

ANNOUNCEMENTS – August 13th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in honor of Joanne Schmaker's 90th birthday on August 11, 2023, given with love by her children and her extended family (3 vases).

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

8-06-23: 9:00 am: 81 Online: 27 Total: 108

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Ruth Zasada – St. Charles Hospital
James Fox – Kingston of Perrysburg

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Jessica Baron, Andra Bell, Family of Sandra Counterman-Frazier, James Fox, Family of Joyce Martin, Family of Charles Nelms, Family of Norma Newell, Kari Montag, Ruth Zasada, Linda Smith

Ongoing Concerns: Lori Ansted, Bennett, Elizabeth Bland, Karen Bless, Pastor Joe Brosious, Bruce, Amy Brumley, Debbie Campbell, Brittany Collins, Family of Bonnie Campos, Greg Contat, Marjorie Counterman, Bob Davis, Olivia & Delaney Dawkins, Jane Doe, Janet Fern, Terry Filer, Bob Foss, Herb Frey, Joe Frobese, Sarah Gladieux, Grace Harris Greenbank, Holly Henneman, Gary Henningsen, Katrin Howard, Kathy Johnson, Linda Joshi, Grant Kessler, Cindy Knavel, Tom Kohn, Eleanor Lang, Annette McGorty, Tina McQuilin, Bonnie Meier, Patty Meyer, Deborah Miller, Donna Miller, Jack Millner, Janet Mooney, Karen Morrison, Sawyer Mullen, Logan Murphy, Rosann Murray, Family of Charles Nelms, Nick, Pam Pirolli, Janet Quiroga, John Ranchan, Sherry Reamsnyder, Steven Riegle, Logan Roberts, John Rowley, Sandy, Laura Scherer, Janice Sheahan, Bill Shedron, Shelley Sherman, Connie Singlar, Family of Louise Sommers, James Spenthoff, Julie Swanson, Tom Tedrow, Joan Tilton, Peggy Torda, Joyce Trowbridge, Craig Traver, Terry Vogalsang, Deb Dusseau Warnke, Katelyn Weirich, Jean Wilson, John Yard, Raetta Zeisler, Bernie Zielinski

CALENDAR FOR AUG.13 – AUG.19

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| <u>Today</u> | 9:00 am | - Worship |
| | 10:30 am | - Living In the Kingdom Bible Study |
| <u>Monday</u> | ALL DAY | - Building Closed for Water Shutoff |
| | 5:30 pm | - Hannah's Circle @ Debbie Smith Home |
| <u>Tuesday</u> | 7:00 pm | - Council Meeting via Zoom |
| <u>Thursday</u> | 7:00 pm | - Toledo Lutheran Mixed Bowling League Mtg. (Interstate Lanes) |
| <u>Friday</u> | 4:00 pm | - Day School Meet the Teachers Night |

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

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

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet on Monday, August 14th at Debbie Smith's home at 5:30pm. Hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks provided. Everyone to bring a dish to share.

GOODBYE AND THANK YOU to Jacob Kelly, our Youth and Family Minister for the past two years. Jacob is moving on to another calling as a junior high teacher at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Toledo, and tennis coach at Toledo Christian Schools. We thank him for his service to First St. John's young people as a catechism instructor, youth director, and VBS coordinator. We wish him God's blessings for his future.

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family and friends of long time member, Norma Newell, who passed away on August 3, 2023 at Hospice House in South Carolina. Her daughter, Jeri, asks that any memorial contributions be given to fund the FSJ Quilters or Choir as both brought her joy. Funeral arrangements are still pending but a graveside service will happen at a later date at Lake Township Cemetery. A more formal obituary will be posted in the Toledo Blade.

THANK YOU / WINSLOW GOLF WRAP UP: Thanks to all who helped out or donated to our annual David Winslow Golf Scrambles outing, which was held last weekend. We had 96 golfers and \$4,086 was raised for the Winslow Scholarship fund. The top score was 19 under, and the top golfers were Sam and Stanley, Elaine Gladieux's grandsons. Congratulations! We'll see everyone next year, the first Saturday in August!

-- Mike Winslow

THANK YOU so much to WELCA for their generous donation to First St. John Church in memory of Jean DeWitt.

