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A Pentecost Prayer

*Come, Spirit who is our light.
 Shine among the shadows with.
 Warm and transform our hearts.
 Come, Spirit who makes a home in us.
 Draw us to the treasures of your dwelling.
 Reveal to us the inner journey of love.
 Come, Spirit, Comforter and Consoler.
 Heal the wounded. Sooth the anxious.
 Be consolation for all who grieve and ache.
 Come, Spirit who energizes our being.
 Keep us from the tangles of toil and travail.
 Lead us to moments of prayer and play.
 Come, Spirit, consuming Fire of Love.
 Fill us with enthusiasm for your vision.
 May the desire for truth be vibrant in us.
 Come, Spirit, joy of our souls.
 Dance amid life's hills and valleys,
 Encircle us with the delights of your dance.
 Come, Spirit of wisdom and insight.
 Draw us toward your goodness and light.
 Direct our growth and guide our ways.
 Come, Spirit, strength of wounded ones.
 Be warmth in hearts of those grown cold.
 Empower the powerless. Rekindle the weary.
 Come, Spirit, source of our Peace.
 Deepen in us the action of peacemakers.
 Heal the divisions that ravage the earth.*

***ENJOY THE SUMMER IN THE
 WARMTH AND LIGHT OF THE SPIRIT
 OF LIFE AND LOVE!***

-Pastor Rayl

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY MAY UPDATE

In May, we served 97 adults and 42 children. 15 FSJ volunteers served 30 hours of time this past month to make sure the pantry runs smoothly. We also were able to fill a need identified by Oregon City Schools for students in our community! Here is a breakdown of our #s for the month:

MAY STATS:

**271 - TOTAL PRODUCT DONATIONS
 \$339 - TOTAL ESTIMATED SAVINGS
 139 - TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED
 15 - TOTAL VOLUNTEERS
 30 - VOLUNTEER HOURS
 1,787- TOTAL PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTED**

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED ITEMS OR TIME! WE ARE SERVING AN IMPORTANT NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY!

WE HAVE A LARGER NEED FOR HELP DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS SO PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING!





SUMMER SCHEDULE REMINDER

Beginning on May 26th we returned to our summer schedule of one service at 9:00 am, running through September 1st. Both Sunday School and catechism are dismissed for summer. We'll have communion each Sunday unless there is a fifth Sunday in the month.

YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

Vacation Bible School: July 22nd—July 25th from 6:00 to 8:30 each night, a light dinner is available at 5:15pm.. See page 4 for detailed VBS information. We will be in need of volunteers each night to help run stations and other activities. Great for teens and adults who want to serve! If you are interested, please contact Jennifer at 419-691-7222.



JAM SUNDAY SCHOOL IS DISMISSED FOR THE SUMMER!

Enjoy your summer and we look forward to being back with you soon! If you use Facebook, now you can keep up with the latest news for our JAM Sunday School. In your Facebook search bar, key in @FSJesusAndMe Remember to both "Follow" and "Like" the page.

REMINDER!

There will be NO Chapel Communion this Summer.

WELCA NEWS

The Board met on Monday May 20th in the lounge. The Family Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 3rd. On display will be baskets were are going to auction off. The baskets will be themed including kid' baskets, wine baskets, lottery baskets, etc.

The Card Party was a huge success! A check for the pantry was made out and deposited in the pantry account. What a fund day! Food and baskets were great. Thanks to all who donated or volunteered.

We will not be meeting in the Summer. Our next meeting will be on August 19th. Have a great Summer!

MEMORIALS

As of May 20, 2024

ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of **Hank Schumaker** by Gene Hagedorn.

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of **Hank Schumaker** by Elaine Gladieux, Chuck & Betty Hyre.

In memory of **Richard Phillips** by Larry & Darlene Paul.

In memory of **Rosann Murray** by Florence Partin.

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY

In memory of **Hank Schumaker** by Bob & Sherrie Haar, Ruth Cummerow, Don & Karen Johnson, Chuck Bell, Tim & Kay DeLong Jim Cousin, Gary & Suzanne Dreier, Jim & Kathy Vermilyon, Larry & Darlene Paul, Toby & Diane McDougle, Greg & Trisha Truman, Scott & Beth Gibson, Kevin & Kathy Fox, Cindy & Eric Johnson, Janet Morrison, Betty TenEyck, Jane Neal, Bill & Donna Nelson.

In memory of **Logan Roberts** by Jane Neal.

DEBT FUND

In memory of **Hank Schumaker** by Penny DeWitt, Don & Kim Nelson, Jim & Dianne Schumaker, Janine Contat, Emily Kruse, Terry & Jane Schuetz, Janet Morrison, Ron & Brenda Fussell, Dave Drier, Cheryl & Paul Flietz, Jerry & Ginny Nissen.

