

ANNOUNCEMENTS – March 15th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Phyllis Frey, given by Herb Frey and family (2 vases).

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

3-8-20: 7:45 am: 31 10:15 am: 126 Total: 157 Chapel Communion: 2 JAM: 3
 3-11-20: 11:00 am: 22 7:00 pm: 23 Total: 45

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Dominic Vartorella – St. Vincent
 LuAnn Spoerl – St. Charles
 Chuck Neal – Toledo
 Florence Partin – Labuhn Center

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Pastor Beth Huener, Steven Riegler, LuAnn Spoerl, Andrew Schlegel, Jason Monti and family, Courtney Reed, Mitchell Broyles, Karen Rowley, Family of Bryan Salgot, Jane Vargo

Ongoing Concerns: Lee & Karyl Antoine, Lynn Balogh, Karen Bless, The Burk Family, Rosie Burtch, Jeannette Carlo, Pat Christy, Greg Contat, Marjorie Counterman, Nancy Coy, Dick Crouse, Hannah Culler and family, Olivia & Delaney Dawkins, Joy DeVore & family, Chiara Del-Mace, Robin Duck & family, Ann Dudics, Andy Dupris, Dylan (no last name given), Sharon Grames, Dorothy Felderman, Sara Florian, Toni Henline, Karen Huber, Dana Justice, Phyllis Kelly, Mark Kieswetter, Joanne Koch, Tom Kohn, Carole Kolibar, Ada Kreger, The Lee Family, Heidi LeGrand, Bonnie Lutzmann, Joyce Martin, Teresa McFarland, Donald Meyer, Donna Miller, Mary Bell Moore, Bill Morse, Keith Mullen, Susan Murphy, Margie Myers, Chuck Neal, Joyce Ostapowicz, Pfouts family, Pam Pirolli, Jullian Ramsey, Mike Ray, Michael Rheinbolt & family, Logan Roberts, Neil Rutledge, Erich Schiddel, Rick Schumaker, Connie Singlar, Skylar (no last name given), Michelle Stanberry, Diane Swartz, Becky Thielan, Joan Tilton, Samuel Unnerstall, Steve Uzl, Jim Vogelsang, Nick Wasserman, Barb West, Kellyn Wyngate, John & Grace Yard, Raetta Zeisler

CALENDAR FOR MAR. 15 – MAR. 21

<u>Today</u>	7:45 am	- Worship / Communion
	9:00 am	- JAM Sunday School / 7 th Grade Catechism
	10:15 am	- Worship
	11:30 am	- 8 th Grade Catechism
<u>Monday</u>	9:30 am	- Quilting
	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir
	6:30 pm	- WELCA Board Meeting
	6:30 pm	- Women's Bible Study
	7:30 pm	- Dartball (Away)
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:00 pm	- Zumba
	7:00 pm	- Council / Boards Meeting
	8:00 pm	- Al-Anon
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00 am	- Lenten Service in Church
	12:00 pm	- BULLETIN DEADLINE
	7:00 pm	- Lenten Service in Church
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00 am	- Grief Study in Lounge
	6:00 pm	- Zumba
	6:30 pm	- Grief Study in Lounge
	7:00 pm	- Choir Practice
<u>Saturday</u>	9:00 am	- Cemetery Clean Up

WELCOME! If you are visiting, please sign the guestbook in the Narthex (lobby) and also make sure you help yourself to one of our Welcome Packets, located just above the guestbook. We're glad you're here!

THANK YOU to Cheri Sergent and Dr. Anthony Pattin for providing special music today.

THANK YOU to everyone who came out and supported the Day School's Pancake Breakfast last weekend at Applebee's. We raised \$864.32 for the school.

THANK YOU to everyone for their prayers and concern during my recent illness. I believe the prayers help me and I am grateful for all I received. Thank you again. -- *Mike Henneman*

THANK YOU: Many, many thanks for all the prayers and concern for my son, Rick Schumaker, who passed away on February 24th. -- *Norm Schumaker*

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Sharon Gemuenden who passed away last Monday. Sharon was a past choir member and Day School teacher. As of this printing, funeral services are pending.

