

ANNOUNCEMENTS – October 8th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in honor of 20 years of marriage between Jennifer & Jeffrey Hess on October 11th, given by Cindy & Dave Herrera.

MESENTERS are in honor of Kevin & Carol Abbey’s 47th wedding anniversary on October 9th, given by family.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

10-1-23: 8:00 am: 26 10:30 am: 85 Online: 16 Total: 127
JAM Sunday School: 8 Adult Bible Study: 10

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

None at the time of printing.

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *None 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, Bob Davis, Olivia & Delaney Dawkins, Jane Doe, Janet Fern, Terry Filer, Bob Foss, Herb Frey, Joe Frobase, Grace Harris Greenbank, Holly Henneman, Gary Henningsen, Jeffrey Hess, Katrin Howard, Kathy Johnson, Linda Joshi, Grant Kessler, Cindy Knavel, Tom Kohn, Eleanor Lang, Family of Annette McGorty, Tina McQuilin, Bonnie Meier, Patty Meyer, Deborah Miller, Donna Miller, Jack Millner, Janet Mooney, Karen Morrison, Sawyer Mullen, Logan Murphy, Rosann Murray, Nick, Philip Pattin, Pam Pirolli, Janet Quiroga, John Ranchan, Sherry Reamsnyder, Rita Riegle, Steven Riegle, Logan Roberts, John Rowley, Sandy, Laura Scherer, Tim Schmidlin, Family of Susan Seibert, Janice Sheahan, Bill Shedron, Shelley Sherman, Connie Singlar, Linda Smith, Jerry Smith, Jim Sommers Jr, James Spenthoff, Julie Swanson, Tom Tedrow, Joan Tilton, Joyce Trowbridge, Craig Traver, Terry Vogalsang, Deb Dusseau Warnke, Katelyn Weirich, Steve Welling, Jean Wilson, Donna Winslow, John Yard, Ruth Zasada, Raetta Zeisler, Bernie Zielinski

CALENDAR FOR OCT 8. – OCT.14

<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 Class
	2:00 pm	- Chapel Communion
	5:30 pm	- Movie Night in the gym
<u>Monday</u>	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir Practice
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:30 am	- Day School Board Mtg
<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!

HARVEST FESTIVAL is here! The beautiful fall decorations on display have been provided by the Altar Guild to celebrate the fall season! The Quilters Group has also displayed their quilts on the pews for purchase (\$40 each). Please support the quilters by admiring their beautiful work and maybe buying a quilt or two! See Ginny Nissen or Jessie Henneman at early service, or Jane Neal at late service to make your purchases. A big thank you to all the ladies of the church for the beautiful decorations!

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. So join us for coffee, tea, donuts, and Bible study. Questions? See Bob Haar.

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.

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. Please also see Sue Ann Rogers to sign-up.

BELL CHOIR will meet every Monday at 5:30pm for rehearsal. They are looking for a few more people to join. No experience needed and Cheri will train you! Contact Cheri Sergent for more details (419-410-3572).

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).

THE NEXT FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST will happen on Saturday, October 29th 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.

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, drop off in the church office, or place in the bin in the Narhex (lobby).

MOVIE NIGHT TONIGHT! Today, Sunday, October 8th in the gym we will be hosting movie night and will be watching "***I Still Believe***", (based on a true story). The Biblical lessons are about prayer, miracles, and forgiveness. The movie will be about 2 hours long, free-will offering; and dinner will be served at 5:30pm with movie to follow at 6:15pm. Hope to see you there!

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. *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 or liquid glue, rubber balls with liquid filling, liquid lip gloss, matches or fire starters, seeds, sand/rocks/shells gathered from nature, all types of food, candy, or gum, medications or vitamins, toothpaste, nail polish, money or play money, baby powder, liquids or lotions, breakable items or glass containers, aerosol cans, used clothing or toys. Contact Deb Ladd for more details. 419-250-1460.

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.

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)

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 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).