

ANNOUNCEMENTS – September 25th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of their daughter, Andrea Schumaker, given by Jim and Dianne Schumaker; and in loving memory of Hilda Wiemeyer, given by the Morrison family.

HOMEBOUND OUTREACH is presented in honor of the 7th wedding anniversary of Kevin and Shannon (Abbey) Aschemeier, given by their family.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

9-18-22: 8:00 am: 37 10:30 am: 269 Online: 64 Total: 370

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

None of which we are aware.

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Families of Ben & Max Morrissey, Chelsea Folk-Penquite, Family of Lynn Balogh, Terry Filer, Norma Newell, Larry Vriezelaar, Tracy Broyles, Grant Kessler, Sally Fouty, Wanda & family, Glenn Baden, Joyce Trowbridge, Sara Houghtaling, Dawn Irelan, Lindsay Hemmerlin, Jeannette Carlo, Mike & Lynn Folk, Nancy Gallaher, Sarah Gladieux, Jamie Lipper, LeAnn Winslow

Ongoing Concerns: Bennett, Terri Bianchini, Karen Bless, Pastor Joe Brosious, Bruce, Amy Brumley, Debbie Campbell, Lori Capitola, Eleanor Cochenour, Greg Contat, Richard & Marjorie Counterman, Nancy Dangler, Olivia & Delaney Dawkins, Ken DeWitt, Ann Dudics, Emmalyn, Julie Frederick, Joe Frobese, 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, Raetta Zeisler, Rob Zunk

CALENDAR FOR SEPT. 25 – OCT. 1

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- Worship
	9:15 am	- Adult Bible Study in Lounge
	9:15 am	- Jesus And Me (JAM) Sunday School
	9:15 am	- Acolyte Training
	10:30 am	- Worship / Communion
	11:30 am	- 2 nd Year Catechism
<u>Monday</u>	6:30 pm	- WELCA Board Meeting
	7:30 pm	- Dartball in Gym
<u>Saturday</u>	11:30 am	- Rebecca Circle in Catechism Room

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).

TODAY WE WELCOME Amy Remaklus from Toledo Campus Ministry (TCM). TCM has been our monthly ministry outreach this month. Ms. Remaklus will speak to us today about this ministry. If you would like to make a donation to TCM, please use the blue envelopes in the pews and place your donation in the offering plate or mail to the church.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION goes to Pastor Rayl who celebrated the 45th anniversary of his ordination on September 11th. Congratulations!

ATTENTION FIRST YEAR CATECHISM STUDENTS: In preparation for Acolyte duties, we will hold training TODAY at 9:15 am in the church. This will take place of our class today.

LATE SERVICE ATTENDEES – HELP IS NEEDED! After the 10:30 service today, please help us get ready for next week's move to the lounge and JAM room for church services. Don't worry, it's simple! Just take your hymnal (and the others from your pew if you can) and deposit it in the cart posted near the main door in the Narthex or the one near the choir loft. Please also remove envelopes, communion cards and pens, and place them in the smaller boxes in or near the carts. Thank you so much!

ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING CHURCH RENOVATION

WORSHIP LOCATIONS AND TIMES: We will hold worship services in the lounge (the room connecting the church and Educational Building) and the JAM room (basement of the church) at 8:00 am and 10:30 am each Sunday. For those with mobility issues, please use the lounge. All others, please use the JAM Room if possible.

PARKING NOTE: Throughout the church renovation, please leave the back parking lot available for those with mobility issues. Thank you.

ENTRANCE AND EXIT FOR WORSHIP SERVICES: The elevator will be available if needed, and the back doors of the church and Educational Building also will be open. The door on the west side of the church (the one by the chair lift) will be open for those using the JAM room for worship. If you plan to use the lounge, please use the back door of the church or the Educational Building. NOTE: You will not be able to "cut through" the church during this time.

COMMUNION: Communion will take place on the first Sunday of the month for early service (October 2nd and November 6th) and the last Sunday of the month for late service (October 30th and November 27th).

JAM SUNDAY SCHOOL: We will still meet in the JAM Room at the beginning of the 9:15 school time, and then classes will move to another room in the Educational Building. More details coming!

FLOWER SIGN UP BOOK & VISITOR'S LOG: These will be found in the lounge during October and November. You can also call the church office during the week to sign up for flowers and mail in your payment.

BELL CHOIR PRACTICE: Our next practice will be Monday, October 17th at 5:30 pm in the catechism room (the room next to the ladies restroom on the middle floor of the Education Building).

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE: The church secretary will be on vacation the week of October 10th and will be printing both the October 9th and 16th bulletins the week of October 2nd. Please have any information you would like included in the bulletins for those two weeks turned in to the office by Tuesday, October 4th. You can call 419-691-7222 or email office@firststjohn.com to reach the secretary.

DARTBALL BEGINS: The Toledo Lutheran Dartball league starts a new season beginning TOMORROW at 7:30 pm. Team #1 will host Trinity, and Team #2 will host St. Mark that evening. No longer just a men's league--women are invited to play as well! Please contact Bob Haar at 419-250-9409 with any questions and/or if you'd like to join a team.

ATTENTION ALTAR GUILD: We will not meet in October.

HELP FOR MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: As many of you know, two men were killed in the explosion and fire at the BP Refinery this past week. The men were brothers Ben and Max Morrissey, and they leave behind wives and young children under the age of five. If you would like to help the families financially, you can give to the “The Ben and Max Morrissey Fund” at Croghan Colonial Bank on Navarre Ave. or at the USW Local 1-346 Union Hall on Consaul St. If you cannot help financially, please pray for the family. Thank you.

RUTH CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, October 4th at 11:00 am in the catechism room. Note location change due to the lounge being set up for church services in October.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY: Our Thursday Bible Study of the Book of Romans will continue, beginning October 13th at 11:00 am. We will meet in the catechism room. New participants are always welcome!

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!***

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. 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: Our 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 donate baked goods, please call Joyce Yard at 419-698-0895. If you would like to help in other ways, 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.

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!

ATTENTION CHURCH GROUP LEADERS: The Finance Committee is getting ready to prepare the 2023 budget. Please contact a member of the committee with your group's budget needs and requests for the coming year by October 7th. Finance Committee members are Matt DeWitt, Brenda Fussell, Bob Giaimo, Chuck Bell, and Carol Haar.

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**

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.

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS FOR SEPTEMBER is adult and baby shampoo. (For October, it will be adult toothbrushes and toothpaste). 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!

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.

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!

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Lutheran Social Services Emergency Choice Food Pantry serves more than 500 individuals every month. They cannot do that without the help of wonderful volunteers! If you'd like to sign up to become a volunteer in the Food Pantry, call or email Debbie Lisk at 419-243-9178 or dlisk@lssnwo.org.

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY: Cedar Creek church will be opening The Clothing Closet to the community on Saturday, October 15th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. This clothing giveaway was formerly held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. They have fall and winter clothing for infants, children, young adults, men and women. Cedar Creek's Oregon campus is located at 3540 Seaman Rd. Please be aware the clothing drive is located on the second floor of the building attached to the back of the church. Currently they are not handicap accessible. Please share this information with anyone you know who may be interested so they can spread the word to those who are in need in our community.