EASTER FLOWER NOTICE: Someone will be in the Narthex (lobby) after church today and next Sunday, March 22nd to take orders for Easter flowers. **NOTE:** Next Sunday is the **LAST** day to sign up for Easter flowers to decorate the altar area on Easter Sunday. There is a form in the bulletins and also one in the March newsletter. You can place your order form in the offering plate or mail it in to the church office.

MOVIE NIGHT CANCELLED: Due to concerns over the coronavirus, we are cancelling movie night, previously scheduled for March 22nd. We will reschedule the showing of "Risen" to a later date.

CEMETERY CLEAN UP: Spring cleanup of the cemetery will be Saturday, March 21st at 9:00 am. If you can help, please bring brooms, rakes, hedge clippers, blowers, trimmers, garbage bags – whatever you can. Remember, the more helpers we have, the quicker we'll finish the job! **NOTICE TO FAMILIES:** Please remove any decorative items from the gravestones that you wish to keep **BEFORE** the March 21st deadline because they may be taken down that day. Thank you.

LENTEN SERVICES: Our weekly Lenten services begin this week at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm in the church sanctuary. This year's theme is the "To Seek and To Save." Lenten services continue each Wednesday through April 1st. See Pastor's column in the March newsletter for more details.

DR. ANTHONY PATTIN & DR. ANTHONY PATTIN TO PERFORM: No, that's not a misprint. On Sunday, March 29th at both services, our fabulous organist/pianist Dr. Anthony Pattin will play the piano, accompanied by his nephew, also named Anthony Pattin, who will play the cello. Both men have doctorates. Dr. Anthony Pattin (the nephew) received his doctorate in Pharmacy in 2009. He is an Assistant Professor, teaching pharmacology at the University of Toledo. You don't want to miss it!

BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP GROUP: The next men and women's breakfast fellowship will be Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 8:00 am. We will once again meet as a combined group at Woodville Diner on Woodville road next to Rally's. If you need a ride, please call Bob Haar at 419-250-9409. See you there.

CARD PARTY: Our 29th annual Card Party and Luncheon is Tuesday, April 21st at noon in our gym (elevator available). Cost is \$10, which includes a wonderful lunch with homemade desserts. Door and raffle prizes available. Even if you don't play cards, come and play board games or just hang out with your friends from First St. John. For reservations, call the church office (419-691-7222) or Jane Schuetz (419-691-5506). **Everyone** is welcome! (If you can help make a 9x13 dessert for the party, there's a sign up sheet in the table by the door in the lounge. Thanks!)

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CARD PARTY: Our Card Party is coming up SOON on Tuesday, April 21st. We need donations for raffle prizes and door prizes. Raffle prizes should have values at least \$25 (gift certificates, gift baskets, flower arrangements, etc.) Door prizes can be something you make or that you can ask a business to donate. These are worth about \$5 to \$10, like gift certificates, dish towels, small items from stores like Bath & Body Works, etc. Boxes are in the lounge and Narthex for your donations of both types of prizes. Thank you!

PORTALS OF PRAYER for April - June are available. These daily devotional booklets are free. Both large and small print versions are in the Narthex, the lounge, and Chapel. Small print versions are also in the caddy on the wall outside the door by the choir loft.

NOTE: There will be not A.W.E. service in April because the regular date falls during Holy Week. Our next A.W.E. service will be in May.

WRAP UP OF LUTHERAN MINISTRIES OF MERCY MEETING: Three representatives from First St. John attended the 7th annual meeting of Lutheran Ministries of Mercy (LMM) on March 9th. LMM is a combination of Filling Memorial Home (61st annual meeting), Luther Home of Mercy (92nd annual meeting), and the Lutheran Social Services of NW Ohio (109th annual meeting). Following the dinner, the business meeting consisted of nominations for the various boards, reviewing the financial balance sheet, and learning that over 42,200 lives were positively impacted by the organization last year. This assistance ranged from an intermediate care facility, community housing, to food pantries and mental health programs. Featured speaker this year was Karen Vadino who has over 30 years in the human services field, concentrating much of her work in the field of chemical dependency.

