

ANNOUNCEMENTS – September 4th

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Marcia Henninger on their 61st wedding anniversary, given by Darold Henninger.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

8-28-22: 74 Online: 20 Total: 94

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Charles Nelms – Bay Park

Dawn Irelan – St. Charles

No changes for Florence Partin, Eleanor Cochenour, Eleanor Lang

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Dawn Irelan, Lindsay Hemmerlin, Chuck Bell, Family of Pastor Blohm, Jeannette Carlo, Child abuse victims in Perrysburg, Mike & Lynn Folk, Sarah Gladieux, Dennis Kelley, 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, Nancy Gallaher, Paulette Giaimo, Kathleen Gingrich, Mercedes Gonzales, Grace Harris Greenbank, Gary Henningsen, Joe, 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. 4 – SEPT. 10

<u>Today</u>	9:00 am	- Worship
<u>Monday</u>		- LABOR DAY – CHURCH AND SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:30 am	- Ruth Circle at Applebee's
<u>Wednesday</u>	9:30 am	- Miriam Circle
	6:30 pm	- Hannah Circle
<u>Saturday</u>	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).

SPECIAL WELCOME THIS MORNING to our visitors who are worshipping with us today from First St. Mark Lutheran Church. We're glad you're here!

THANK YOU to Deacon Laura Scherer who will officiate for us today while Pastor Rayl is on vacation. Pastor Rayl will return next Sunday.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTERS are available for pick up in the lounge and Narthex (lobby) if that is how you have chosen to receive yours. We try to email as many as possible, especially now that the price of postage has gone up again. If you would like to help us save on postage by being added to our email distribution list OR if you would like to pick up your newsletter when you come to church, please call Toni in the office at 419-691-7222.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING DATE CHANGE: We will meet on Tuesday, September 13th at 6:30 pm in the lounge (instead of the 12th). See you then.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS return to 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday–Friday, beginning September 6th.

FALL SUNDAY SCHEDULE: Beginning September 11th we will return to our regular Sunday worship schedule, which will be two services at 8:00 am and 10:30 am. The following are starting on September 18th:

- 9:15 am - Rally Day for J.A.M. (Jesus And Me) Sunday School
- 9:15 am - Adult Bible Study
- 9:15 am - First Year Catechism (weekly)
- 11:30 am - Second Year Catechism (every other Sunday)

RALLY DAY & AFTER PARTY! Make sure you're here on Sunday, September 18th when we will 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 set up and take down tables and chairs for the Rally Day After Party. Set up begins at 8:00 am. We especially need help taking down the tables after the party as some of our scheduled helpers cannot stay late. Thank you!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: Children and youth are encouraged to bring their school backpacks with them to church on Rally Day, September 18th at 10:30 am. During the service, pastor will bless all the backpacks and the children who will carry them for the start of the new school year.

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.

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.

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!

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 on the last page of these announcements.) 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.

CHAPEL COMMUNION NOTICE: On September 11th, we will begin meeting again for Chapel Communion. We will meet the *second* Sunday each month at 2:00 pm in the Chapel, located on the middle floor of the Educational Building across from the church office.

FIRST ST. JOHN'S BELL CHOIR will begin its weekly practices on Monday, September 12th at 5:30 pm in the church. They are always looking for new members, so come and give it a try!

RUTH CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, September 6th at 11:30 am at Applebee's restaurant.

MIRIAM CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, September 7th at 9:30 am in the lounge.

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet Wednesday, September 7th at 6:30 pm in the small lounge downstairs in the Educational Building. This will be our regular schedule (1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm).

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet on Saturday, September 10th at 11:30 am in the lounge. Note the date change due to the Labor Day weekend falling on our regular date.

CATECHISM ORIENTATION AND REGISTRATION: Catechism orientation for 7th and 8th grade students will be Sunday, September 11th from 9:30 to 10:30 am in the catechism room, located on the middle floor of the Educational Building near the restrooms. *Classes begin on Sunday, September 18th when the first year catechism class will meet at 9:15 am and the second year class will be meeting at 11:30 am.* Students are encouraged to bring friends! 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.

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.

HIRING NOW FOR OUR SCHOOL: We are in need of an aide to assist in one of our Day School classrooms. This job is Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm each day. If you or someone you know may be interested, please call the Day School office at 419-691-6480 to set up an interview.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD STARTING SOON 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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY will begin on Sunday, September 18th at 9:15 am in the lounge. Coffee and a breakfast treat will be provided. Everyone is welcome!

YOUTH GROUP MOVIE EVENT: We will have our first meeting of the school year on Sunday, September 18th 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!

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.

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

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!

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 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 **fsiyouth**. 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 fsiyouth@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 AVAILABLE – 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.