In memory of **Hank & Joanne Schumaker** by Jerry & Ginny Nissen.

In memory of **Joanne Schumaker** by Janet Morrison.

QUILTERS

In memory of **Joanne Schumaker** by Bob & Sherrie Haar.

IMPROVEMENT FUND

In memory of **Joanne Schumaker** by Penny DeWitt.

ALTAR GUILD

In memory of **Hank Schumaker** by Winnie Wohlgamuth.

CEMETERY FUND

In memory of **Hank & Joanne Schumaker** by Esther Bell.



ELDERS SCHEDULE

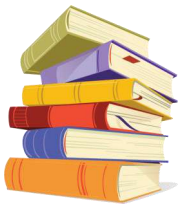
Remember, we only have one service at 9:00 am in the summer.

JUNE ELDERS

- 2nd Tom Hartford, Bob Hecklinger
- 9th Bill Nelson, Mike Winslow
- 16th Ben Hodges, Matt Miller
- 23rd Bob Haar, Sherrie Haar
- 30th Tom Gaskins, Terry Ruedy

JULY ELDERS

- 7th Dick Haar, John Roth
- 14th Tom Gaskins, Terry Rudey
- 21st Darold Henninger, Dick Haar
- 28th Bill Nelson, Mike Winslow



SUMMER READING NEEDS?

Did you know we have a 'free-to-you' resource of Christian reading material in our church lounge? This includes fiction, non-fiction, devotionals, and even movies. We currently are in the process of refreshing our library located in the church lounge. We have a wealth of books available for you to borrow and we have recently added some new titles! Our library uses a card checkout system, and the instructions for borrowing are located on the shelf, along with the new titles available for ease of viewing. Once you sign a book out, we just ask that you return it within one month (or preferably two weeks) so others may enjoy it as well. If you have any questions or comments, please reach out to Emily Kruse (419-654-2842).

BORROWING TABLES AND CHAIRS

We offer the use of the tables and chairs in the parsonage garage (not from the gym, please) as needed for summer events. Please call Jennifer in the church office at 419-691-7222 ahead of time to reserve them. Thank you.

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION



A Memorial Day ceremony took place on Monday, May 27th at 8:30 am in the church, followed by a veterans' service in the church cemetery with members of Dunberger Post and the Auxiliary. There were 25 in attendance to help honor the 105 service men and women in our cemetery. Thank you to all who attended, and also all who helped place flags in the cemetery earlier in the week!



CONFIRMATION NEWS

On Sunday, May 19th the confirmation class of 2024 was confirmed.

Kimberly Rose Donley
Daughter of Jerid and Stacy Donley

Kenna Lee King
Daughter of Keith and Shanna King

Kyle Daniel King
Daughter of Keith and Shanna King

Kaylee Jo King
Daughter of Keith and Shanna King

Vanessa Lynn Miller
Daughter of Matt and Jessica Miller

Please welcome these new members of our congregation!

Confirmation Pictures Pick-up



Pictures are now available from confirmation and can be picked up M-F in the church office from 9am-4pm. Pastor also has a Lutheran Book of Prayer for each student as well. You can also contact Jennifer to make arrangements (419-691-7222).

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please remember to silence your cell phone before church begins. Thanks!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us for VBS here at church starting Monday, July 22nd and running through Thursday, July 25th from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. Our theme this year is 'SCUBA: diving into friendship with God.' **NOTE:** We will serve a light supper beginning at 5:15 pm each night in our gym (optional), so come for dinner and stay for VBS!

You can register online through the church's Facebook page. This link was emailed to members at the end of May: You also can call the church office at 419-691-7222 to speak to Jennifer about registration.

Vacation Bible School is for children ages 3 through going into 5th grade. Youth ages 6th grade and over are welcome to help! Our leaders this year are Jeff and Jennifer Hess!

Everyone is needed! Please pray about how you might help prepare or volunteer during VBS. To volunteer, call the church office or contact Jennifer (office@firststjohn.com).



FALL REGISTRATION

Another school year has come and gone. We are so blessed to be a part of our student's lives and hope that the love they have for Jesus and the love they get from the staff follows them throughout their lives. Right after Memorial Day we are heading right into the summer program. Some of our classes are full, but there are still some spaces depending on the week.

Registration for the 2024/2025 school year is going well. We are looking forward to another great year. If you know anyone who is interested, registration is still open but some of the classes are beginning to fill up.

Forms can be found on the school's website at www.firststjohndayschool.org Children must be at least 3 years old and potty-trained. Our classes are from 9:00 am to noon, with extended care available from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. If you have questions, please call Andrea Buckley at 419-691-6480.

