

ANNOUNCEMENTS – August 20th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Uarda Houchin for her August 22nd birthday, given by Sandra Stahl; and in honor of Elsie Hagedorn as she sings today, given with love by Poppa and Grammie; and in honor of Jessie & Mike Henneman's 57th Anniversary (1966-2023).

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

8-06-23: 9:00 am: 97 Online: 42 Total: 139

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

None as of printing.

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Tim Schmidlin

Ongoing Concerns: Lori Ansted, Jessica Baron, Esther Bell, Bennett, Elizabeth Bland, Karen Bless, Pastor Joe Brosious, Bruce, Amy Brumley, Debbie Campbell, Brittany Collins, Greg Contat, Marjorie Counterman, Family of Sandra Counterman-Frazier, Bob Davis, Olivia & Delaney Dawkins, Jane Doe, Janet Fern, Terry Filer, Bob Foss, James Fox, 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, Family of Joyce Martin, Annette McGorty, Tina McQuilin, Bonnie Meier, Patty Meyer, Deborah Miller, Donna Miller, Jack Millner, Kari Montag, Janet Mooney, Karen Morrison, Sawyer Mullen, Logan Murphy, Rosann Murray, Family of Charles Nelms, Family of Norma Newel, 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, Linda Smith, 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, Ruth Zasada, Raetta Zeisler, Bernie Zielinski

CALENDAR FOR AUG.20 – AUG.26

<u>Today</u>	9:00 am	- Worship
	10:30 am	- Living In the Kingdom Bible Study
<u>Monday</u>	9:00 am	- Day School Fall Program Begins
	6:30 pm	- WELCA Board Meeting
<u>Thursday</u>	6:30 pm	- Choir Rehearsal
<u>Saturday</u>	8:30 am	- Fellowship Breakfast @ Woodville Diner

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!

SPECIAL THANKS to Elsie Hagedorn for singing for us this morning! Elsie is the daughter of Matt and Erin Hagedorn and granddaughter of Deb and Ted Hagedorn. Elsie has a great love of music, theatre, and dance and has participated in shows with Oregon Community Theatre, Ram Drama, and The Clay Limelighters. She also loves cheerleading for the Oregon Eagles! This fall, she will be a 5th grader at Eisenhower Intermediate.

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.

CHOIR REHEARSAL with our new Music Director, Dr. Joan, will begin this week on Thursday, August 24th at 6:30 pm. 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!

ATTENTION! During some of the building maintenance last week, a water leak in the cemetery was discovered. Until further notice, the water will be shut off to the cemetery while we investigate this issue. We apologize for any inconvenience!

WE ARE HIRING! We are starting the search for a Facility Maintenance Manager. The primary function will be to perform the custodial duties and perform light maintenance work in the church and educational building, along with assisting the trustees in being present for outsourced inspections and repairs. A full job description will be available soon and posted throughout the building and online. For more information, please contact Andrew Hodges, Pastor Rayl (pastor1@firststjohn.com), or contact the church office (419-691-7222).

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 will be given out for first and second place and coffee and doughnuts will be served.

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.

BELL CHOIR is looking for people to join us starting Sept. 18th in the church at 5:30 pm. We will give you instructions on how to hold and ring the bell. Come and give it a try! Contact Cheri Sergent for any questions at (419) 410-3572.

FIRST-YEAR CONFIRMATION CLASS: Parents interested in their child in 6th or 7th grade starting 1st-year confirmation classes should contact Pastor Rayl before September 10th at pastor1@firststjohn.com or via the church office, 419-691-7222.

A SPECIAL THANKS: The Dayschool Board would like to express our deepest gratitude to ALL the men that have worked so hard, with so many long hours, and much sweat to get the Dayschool's repairs and maintenance completed for the school year. We are so thankful for the talent and dedication that you have taken out of your days and nights to help us.

*-- So appreciative,
First St. John Dayschool Board*

DARTBALL STARTS SOON First St. John #1 & #2 teams will be hosting the first night on September 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 hard copy 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, it 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, or request a copy be mailed to you at 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 it as an opportunity to honor/remember a loved one. The flower sign-up book is in the narthex, \$15/vase or call the church office, at 419-691-7222. There are also weekly opportunities to honor or remember loved ones 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. *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 the 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).