

ANNOUNCEMENTS – September 18th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in honor of the 54th wedding anniversary of Bill and Cathy Caldwell on September 13th (2 vases).

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

9-11-22: 8:00 am: 33 10:30 am: 64 Online: 26 Total: 123

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

No changes for Florence Partin, Eleanor Cochenour, Eleanor Lang

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Grant Kessler, Sally Fouty, Wanda & family, Glenn Baden, Joyce Trowbridge, Sara Houghtaling, Dawn Irelan, Lindsay Hemmerlin, Jeannette Carlo, Child abuse victims in Perrysburg, Mike & Lynn Folk, Nancy Gallaher, Sarah Gladioux, Jamie Lipper, LeAnn Winslow

Ongoing Concerns: Lynn Balogh, Bennett, Terri Bianchini, Karen Bless, Pastor Joe Brosious, Bruce, Amy Brumley, Debbie Campbell, Lori Capitola, Eleanor Cochenour, Greg Contat, Richard & Marjorie Counterman, Nancy Dangler, Mary Ann Davies, Olivia & Delaney Dawkins, Ken DeWitt, Ann Dudics, Emmalyn, Julie Frederick, Joe Frobase, Paulette Giaimo, Kathleen Gingrich, Mercedes Gonzales, Grace Harris Greenbank, Gary Henningsen, Kathy Johnson, Cindy Knavel, Tom Kohn, Eleanor Lang, Fran Lyons, Joyce Martin, Tina Mc Quillan, Bonnie Meier, Jeff Might, Deborah Miller, Donna Miller, Karen Morrison, Logan Murphy, Nick, Florinda Norwalk, Pam Pirolli, Craig Pym, Janet Quiroga, John Ranchan, Todd Reynolds, Sara Richardson, Logan Roberts, John Rowley, Shelley Sherman, Connie Singlar, Jeff Smith, Faye Spencer, James Spenthoff, Julie Swanson, Tom Tedrow, Joan Tilton, Carlene Trost, Jane Vargo, Terry Vogalsang, Deb Dusseau Warnke, Katelyn Weirich, John Yard, Ruth Zasada, Raetta Zeisler, Rob Zunk

CALENDAR FOR SEPT. 18 – SEPT. 24

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- Worship / Communion
	9:15 am	- 1 st Year Catechism Class
	9:15 am	- Adult Bible Study in Lounge
	10:30 am	- Worship / Rally Day / Teacher Installation / Backpack Blessing
	11:30 am	- 2 nd Year Catechism Class
	11:30 am	- Rally Day After Party
	6:00 pm	- Youth Group Movie Night
<u>Monday</u>	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	7:00 pm	- Church Council Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>	8:30 am	- Men's & Women's Breakfast Fellowship at Woodville Diner

WELCOME to First St. John Lutheran Church! If you are visiting with us, please sign the guest book, located in the Narthex (lobby).

SPECIAL WELCOME to all our Day School students and their families. We are glad you're here!

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

THANK YOU: Thanks to your generous gift of \$95, you have made a difference with your support for Genacross Lutheran Services programs for Family and Youth, received on August 23rd. Thanks for all you our congregation does to help Genacross. You and your loved ones will be in our prayers, that you might remain connected to us by our mission statement: "Inspired by the Christian faith, we embrace individuals and families with compassionate care and services throughout life's journey."

-- Michael A. George, CFRE, Executive Director

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: At the 10:30 service today, make sure you take your backpack up to the front of the church and set it there so pastor can bless it during the service.

RALLY DAY & AFTER PARTY! Today we kick off our JAM (Jesus And Me) fall season after the second service in the back parking lot. This includes a picnic with hotdogs and chips, water (pop available for purchase), and snow cones. Everyone eats for free! Join in the fun—we'll have hayrides, a petting zoo, dance area, face painting, and a spin-the-wheel prize giveaway! Come hungry for God's Word, food, fellowship, and lots of fun. Don't forget on this day that the Day School children also will be singing in church. See you soon!!!