SUMMER MEETINGS FOR CIRCLE MEMBERS

RUTH CIRCLE

Will meet on Tuesday, June 4th at 11:30 am at American Table (846 Wheeling St, Oregon, Ohio 43616).

REBECCA CIRCLE

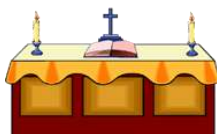
Will meet on Saturday, June 1st at 11:30 am in the lounge.

MIRIAM CIRCLE

Will meet on Wednesday, June 5th at 11:30 am at the Oregon Inn (6067 Bay Shore Rd., Oregon, Ohio 43616).

HANNAH CIRCLE

Will not meet in the Summer. See everyone again in the Fall!



ALTAR GUILD

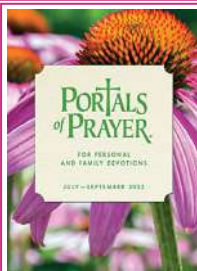
Altar Guild will not meet this Summer. Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 9th at 6:30 pm.

ORDERING ALTAR FLOWERS



If you would like to place flowers on the altar to honor or remember a loved one, you can use the red sign up book under the main bulletin board in the Narthex (lobby). Just find the Sunday you'd like and jot down the needed information.

Flower vases are \$15 each; you can use an envelope out of the book for payment. Either place it in the small box on the wall next to the bulletin board, drop it in the offering plate, or mail it to the church office. We need at least two vases each week. If no one signs up, the Altar Guild has to buy the flowers themselves and, unfortunately, they have limited funds. Thanks for your help!



PORTALS OF PRAYER

The Portals of Prayer devotional booklets for July through September will be ready for pick up in mid-June. You can find them in the lounge, the Narthex (lobby), the caddy outside the choir loft, or in the church office.



**GRADUATE
RECOGNITION
SUNDAY
June 16, 2024**

We will publicly acknowledge all our graduates from high school and college at our 9:00 am worship service on Sunday, June 16th. Please plan on having your graduate attend this service as all graduates will be recognized.

If you know of a graduate, please complete this form and drop it in the offering plate, mail to the church office, or fax this page to 419-691-7220 by Tuesday, June 3rd. Thank you.

NAME OF GRADUATE

GRADUATED FROM

DEGREE EARNED

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FUTURE PLANS (SCHOOL, WORK, ETC.)

YES, WE PLAN TO BE AT THE SERVICE _____

**DAVID WINSLOW
MEMORIAL
GOLF TOURNAMENT**



This four-man scrambles will be held on Saturday, August 3rd at the Eagles Landing Golf Club. Price is \$80 per person, which includes a hot dog and beverage at the turn, plus lunch. If you'd like to register to play or to sponsor a hole, please call Mike Winslow at 419-691-8430.

All proceeds go to the Winslow Scholarship Fund Scholarships for graduates of First St. John.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

On Saturday, June 1st at 8:30 am you are invited to meet at Woodville Diner (1949 Woodville Rd, Oregon, OH 43616) for breakfast and fellowship! We had 12 in attendance in May but there is room for more so please plan to join us! In July, we will meet on July 13th at 8:30 am at Woodville Diner as well. Hope to see everyone there!

COMMUNION CARDS



Each year we file a report with the ELCA, and there's a question about the number of active members we have. One requirement for active membership is communion attendance, so that's why we ask you to fill out communion cards. Please consider signing a communion card if you have not done so in the past so we can report more accurately to the synod. You can write confirmed members of an entire family on one card. No address or envelope number is needed unless you've changed your address recently. Thank you!

NURSERY NEWS

We have made the decision to bring back a church nursery as soon as possible! The nursery committee has met a few times and has chosen a space that they are working on revamping for the nursery. More details to come as it is finalized. We will be in need of weekly volunteers as well as new nursery items. We hope t share a wish list in the near future. Stay

**AUGUST NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE — JULY 22nd**



PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES
(As of 5/29/24)



Crisis Prayer List

For those individuals who need our prayers in urgent matters such as upcoming surgery, emergency medical care (ICU), etc. Individuals will be moved to the chronic list after one month unless a prayer chain contact is notified:

- Angela
- Andrea Buckley
- Peggy Burke
- Ann Dudics
- Duke
- Martha Everett
- James Goorman
- Jim Harrell
- Sharon Kassay
- Sue Knudsen
- Rebecca Kohn
- Helen K.
- Fred Kruse
- Paul Lambrecht
- Marc LeDuc
- Julie Miller
- Chad Milner
- Sue Moszkowicz
- Teresa Nye
- John Puhl
- Family of Logan Roberts
- Dan S.
- Family of Tim Schmidlin
- Family of Hank and Joanne Schumaker
- Mary Alice Sheehan
- Skylar
- June Smarkel
- Jerry Smith
- Jody
- Steve Welling
- Dave Wilbarger Sr.
- Arlene Wilbarger

