

ANNOUNCEMENTS – March 28th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God by Steve and Deanna Dunaway. Additional vase is in honor of Esther Bell on her birthday, given by Chuck & Andra Bell.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

3-21-21: In Person: 69 Online: 50 Total: 119

3-24-21: 11:00 am: 26 7:00 pm: 19 Total: 45

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Delores Heilman – St. Charles

Lucille Paul – The Labuhn Center

Herb Frey – Kingston Rehab

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Tom Tedrow, John Presley, Marjorie Foss, Ruth Zasada, Family of Mary Alice Pattin, Herb Frey, Ann Smith, Rick (no last name), Linda (no last name), Family of Joe Marazon, Lucille Paul

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), Collin Folk, Jean Fry, Paulette Giaimo, Grace Harris Greenbank, Delores Heilman, Toni Henline, Gary Henningsen, Karen Huber, Pastor Beth Huener, Eric Johnson, Dana Justice, Mark Kieswetter, Joanne Koch, Tom Kohn, Ada Kreger, Heidi LeGrand, Carol Lorenzen, Teresa McFarland, Joyce Martin, Evan Matheney, Donna Miller, Sue Moszkowicz, Liz Perozek, Pam Pirolli, Steven Riegle, Logan Roberts, Leona Ryan, Ron Scheib, Norm Schumaker, Skylar (no last name given), Julie Swanson, Becky Thielan, Joan Tilton, Jane Vargo, Nick Wasserman, Katelyn Weirich, Jeff Wheeler, Bill Wiener, Sharon Winslow, Winnie Wohlgamuth, John & Grace Yard, Raetta Zeisler

CALENDAR FOR MAR. 28 – APR. 4

<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>Wednesday</u>	11:30 am	- Pastor's Bible Study on Zoom
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00 am	- Maundy Thursday Service in Church
	7:00 pm	- Maundy Thursday Service in Church
<u>Friday</u>	12:00 pm	- Good Friday Service in Church
	7:00 pm	- Good Friday Service in Church
<u>Sunday</u>	8:00 am	- Easter Worship Service
	10:15 am	- Easter Worship Service

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: Our in-person Holy Week worship services will be held at the times listed below. Services will be livestreamed and recorded for future viewing.

April 1 st	Maundy Thursday	11:00 am, 7:00 pm
April 2 nd	Good Friday	12:00 pm, 7:00 pm
April 4 th	Easter Sunday	8:00 am, 10:15 am

** For Easter, we will have overflow seating (if needed) in the lounge and the gym, and the service will be livestreamed there. Masks, social distancing, and sanitizing will still be in effect.

THANK YOU to everyone who came out on Saturday, March 20th to help with our semi-annual clean up of the church cemetery. We appreciate your hard work!

THANK YOU to everyone who donated candy and helped out with the Bunny Hop last Sunday. About 120 cars visited us with two to three kids per car, on average. Everyone was very grateful; some said they attended in the fall and came back now because of our generosity. Since we had fewer cars than the fall, we had candy left over. Some of the candy was donated to Helping Hands of St. Louis, while others were donated to the Day School and to the staff at Genacross. Thank you again for your help.

THANK YOU: Lutheran Social Services is grateful for the gift of \$666.09 we received that benefitted the Toledo Food Pantry. Over and over again, we find our donors put others first and are selfless and compassionate. In this year of upheaval and fear, you have shown grace and generosity. Thank you for your continued support.
-- Tracia Jaksetic, Vice President

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE: Thank you to Kris Abel who has volunteered to take over as chairperson of the Bereavement Committee. You'll do a great job!

DAY SCHOOL POPCORN ORDERS: If you ordered popcorn from our Day School fundraiser, you can pick up your order after in-person worship today in the Narthex. Bags are labeled with each person's name. Thank you for supporting our school!

NEWS FROM OUR QUILTERS: Even with Covid restrictions and fewer attendees, we still finished 150 quilts this year. Thank you to everyone who pinned, tied and sewed quilts, whether you came to the in-person sessions or worked on quilts at home. Our quilts are being donated to several charities, including the Dialysis Center of Oregon, the Beach House, Salem Lutheran, Cocoon Ministries, and the Bed Ministry of First Presbyterian Church on Monroe, MI. Thank you to everyone who helped out this year.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: We need someone who will empty the receptacle by the main church door and take it to a recycling center. It's full of used bulletins and other paper, and should only need to be done every second or third week. Please call Toni in the church office if you'd like to help. Thank you.

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE AFTER EASTER: Good news! We are returning to two Sunday services after Easter, at least through the end of May. Services will be at 8:00 am and 10:15 am. All Covid precautions (masks, social distancing, sanitizing) will remain in place for both services. We will still livestream and record the services if you don't yet feel comfortable coming to in-person worship. And don't forget—when the weather gets warmer, our new air conditioning will make the sanctuary comfortable!

DONATIONS OF SOCKS NEEDED – ANY KIND: There's a correction to last week's announcement; Salem Lutheran needs socks of any kind for not only women, but men and children too. Socks can be new or gently used. There is a collection box in the Narthex, or you can drop them off to the church office during the week. We will collect today and Easter Sunday. If you have questions, please call the church office at 419-691-7222. Thanks in advance for your help.

WINSLOW SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE IS TUESDAY This 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. Completed applications must be turned in to the church office by March 30th to be considered. Funding for the scholarship is supplied from proceeds of the Winslow Memorial Golf outing held each summer, along with donations from church members.

MISSING BIBLE STUDY DVD: When everything shut down due to Covid a year ago, our women's Bible study called "The Armor of God" had one week left to go. As was our practice, those who missed a session would borrow the DVD in order to do the study at home and catch up. We would like to donate this study to our church library, but disc 1 is missing. If you have it, please contact Toni in the church office or return it to Toni either at in-person worship or during office hours. Thank you!

NOTICE REGARDING "BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION": Please note that the Day School is no longer participating in this program. You do not need to save these box tops any longer. Thank you.

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS FOR MARCH is toilet paper. (Our April focus item is facial tissue.) 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.

PORTALS OF PRAYER BOOKLETS AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP: Portals of Prayer devotional booklets for April—June are here. Ask for one when you check in before for in-person worship, or you can stop by the church office during the week. If you need one delivered, please call Toni at 419-691-7222 to arrange it. Thank you!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING WRAP-UP: We collected \$216 in January and \$450.09 in February for a grand total of \$666.09 that will be donated to Lutheran Social Services to purchase items for their food pantry. Thanks so much for your generosity.

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.

DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION: Registration for the both the summer and 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.

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.

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.

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.