

ANNOUNCEMENTS – September 17th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Jim and Lois Ackerman's Anniversary; In loving memory of Nancy Gallaher on her September 20th birthday, given by Don & Karen Holmes and Keith & Kim Kwiatkowski; and for Chelsea Weber's birthday, given by Chuck & Andra Bell, and Addison & Riley Weber.

9-10-23: 8:00 am: 30 10:30 am: 68 Online: 30 Total: 128

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

None at the time of printing.

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *No new additions at the time of this printing.*

Ongoing Concerns: Lori Ansted, Jessica Baron, Bennett, Elizabeth Bland, Karen Bless, Pastor Joe Brosious, 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, Kevin Ruedy, Sandy, Laura Scherer, Tim Schmidlin, Janice Sheahan, Bill Shedron, Shelley Sherman, Connie Singlar, Linda Smith, Jerry Smith, Family of Louise Sommers, James Spenthoff, Julie Swanson, Tom Tedrow, Joan Tilton, Family of Peggy Torda, Joyce Trowbridge, Craig Traver, Terry Vogalsang, Deb Dusseau Warnke, Katelyn Weirich, Jean Wilson, Donna Winslow, John Yard, Ruth Zasada, Raetta Zeisler, Bernie Zielinski, Ruth Ziethlow

CALENDAR FOR SEP.17 – SEP.23

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- Early Worship
	9:15 am	- Adult Bible School Bible Quiz
	9:15 am	- J.A.M. Sunday School
	10:30 am	- Late Worship
	11:30 am	- Rally Day After Party
<u>Monday</u>	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 pm	- Church Committee Meetings
	7:00 pm	- Church Council Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:30 pm	- Hannah Circle
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00 am	- Bible Study in the lounge
	6:30 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!

ADULT BIBLE QUIZ: Join us after the first service at 9:15 a.m. in the Lounge for the first annual "How Well Do You Know Your Bible?" quiz. Come test your Bible knowledge. Prizes will be given out for first and second place and coffee and doughnuts will be served.

RALLY DAY & AFTER PARTY! Join us after the 2nd service today for the Rally Day After Party! This includes a picnic, Kona Ice, a bouncy slide, cornhole, face painting, and games! Everyone eats free! Also, there will be an opportunity for your child to have their handprint added to our beautiful mural if they did not get a chance during VBS. 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.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY Pastor will again host a Thursday morning bible study focusing on the book of Ecclesiastes every Thursday at 11am in the lounge. If you are interested in joining and cannot make it in person, reach out to Pastor for an option to Zoom in via computer.

SECOND YEAR CATECHISM will begin on Sunday, September 24th at 11:45am following second service. For more information or details contact Pastor Rayl at pastor1@firststjohn.com or (567) 395-0143, or via the church office, 419-691-7222.

THANK YOU to everyone for the prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits while I was recovering from knee replacement surgery. They were very appreciated!

--Sue Ann Rodgers

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).

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.

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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY Will begin on Sunday, September 24th and will be held every Sunday Morning at 9:15 am in the lounge. Coffee, tea, and donuts will be provided. See or call Bob Haar at 419-250-9409 for more info.

2023 CANDY CRAWL Once again we will host a stop for the local Candy Crawl! This year the Candy Crawl will be held on October 22nd from 4-6 pm. The Candy Crawl is a community-wide event where we will pass out candy in a drive-thru format. It has been a big hit the last few years. If you want to donate candy, or are interested in helping out, please contact Deb Ladd 419-250-1460, or drop off in the church office.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP REMINDER: Fall clean-up of the cemetery will be done on Sunday, October 15th. Please remove any decorative items from the gravestones that you wish to keep BEFORE the October 15th deadline to avoid them being taken down.

2023 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Once again we will be packing shoeboxes to be delivered to children in need around the world. Fill any standard size shoebox with items, or stop down in the Sunday School area to pick up a red and green Operation Christmas Child box. The last day to return a filled shoebox to church will be Sunday, November 12th. A list of items to donate will be available. Contact Deb Ladd for more details. 419-250-1460

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).

MONTHLY MINISTRY OUTREACH for September will be our very own St. John Lutheran Day School! Did you know that FSJ Lutheran Day School has been a ministry of our church for the past 46 years!? The school strives to prepare students for the academic, social, intellectual, and spiritual challenges they will face as they grow and mature as well as help them develop their unique God-given gifts. The school's staff of 10 does an amazing job of showing the love of Jesus to the children who enter their walls. *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 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).