

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – November 14<sup>th</sup>**

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are presented to the glory of God in honor of Richard Hecklinger on his birthday on November 15<sup>th</sup> and Susan Tilton on her birthday on November 20<sup>th</sup>, given by Robert Hecklinger (2 vases); and in honor of Jean DeWitt on her birthday on November 16<sup>th</sup>, given by her family.

**MESSENGERS** are presented in honor of Darren Abbey's 11<sup>th</sup> birthday, given by his grandparents.

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

11-7-21: 8:00 am: 38    10:30 am: 82    Chapel Communion: 1    Online: 24    Total: 145

**OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED**

Mary Gillespie – Arbors of Oregon, Hospice Care

**PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES:** *Add:* Richard Counterman, Laura Scherer and family, Rob Zunk, Janet Quiroga, Family of Toni Henline, Sharon Kruse, Christine Balk, Raedell Long, Scott Giaimo & family, Mary Gillespie, Terry Mays

*Ongoing Concerns:* Lynn Balogh, Bennett (no last name), Dan Bibish, Karen Bless, Pastor Joe Brosious, Bruce (no last name given), Amy Brumley, Lori Capitola, Jeannette Carlo, Pat Christy, Marjorie Counterman, Nancy Coy, Hannah Culler & family, Mary Ann Davies, Olivia & Delaney Dawkins, Dawn (no last name given), Chiara Del-Mace, Emmalyn (no last name given), Paulette Giaimo, Mickey Jurrus Gill, Grace Harris Greenbank, Tom Hartford, Gary Henningsen, Pastor Beth Huener, Dana Justice, Mark Kieswetter, Joanne Koch, Tom Kohn, Ada Kreger, Lauren (no last name given), Heidi LeGrand, Linda (no last name), Dustin Lively, Joyce Martin, Evan Matheney, Bonnie Meier, Donna Miller, Nick (no last name given), Liz Perozek, Pam Pirolli, John Ranchan, Todd Reynolds, Steven Riegle, Logan Roberts, Ann Ryan, Norm Schumaker, Judy Sharp, Shelley Sherman, Skylar (no last name given), Ann Smith, Louise Sommers, Girrard Stewart, Julie Swanson, Tom Tedrow, Becky Thielan, Joan Tilton, Carlene Trost, Kellie Ulrich, Jane Vargo, Mark Walker, Nick Wasserman, Katelyn Weirich, Jeff Wheeler, Bill Wiener, Sharon Winslow, John Yard, Raetta Zeisler

**CALENDAR FOR NOV. 14 – NOV. 20**

<b>Today</b>	8:00 am	- Worship
	9:15 am	- JAM Sunday School
	9:15 am	- Catechism
	10:30 am	- Worship / Communion
<b>Monday</b>	11:00 am	- Day School Thanksgiving Feast
	4:15 pm	- Praise Singers Practice
	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir
	7:30 pm	- Dartball – Away
<b>Tuesday</b>	11:00 am	- Day School Thanksgiving Feast
	6:30 pm	- Hannah Circle
	7:00 pm	- Church Council – boards meet at 6:30 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	11:00 am	- Day School Thanksgiving Feast
<b>Thursday</b>	11:00 am	- Day School Thanksgiving Feast (gym)
	11:00 am	- Bible Study (lounge)
	7:00 pm	- Choir Practice
	7:00 pm	- Bible Study
<b>Friday</b>	11:00 am	- Day School Thanksgiving Feast
<b>Saturday</b>	3:00 pm	- Lounge Rental

**WELCOME** to First St. John Lutheran Church! We're so happy you're here. If you are visiting with us, please sign the guest book, located in the Narthex (lobby).

**FOUND:** Black travel umbrella left in the back of the church. If this belongs to you, please contact the church office at 419-691-7222.

**THANK YOU:** You and all the members of First St. John have been such faithful supporters of the ministry of Genacross Lutheran Services from the beginning; what a joy it is to serve with and for you! “The Orphan’s Church’s” recent gift of \$595 to Genacross-Toledo, as well as many other gifts you’ve given in the past, are strong evidence of your “sharing in the gospel” with us. Having First St. John as a neighbor and partner in ministry is a true gift from God. Blessings to all!

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

**2022 ALTAR FLOWERS** The flower sign up book in the Narthex has been updated to include January through October, 2022. If you’d like to sign up for flowers in the coming year, the book is located under the main bulletin board. Envelopes for payment can be found in the book or in the small caddy on the wall to the right of the bulletin board.

**2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES:** The offering envelopes for 2022 will be ready for pick up in a few weeks. If you currently do not have envelopes and would like to have some, please contact the church office at 419-691-7222 by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you.

