

ANNOUNCEMENTS – November 28th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of our mother and grandmother Lucille Schuetz, given by the Schuetz and Cromly families.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

11-21-21: 8:00 am: 29 10:30 am: 114 Online: 12 Total: 155

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Mary Gillespie – Orchard Villa, Hospice Care

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: Add: Richard Counterman, Larry Paul, Janet Quiroga, Laura Scherer and family, Rob Zunk

Ongoing Concerns: Christine Balk, Lynn Balogh, Bennett (no last name), Dan Bibish, Karen Bless, Pastor Joe Brosious, 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, Scott Giaimo & family, Mickey Jurrus Gill, Mary Gillespie, Grace Harris Greenbank, Tom Hartford, Gary Henningsen, Pastor Beth Huener, Dana Justice, Mark Kieswetter, Joanne Koch, Tom Kohn, Ada Kreger, Sharon Kruse, Heidi LeGrand, Linda (no last name), Dustin Lively, Raedell Long, Joyce Martin, Terry Mays, Bonnie Meier, Donna Miller, Nick (no last name given), Liz Perozek, Pam Pirolli, John Ranchan, Todd Reynolds, Steven Riegler, 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. 28 – DEC. 4

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- Worship
	9:15 am	- Catechism
	10:30 am	- Worship
<u>Monday</u>	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir in Lounge
	7:30 pm	- Dartball (Home)
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:30 am	- Miriam Circle at Oregon Inn
<u>Thursday</u>	7:00 pm	- Chancel Choir
<u>Saturday</u>	8:00 am	- Men's & Women's Breakfast at Woodville Diner
	9:30 am	- Set up in gym for Christmas Party
	12:00 pm	- Rebecca Circle at Zia's restaurant

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).

SPECIAL WELCOME: Today we welcome Laura Scherer, ELCA Deacon, who will give the sermon this morning while Pastor Rayl is at home recuperating from his surgery (he is doing well). Thanks also to Bob Haar who will conduct the service this morning.

IMPORTANT GENACROSS NOTICE: In a recent letter by Dr. Jim Dumke from Genacross Lutheran Services, he noted, "Genacross Lutheran Services has accepted an offer from Majestic Care to purchase our Toledo Campus. Transfer of ownership is expected to be finalized by the end of 2021. The Toledo Campus buildings are in need of capital improvements in order to remain competitive in today's health care market. Unfortunately, Genacross has been unable to fund the needed improvements. By finding a new owner/operator with more support capability and capital for renovations, we are ensuring the campus will continue to serve those in need in east Toledo and Oregon for years to come. Majestic Care is based in Westfield, Indiana with 31 facilities in Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio. They have a strong history of investment in the facilities they have purchased. Representatives from Majestic Care will visit the Toledo Campus to begin the transition. Genacross will assuredly keep our members and friends informed. Blessings to all."

THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone who filled a shoebox for our Operation Christmas Child project this year. Although we didn't quite make our goal of 160 boxes for our 160th anniversary, we DID collect 143 shoeboxes, which is the most we've ever done. All the boxes were taken to the local drop off location after church on Sunday, November 21st. Thank you again for your generosity.

THANK YOU to all who donated hats, scarves, socks, and gloves/mittens this year. We collected 66 scarves, 78 hats, 62 glove/mittens and 16 pairs of socks. They were divided up and half given to "That Neighborhood Church" (that's an actual church name) and half to Navarre Elementary. That Neighborhood Church is in the north end of Toledo, and they allow people in need to come in and "shop" for the items that they need. Thank you all for helping to keep children warm this winter.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Our annual Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, December 12th after both services. We will vote on the 2022 Budget, new council members, and a project to refurbish the church sanctuary.

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 19th. 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.

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

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

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

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

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES: The offering envelopes for 2022 will be ready for pick up next Sunday. If you currently do not have envelopes and would like to have some, please contact the church office at 419-691-7222 by December 1st. Thank you.

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS FOR DECEMBER is band aids and disposable razors. 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!

LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY Everyone is invited to our FAMILY Christmas party on Sunday, December 5th 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 Deutschmeister 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

I / we will attend the Christmas Party on Sunday, December 5th.

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

MEN'S & WOMEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: Our next breakfast will be Saturday, December 4th 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.

CHAPEL COMMUNION IN DECEMBER: In December, Chapel communion will be held on the second Sunday on December 12th 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 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!

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 5th.

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.

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*.)

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 11th 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.

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

PROCLAIM-FM CHRISTMAS DINNER: Everyone is invited to a Christmas Dinner on Thursday, December 9th 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 Parkway Place is located at 2592 Parkway Plaza in Maumee, OH. Doors open at 5:30 pm.