINSLOW MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT THIS SATURDAY! This four-man scrambles will be held on Saturday, August 6th at 8:00 am (shotgun start) at the Eagles Landing Golf Club. Price is \$75 per person, which includes a hot dog and beverage at the turn, plus lunch. If you'd like to register to play or to sponsor a hole, please call Mike Winslow at 419-537-3259. All proceeds go to First St. John's Winslow Scholarship.

CATECHISM REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! To register your child for Catechism, you can either email Jacob directly at fsjyouth@firststjohn.com or you can call the church office at 419-691-7222. Catechism orientation will be Sunday, September 11th (time is TBD), with classes beginning on Sunday, September 18th.

AUGUST NEWSLETTERS are available for pick up if that is how you've chosen to receive it. You can pick them up in the lounge or in the Narthex (lobby).

EMAILING THE NEWSLETTER: Postage rates went up again last month. If you don't already, will you consider receiving your First St. John newsletter by email? Please email Toni at office@firststjohn.com to be added to our distribution list. Thank you.

OUR DAY SCHOOL IS HIRING: First St. John Day School is hiring both a teacher and an aide for the upcoming 2022/2023 school year. If you or someone you know may be interested, you can contact Andrea Buckley by phone at 419-691-6480, by email at fsjdayschool@firststjohn.com or check out the website at www.firststjohndayschool.org for more information.

ATTENTION, FELLOWSHIP 45 PARTICIPANTS: We will resume our get-togethers next Sunday, August 7th. Please make a note of it. Thank you.

DO YOU MISS SEEING OUR MEMBERS IN CHURCH? As part of their mission outreach, the Rebecca Circle has decided to contact our missing church family members that we haven't seen in a while. If you have suggestions of people we need to contact, please email the church office at office@firststjohn.com or call 419-691-7222 and Toni will forward the information to the Rebecca Circle.

ALTAR GUILD will meet again on Monday, August 1st at 6:30 pm in the lounge.

RUTH CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, August 2nd at 11:00 am at the Oregon Inn.

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, August 9th at 1:00 pm at Andra Bell's home for lunch.

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet on Saturday, August 6th at 11:30 am at the Old Bag of Nails for lunch.

SOUND BOARD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! We are thankful that Amy Nelson has joined the sound board team, but we need a couple more people to help with the sound and video equipment during church services. No experience necessary; we will train you! Currently, we have only five volunteers and it's tough to keep up with only five. If you would be willing to learn and help out or if you have any questions, please contact either Dave Wilbarger (419-205-7855) or Mark Ackerman (419-345-6934).

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS FOR JULY is body lotion. (For August, our focus item is bars of body soap.) Please deposit your items in the left hand pull-out bin in the Narthex (under the main bulletin board) or in the green bin in the lounge. Thanks!

MONTHLY MINISTRY OUTREACH for July is our own Personal Needs Pantry. Item donations decline during the summer, so monetary donations help our coordinator purchase items to make up for shortages. To support this effort, please place your check in one of the green envelopes in the pews and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

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.

ORDERING ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to place flowers on the altar to honor or remember a loved one, you can use the red sign up book under the main bulletin board in the Narthex (lobby). Find the Sunday you'd like and jot down the information needed. Flower vases are \$15 each; use an envelope out of the book for payment. Either place it in the small box on the wall next to the bulletin board, drop it in the offering plate, or mail it to the church office. We need at least two vases each week. If no one signs up the Altar Guild has to buy the flowers themselves, and unfortunately, they have limited funds.

ADA'S BOOKS – LOCATION CHANGE: The remainder of Ada Kreger's bibles, devotionals, and study books that were donated to the church will be moved to a table along the wall in the lounge. They are free for the taking. Among the books was a journal with Ada's observations and quotes she found helpful in her own walk with the Lord. We thought we'd share some of these with you. Here's one for this week: "Receiving the Word consists of two parts: attention of the mind and intention of the will."

JAM SUNDAY SCHOOL IS ON FACEBOOK! If you use Facebook, now you can keep up with the latest news for our JAM Sunday School. In your Facebook search bar, just key in [@FSJJesusAndMe](#). Remember to both "Follow" and "Like" the page.

BORROWING TABLES & CHAIRS: To borrow tables and chairs for summer events, please call the church office to reserve them. FYI – These are quite popular this summer; currently they are signed out every weekend until the third weekend in August. Remember, tables and chairs in the gym are not to be removed from the building; instead, those in the parsonage garage are available. Thank you.

LUTHERAN MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE: A pre-season meeting is on Wednesday, August 24th at 7:00 pm at Interstate Lanes. (The new season begins Mon., September 12th at Interstate Lanes.) Each team has 3 bowlers, mixed (men and/or women), over 18 years old. Friends and family members welcome! This is a 100% handicap league; we're just out to have fun! The one-time USBC fee for each bowler is \$15. Cost each night is \$15 per bowler for 32 weeks. Part of the bowler fees go to a scholarship fund to help area Lutheran Seminary students. For more info, call or text Steve Mawhorter at 419-343-0957 or email him at sdmawhorter@gmail.com