

ANNOUNCEMENTS – April 9th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God. Please see the Easter flower insert in today's bulletin for more details.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

4-2-23: 8:00 am: 37 10:30 am: 110 Chapel Communion: 3 Online: 10 Total: 160
 JAM Sunday School: 9 Adult Bible Study: 7
Maundy Thursday: 11:00 am: 21 7:00 pm: 65 Total: 86

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Kaneil Holston – Bay Park
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 Frobese, 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. 9 - APR. 17

Today	8:00 am	- Worship
	10:30 am	- Worship / Communion
Monday	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir
Wednesday	6:30 pm	- Hannah Circle

HAPPY EASTER! WELCOME TO FIRST ST. JOHN: 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.

SPECIAL THANKS to Adam Ladd who will play the trumpet for us this morning.

THANK YOU: We've finished collecting for our "Socks for Salem" ministry. Sincere thanks to everyone who donated.

JAM SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: There is no Sunday School today, but please bring your children next Sunday for our Jesus And Me (JAM) classes for ages 3 through 5th grade. Also, we will sing in church on May 14, which is Mother's Day. We will be practicing our songs, and we hope everyone will join us. We look forward to seeing you and your child next Sunday at 9:15 am. Happy Easter!

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!

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. 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!

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Formerly the Men's & Women's Breakfast Fellowship, we are now combining our groups. Our next breakfast will be Saturday, April 29th at 8:30 am at the Applebee's near Meijer. We will be supporting our Day School at their Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. See you there!

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 chriscr@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

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.

ANNUAL CARD PARTY MAY 9th The 30th annual Card Party and Luncheon is Tuesday, May 9th at noon in our Founders' Fellowship Hall (elevator available). Cost is \$13, which includes a wonderful lunch with homemade desserts. Door and raffle prizes available. Even if you don't play cards, come and play board games or just hang out with your friends from First St. John. For reservations, call the church office (419-691-7222), Jane Schuetz (419-691-5506), or Emily Kruse at 419-836-5473. Everyone is welcome!

DONATIONS FOR CARD PARTY: We need donations for our card party raffle. Raffle prizes should have values at least \$25 (gift certificates, gift baskets, flower arrangements, etc.) Door prizes can be something you make or that you can ask a business to donate. These are worth about \$5 to \$10, like gift certificates, dish towels, small items from stores like Bath & Body Works, etc. Boxes are in the lounge and Narthex (lobby) for your donations of both types of prizes. Thank you!

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!

HELP NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Believe it or not, Vacation Bible School (VBS) is right around the corner and we need your help! Vacation Bible School will be held Tuesday, July 18th – Friday, July 21st from 6:00 -- 8:30 pm each night. If you would like to be a group leader, station leader or part of the setup and tear down crew, please contact our Youth and Family Minister Jacob Kelly at fsiyouth@firststjohn.com or 419-356-2690. Also, a small dinner will be served in the gym from 5:15-5:45 pm every night, so we'll need help there as well. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jacob. Everyone is welcome!

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!

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

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!

PORTALS OF PRAYER: The Portals of Prayer Devotional booklets for April through June are available for pick up. You can find them in the Narthex (lobby), the lounge, the church office, and in the small caddy outside of the door by the choir loft. They come in both large and small print versions. Feel free to take some for a friend!

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!

GENACROSS LUTHERAN SERVICES ANNUAL MEETING will be virtual again this year. Please join them for their 163rd annual meeting on Tuesday, April 18th at 6:30 pm. More details will follow as the date approaches. To make a reservation for the event, please call Bev at 419-861-4990 or email her at BApel@Genacross.org by April 11th. Include your congregation name and city, along with name(s) and email address(es) of each participant.

SPRING CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW on Saturday, May 13th at Majestic Care of Toledo (formerly Genacross next door) from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. For more information and registration forms, contact Diane Cline at 419-724-1414 or email her at ActDir.ToledoMajesticCare.com