

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – November 21<sup>st</sup>**

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of our parents, Dee and Elizabeth Hyre and Ike and Ethel Rideout (on Ethel's birthday today), given by Chuck and Betty Hyre (2 vases).

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

11-14-21: 8:00 am: 38    10:30 am: 80    Online: 48    Total: 166

**OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED**

Mary Gillespie – Arbors of Oregon, Hospice Care

**PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES:** *Add:* Larry Paul, 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, 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, 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. 21 – NOV. 27**

<b><u>Today</u></b>	8:00 am	- Worship / Communion
	9:15 am	- JAM Sunday School
	9:15 am	- Catechism
	10:30 am	- Worship / Communion
	12:00 pm	- Lounge Rental
	4:00 pm	- Youth Event
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir
	6:30 pm	- WELCA Meeting
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>		- School closed for Thanksgiving Break - Personal Needs Pantry Closed
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>		- School and Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving
<b><u>Friday</u></b>		- School Closed; Church Hours Limited
	9:00 am	- Decorating Church for Christmas

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

**THANK YOU** to the Bell Choir who will share their music with us this morning.

**THANK YOU** so very much to everyone who helped make our craft show on November 13<sup>th</sup> such a BIG success. We had lots of vendors, lots of foot traffic, and lots of baked goods to sell. Thank you to those who helped set up and clean up, those who ran the elevator and helped the vendors carry in their merchandise, those who baked desserts to sell (as well as those who operated the bake sale table), those who supplied and served the lunch, and everyone who may have helped in any way. We made \$1,284 to be used towards purchase of new railings for the front of the church. Thanks again!!!

**ADOPT-A-FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS:** We are adopting a large family with six kids for Christmas, and we need your help to purchase gifts for them. Christmas trees are in the Narthex (lobby) with paper ornaments on them. You can select and choose to donate one or more gifts. Please take the ornament with the gift you'd like to provide off the tree. Keep the top ornament for yourself and then on the ornament behind it write your name and phone number. Then place the ornament with your name on it in the small box on the table. No need to wrap the gift. The deadline for turning in your gift(s) is Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. You can leave them in the designated box behind the ornament trees or bring it to the church office during the week. Thank you for helping bring joy to a needy family this year!

**FOUND – 3 ITEMS:** Small gold half-hoop earring, a gold angel pin found in the lounge, and a black travel umbrella left in the back of the church. If any of these belong to you, please contact the church office at 419-691-7222.

**YOUTH EVENT TODAY: 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.

**MIRIAM CIRCLE:** We will meet on Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 am at the Oregon Inn for our Christmas get-together.

**REBECCA CIRCLE** will meet on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at noon at Zia's restaurant (at the docks).

**RUTH CIRCLE CHRISTMAS:** We will meet on Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at Ralphies restaurant in Oregon.

**HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS:** We will meet on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Andra Bell's home. Please bring an appetizer to share.

**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 couple of 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.

**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 Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. (NOTE date change.) If you'd like to help, please call the church office at 419-691-7222. Thanks!

**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).

**CHAPEL COMMUNION IN DECEMBER:** In December, Chapel communion will be held on the second Sunday on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Please make a note of it. Thank you.

**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 Gladioux 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!

**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.

**PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS FOR NOVEMBER** is sanitary pads (packages larger than 24). 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. NOTE: Our December focus is band aids and disposable razors. 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" (4), 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*.)

**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.

**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.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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)

**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.

**JOBS AT GENACROSS LUTHERAN SERVICES (current listings):** Genacross is hiring at its various campuses. Please apply on-line via their website at: <https://genacrosslutheranservices.net/opportunities>

**Ministry Support:** Licensed Nursing Home Administrator/Executive Director

**Family & Youth Services:** Direct Support Professionals, Master's Level Counselors, Residential Treatment/Direct Care Staff for Youth and Young Adults

**Home & Community Based Services:** Maintenance Technician (Norwalk, Ohio), Maintenance Technician (Toledo, Ohio), Resident Aide

**Genacross at Home:** Medical Social Worker, Outreach Coordinator, RNs, LPNs, & Home Health Aides

**Napoleon Campus:** Assistant Director of Nursing, Dietary Aides/Cooks, Director of Nursing, Resident Assistants, RN Supervisor-Night Shift, RNs/LPNs, STNAs

**Toledo Campus:** Clinical Supervisor-Night Shift, Dietary Aides/Cooks, Housekeepers, Maintenance Technician, Receptionist, Resident Assistants, RNs/LPNs, STNAs, Wellness Nurses

**Wolf Creek (Holland) Campus:** Assistant Dietary Manager, Dietary Aides, Housekeeper/Laundry Aide, LPNs, MDS Coordinator, Resident Assistants, RN Supervisor-Night Shift, STNAs