-- Family of Jean DeWitt

THANK YOU to the First St. John family as we navigate the profound loss of our beloved mother, Louise Sommers. We are filled with gratitude for the unwavering support during this difficult time. Your heartfelt prayers, calls, and cards have been a source of solace and strength.

-- Family of Louise Sommers

THE NEXT FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST will happen on Saturday, August 26th at 8:30 am at Woodville Diner (1949 Woodville Rd, Oregon, OH). Mark your calendars and join us for a short devotion and interesting conversation.

WELCOME DR. JOAN! We are so excited to welcome Dr. Joan Walldorf as our new Director of Music. She comes to us with an impressive resume and with over 29 years of experience teaching music and will be entering her 21st year of teaching in Toledo's inner-city schools. Dr. Joan plans to host the first of many choir rehearsals on Thursday, August 24th at 6:30pm. If you have ever considered joining the choir this would be a great opportunity to check it out! We are planning for the first choir performance to be during the Sept. 10th service. Come check it out!

UPCOMING BUILDING CLOSURES: As the new school year approaches it is necessary for us to close the church and educational buildings for maintenance. Please note that the office and building will be closed on August 14th to finish floor waxing. It may also be necessary to shut off the water for the buildings on Monday, August 14th as well. Please note, the gym will not be accessible due to floor waxing today and Monday. Thanks for your understanding and patience! For urgent needs, please email Jennifer in the office via email, office@firststjohn.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for Sunday, September 17, at 9:15 a.m. in the Lounge for the first annual "How Well Do You Know Your Bible?" quiz. Join the Adult Bible Study group as we test our Bible knowledge. Prizes given out for first and second place, and of course coffee and doughnuts. Please plan to join us!

SAVE THE DATE! On September 10th we will be returning to two services, and on September 17th we will be hosting our annual Rally Day. The children of the Day School will be singing, and we will also have our Blessing of the Backpacks.

DARTBALL STARTS SOON First St. John #1 & #2 teams will be hosting the first night on September the 25th, 2023 at 7:30 PM in the educational building (gym area). Please mark your calendars. If any questions, please reach out to Bill Nelson, or Bob Haar.

AUGUST NEWSLETTERS are now available! All members and non-members requesting an emailed or hardcopy should have received them. Hardcopies are also available in the Narthex (lobby) or in the lounge. Please email Jennifer (office@firststjohn.com) if you did not receive, or would like to be added to the list.

PORTALS OF PRAYER The July-September copies of Portals of Prayer are now available in the Narthex (lobby), in the caddy on the wall outside the church, and in the lounge for pick-up. You can also pick up during the week at the church office M-F 9am-4pm, or request a copy be mailed to you by emailing or calling the church office at 419-691-7222 (office@firststjohn.com)

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP: Flowers on Sundays beautify the sanctuary and are dedicated to the glory of God. You can assist by signing up and using as opportunity to honor/remember a loved one. The flower sign-up book is in the narthex, \$15/vase or call the church office, 419-691-7222. There are also weekly opportunities to honor or remember loved one by donating the cost of messengers (\$10) homebound reach (\$10) and chancel lighting (\$15).

MONTHLY MINISTRY OUTREACH for August will be **Lutheran Social Services of Northwestern Ohio**. The Lutheran Social Services have been serving the needs of the NW Ohio area for over 110 years. Lutheran Social Services of Northwestern Ohio provides services that strengthen the mental, moral, physical, social and spiritual well-being of those who seek the agency's services. *To support this effort, please place your check in the yellow envelopes in the pews and place in the offering plate.*

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS ITEM: *The focus item for August is bars of body soap. No travel sizes, please, as product is supposed to last for a month.* 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).

"MEET THE TEACHER" NIGHT: If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about our Day School and/or has already registered for our fall program, you can stop in on Friday, August 18th from 4:00 to 5:30 pm and tour the school and meet our teachers. Our fall program begins on Monday, August 21st. You can register your child or grandchild for school by either calling Andrea Buckley at 419-691-6480, picking up a registration form off the table outside the church office, or you can find registration forms on their website at www.firststjohndayschool.org

TOLEDO LUTHERAN MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE Consider joining the Toledo Lutheran Mixed Bowling League. They will host their first preseason meeting on August 17th at 7:00pm at Interstate Lanes in Northwood. Men and Women are welcome and the season will start on August 28th. Contact Steve Mawhorter at sdmawhorter@gmail.com or 419-343-0957.