

## *ANNOUNCEMENTS – September 27<sup>th</sup>*

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of their daughter, Andrea Schumaker, given by Jim and Dianne Schumaker.

### **CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

9-20-20: In-Person: 73 On-Line: 44 Total: 117

### **OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED**

None of which we are aware.

**PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES:** *Add:* Darlene Lorenzen, Gail McWatters, Family of Dorothy Felderman, Family of Kay Harmon, Julie Swanson, Family of Kathleen Lytle, Family of Kellyn Wingate, Kathleen Gingrich, “Big Dave” Miller, Grace Harris Greenbank, Family of Lil-Mar Stroh, Family of Barbara Welling, Bennett (no last name given), Family of Larry Baumer

**Ongoing Concerns:** Lee & Karyl Antoine, Lynn Balogh, Karen Bless, Mitchell Broyls, Scotty Broyles, Lori Capitola, Jeannette Carlo, Pat Christy, Greg Contat, Marjorie Counterman, Nancy Coy, Hannah Culler and family, Olivia & Delaney Dawkins, Chiara Del-Mace, Ann Dudics, Emmalyn (no last name given), Cory Folk, Jean Fry, Paulette Giaimo, Joan & Marty Hanshew, Toni Henline, Karen Huber, Pastor Beth Huener, Dana Justice, Phyllis Kelly, Mark Kieswetter, Joanne Koch, Tom Kohn, Ada Kreger, Heidi LeGrand, Teresa McFarland, Joyce Martin, Donald Meyer, Sue Moszkowicz, Angie Noe, Joyce Ostapowicz, Liz Perozek, Pam Pirolli, Steven Riegle, Logan Roberts, Karen Rowley, Nick Sass, Skylar (no last name given), Michelle Stanberry, Becky Thielan, Joan Tilton, Jane Vargo, Jim Vogelsang, Nick Wasserman, Katelyn Weirich, Barb West, Bill Wiener, John & Grace Yard, Raetta Zeisler

**WELCOME!** It’s so good to see you. Things are very different now, but remember that Jesus is the same—yesterday, today, and tomorrow!

**THANK YOU** for your cards, prayers, flowers, and phone calls while I was recuperating at Kingston. We were not allowed to have visitors, so your reaching out helped me so much. As of Saturday, I am now recuperating at home. Thanks you, church family.  
-- *Susie Moszkowicz*

**OCTOBER WORSHIP NOTICE:** We will continue our current worship schedule of one service at 9:00 am for the month of October.

**IMPORTANT NEWS FOR JAM SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We are beginning our Sunday School year with virtual learning TODAY at 10:30 am. The lessons will be live on Zoom and then posted to our church website at [www.firststjohn.com](http://www.firststjohn.com) if you missed the live Sunday session. The lessons will be on a staggered schedule depending on the age of the students. This schedule was emailed to the parents and is briefly explained in the October newsletter. You can sign up your children any time! If you have any questions, please contact Darlene Paul at 419-350-3364 or Debbie Ladd at 419-250-1460.

**EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Toni will be on vacation the week of October 12<sup>th</sup>. We will have phone coverage in the mornings on October 12-15. Office will be closed on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have any items for the October 11<sup>th</sup> and/or 18<sup>th</sup> bulletins, please call (419-691-7222) or email ([office@firststjohn.com](mailto:office@firststjohn.com)) the office by Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Thanks.

**ALTAR GUILD:** Our next meeting is Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Beth Hugueley’s home.

**CEMETERY CLEAN UP** will be Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. It shouldn’t take too long, so if you can help we would greatly appreciate it. (If you have hand clippers, please bring them.) Also, remember to remove any items you want to keep prior to October 17<sup>th</sup> (the sooner in October, the better).

**CONFIRMATION PICTURES:** The confirmation pictures have been delivered and are in the church office. Please call to arrange a pick up (419-691-7222).

**RUTH CIRCLE NEWS:** We will not meet in October or November.

**HANNAH CIRCLE** will meet on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at a location yet to be determined. You will be notified of the location as the date gets closer.

**2021 BUDGET PLANNING:** The Finance Committee will start working on the 2021 budget in October. Group leaders, please email your budget requests to [treasurer@firststjohn.com](mailto:treasurer@firststjohn.com) by October 14<sup>th</sup>. Thanks.

**NEW CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED:** We are looking for new Council members for the upcoming year. We need people for Property Management, Elders, Finance Committee, Sunday School Board, and Day School Board. Please contact Mark Ackerman at 419-345-6934 or the church office at 419-691-7222 if you are interested or have any questions.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER:** The Portals of Prayer devotional booklets for October through December are available at the check-in table (ask Toni), or they can be picked up at church during the week during office hours (9AM – 4PM). If you need to have one delivered, please call Toni in the church office (419-691-7222). \*\* You're welcome to take extras if you would like to deliver them to someone else. \*\*

**CANDY NEEDED FOR "CANDY CRAWL":** In lieu of our annual Trunk or Treat event (because of covid restrictions), this year we are joining with several local churches and businesses for a "Candy Crawl" on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. We will have one station in the parking lot across from the church to hand out candy. Parents will drive their children to the different locations. Since this is the first time we've tried something like this, we have no idea how many people may attend and how much candy we'll need. If you can help, we will need bags of candy like you'd buy for Halloween. We will be putting several pieces in Ziploc bags for the children to take. Collection boxes will be in the Narthex if you bring the candy to in-person worship. Or, you can come to the Educational Building during church office hours from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm during the week, call the office when you arrive (419-691-7222) and someone will meet you at the door to accept your donation. Thank you in advance for your help!

