

ANNOUNCEMENTS – August 27th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Betty TenEyck, remembering the August birthdays of her granddaughter, Ashley Susan (TenEyck) Britt, and mother, Ellen Bahnsen.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

8-20-23: 9:00 am: 104 Online: 15 Total: 119

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

None at the time of printing.

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Kevin Ruedy, Tim Schmidlin, Jerry Smith

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.27 – SEP.2

<u>Today</u>	9:00 am	- Worship
	10:30 am	- Living In the Kingdom Bible Study
<u>Thursday</u>	7:00 pm	- Choir Rehearsal

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!

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to Dr. Tony Pattin and his family as they mourn the loss of his brother, Leslie, who died last week. A memorial service was held on Saturday.

THE NEXT FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST will happen on Saturday, September 30th at 8:30 am at Woodville Diner (1949 Woodville Rd, Oregon, OH). Please join us for breakfast, devotions, and good Christian fellowship. Questions? Bob Haar at 419-250-9409.

CHOIR REHEARSAL is off to a great start and will continue next week on Thursday, August 31st from 7 pm to 8 pm, and a kick-off potluck and practice will be held on Wednesday, September 6th from 5:30-6 pm with rehearsal to follow from 6-7:30 pm. The choir's first performance will be on September 10th in celebration of our return to two services. Hope to see you there!

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.

ATTENTION! During some of the building maintenance performed recently, 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!

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.

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.

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY COORDINATOR NEEDED! We are in need of a new personal needs pantry coordinator as Karen Holmes will be stepping down at the end of this year. This is a volunteer job that averages about 12-15 hours of time a month. It involves ordering and stocking the pantry items, collecting and recording the weekly data, sharing the data monthly with Lutheran Social Services, and creating the yearly schedule for the volunteers. Karen is willing to train someone over the next few months and assist him/her, as needed. If you have any questions about the operation of the pantry or would like more details, please feel free to contact Karen at 419-279-4289.

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.

RUTH CIRCLE will meet on **September 5th at 9:30 am** in the lounge and the 1st Tuesday of the month during the school year.

MIRIAM CIRCLE will meet on **September 6th at 9:30 am** in the lounge and the 1st Wednesday of the month during the school year.

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet next on Saturday, **September 9th at 11:30 am** in the lounge due to the Labor Day holiday falling on the regularly scheduled meeting day of the first Saturday of each month.

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet next on Wednesday, **September 20th at 6:30 pm** to kick off the new year.

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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY Will begin on Sunday, September 24th. Please join our Sunday Adult Bible Study group held every Sunday Morning at 9:15 am in the lounge. We will study the gospel lesson from that Sunday each week. We will also enjoy coffee, tea, and donuts. See or call Bob Haar at 419-250-9409 for more info.

SCHOOL IS IN SESSION! The school year is off to a great start at our Day School! The children are settling in nicely and already preparing to perform songs for the church on Rally Day, September 17th. Important calendar dates for the upcoming school year will be posted in the church lounge. This includes scheduled closures and holiday dates to help with church planning and to keep everyone updated on the Day School. It is our hope to have future opportunities to involve the church congregation with the school! There are still a few spots open in our 'Beginnergarten' class, specifically designed for upcoming 5-year-olds who miss normal kindergarten-age cutoffs. Please contact Andrea Buckley at the school for more info: fsjdayschool@firststjohn.com

PORTALS OF PRAYER The July-September copies of Portals of Prayer are 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).

WEEKLY READERS NEEDED! Starting in September, weekly lesson readers are needed for each service. This is an important job and a great way to serve our church! A monthly calendar is created based on our volunteers and you do not need to do both services! Contact Jennifer (office@firststjohn.com) or call the office at 419-691-7222 for more info or to sign up! Your help is greatly appreciated!

MONTHLY MINISTRY OUTREACH We will finish up our August Ministry Outreach to **Lutheran Social Services of Northwestern Ohio** today. *To support this effort, please place your check in the yellow envelopes in the pews and place in the offering plate.* **For September, the outreach will be our very own First St. John Day School, stay tuned!**

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS ITEM: *The focus item for September will be **adult and baby shampoo**. 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).