HELP NEEDED!!! We need a few people to help take down tables and chairs and clean up after today's Rally Day party. Any amount of time you can give is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: The Adult Sunday School class returns TODAY at 9:15 in the lounge. We will study the gospel lesson each Sunday. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Please join Bob and Sherrie Haar each Sunday morning.

YOUTH GROUP MOVIE TONIGHT: We will have our first meeting of the school year TONIGHT from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the lounge. We will watch the movie "Breakthrough" and then discuss it as a group. The movie is rated PG, so all youth are welcome to join!

FUN OPPORTUNITY – PRAYER BUDDIES NEEDED: We are praying some of you will volunteer to be prayer buddies for our Beginnergarten students and staff members. How it works: Say a prayer each day for your "buddy." If your buddy is one of the children, perhaps you could send a card or small gift once a month, especially for holidays and birthdays. We will provide you an informational sheet about the child/staff member so you can get to know them. And they will get to know you through your notes. At the end of the school year, both you and your prayer buddy will finally be introduced! If you are interested in becoming a prayer buddy, please contact Andrea Buckley by calling (419-691-6480) or emailing the school office at fsjdayschool@firststjohn.com ***We'd like to begin the program in October, so act now!***

2022 CANDY CRAWL – CANDY NEEDED: We are again joining with several churches and businesses for a "Candy Crawl" on Sunday, October 23rd from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. We will have one station in the parking lot across from the church to hand out candy. Parents will drive their children to the different locations. We'll need bags of candy to make this a successful event. We will be putting several pieces in Ziploc bags for the children to take. You can bring your candy to worship and place it in the collection box we'll have in the back or bring it to the church office during the week. We'll also need help to set up, hand out candy during the event, and take tables down afterward. Thanks for your help!

FIRST ST. JOHN'S BELL CHOIR began its weekly practices last week. Practices are on Mondays at 5:30 pm in the church. They are always looking for new members, so come and give it a try!

NEW PORTALS OF PRAYER AVAILABLE: These daily devotional booklets for October through December are now available for pick up in the Narthex (lobby), in the caddy outside the door by the choir loft (small print), and in the lounge. These are free to all.

ATTENTION FIRST YEAR CATECHISM STUDENTS: In preparation for Acolyte duties, we will hold training on Sunday, September 25th at 9:15 am in the church. This will take place of our class that day.

DARTBALL BEGINS: The Lutheran Men's Dartball league starts a new season beginning Monday, September 26th at 7:30 pm. Team #1 will host Trinity, and Team #2 will host St. Mark that evening. Please contact Bob Haar at 419-250-9409 with any questions and/or if you'd like to join a team.

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS FOR SEPTEMBER is adult and baby shampoo. 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!

MEN'S & WOMEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: We once again will begin our breakfast fellowship that meets the fourth Saturday of the month at a local restaurant. We will meet on Saturday, September 24th at 8:30 am at the Woodville Diner on Woodville Rd. Come join us for devotions and breakfast!

BABY CARE ITEM COLLECTION: The Women of the ELCA (WELCA) are collecting baby care items to make up kits that will be sent to needy families. If you would like to donate, there will be a collection box in the lounge or you can bring them to the church office. Here are the items we need:

- lightweight cotton t-shirts (no onesies) *
 - long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet) *
 - receiving blankets, medium weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square
 - cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
 - jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with a hood, or include baby cap *
 - pairs of socks
 - hand towel, dark color recommended
 - bath size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping (no mini or hotel size bars)
 - diaper pins or large safety pins
- * **Clothing sizes can be up to 24 months**

MONTHLY MINISTRY OUTREACH for September is the Toledo Campus Ministry (TCM). TCM nurtures and equips members of the University of Toledo community on their faith journey to work for peace, justice, healing and wholeness. (See more information in today's special insert.) TCM creates a place where all people are welcome to grow in self-awareness, discover authentic community, and act with purpose. If you would like to help support this program, please use the blue envelope in the pew and place it in the offering plate during in-person worship, or you can mail your donation to the church office.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: On Saturday, November 5th First St. John will have a Spaghetti Dinner from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Either dine in or take out—your choice! The menu includes spaghetti with either meat sauce or marinara sauce, salad, bread sticks and cookie. Ticket price will be \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children ages 4-12. We'll need help to make this a success, so please consider volunteering. Tickets go on sale at the end of the month; you can buy them from circle members or the church office.