**DRIVE-THRU CHICKEN DINNER:** Since we cannot have our Chicken & Ham Dinner this year, we will be having a Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> in the parking lot across the street from the church from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm or until sold out. Price is \$10 per dinner, which includes a ½ chicken, baked potato with butter or sour cream, roll & butter, green beans, and a cookie. Tickets will not be sold ahead of time; you can pay as you go. We need volunteers to help; there is a signup sheet in the Narthex or you can call Sue Ann Rogers at 419-280-1310 or the church office. We also need three small tents and coolers if anyone can donate these. Please call Sue Ann if you can supply tents or coolers.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES:** We still are holding this annual event. A few shoeboxes will be in the Narthex, but we encourage you to use your own this year. Brochures with the gift tags will be in the Sunday bulletin starting October 4<sup>th</sup>. Please notify the church office if you need to pick one up. (**NOTE:** Hobby Lobby stores have plastic Operation Christmas Child boxes available for \$2.99, which is nice because you don't have to wrap them.) The last day to turn in boxes will be Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> (no exceptions). You can bring your box to in-person worship or drop it off during the week (call the office when you arrive.) This year, you can also build a "virtual shoebox" on the Operation Christmas Child website. To see how to do this, go online to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>

**PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY:** The personal needs pantry reopened in September with new Covid 19 guidelines. As of this writing, the response has been great and the new procedure appears to be working well. We are still having difficulty ordering needed items in bulk, so we greatly appreciate the items that you have donated so far. We are still in need of toilet paper and body soap (bars only, please). At this time, we do not need children's products or feminine hygiene items. If you would like to donate, the bright green collection bin is in the Narthex if you come to in-person worship. If you want to drop off your donations, please call the church office (419-691-7222) during the week and Toni can meet you at one of the Educational Building doors. Thanks!

**HELP US CELEBRATE OUR 160<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY!** Next year is First St. John's 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and we'd like to have a great celebration. That means planning will start soon! If you would like to help with this awesome event scheduled for October 24, 2021, please call Deb Ladd at 419-250-1460.

**HELP WANTED – CEMETERY CARETAKER:** The Cemetery committee is looking for someone to take over the duties of cemetery caretaker. This is a part time paid position on an as-needed basis. These duties are now being performed by volunteers. (**Note:** Mowing and grave digging is not part of this job, as it handled by individual contractors.) This position reports to First St John Lutheran Church Cemetery Committee and performs duties pertaining to the administration of burials as well as physical upkeep of the landscape and grave sites of the church cemetery.

### **Essential Duties and Responsibilities**

- Coordinates with First St John Lutheran Church clergy, staff and funeral directors in locating and marking graves for burial.
- Communicates with church staff to confirm suitability of grave sites for burial and provides information necessary for good record keeping.
- Present for all excavation, funeral services and back filling of graves.
- Levels and grass seeds new graves.
- Removes all weeds and debris from grave sites.
- Sprays weeds and fertilizes when necessary.
- Identifies grave markers that need maintenance and coordinates with the cemetery committee to take corrective action.
- Provide cost of any additional services required to Cemetery Committee for approval
- Always maintains a safe working environment.
- Follows all written rules and regulations pertaining to First St John Lutheran Church Cemetery.

For more information or to apply, call Joanne Crandall at 419-343-4811 or Bill Caldwell at 419-376-9846.

**ONLINE GIVING:** If you'd still like to consider online giving to the church, go to [www.firststjohn.com](http://www.firststjohn.com) and click on "Stewardship & Giving" to sign up for the Vanco program. (If you need help, contact Lisa Anderson at 419-392-3712). Thank you so much for continuing to support First St. John in these times.

**ORDERING ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flower sign-up book will not be in the Narthex for the time being. If you would like to order altar flowers, you can call Toni in the church office at 419-691-7222 or email her at [office@firststjohn.com](mailto:office@firststjohn.com)

**COMMUNITY PANTRY AT PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN:** Prince of Peace Lutheran, located at the corner of Lallendorf and Pickle roads in Oregon, has a mini community pantry in their parking lot. It's stocked with non-perishable food items and toiletries for anyone who needs them, but it's also open to anyone wanting to donate these items.

**PANDEMIC AND THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS:** This was recently posted by the Northwest Ohio Synod's Deacon Sherry Krieger, Director of Leadership for Congregational Care. "The relapse and overdose rate has increased by 30% since March 2020. Mental health issues related to our lock down and the pandemic are especially hard for people with depression. If you or someone you know needs help, NAMI, The National Alliance on Mental Health, has a 24-hour helpline: 800-950-6264." Check their website at [www.nami.org/help](http://www.nami.org/help) for more information.

**TOLEDO LUTHERAN BOWLING LEAGUE:** We have started our bowling season for 2020/2021, and there is still time to join us! We have made a few changes because of covid: We now have teams with three bowlers; teams can be women and men in any combination. You must wear a mask when entering the building and walking around, but you can remove it when sitting at your table and when bowling. Remember, this is a fun league, not a serious league. We bowl at Interstate Lanes in Rossford. If you are interested or have questions, email Steve Mawhorter at [sdmawhorter@gmail.com](mailto:sdmawhorter@gmail.com) or text him at 419-343-0957. If you prefer to call him, please leave a message and he will get back to you.