

ANNOUNCEMENTS – February 21st

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Marcia Henninger on her birthday on February 19th, given by Darold Henninger (2 vases); and in honor of Bill Caldwell on his birthday on February 16th, given by his family.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

2-14-21: In Person: 62 Online: 74 Total: 136

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Winnie Wohlgamuth, Susie Moszkowicz – Kingston Rehab, Perrysburg

Gary Henningsen – Orchard Villa

Delores Heilman – The Labuhn Center

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Sue Ann Rogers, Winnie Wohlgamuth, Ron Schieb, Collin Folk & Alyssa, Eric Johnson, Gary Henningsen, Donna Miller, Family of Joel Sandwisch, Leona Ryan, Sharon Winslow

Ongoing Concerns: Doug Amstutz, Art Balk, Lynn Balogh, Bennett (no last name given), Karen Bless, Lori Capitola, Jeannette Carlo, Pat Christy, Marjorie Counterman, Nancy Coy, Hannah Culler & family, Mary Ann Davies, Olivia & Delaney Dawkins, Chiara Del-Mace, Don Dotson, Emmalyn (no last name given), Jean Fry, Paulette Giaimo, Grace Harris Greenbank, Delores Heilman, Toni Henline, Mary Hubaker, Karen Huber, Pastor Beth Huener, Jessica (no last name given), Dana Justice, Mark Kieswetter, Joanne Koch, Tom Kohn, Ada Kreger, Heidi LeGrand, Carol Lorenzen, Teresa McFarland, Joyce Martin, Evan Matheney, Donald Meyer, Sue Moszkowicz, Joyce Ostapowicz, Liz Perozek, Pam Pirolli, Steven Riegle, Logan Roberts, Norm Schumaker, Skylar (no last name given), Julie Swanson, Becky Thielan, Joan Tilton, Jane Vargo, Nick Wasserman, Katelyn Weirich, Jeff Wheeler, Bill Wiener, John & Grace Yard, Raetta Zeisler

CALENDAR FOR FEB. 21 – FEB. 27

<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
<u>Monday</u>	9:30 am	- Quilting
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00 am	- Lenten Service in Church
	7:00 pm	- Lenten Service in Church
<u>Thursday</u>	11:30 am	- Bible Study on Zoom

THANK YOU to my church family for your prayers, cards, and good wishes as I was recuperating from complications from my bout with Covid. Thank also for your understanding as things “piled up” in the office. Hopefully things will be back to normal soon! -- *Toni Wilbarger*

THANK YOU very much to Larry Paul who came out in the cold and shoveled in front of the Education Building and did several other spots on the property after the snowstorm last week.

THANK YOU for being an important part of our uncommon, unique work in serving a struggling city and caring for neighbors who have lots of beauty in them despite instances of abounding hardship. Thank you for caring about, serving, and loving people in a neglected neighborhood!

 -- *Pastor Mike, Salem Lutheran Church*

SPECIAL THANKS for your gifts to the Toledo home residents and your recent financial donation. May God keep you well and safe in these challenging times. Blessings to all!

 -- *Pastor Jim Dumke, VP for Mission Integration, Genacross Lutheran Services*

TIME TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS: We have a VERY quick turnaround this year on ordering flowers to decorate the altar at Easter. The cost per plant is \$10 this year, and the deadline for ordering flowers is March 3rd. The form is in the bulletin. You can mail in your flower order or drop it off in the little wooden church with your offering when you come for in-person worship.

LENTEN SERVICES: Our Lenten worship services are at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm each Wednesday in Lent, which ends on March 24th. All current restrictions and safety protocols for COVID will be observed. Both Ash Wednesday services will be livestreamed, and each Wednesday's 11:00 am Lenten service will be livestreamed, recorded, and posted on the church's website.

MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS: For whatever the reason, we haven't seen or heard from several of our members who seem to be missing. We are a family, coming together to help and support each other. And as a family, we need to reach out to those missing members. All it takes is a simple phone call to let someone know we've noticed their absence. Think of someone you haven't seen, and give them a call. Let them know they are missed. -- Mark Ackerman, Council President

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE: Our online Bible study is switching to Thursdays at 11:30 am during the season of Lent so as not to conflict with the Wednesday services. Please note the study will be recorded and posted on the church's website at www.firststjohn.com

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING – 2 MORE WEEKS TO DONATE: Next Sunday is the LAST Sunday we are collecting for the Souper Bowl of Caring program. All monetary donations will be given 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.

CANDY NEEDED FOR "BUNNY HOP": As we did with the Trunk or Treat (Candy Crawl) event this past fall, this spring we are again joining with several local churches and businesses for a "Bunny Hop" on Sunday, March 21st 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. We had approximately 350 – 400 cars that came to our station in the fall, so we assume we will need just as much candy! If you can help, we will need bags of candy. We will be putting several pieces in Ziploc bags for the children to take. There's a collection box 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!

PROBLEMS WITH LIVE STREAMING? If you have problems viewing the livestream of the worship service, please contact Pastor Rayl directly at 567-395-0143 (phone or text) after 10:30 am to discuss the issue you may be having. He may be able to determine the problem so you can view the service next time without difficulty.

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS FOR FEBRUARY is paper towels. 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 Narthex). 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.

DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION: Registration for the 2021-2022 Day School program has begun. The registration fee is waived for active church members, but you must still complete the registration form in order to reserve a spot for your child. Forms can be found on the school's website at www.firststjohndayschool.org Children must be at least three 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. For questions, please call Andrea Buckley at 419-691-6480.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE NEWS: Penny DeWitt is stepping down as committee chairperson, so we need someone else to take over. If you or someone you know might be interested or if you have questions, please contact Sue Ann Rogers, Chris Hunsaker, Darlene Lorenzen, or Esther Bell.

HELP NEEDED FOR SOUND BOARD: We still need one more person to help operate the sound board for Sunday morning worship. Training is provided. We'd like to have additional people so each person will be "on duty" for only one week per month. If this is something you'd like to try, please contact Dave Wilbarger at 419-205-7855.

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, or you can call the church office to have it emailed to you. 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.

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.

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.

