

*ANNOUNCEMENTS – November 8<sup>th</sup>*

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of his mother, Helen Harrell, on her birthday on November 10<sup>th</sup>, given by Jim Harrell.

**MESSENGERS** are presented in honor of their grandson Darren Jordan Abbey on his 10<sup>th</sup> birthday, given by Kevin and Carol Abbey.

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

11-1-20: In-Person: 85    Online: 54    Total: 139

**OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED**

Norm Schumaker – St. Charles  
Ada Kreger – Wolf Creek (Holland)

**PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES:** *Add:* Theresa Jurrus, Nick Sass, Jessica, Arlene, Mark Murphy, Keith, Lisa, & Sawyer Mullen, Delores Heilman, Family of Lee Antoine, Bea Kline, Ada Kreger, Keith Kwiatkowski, Family of Bonnie Lutzmann, Norm Schumaker, Family of Michelle Stanberry, Family of Butch Ulrich, Donna Wierdo

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

**CALENDAR FOR NOV. 8 – NOV. 14**

<b><u>Today</u></b>	9:00 am	- Worship / Communion
	10:30 am	- Virtual JAM Sunday School – 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> grades
	11:30 am	- 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	7:00 pm	- Hannah Circle
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	9:00 am	- Altar Guild Church Cleaning
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	7:00 pm	- Choir Practice

**WELCOME:** We're so glad you're here! Even in the midst of uncertain times, we can count on our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to come alongside us in every circumstance.

**THANK YOU:** As we move toward the end of this Pentecost season and continue to gather in worship in special ways to consider what it means to be the Church, I thank God for you and for the faithfulness in ministry that is evident in so many ways at First St. John. Your recent gifts of \$560 and \$25 to our Genacross Lutheran Services Toledo ministry, as well as other gifts we have received in the past, is strong evidence of your "sharing the gospel" with us. May God keep you safe and well in these challenging times. Blessing to all!  
-- *Dr. Jim Dumke, VP for Mission Integration, Genacross Lutheran Services*

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Due to increased cases of Covid-19 in Lucas County, we are returning to no corporate singing or spoken responses. Dr. Tony and Annette Slater and Praise Singers (on alternate Sundays) will provide music. The service will be recorded and published to the website.

**ALTAR FLOWERS NEEDED!** Currently, no one has signed up for altar flowers for the next several Sundays. If you would like to order flowers for the altar for Sunday worship, please call Toni in the church office at 419-691-7222 and she will record your message for the Sunday you choose. Vases are \$15; you can mail your check to the church office.

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE CATECHISM NEWS:** After today (we meet at 11:30 today), we will meet every other week until the end of the year (November 22<sup>nd</sup>, December 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>). After Christmas break, we will begin again on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, then meet every other Sunday from 11:30 – 1:00.

**HANNAH CIRCLE:** We will meet on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the lounge. Please wear your mask at all times and keep 6 feet apart.

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

**JAM SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Today at 10:30 am our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will have a live Zoom lesson. If you miss the live lesson, it will be posted later on our church website at [www.firststjohn.com](http://www.firststjohn.com). Lessons will be on a staggered schedule. 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.

**ATTENTION CHOIR MEMBERS:** We will meet for practice on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Please bring your mask.

**HATS, MITTENS, GLOVES COLLECTION FOR ALL AGES:** The Personal Needs Pantry is collecting hats, mittens and gloves to distribute to our clients during the upcoming winter season. We need items for men, women and children of all ages. If you are able to donate, please place your items in the pantry drawer or the green tub that are both located in the Narthex (lobby) of the church. We will take donations throughout the winter season. Thank you in advance for your help!

**PART-TIME POSITION HELPING ADA KREGER:** When Ada returns home, her grandson Jonathan will need someone to help her during the day while he's at work. If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact the church office at 419-691-7222 and we'll put you in touch with him.