**YOUTH EVENT: ESCAPE ROOM!** All teens are invited to challenge themselves in an Escape Room on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 pm. We will meet in the catechism room on the main floor of the Education Building. For more details, check in on our Instagram and Twitter accounts or call Jacob Kelly.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD DEADLINE IS NEXT WEEK:** In honor of our 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, the Sunday School children and staff have a challenge for you — our BIG goal is to have 160 filled shoeboxes for our 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary! We’ve supplied the empty shoeboxes for you. These are in the Narthex and the lounge for you to take and fill up. We will collect boxes until Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. **If you can, please add \$9 per box to help with shipping. Please note that the following items should not be included in your box:** Vaseline<sup>®</sup>, scary items (things that will frighten a child rather than bring joy), war-related items (such as toy soldiers, military vehicles, or wearable camouflage), liquid paint sets or liquid glue, rubber balls with liquid filling, liquid lip gloss, matches or fire starters, seeds, sand/rocks/shells gathered from nature, all types of food, candy, or gum, medications or vitamins, toothpaste, nail polish, money or play money, baby powder, liquids or lotions, breakable items or glass containers, aerosol cans, used clothing or toys. Thank you for helping us meet our goal and share the message of God’s love with 160 children around the world.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY:** We need two people to serve in the Personal Needs Pantry. You will need to be available on Wednesdays from 9:00 am -11:30 am. **You will only serve every five weeks for the first two months and then possibly only every six weeks for the rest of the year.** The schedule is set for the whole year, so it is easy to make arrangements to trade shifts well in advance. The pantry is located in the basement of the church, so you will be going up and down some steps. You can find someone to partner with and both of you volunteer or you can be a single and partner with someone else who has volunteered as a single. I would like to know if you are interested as soon as possible so I can get the 2022 schedule made by December. If you are interested, I will meet with you and give you training. It’s a very simple but highly rewarding ministry! If you would like more information, please feel free to give me a call (419-691-3225 or 419-279-4289) or send me an email at [cheh17@aol.com](mailto:cheh17@aol.com) – *Karen Holmes*

**POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE:** See the order form in the back of the bulletin for ordering poinsettias to be placed in the altar area for Christmas Eve. You have a choice of red or white poinsettias, and the cost is \$12 each. Deadline for turning in orders is December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO DECORATE** the church for Christmas. We will meet on Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. If you’d like to help, please call the church office at 419-691-7222. Thanks!

**WELCA BOARD MEETING:** We will meet on Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the lounge. (The date in the newsletter is incorrect.)

**HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS:** We will meet on Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the small lounge in the basement of the Educational Building.

**TOILET PAPER DRIVE EXTENDED through November 28<sup>th</sup>.** *East Region Churches United (ERCU)* is a gathering of east side churches, now in its third year. Two years ago, we collected more than 6,000 rolls that were distributed through several local organizations, including First St. John's Personal Needs Pantry. Collected toilet paper will benefit Ashland Church, Birmingham Food Pantry, Food For Thought at St. Paul's Episcopal, Helping Hands of St. Louis, Jerusalem Township Pantry, Martin Luther Lutheran, Providence Center, St. Mark's Lutheran, and our own Personal Needs Pantry. Our donations will go to St. Paul's Episcopal for final distribution. You can place your donations in the west alcove of the Narthex or in the lounge, or you can drop them off during the week to the church office. If you'd prefer to make a financial contribution, please send a check to St. Paul's Episcopal Church (798 S. Coy Rd., Oregon, OH 43616) with "Wipe Out Poverty" in the memo. Questions? Call Pastor Julie Beitelschees at 419-349-8341 or email her at [jbeitel@bex.net](mailto:jbeitel@bex.net).

**NOVEMBER NEWSLETTERS** can be picked up either the Narthex (lobby) or the lounge, if that is how you have chosen to receive yours.

**PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS FOR NOVEMBER** is sanitary pads. 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. Thank you!

**DR. PATTIN'S CDs:** Just in time for Christmas gifts! Dr. Pattin's music CDs are available in the church office for purchase at \$15 each. Here is the list of titles with the number of CDs available in parentheses: "With a Touch of Class" (4), "Live From New York" (5), "Recital Highlights" (4), "Tidings of Comfort and Joy" (5), and "Trip Down Memory Lane" (2). If you'd like to purchase any, please call 419-691-7222 or stop in at the church office. (If you are paying by check, please make it out to *Anthony Pattin.*)

**COMMUNITY DISCOUNT CARD FUNDRAISER:** The Day School is having a fundraiser selling cards that allow you to enjoy special discounts at your favorite local vendors. The card is good from November 1, 2021 to November 1, 2022. Some of the savings include 15% off at El Camino Real, \$12 for a 20-pound propane tank refill at Gladieux Home Center, 10% off at Salad Galley, 10% off at Lee Williams House of Meats, 15% off a full service oil change at Valvoline, \$5 off \$25 at Live Lively Boutique, plus discounts at other local stores like Soap City Car Wash, Shawarmaholic, Beth Allen's Florist, Great Clips, Eastern Lanes, and Marco's Pizza. Cards are \$20, and you can purchase them in the Narthex after church today and also on upcoming Sundays. Or, you can purchase them from the church or Day School offices during the week. Thank you for supporting First St. John's biggest ministry!

