

ANNOUNCEMENTS – December 5th

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God by John & Judi Shilling.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

11-28-21: 8:00 am: 29 10:30 am: 78 Online: 54 Total: 161

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Mary Gillespie – Orchard Villa, Hospice Care

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Family of Mark Walker, Sara Richardson, A.J. Walker, Richard Counterman, Larry Paul, Janet Quiroga, Laura Scherer and family, Rob Zunk

Ongoing Concerns: Christine Balk, Lynn Balogh, Bennett, 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, Chiara Del-Mace, Emmalyn, 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, Dustin Lively, Raedell Long, Joyce Martin, Terry Mays, Bonnie Meier, Donna Miller, Nick, Liz Perozek, Pam Pirolli, John Ranchan, Todd Reynolds, Steven Riegle, Logan Roberts, Ann Ryan, Norm Schumaker, Judy Sharp, Shelley Sherman, Skylar, Ann Smith, Louise Sommers, Julie Swanson, Tom Tedrow, Becky Thielan, Joan Tilton, Carlene Trost, Kellie Ulrich, Jane Vargo, Nick Wasserman, Katelyn Weirich, Jeff Wheeler, Bill Wiener, Sharon Winslow, John Yard, Raetta Zeisler

CALENDAR FOR DEC. 5 – DEC. 11

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- Worship / Communion
	9:15 am	- JAM Sunday School
	9:15 am	- Catechism
	10:30 am	- Worship
	2:00 pm	- Chapel Communion
	6:00 pm	- Family Christmas Party in Gym
<u>Monday</u>	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir in Lounge
	6:30 pm	- Altar Guild
	7:30 pm	- Dartball (Home)
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:00 am	- Ruth Circle at Ralphie's
<u>Wednesday</u>	7:00 pm	- Day School Christmas Program
<u>Thursday</u>	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir in lounge
	7:00 pm	- Choir Practice
<u>Friday</u>		- OFFICE CLOSED

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: We welcome back 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.

THANK YOU to all who donated hats, scarves, socks, and gloves/mittens this year; we have finished our collection drive. We collected 66 scarves, 83 hats, 64 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES will be at 7:00 pm and 11:00 pm. Come celebrate the birth of our Savior!

THANK YOU: Also, a big thank you goes out to those who donated toilet paper for the community drive. That collection has now concluded. We were able to donate 138 rolls of toilet paper. Thanks again!

POINSETTIAS ORDER DEADLINE TODAY: 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. Someone will be in the Narthex (lobby) after church today to take your order. You may also place your order in the offering plate or drop it off at church tomorrow.

CHRISTMAS PARTY TONIGHT: If you turned in your RSVP for the Christmas party, don't forget it's tonight in the gym with social time at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm. See you there!

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2022 are on tables in the lounge, listed in alphabetical order from left to right, top to bottom. If a married couple is contributing jointly, the label on the box will show the husband's name. If you do not have envelopes but would like to receive them, please contact Toni in the church office at 419-691-7222.

CARD "SHOWER" FOR ADA: Ada Kreger will celebrate her 96th birthday on **December 23rd**. Let's "shower" her with some lovely birthday cards to cheer her. Her address is: 7411 Twin Lakes Rd., Perrysburg, OH 43551. Thank you!

COMMUNION NOTICE: There will be no communion at early service today. Instead, we will have communion at BOTH services next Sunday.

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.

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.

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.

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!

2022 CALENDARS FROM EGGLESON-MEINERT-PAVLEY: For those who have asked, we checked and found they are on order. As with a lot of things these days, the calendar shipment to Eggleston's has been delayed. We will let you know as soon as we get them.

BIRTHDAY FOR JESUS PROJECT: Honor the Savior by sharing his story! Join the Gideons International in donating Bibles to people around the world. Twenty-five dollars will provide 5 Bibles, \$50 for 10 Bibles, etc. Envelopes for donating by cash or check for this project can be found in the Narthex (lobby), and you can put your donation in the offering plate. If you'd like to donate online, please go to www.BirthdayForJesus.org. The more Bibles donated, the more ornaments will appear on the Christmas tree in the Narthex. Let's fill it up! If you have questions, you can call the Gideons International toll free at 1-866-382-4253 or see Mark Ackerman. Thank you!

2022 ALTAR FLOWERS The flower sign up book in the Narthex has been updated to include January through November, 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.

FOUND – 2 ITEMS: Small gold half-hoop earring and a black travel umbrella left in the back of the church. If either of these belong to you, please contact the church office at 419-691-7222.

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!

COMMUNITY DISCOUNT CARDS MAKE GOOD CHRISTMAS GIFTS! 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!

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" (3), "Live From New York" (4), "Recital Highlights" (3), "Tidings of Comfort and Joy" (3), and "Trip Down Memory Lane" (6). 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.