**EGGLESTON-MEINERT-PAVLEY CALENDARS** for 2021 are in the Narthex if you'd like to take one.

**HELP US MAKE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL FOR GENACROSS RESIDENTS:** Sabrene Clair, a member of First St. John, invites you to join her this Christmas in pampering the Genacross residents with Mary Kay products. On December 11<sup>th</sup>, all items will be adorned with a festive flare and delivered to the residents. Also on that day, Sabrene and other members of her team will give makeovers to the residents and take glamour photos of them. Will you help us make it a special day for them? Sabrene consulted with the Genacross staff to come up with a list of products the residents may enjoy. The total amount we hope to acquire is listed in parentheses.

- Satin Hands Pampering Set, \$36 (includes protecting softener, shea scrub & shea cream – 12 needed)
- Mint Bliss Energizing Lotion for Feet & Legs with fuzzy socks, \$11 (6 needed)
- Extra Emollient Night Cream with fuzzy socks, \$15 (6 needed)
- Mary Kay Hydrating Lotion, \$16 (4 needed)
- White Tea & Citrus Satin Body Silkening Shea Lotion, \$18 (4 needed)
- White Tea & Citrus Satin Body Whipped Shea Creme, \$22 (4 needed)
- Mary Kay Gel Semi-Shine Lipstick, \$18 (12 needed)
- Fragrances for Women, \$32, \$36, \$40, \$44 or \$50 (12 needed, please choose the amount that works for you)

If you would like to help, you can contact Sabrene at [brene80@hotmail.com](mailto:brene80@hotmail.com) or 419-343-3955 (texts are acceptable) to make your purchase. You can mail your check to the church office. Thank you so much for helping to make a special day for Genacross residents.

**NEW CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED:** Please consider donating a small portion of your time (mostly just one hour a month) to First St. John Lutheran Church. We're looking for new council members for these positions: 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.

**ADOPT-A-FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS:** We will again be collecting Christmas gifts for two (small) families this Christmas. We will begin on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> and will conclude on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. It's a very short turn-around time this year because the East Toledo Family Center has set an early deadline. ***New Way to Sign Up:*** To help ensure safe distancing, gift suggestions will not be on paper ornaments in the Narthex as in previous years. Instead, they will be listed in the announcements and also emailed to our local members. If you can help by purchasing a gift or two, please contact the church office and let Toni know which gift(s) you plan to buy. Then please bring your gift to church OR drop it off at the Educational Building during office hours. **IMPORTANT:** You must contact the church office at 419-691-7222 before buying the gift in order to avoid double purchasing. Thank you so much for helping make the holidays a little brighter for two families this Christmas.

**REBECCA CIRCLE NEWS:** Rebecca Circle is cancelling the remainder of this year's Bible studies and also the first few months of 2021. They are looking to hopefully start back in the spring.

**IN-PERSON COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** We still can hold in-person meetings ***IF*** the following are met: Groups must be no more than 10 people, everyone wears a mask, ***AND*** everyone must sit 6 feet apart for ***proper social distancing***. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

**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. (**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/>

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

**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.

**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.

**FALL GATHERINGS, ALL WELCOME:** Everyone is invited to join Bishop Daniel Beaudoin and the NW Ohio Synod staff for virtual fellowship and conversation about what it means to be "On the Way" together, Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 pm. For more information, please go to [www.nwos-elca.org](http://www.nwos-elca.org)

**ADOPT-A-RESIDENT AT LUTHER HOME OF MERCY:** With your help, Luther Home of Mercy hopes each of their residents will have a present under the tree this Christmas. If you are interested in helping, contact Arielle Semer at 419-972-4431 or [asemer@lutherhome.org](mailto:asemer@lutherhome.org) When you sign up, you will receive gift ideas for the resident. Then simply purchase the gifts and deliver them to Luther Home a few weeks before Christmas. Luther Home of Mercy is located at 5810 N. Main St. in Williston, OH.