

ANNOUNCEMENTS – April 2nd

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of James and Nan Ragland, Kelvin Dunaway, and Connie Guth, given by the Dunaway family (3 vases).

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

3-26-23: 8:00 am: 37 10:30 am: 64 Online: 34 Total: 135

JAM Sunday School: 7 Adult Bible Study: 9

3-29-23: 11:00 am: 28 6:30 pm: 24 Total: 52

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Herb Frey – Elizabeth Scott Rehab

Irene Abbott – Parkcliffe Community - Northwood

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Family of Paulette Giaimo, Kelley Allred, Lori Ansted, Herb Frey, Bishop Marcus Lohrmann, Janet Mooney, Steven Riegle, Logan Roberts, Jean Ross, Dave Wilbarger Sr., Bernie Zielinski

Ongoing Concerns: Bennett, Elizabeth Bland, Karen Bless, Pastor Joe Brosious, Bruce, Amy Brumley, Debbie Campbell, Lori Capitola, Greg Contat, Marjorie Counterman, Bob Davis, Olivia & Delaney Dawkins, Jane Doe, Emmalyn, Brian Everett, Janet Fern, Terry Filer, Joe Frobase, Sarah Gladieux, Grace Harris Greenbank, Holly Henneman, Gary Henningsen, Kathy Johnson, Linda Joshi, Grant Kessler, Cindy Knavel, Tom Kohn, Eleanor Lang, Joyce Martin, Annette McGorty, Tina Mc Quillan, Bonnie Meier, Deborah Miller, Donna Miller, Jack Millner, Karen Morrison, Logan Murphy, Rosann Murray, Nick, Pam Pirolli, Janet Quiroga, John Ranchan, Sherry Reamsnyder, John Rowley, Laura Scherer, Bill Shedron, Shelley Sherman, Connie Singlar, James Spenthoff, LuAnn Spoerl, Kurt Steinhurst, Julie Swanson, Tom Tedrow, Joan Tilton, Joyce Trowbridge, Terry Vogalsang, Deb Dusseau Warnke, Katelyn Weirich, Brett Winslow, John Yard, Raetta Zeisler, Ruth Zasada, Rob Zunk

CALENDAR FOR APR. 2 – APR. 8

Today	8:00 am	- Worship / Communion
	9:15 am	- JAM Sunday School – Easter Egg Hunt
	9:15 am	- Adult Sunday School
	9:15 am	- 1 st Year Catechism Class
	9:15 am	- Choir Practice
	10:30 am	- Worship
	11:30 am	- 2 nd Year Catechism
	2:00 pm	- Chapel Communion
Monday		- SCHOOL ON EASTER BREAK
	6:30 pm	- Altar Guild Meeting / Practice for Maundy Thursday
	7:00 pm	- Dartball (Away)
Tuesday	11:00 am	- Ruth Circle
Wednesday	9:30 am	- Miriam Circle
Thursday	11:00 am	- Maundy Thursday Service
	7:00 pm	- Maundy Thursday Service
Friday	12:00 pm	- Good Friday Service (no evening service)

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

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Please silence your cell phone before the church service begins.

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Paulette Giaimo who passed away on Thursday morning. Funeral arrangements are pending.

THANK YOU to Brant Anderson for the donation of cases of 8 and 12 oz. cups to the church and school.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES:

Maundy Thursday	April 6 th : 11:00 am & 7:00 pm
Good Friday	April 7 th : 12:00 pm (no evening service)
Easter	April 9 th : 8:00 am & 10:30 am

SOCKS FOR SALEM – DEADLINE TODAY: Salem Lutheran Church accepts new or gently used socks for men, women, and children. Collection boxes are in the lounge and the Narthex (lobby) to accept your donations. Thank you!

ATTENTION CHOIR: Dr. Tony is leading rehearsals for Easter in the choir room today at 9:15 am.

CHAPEL COMMUNION TODAY: Chapel Communion will be TODAY at 2:00 pm. The date was moved ahead one week because the regular date falls on Easter.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Who's excited for an Easter Egg Hunt? All JAM Sunday School children are invited to our hunt TODAY during our 9:15 am Sunday School hour. Afterwards, all the children are invited to join the Palm Sunday Processional at the start of the 10:30 worship service. See you there!

JAM SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: Our next lesson is on Jesus' resurrection, Luke 19:28-40; 22:14-23:56. This lesson is the absolute most important Bible lesson. Our focus is: God can make something good out of something terrible. "Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last." Luke 23:46 Please save the date, May 14, Mother's Day. We are practicing songs to sing in church and we hope everyone will join us. We look forward to seeing you and your child on Sunday at 9:15.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER: This pancake breakfast will be at Applebee's (near Meijer's) on Saturday, April 29th from 8 - 10:00 am. All proceeds help support our Day School. The cost of the breakfast is \$10. Menu includes three pancakes, two slices of bacon, and beverage of your choice. Breakfast will be served by the Day School teachers and board members. You can purchase tickets from the Day School or church office after Easter. Thank you in advance for your support!

FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT: Families of JAM (Jesus And Me Sunday School) children and also the families of Day School children are invited to join in for a fun evening of bowling at Interstate Lanes in Rossford on Sunday, April 30th from 4:00–6:00 pm. More information and RSVP information will be coming in the Sunday School and Day School classes and in upcoming bulletin announcements.

CARRUTH FUNDRAISER FOR WELCA: WELCA is selling beautiful Carruth sculptures as part of a spring fundraiser. They make great gifts for Mother's Day, weddings, birthdays, housewarming, etc. The sale runs for the entire month of May. Catalogs will be available, or you can view the inventory online. See future Sunday announcements and the May newsletter for more information. Contact Chris Hunsaker in the evenings (5 - 9 pm) at 419-376-7363 or email chrisccr@aol.com with questions.

SECRETARY HELP WANTED: Toni Wilbarger is retiring at the end of April. Here is the Help Wanted information for her position. Please pass this along to anyone you think may be interested: Administrative Assistant for busy church office. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office software and possess excellent written, verbal and telephone communication skills. The ideal candidate will be a self-starter, very organized, able to work with volunteers and people of all ages, and give attention to detail. Competitive salary, full time position (30 to 35 hours). Interested persons should email resumes to Rev. Jerald Rayl at pastor1@firststjohn.com

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS ITEM: The focus item for April is facial tissues (no travel sizes, please). Please deposit your donation items in the green bin in the lounge or in the left pull out bin under the main bulletin board in the Narthex (lobby). Thank you!

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: We will hold a special congregational meeting on Sunday, May 7th after both services to vote on whether to change our Sunday worship schedule to just one service each Sunday. Members who attended discussion meetings the last several weeks filled out a comment sheet. Those responses have been compiled and are available to pick up from the lounge or Narthex (lobby). Please plan on attending this meeting on May 7th.

STADIUM SALSA FUNDRAISER: First St. John Day School is having a Stadium Salsa fundraiser with 50% of the proceeds going to the school. This is the salsa, sauces, and chips served at the Mud Hens and Walleye games. Jars of salsa (mild, medium, hot, pineapple habanero, or XXHOT Holy Toledo), Mexicali dip, chips, and hot wing and Xolotl hot sauce are on sale. Cost is \$6 per jar and \$4 for chips. If paying by check, make it out to "First St. John Day School" and either drop it off at the office or mail it in. You can also order through the school's website at www.firststjohndayschool.org You can preorder from the school office during the week, or call 419-691-6480 to preorder. Pick up is at church. **NOTE: The deadline for orders is Friday, April 28th.** Don't miss this great addition to your spread of game day snacks!

YMCA SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS: We would like to contribute to the YMCA's 2023 Campaign to raise funds for its Child Care and Summer Camp scholarships and other programs that serve the needy in our community, such as "lunch and learn" for older adults and health and well-being classes for youth and adults. The Eastern Community YMCA also has two childcare centers for infants through school age children. If you would like to contribute, please make a check out to "Eastern YMCA" and either place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Mike Winslow will be collecting for this cause through April 30th. For more information, you can go online to www.ymcatoledo.org

MONTHLY MINISTRY OUTREACH: Our monthly outreach for April is Salem Lutheran Church in downtown Toledo. Salem is a mission congregation for people experiencing poverty. They offer meals, Feed Your Neighbor, after school care, block watch program, etc. If you would like to donate to Salem's ministry, please use the blue envelopes in the pews and place your donation in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Thank you!

DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN: Registration for the 2023-2024 fall Day School program has begun. The registration fee is waived for active members of the church, but you must still complete a registration form to reserve a spot for your child. The form can be found online at www.firststjohndayschool.org Children must be at least 3 years old and potty-trained. Our classes are from 9:00 am to noon, with extended care available from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. We also will have our Summer Child Care program for children ages 3-12 years old. The Day School will host summer camps each week with a different theme. Both children needing childcare and children looking for fun activities will be welcome. Watch for more on that in the coming weeks!

SAVE THE DATE! Our annual Card Party and Luncheon will be Tuesday, May 9th at noon in the Founders' Fellowship Hall (formerly known as the gym). Items will be needed to give as door prizes (\$5 to \$10 in value) and larger items for the raffle (\$25 or more). For questions, please call Jane Schuetz at 419-691-5506 or Emily Kruse at 419-836-5473.

HELP WANTED - CHOIR DIRECTOR: We still need a choir director. Please put the word out to anyone you know who may be interested or who may know someone else who might be. This is a paid, part-time position. Responsibilities include directing the choir, assisting with music for worship and special services, along with over-sight and coordination of the church's music program. For more information and a job description, please call Pastor Rayl at 567-395-0143. Questions or resumes should be directed to his attention at, pastor1@firststjohn.com, or mailed to the church office. Thanks for your help!

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS: "Journey to the Cross" is a dramatic reenactment of Christ's last days. The program is presented on April 7th from noon to 3:00 pm and again from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1920 Lewis Ave. in Ida, MI. Guided tours begin every 15 minutes to The Last Supper, The Garden of Gethsemane, The Carpenter's Shop, and The Tomb. This is a free event, suitable for all ages. Handicap accessible. For more information, call 734-269-2420.