

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – October 16<sup>th</sup>

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Ernie Bollinger, given by his wife, Marge; and in honor of the 36<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 18<sup>th</sup> of Bill and Donna Nelson.

### **OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED**

Laura Scherer – St. Charles (on 10/17)

**PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES:** *Add:* Jerry Nissen, Family of Jeannette Carlo, Elizabeth Bland, Glenn Baden, Family of Lynn Balogh, Tracy Broyles, Janet Fern, Terry Filer, Chelsea Folk-Penquite, Sally Fouty, Anne Okonski Frank, Sarah Gladieux, Kathy, Grant Kessler, 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, Bruce, 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, Sara Houghtaling, Dawn Irelan, 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, Terry Vogalsang, Deb Dusseau Warnke, Katelyn Weirich, LeAnn Winslow, John Yard, Raetta Zeisler, Rob Zunk

### **CALENDAR FOR OCT. 16 – OCT. 22**

<b><u>Today</u></b>	8:00 am	- Worship
	9:15 am	- 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Catechism Class
	9:15 am	- Adult Bible Study in Ed. Bldg. basement
	10:30 am	- Worship
	4:00 pm	- Youth Group
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir Practice in Catechism Room
	6:30 pm	- WELCA Board in Catechism Room
	7:30 pm	- Dartball Team #2 at home
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	7:00 pm	- Church Council Meeting
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	11:00 am	- Bible Study in Catechism Room

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

**THANK YOU** very much to those who covered the phones for me in the office while I was on vacation: Penny DeWitt, Janet Morrison, Esther Bell, Darlene Lorenzen, and Darlene Paul. You're the best!!

-- Toni Wilbarger

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

**ALL SAINTS DAY:** November 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**YOUTH GROUP MEETS TODAY** 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](mailto:fsiyouth@firststjohn.com) or visit the Youth Twitter page: [@FirstSt.JohnYF](https://twitter.com/FirstSt.JohnYF) or on Instagram at [fsiyouth](https://www.instagram.com/fsiyouth)

**2022 CANDY CRAWL IS NEXT WEEKEND– CANDY NEEDED:** We are again joining with several churches and businesses for a “Candy Crawl” on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> 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!

**MEN’S & WOMEN’S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP:** Our next get together will be Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am at the Woodville Diner. Join us for devotions, good food, and fellowship!

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

**FALL CRAFT SHOW & BAKE SALE:** Our fall craft show will be Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> 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 SHOEBOXES NEEDED:** 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 18<sup>th</sup>. and we’ll have some in the lounge to take. Take a box and fill it up! We will collect boxes until Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Please help us meet our goal and share the message of God’s love with 160 children around the world.

**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**

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

**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, you can help with your donations to Lutheran Disaster Response. You can donate on-line <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Hurricane-Response> and click 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.

**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](mailto:dlisk@lssnwo.org).