

ANNOUNCEMENTS – April 16th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of William Moritz on his birthday today, given by his family; in honor of Debbie Henninger's birthday today, given by Darold Henninger; and in honor of the baptism today of her granddaughter Layla Reif, given by Sandy Hecklinger.

CHANCEL LIGHTING is presented in loving memory of Chuck Neal on his birthday today, given by his family.

ROSE ON THE LECTERN is to honor the birth and baptism of Layla James Reif, daughter of Alex and Holly (Hecklinger) Reif.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Easter Sunday – 8:00 am: 104 10:30 am: 120 Online: 64 Total: 288

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Herb Frey – Elizabeth Scott Rehab
Irene Abbott – Parkcliffe Community - Northwood

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Family of Keith Lofquist, Jean DeWitt, Kate Gladieux, Family of Brenda Seimet, Family of Paulette Giaimo, Kelley Allred, Lori Ansted, Herb Frey, Bishop Marcus Lohrmann, Janet Mooney, Steven Riegle, Logan Roberts, Jean Ross, 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. 16 – APR. 22

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- Worship / Communion
	9:15 am	- JAM Sunday School
	9:15 am	- Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	- Worship / Baptism
	11:30 am	- 2 nd Year Catechism Class
	11:30 am	- Lounge Rental – Reif
<u>Monday</u>	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir
	6:30 pm	- WELCA Board Meeting
<u>Tuesday</u>	7:00 pm	- Council Meeting (Boards at 6:30 pm)
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00 am	- Bible Study

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

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

WELCOME AND THANK YOU to Nancy Russell who will be playing for us this morning while Dr. Pattin is on vacation.

THANK YOU to everyone for all the cards, prayers, and help given during my recovery from surgery. I'm so grateful to everyone.
-- Emily Kruse

THANK YOU! The choir would like to thank Dr. Pattin for taking the time to direct us and teach us our Easter anthem. We also want to thank Adam Ladd for playing the trumpet during our song and Cheri Sergent for directing us. We couldn't have done it without you!

"SOCKS FOR SALEM" THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone who donated. We collected 173 pairs of socks and four pairs of mittens, which will be given to Salem Lutheran Church downtown for their ministry to the needy in the downtown area.

BAPTISM TODAY is for Layla James Reif, born November 10, 2022 to Alex and Holly (Hecklinger) Reif. Sponsor are Keaston & Rebecca Reif and Kristine Miller.

PLEASE RETURN BAPTISMAL INSERTS: After the 10:30 service, please help us recycle the baptism inserts from the bulletin by placing them in the plastic bins located in the Narthex (lobby) or on the small pew by the door near the choir loft. Thank you.

EASTER FLOWER REMINDER: If you ordered flowers for the altar area for Easter Sunday and haven't had a chance to pick them up, please do so today. They are on a table in the lounge.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We will need a few volunteers to help out in the church office from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm each day during the first two weeks of May. Tasks include answering the phone and doors, sorting and distributing mail, etc. If you can help on any of those days (May 1 – 5th, May 8th – 12th) or ***even a few hours*** on any of those days, please call the church office at 419-691-7222. Thank you!

RETIREMENT RECEPTION: You're invited to a retirement reception for our office manager, Toni Wilbarger, next Sunday, April 23rd. It will be held in the lounge after both services.

PRAYER BUDDY REVEAL LUNCHEON: All those who have been praying for one of the children or the staff in our Day School's beginningergarten class, you will finally get to meet them! You are invited to a lunch on Sunday, May 21st from noon to 2:00 pm in the Founders' Fellowship Hall (gym). Please RSVP to the school office at 419-691-6480 or email fsjdayschool@firststjohn.com Thank you so much for your prayers for our beginningergarten students and staff during this school year.

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!

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 for a fun evening of bowling at Interstate Lanes in Rossford on Sunday, April 30th from 4–6 pm. Food, drinks, bowling, and shoes will be taken care of for all JAM families! If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Stacy Donley at stacydonley16@gmail.com with the number of people in your party who will be bowling so we can reserve enough lanes. See you there!

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!

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!

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 chriscchr@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

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 fsyouth@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!

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!

DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION: 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!

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!

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

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.ToledoMajestsicCare.com