

ANNOUNCEMENTS – October 2nd

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God in honor of Natalie Miller's 15th birthday on October 5th – Happy Birthday! – given by her family.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

9-25-22: 8:00 am: 45 10:30 am: 70 Online: 30 Total: 145

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

None of which we are aware

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Elizabeth Bland, Glenn Baden, Family of Lynn Balogh, Tracy Broyles, Jeannette Carlo, Janet Fern, Terry Filer, Chelsea Folk-Penquite, Sally Fouty, Anne Okonski Frank, Sarah Gladioux, Sara Houghtaling, Kathy, Grant Kessler, Dawn Irelan, Families of Ben & Max Morrissey, Norma Newell, Laura Scherer, Joyce Trowbridge, Larry Vriezelaar, Wanda & family

Ongoing Concerns: Bennett, Terri Bianchini, Karen Bless, Pastor Joe Brosious, Amy Brumley, Debbie Campbell, Lori Capitola, Eleanor Cochenour, Greg Contat, Richard & Marjorie Counterman, Nancy Dangler, Olivia & Delaney Dawkins, Ken DeWitt, Ann Dudics, Emmalyn, Mike Folk, Julie Frederick, Joe Frobase, Nancy Gallaher, Paulette Giaimo, Kathleen Gingrich, Mercedes Gonzales, Grace Harris Greenbank, Lindsay Hemmerlin, 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, 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, Terry Vogalsang, Deb Dusseau Warnke, Katelyn Weirich, LeAnn Winslow, John Yard, Raetta Zeisler, Rob Zunk

CALENDAR FOR OCT. 2 – OCT. 8

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- Worship / Communion – Lounge and Church Basement
	9:15 am	- 1 st Year Catechism
	9:15 am	- JAM Sunday School
	9:15 am	- Adult Bible Study (basement lounge in Ed. Bldg.)
	10:30 am	- Worship – Lounge and Church Basement
<u>Monday</u>	7:30 pm	- Dartball in Gym
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:00 am	- Ruth Circle in Catechism Room
<u>Wednesday</u>	9:30 am	- Miriam Circle
<u>Friday</u>		- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

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).

OCTOBER NEWSLETTERS: If you chose to pick up your newsletter here at church, they can be found in the lounge and the JAM room.

ALL SAINTS DAY: November 6th is All Saints Sunday. We will remember those of our church family who passed away from November 1, 2021 to October 31, 2022 (we already have those names). If you would like to honor a friend or family member who passed away prior to November 2021, please sign the book which will be located in the lounge or call the office at 419-691-7222 to have their names included on the list for that day. Thank you.

CEMETERY CLEAN UP DAY: Fall cleanup will be Saturday, October 15th at 9:00 am. It shouldn't take too long, so if you can help we would greatly appreciate it. (If you have hand clippers, please bring them.) Also, remember to remove any items from your loved one's grave that you want to keep.

ATTENTION ALTAR GUILD: We will not meet in October.

SPAGHETTI DINNER NEWS / TICKET INFORMATION: Tickets go on sale TODAY in the lounge and the JAM room. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages 4-12. The dinner will be Saturday, November 5th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm—dine in or carry out. You can also buy tickets in the church office or from circle members. **Please note: Advance tickets only; you will not be able to purchase them at the door.** A sign up sheet for volunteers is in today's bulletin; we need lots of help! Please place your completed sign up sheet in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office. Thanks in advance for signing up!

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS FOR OCTOBER is adult toothbrushes and toothpaste. Please deposit your items in the green bin in the lounge. Thanks!

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 front and back doors of the 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 either the front or the back doors of 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: Yes, we will be using altar flowers! Both the flower and visitor's books will be found in the lounge during October and November. You also can call the church office during the week to sign up for flowers and then mail in your payment.

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.

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.

MIRIAM CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, October 5th at 9:30 am in the catechism room. Note the location change.

CHAPEL COMMUNION will meet next Sunday, October 9th at 2:00 pm, in the Chapel (located on the middle floor of the Education Building).

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, October 12th at 6:30 pm in the old youth room in the basement of the Educational Building.

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!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS: On October 16th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm, come for “Alpha Youth Series Episode 1.” Youth of all ages are encouraged to come and discover Christ in a new way! For more information, please contact our Youth & Family Minister Jacob Kelly at fsiyouth@firststjohn.com or visit the Youth Twitter page: **@FirstSt.JohnYF** or on Instagram at **fsjyouth**

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).

HELP FOR MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: As many of you know, two men were killed in the explosion and fire at the BP Refinery 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.

FUN OPPORTUNITY – PRAYER BUDDIES NEEDED: We are praying some of you will volunteer to be prayer buddies for our Begingergarten 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!***

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 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 lounge 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!

NEW PORTALS OF PRAYER AVAILABLE: These free daily devotional booklets for October through December are available for pick up in the lounge and in the JAM room in the basement of the church.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS – WE WILL HAVE THEM DURING THE RENOVATION PERIOD 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 *temporarily located in the lounge*. 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 next to the book, drop it in the offering plate, or mail it to the church office. We need at least 2 vases each week. Thank you!

HURRICANE VICTIMS – LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE: In the wake of the devastation from Hurricane Ian this past week, you can help with your donations to Lutheran Disaster Response. You can donate on-line at: <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Hurricane-Response> and clicking on the "Give Now" button. Or, you can send a check by making it payable to Lutheran Disaster Response and writing "Hurricane Response" on the memo line. Then send it to Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009. Or, you can make a donation by phone by calling 800-638-3522, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Central Time.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S NEXT WEEK: 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.

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 open The Clothing Closet to the community on Saturday, October 15th from 10:00 am-1:00 pm. This 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 at 3540 Seaman Rd., and the clothing drive is 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.