**NEW 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: elders, finance, property management, Sunday School board, and Day School board. Please contact Mark Ackerman (419-345-6934), Chuck Bell (419-290-4431), or the church office (419-691-7222) if you are interested or have questions.

**HATS, MITTENS, SOCKS AND BOOTS NEEDED:** WELCA is collecting hats, mittens, socks, and boots for local school children. You can place your donations in the designated boxes in the Narthex or the lounge. Thank you for your generosity.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY!** Everyone is invited to our Christmas party on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> in the gym with social time at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm. This year we honor our church members who are 90 years old and above. Entertainment will be by the German Band. Dinner will include lasagna, salad, bread, and dessert. If you want to attend, just fill out the RSVP slip below and put it in the offering plate or RSVP to [office@firststjohn.com](mailto:office@firststjohn.com)

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*I / we will attend the Christmas Party on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.*

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW BIBLE STUDY:** Romans may be the most important letter you will ever read. It is Paul's masterpiece, the clearest and fullest explanation of the gospel in the Bible. John Calvin said, "If a man understands it, he has a sure road opened for him to the understanding of the whole Scripture." But watch out! Those who study Romans are rarely the same afterward. Martin Luther wrote about his encounter with Romans, "I grasped the truth that the righteousness of God is that righteousness whereby, through grace and sheer mercy, God justifies us by faith. Thereupon I felt myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise."

Come join Pastor Rayl and the other members of the Bible Study class in a life changing and faith strengthening encounter with Paul's Letter to the Romans on Thursday mornings at 11:00 am and Thursday evening at 7:00 pm. The class began on Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, but it's not too late to join. Bring your Bible and \$20 for the cost of materials. See you there!

**MONTHLY MINISTRY OUTREACH:** In November, we will continue collecting for our Personal Needs Pantry. Monetary donations help our coordinator purchase items to make up for shortages in actual product donations. Special envelopes are in the pews for you to include a donation to the pantry. Please continue to bring in pantry products too, as the need is always great.

**MEN'S & WOMEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP:** Our next breakfast will be Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am at the Woodville Diner on Woodville Rd. Separate men's and women's breakfasts will be led by Bob and Sherrie Haar. After breakfast we will go to the church to set up for the annual Christmas dinner. For more information, please call Bob at 419-250-9409.

**ADOPT A RESIDENT AT GENACROSS FOR CHRISTMAS:** Genacross has asked for our help to "adopt" residents for Christmas by bringing gift bags for a man or woman. Suggested items include: hard candy, sugar-free candy, candy bars (no nuts), puzzle books, coloring books, colored pencils, body wash, cologne, hand lotion, seasonal window clings, shaving cream, non-slip socks, combs/brushes, stationery, stamps, pens, lip balm, fleece throws, stuffed animals, 2022 calendars, wafer cookies (regular and sugar free), jigsaw puzzles (300 pieces), shampoo, and headbands/barrettes. **NOTE:** If you want to include food, please send only those items in the list above. Please bring your gift bag(s) to the facility by Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at the main lobby screening table. Place a tag on your gift to indicate whether it's for a man or a woman. Questions? Call Diane Cline at 419-724-1739.

**PROCLAIM FM CHRISTMAS DINNER:** Everyone is invited to a Christmas Dinner on Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Parkway Place in Maumee. Enjoy an elegant, served dinner with music by Swingmania and a night full of love and laughter with entertainers Kristin and Danny. You can purchase tickets online at [www.proclaimfm.com](http://www.proclaimfm.com) Parkway Place is located at 2592 Parkway Plaza in Maumee, OH. Doors open at 5:30 pm.

**KOLBASZ SAUSAGE FUNDRAISER:** Calvin United Church of Christ Auxiliary will be making Kolbasz on Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Kolbasz can be ordered in bulk or casing form for \$5.00 per pound. To place your order, call the Calvin office at 419-691-3033 (Opt. 4) anytime. Orders can be picked up that day from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please place your order by Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Calvin United is located at 1946 Bakewell St. in Toledo.

**ADOPT-A-RESIDENT FOR CHRISTMAS:** The Luther Home of Mercy welcomes everyone to participate in the opportunity for families and groups to give back in the upcoming holiday season and bring joy to the residents of the Luther Home of Mercy. Their hope is that each resident will have a present under the tree this Christmas. When you sign up, you will receive a list of gift ideas specific to the resident you are adopting. Simply purchase gifts and deliver them to Luther Home of Mercy a few weeks before Christmas. If you are interested in adopting a resident or would like more information, please call Arielle Semer at 419-972-4431 or email [asemer@lutherhome.org](mailto:asemer@lutherhome.org)