Ongoing Concerns Prayer List

For those individuals who need our prayers for ongoing serious situations such as cancer treatments, medical struggles and recovery and/or personal situations. Individuals will be moved off after three months unless a prayer chain contact has been notified:

- Esther Bell
- Bennett
- Elizabeth Bland
- Karen Bless
- Pastor Joe Brosious
- Amy Brumley
- Debbie Campbell
- Brenda Chambers
- Marjorie Counterman
- Olivia & Delaney Dawkins
- Brian Everett
- Janet Fern
- Joe Frobase

- Laura Grace
- Grace Harris Greenbank
- Holly Henneman
- Gary Henningsen
- Katrin Howard
- Kathy Johnson
- Linda Joshi
- Cindy Knavel
- Tom Kohn
- Eleanor Lang
- Tina McQuilin
- Bonnie Meier
- Patty Meyer
- Deborah Miller
- Donna Miller
- Janet Mooney
- Mary Bell Moore
- Karen Morrison
- Logan Murphy
- Rosann Murray
- Nick
- Pam Pirolli
- Janet Quiroga
- John Ranchan
- Sherry Reamsnyder
- Steven Riegler
- Rhonda
- Kevin Ruedy
- Laura Scherer
- Bill Shedron
- Shelley Sherman
- Connie Singlar
- Jim Sommers Jr
- James Spenthoff
- Julie Swanson
- Tom Tedrow
- Joan Tilton
- Joyce Trowbridge
- Terry Vogalsang
- Greg Wagner
- Deb Dusseau Warnke
- Katelyn Weirich
- Jean Wilson
- Donna Winslow
- John Yard
- Ruth Zasada
- Raetta Zeisler
- Bernie Zielinski

Check the list and let a prayer chain contact know if someone can be moved off the list.

Prayer Chain Contacts

Carol Abbey 419-351-9795 or
cabbeyrn@aol.com

- Lynn Folk 419-309-7977
- Donna Koehn 419-705-9560
- Darlene Lorenzen 419-351-6293
- Gloria Ross 419-836-7166

MEMBER UPDATES

Births

5-1-24 Reed Kenneth Hodges.
Son of Ben and Jamie Hodges

5-14-25 Faye Louise Nelson,
daughter of Don and Amy Nelson

Baptisms

None.

Marriages

None.

Deaths

5-14-24 Joanne M. Schumaker

SUPPORT US THROUGH



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM

Did you know you can support First St. John just by shopping at Kroger!

This past quarter we earned \$82.80 in rewards donated to the church!

This program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Kroger Card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe or enter your Shopper's Card. Here's how it works:

1. Create or sign into your online rewards account on Kroger.com
2. Make sure your Kroger Reward Card account is attached to your online account.
3. Under the Kroger Community Rewards Screen, search for First St. John Lutheran, or enter the NPO # WM368.
4. Select the organization and click 'Save'. You are all set! The selected organization will now show on the Kroger Community Reward Page!



PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS - JUNE & JULY

June's focus items are laundry soap and fabric softener. For July, it will be body lotion. You can deposit items in either the bright green bin in the lounge or the

left pull-out drawer next to the Feed Your Neighbor bins in the Narthex under the main bulletin board.

MONTHLY MINISTRY OUTREACH

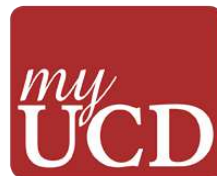
The ministry outreach for June/July will be the **Lutheran Disaster Response** which shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. Special green envelopes will be in the pews for you to donate.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY:

It's hard to believe but it has been one year since I began to serve you as your church secretary! It must be true that time flies when you are having fun! Thank you so much for allowing me the chance to serve First St. John, and also for all the kindness and grace everyone has extended to me this past year! There really is a special bunch of people who call FSJ home, and I am proud to be a part of such a loving and caring church family! Hoping for many more years serving you!

~Jennifer Hess



NEED A MEMBER'S ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?

Did you know you can access First St. John's latest directory on your smart phone?? This can be helpful if you don't have a directory with you and need to find a member's number or address. And where the hard copy version of the directory becomes outdated after awhile, the information in the app stays current since Jennifer will continue to update addresses and phone numbers from her computer.

Just go to wherever you download apps on your phone and look for "My UCD." It's a maroon-colored icon. Before you select "Install," please contact Jennifer in the church office for your unique verification code. Your code will be required during the installation process. The app works on both Android and iPhone devices.

After you download it, if you see anything in your listing that needs to be corrected, please contact Jennifer in the church office at office@firststjohn.com or 419-691-7222.