FALL CRAFT SHOW & BAKE SALE: First St. John's fall craft show will be Saturday, November 12th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the gym. If you are interested in purchasing a table to sell your craft items, please call the church office at 419-691-7222 or Karyl Antoine at 419-350-7040. Table rental is \$20 per 8 ft. table or \$25 if you need electricity. Vendors are asked to donate one of their items for a raffle. Lunch will be available for purchase. We will need volunteers for set up and take down, plus people to run the elevator and to help serve lunch and make baked goods for the bake sale. If you would like to help, please call Karyl at 419-350-7040, or you can call Toni in the church office at 419-691-7222.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BEGINS We're kicking off our campaign early this year, and again our goal is to have 160 filled shoeboxes! Empty shoeboxes, along with pamphlets with gift suggestions, will be on display for Rally Day on September 18th. and we'll have some in the lounge and the Narthex (lobby) to take. Take a box and fill it up! We will collect boxes until Sunday, November 20th. Please help us meet our goal and share the message of God's love with 160 children around the world.

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.

YOUTH & FAMILY – FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA: On Twitter, the name of the account is First St. John Lutheran Youth and Family Ministry, and you can pull it up by typing **@FirstStJohnYF** in Twitter's search bar. We're also on Instagram! You can find us there by searching for First St. John Lutheran Church and then clicking on the profile that is titled **fsjyouth**. The account has a profile picture of the church. If you have any questions or need help locating either of these accounts, please contact our Youth and Family Minister, Jacob Kelly, at fsjyouth@firststjohn.com

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.

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).

CHURCH SANCTUARY PAINTING & RENOVATION: This project is set to begin right away in October. Scaffolding will be brought into the church for the work, which means we will meet for church that first Sunday in October in the lounge and JAM Room (basement of the church). Both areas are air conditioned, and the service can still be livestreamed online and to the JAM room. There's a piano in the lounge that we can use for the service. Those with mobility issues are encouraged to meet in the lounge; and everyone else is encouraged to please use the JAM room. You will still be able to use the church doors for entry and exit. The project is expected to take 8 weeks.

KIDS CHAIRS – FREE TO TAKE: Our Day School has purchased new chairs for their classrooms, and that means there are plenty of chairs now available for you to take if you have need of any. They are green, apricot, and yellow colored, and they will be stored in the JAM room in the church basement.

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 to the church office. We need at least 2 vases each week. If no one signs up the Altar Guild has to buy the flowers, and unfortunately, they have limited funds.

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.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S: Janine Contat has started a team in memory of her Aunt Dorothy and is inviting everyone to join her in donating to fight Alzheimer's. The Toledo walk is October 8th. If you would like to help with a donation, please go to www.alz.org/nwohio/walk and scroll down to click on the Toledo walk. Then scroll down again to the “Find Team” section and type “Aunt Dorothy.” Thank you for helping us fight for this great cause. If you have questions, you can contact Janine at 419-304-0906.

DR. ANTHONY PATTIN & FRIENDS: A FINE ARTS PRESENTATION will be held on Sunday, September 25th at 4:00 pm at Third Baptist Church, 402 Pinewood Ave., in Toledo (masks required). Dr. Tony will be performing with some of his high school and college friends, former university student, plus his nephew and his brother. Presented by the Third Baptist Church Mission Ministry, this program is free, so come and listen to what we're sure will be some fantastic music!