

ANNOUNCEMENTS – October 22nd

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Ilean M. Labuhn, given by her daughter, Roseanne Martinez and family; and in honor of the wedding of Amelia Schwiefert and Chase Tilton.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

10-15-23: 8:00 am: 37 10:30 am: 94 Online: 16 Total: 147
JAM Sunday School: 8 Adult Bible Study: 8

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

Herbert Frey – Hospice of NW Ohio (Toledo)

PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW: Herb Frey, Fred Kruse, Family of Annette McGorty, Philip Pattin, Rhonda, Steven Riegle, Tim Schmidlin, Jerry Smith, Linda Smith, Family of Susan Seibert, Monique Underwood & Family, Greg Wagner, Steve Welling

*****In an effort to better manage the prayer chain, only critical and new requests will be printed in the weekly announcements. All ongoing requests will be posted in the lounge, and narthex (lobby), and be included in the monthly newsletter. If you have any additions or changes to the prayer chain, please email office@firststjohn.com*****

CALENDAR FOR OCT 22. – OCT.28

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| <u>Today</u> | 8:00 am | - Early Worship |
| | 9:15 am | - Adult Bible Study |
| | 9:15 am | - J.A.M. Sunday School |
| | 10:30 am | - Late Worship/Communion |
| | 11:45 am | - 2 nd Year Catechism |
| | 4:00 pm | - Community Candy Crawl (see flyer in Narthex for more detail) |
| <u>Monday</u> | 5:30 pm | - Bell Choir |
| | 6:30 pm | - Vivian Sommerfield Piano Recital in the lounge |
| <u>Thursday</u> | 11:00 am | - Bible Study in the lounge |
| | 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!

THANK YOU We would like to thank our First St. John family prayers, cards, calls and transportation help during Jim's recent sickness. God bless you all!

~Jim & Janet Fox

THANK YOU to the Pastor, staff, and congregation at First St. John for the help during the loss of my mother.

~ Jeri Newell-Palmer

ADULT BIBLE STUDY Please join us every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Lounge for our Adult Bible Study hour. Each Sunday we study the day's Gospel lesson by using the three Cs- Context, Character, and Conclusions. Please join us for coffee, tea, donuts, and Bible study. Questions? See Bob Haar.

CANDY CRAWL TODAY! Once again we will host a stop for the local Candy Crawl that will happen today, 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. Thank you to all who donated candy or have volunteered! We hope to see many of the children of the Church and Day School tonight!

CHICKEN AND HAM DINNER will be held on November 4th from 4 to 6:30 pm. This dinner will be **drive-thru only**. Dinner will consist of chicken and ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, rolls, and a dessert. Tickets will be \$12 for Adults, and \$8 for children 4-10 years and can be purchased in the office M-F 9-4pm, or by calling 419-691-7222, or see Sue Ann Rogers. We will also need volunteers to help get the dinners ready for the drive-thru, contact Sue Ann Rogers as well to sign up!

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.

WE ARE HIRING! We are searching 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. For more information, please contact Andrew Hodges, Pastor Rayl (pastor1@firststjohn.com) or contact the church office (419-691-7222).

THE NEXT FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST will happen on Saturday, October 28th 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.

WINTER COATS NEEDED! We are a collection site for The East Toledo Family Center's winter coat and gear drive this year. They are especially looking for new or gently used coats (working zippers please) as last collection season the demand was higher than they were able to fulfill. They will also take new hats, and gloves, or monetary donations (See Jennifer in the office). Collection bins are located in the front lobby of the Education Building and in the lounge. The collection will take place from now until November 8th.

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 or lounge 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. *If you can, please add \$9 per box to help with shipping.* **Please note that the following items should not be included in your box:** Vaseline[®], scary items, war-related items (such as toy soldiers, military vehicles, or wearable camouflage), liquid paint sets, liquid glue, rubber balls with liquid filling, liquid lip gloss, matches, fire starters, seeds, sand/rocks/shells, all types of food, candy, or gum, medications or vitamins, toothpaste, nail polish, money or play money, baby powder, liquids or lotions, breakable items, glass items, aerosol cans, used clothing or toys. Contact Deb Ladd for more details. 419-250-1460.

DARTBALL The next Dartball matches will be held on November 6th. Team #1 will play in the gym, while Team #2 will be at St. Lucas. The season has started off great and Team #2 is currently in first place with 8 wins and 1 loss, and Team #1 is in 4th place with 4 wins and 5 losses.

ALL SAINTS DAY will be on Sunday, November 5th. We will remember those of our church family who have passed away from November 1, 2022 to October 31, 2023 (we already have those names). If you would like to honor a friend or family member who passed away prior to November 2022, please sign the book which will be located at the back of the church in the narthex (lobby) or call the office at 419-691-7222 to have their names included on the list for that day.

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).

PORTALS OF PRAYER The October-December 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)

MONTHLY MINISTRY OUTREACH for October will be our very own The Gospel Rescue Mission. The Gospel Rescue mission is a local ministry that ministers to the spiritual & physical needs of the homeless and low income throughout northwest OH & Southeast MI. They rely on local support to fund materials, services, skilled trades and volunteers to make this home mission possible. *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 October will be **adult toothbrushes and toothpaste (no more than 4 to package)**. *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).