

ANNOUNCEMENTS – January 17th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Jim Sommers on his 82nd birthday, given by his family; in honor of Addison Hugueley’s 13th birthday today, given by Nana and Papa; and in loving memory of Leonard Haar, given by Bob and Sherrie Haar.

MESSENGERS are presented in honor of their granddaughter Lottie Joy’s second birthday and her Aunt Erin Abbey’s birthday, given by Kevin & Carol Abbey.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

1-10-21: In Person: 62 ** No livestream or recording was available.

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Delores Heilman – The Labuhn Center

Marilyn Richards – Hospice Care at Divine Rehabilitation

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Family of Phyllis Kelly, Joel Sandwisch, Family of Frank Skorupa, Sharon Winslow, Mary Hubaker, Jeff Wheeler, Doug Amstutz, Art Balk, Hannah Culler & family, Don Dotson, Evan Matheney

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

CALENDAR FOR JAN. 17 – JAN. 23

<u>Today</u>	9:00 am	- Worship
	10:30 am	- Virtual Sunday School for 3, 4, 5 year olds
	10:30 am	- Virtual Sunday School for 4 th , 5 th , & 6 th grades
	11:30 am	- Virtual Sunday School for 1 st , 2 nd , & 3 rd grades
	11:30 am	- Catechism
<u>Monday</u>		- MLK Day—Church office and school closed
	9:30 am	- Quilting
	7:30 pm	- 160 th Anniversary Committee Meeting on Zoom
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:30 am	- Bible Study on Zoom

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Phyllis Kelly. Phyllis passed away on Sunday, January 10th. The family is not planning a service or burial at this time.

THANK YOU to Jane Neal for making two green tablecloths to cover the small communion tables. When we purchased new green paraments for the altar, lecturn, and pulpit, we then needed a better color match for the small tables. Thank you, Jane!

THANK YOU to Pastor Ed Strietelmeier of Faith Lutheran Church in Swanton, Ohio for donating hats, gloves, and scarves to our ongoing collection for our Personal Needs Pantry clients.

THANK YOU to our outgoing members Carol Schwegler, Penny DeWitt, and Joanne Crandall for all their hard work. And welcome to our newest member Debbie Ackerman. We look forward to working with you!

-- The Altar Guild

160th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING: We will hold a ZOOM meeting on Monday, January 18th at 7:30 pm. Please contact Bob Haar at 419-250-9409 with any questions.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING HAS BEGUN: We are beginning our Souper Bowl of Caring program early this year, with some changes. Please note we will not be collecting non-perishable food items this year. Instead, we will accept monetary donations that we will give to Lutheran Social Services so they can purchase needed items. The soup pot is in the Narthex (lobby) for your donations, or you can write a check to First St. John Lutheran and write "Souper Bowl of Caring" on the memo line. Thank you.

ON-LINE BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES: Pastor Rayl is leading an on-line ZOOM Bible study on Wednesdays at 11:30 am. The theme is "The Sermon on the Mount." The class will meet for a total of six weeks. There is no cost for material. To register for the class or if you have any questions, please contact Pastor Rayl at 567-395-0143 or email him at pastor1@firststjohn.com

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS FOR JANUARY We are returning to our monthly focus items needed for our Personal Needs Pantry. Our item for January is dish soap. 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 (also in the Narhex). *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 for your help.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING: Our next Altar Guild meeting will be held Monday, February 8th at 6:30 pm in the lounge.

NOTE ABOUT FAMILY BLESSING SUNDAY: Because of the ongoing Covid restrictions, we regret that we cannot have our annual Family Blessing Sunday this January. Perhaps when we return to regular worship, we will have it at a later date. In the meantime, we still pray that God blesses each of us and our families, today and always.

WINSLOW SCHOLARSHIP is for high school seniors who are members of First St. John and will attend college for the 2021/2022 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.

CHRISTMAS TREE DONATIONS NEEDED: We have purchased a new Christmas tree for next year's Advent and Christmas seasons. The tree has been delivered. We had some money in a fund for Christmas decorations, but it wasn't enough to cover the entire cost. To that end, we are accepting donations for the tree and some new decorations for the sanctuary. If you would like to help, please make a check out to First St. John Lutheran Church and write "Tree Decorations" on the memo line. Then you can either drop it in the mail or put it in with your regular offering if you come to in-person worship. Thank you for your help.

ORDERING ALTAR FLOWERS: If you'd like to place flowers on the altar in honor or memory of someone, please call Toni in the church office at 419-691-7222. She will write your order in the red flower book since it is not currently displayed in the Narthex. Flower vases are \$15 each; you can either drop it in the small church in the Narthex where the offering goes, or you can drop it off or mail it to the church office.

QUILTING GROUP NEWS: We are quilting each Monday from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm in the lounge. *IMPORTANT:* Due to ongoing Covid concerns, please note that only those ladies who assemble and sew the quilts will meet for the first few weeks. Please wear your masks, and we will be six feet apart. After a few weeks, we will follow up with information on how we will tie the quilts. If you have questions, please call Jane Neal at 419-276-5057 or Ginny Nissen at 419-698-2822.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE DVDs AVAILABLE: If anyone would like a copy of the Christmas Eve service on DVD (or know of someone who does not have internet that would like one), please contact the church office. Thanks.

OUR 160th ANNIVERSARY: This year, we will celebrate 160 years of ministry here at First St. John Lutheran Church. The 160th Committee is busy planning activities to celebrate, but we would like your input. Please call or email committee chairman Bob Haar if you have any ideas or thoughts about how we can best celebrate this momentous occasion. Also, if you would like to serve on the committee, please let Bob know by contacting him at either bobhaar36@gmail.com or 419-250-9409. He'd love to hear from you. Thanks.

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!

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pick up in the Narthex in the alcove on the east side of the church. If you can deliver a box or two to other members, that would be helpful. You also can stop by the office during the week to pick them up.

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY

Please purchase full size items.

dish soap	shampoo, child	toothbrush, child
paper towels	laundry soap	tampons
toilet paper	fabric softener sheets	sanitary pads
tissues	body lotion	band aids
deodorant	body soap	toothpaste, adult
shampoo, adult	toothbrush, adult	toothpaste, child
disposable razors		

This is a list of the items that will provide a month's worth of hygiene supplies to families or individuals in our neighborhood to help them stay clean and healthy. We always welcome any donations from our congregation members. **If you would like to donate items, please donate only full size products as sample sizes will not last a month.** If you would prefer a Pantry volunteer to do the shopping for you, we welcome monetary donations. Please make out checks to First St. John Lutheran Church and write Personal Needs Pantry on the memo line.