MONTHLY MINISTRY OUTREACH: Our ministry outreach for March is Trinity Lutheran Seminary. Trinity's website states that the heart of a theological education is forming faithful, wise and courageous leaders to witness to the good news of Jesus Christ in word and action. The church is called to be a servant-witness in the world. That requires leaders who are formed in faith, informed by knowledge, and experienced in practical application of their learning. To support this cause, please place your check in the yellow envelopes in the pews and place in the offering plate. Thank you!

TOILET PAPER COLLECTION: The toilet paper drive for the East Region Churches United (a group of east side churches) continues through March. So far, we've collected 476 rolls. Please place your donations in the alcove on the east side of the church, behind the Welcome Center, in the Narthex. All collected rolls will be distributed to Food for Thought, Personal Needs Pantry, Ashland Church, Birmingham Food Pantry, Jerusalem Township Food Pantry, and other ministries in need. Monetary donations are also acceptable. Just make out your check to First St. John and write ERCU in the memo line. You can place your check in the offering plate. Thanks!

WINSLOW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE SOON This scholarship is for high school seniors who are members of First St. John and will attend college for the 2020/2021 school year. Applications are in the church office. Please turn in completed applications to the church office by March 30th to be considered. Money is supplied from proceeds of the Winslow Memorial Golf outing held each summer, along with donations from church members.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: Our annual collection of money and canned goods for the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry continues. Our tally so far is 781 items. Our goal is 1,100, so we're getting close! Every dollar you donate will go directly towards purchasing food for the pantry. No overhead, no administration costs, just food. Grocery carts are available for your food donations, and a soup pot will be in the Narthex (lobby) to collect monetary donations—whatever you can give—to help Lutheran Social Services provide food for those in our area who are in need.

ORPHANAGE TOURS: Archivist/Museum Curator Bob Haar is now scheduling tours from now through September 30th of the old orphanage located next door to First St. John. No group is too large or too small! If you and your group would like to arrange a guided tour, please call Bob at 419-250-9409.

RUMMAGE SALE HELP NEEDED: Our annual Rummage Sale will be Thursday, April 30th and Friday, May 1st. You can start bringing in your items on Wednesday, April 22nd. If you can help, please sign up using the slip below or call the church office. You can place your slip in the offering plate or mail it.

I can help sort and price items on Mon. (4/27), Tues. (4/28) or Wed. (4/29) — *CIRCLE ONE*

I can run the elevator on Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., or Fri. — *CIRCLE ONE*

I can work during sale days on Thursday or Friday — *CIRCLE ONE*

Name: _____

Phone: _____

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS FOR MARCH is toilet paper. **PANTRY FACT:** In February we distributed 470 rolls of toilet paper for an average of 118 rolls per week. We served 77 adults and 44 children for a total of 121 people. We distributed 1,459 items at an estimated value of \$816. Please deposit your items in the pull-out drawer to the left of the Feed Your Neighbor bin in the Narthex (under the main bulletin board) or in the green bin in the lounge. NOTE: Remember, no travel size or sample items—the families who come to this pantry need items to last them an entire month. Thank you!

DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION has begun for the 2020-2021 school year. Preference will be given to church members and families whose children have attended the school or are attending now. We have made a few changes and additions to our services that will hopefully fit into most families' schedules and help our students get the most out of our education programs. Right now, we are offering an early bird special off the registration fee, and we will waive the registration fee for registered church members. Go to our website at www.firststjohndayschool.org for detailed information about our classes, and feel free to contact Andrea Buckley in the Day School office (419-691-6480) if you have any further questions.

RECYCLE YOUR ELECTRONICS: Our Day School will collect old cell phones, tablets, iPods and PDAs to be recycled. Depending on the item, the school will receive a monetary donation for each. Collection boxes are located at the front of the church and near the front door of the school. Thank you!

WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL RETREAT: On Saturday, March 21st from 8:15 am to 3:00 pm, keynote speaker Robyn Dykstra will present "The Greatest Gift" of Jesus' resurrection. You also can choose two from six breakout sessions: cardio drumming, mental wellness, stress-free travel, gardening, butterfly oasis, and musical offerings using the dulcimer and violin. The retreat takes place at Prince of Peace Lutheran in Ida, Michigan. Handicap accessible. Price is \$40, which includes continental breakfast and a gourmet lunch of various salads, rolls, and dessert. Register online at www.princeofpeaceida.org or fill out the brochures found in the Narthex and send with your check. Registration deadline is March 11th.

TETELESTAI - "IT IS FINISHED" This musical portrayal of the trial, execution, and resurrection of Jesus (script & lyrics by Joel Nagy; music by Russ Nagy) will be done at Epiphany of the Lord Parish, St. Thomas Aquinas Campus on Friday, March 27th at 8:00 pm, Saturday, March 28th at 8:00 pm, and Sunday, March 29th at 1:00 pm. Admission is free with donations accepted. Epiphany of the Lord Parish is located at 729 White St. in East Toledo. www.livethepassion.org

GOOD FRIDAY REENACTMENT: "Journey to the Cross" is a dramatic reenactment of Christ's last days. The program is presented on Good Friday, April 10th, from noon to 3:00 pm and again from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1920 Lewis Ave. in Ida, MI. Guided tours begin every 15 minutes to The Last Supper, The Garden of Gethsemane, The Carpenter's Shop, and The Tomb. This is a free event, suitable for all ages. Handicap accessible. For more information, call 734-269-2420.

PORTAGE VALLEY FEDERATION OF LUTHERAN MEN & PASTORS SPRING MEETING will be Tuesday, April 14th at 6:30 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 220 Cedar St. in Pemberville. Worship and business meeting begins at 7:15. Speaker is Mike McMaster from the Wood County Historical Society. The topic is "Henry County in the Great War, German Americans & the League of American Patriots." The outreach project is funding for beds for residents at Luther Home of Mercy. Individuals who want to support this cause but cannot attend may send donations directly to: Ralph Aufdenkamp, Treasurer, 8369 Kramer Rd., Bowling Green, OH. 43402.

SCRAPBOOKING CROP FUNDRAISER for the Luther Home of Mercy will be Saturday, April 18th from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm at 5810 N. Main St., Williston, OH 43468. Included in your fun day for \$35: light continental breakfast, lunch & dinner; snacks and bottled water; full 8 ft. table space; help unloading and loading your supplies; raffle prizes (tickets 6 for \$5). You can also rent a half table (4 ft.) for \$25. Register and pay online at www.lutherhome.org or make a check payable to Luther Home of Mercy and mail with registration slip (see Toni in our church office for an RSVP slip) to Megan O'Brien, 5810 N. Main St., Williston, OH 43468. Questions? Call Megan at 419-972-4436 or email mobrien@lutherhome.org

JOB AT GENACROSS LUTHERAN SERVICES (current listings): Genacross is hiring at its various campuses. Please email your resume and cover letter for these positions. More detail is on the main bulletin board in the Narthex or on their website at www.Genacross.org.

Ministry Support: Billing Specialist, Revenue Cycle Assistant – Jobs@Genacross.org

Family & Youth Services: Direct Support Professionals, Residential Treatment/Direct Care Staff for Youth and Young Adults – Jobs@Genacross.org

Housing & Community Services: Activity Aide/Driver, Assistant Housing Site Manager, LPN/RN, STNAs/CNAs – JobsHousing@Genacross.org

Genacross at Home: RNs, LPNs, and Home Health Aides – JobsHousing@Genacross.org

Napoleon Campus: Dietary Aides/Cooks, RNs/LPNs, RN Supervisor, Resident Assistants, STNAs – JobsNapoleon@Genacross.org

Toledo Campus: Dietary Aides/Cooks, Housekeeper, MDS Nurse, RNs/LPNs, RN Night Shift Supervisor, Resident Assistants, Scheduler/Receptionist, STNAs – JobsToledo@Genacross.org

Wolf Creek (Holland) Campus: Activity Aides, Dietary Aides, LPNs, MDS Coordinator, Resident Assistants, STNAs – JobsWolfCreek@Genacross.org