

ANNOUNCEMENTS – December 12th

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

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

12-5-21: 8:00 am: 41 10:30 am: 80 Online: 20 Total: 141

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Jim Schumaker – Toledo Hospital

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Jim Schumaker, Debbie Eversman, Margaret Witt, 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. 12 – DEC. 18

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- Worship / Communion / Congregational Meeting
	9:15 am	- JAM Sunday School
	9:15 am	- Catechism
	10:30 am	- Worship / Communion / Congregational Meeting
	2:00 pm	- Chapel Communion
<u>Monday</u>	4:15 pm	- Praise Singers Practice
	5:15 pm	- Bell Choir practice in lounge
	7:00 pm	- Day School Christmas Program
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:00 pm	- Hannah Circle at Andra Bell's home
	7:00 pm	- Day School Christmas Program
<u>Wednesday</u>	7:00 pm	- Day School Christmas Program
<u>Thursday</u>	7:00 pm	- Day School Christmas Program
	7:30 pm	- Choir Practice – NOTE TIME CHANGE
<u>Saturday</u>	10:00 am	- JAM Christmas program practice in church

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).

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Mary Gillespie who passed away on December 5th. Her funeral was held at Freck Funeral Chapel yesterday.

SPECIAL THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone for the prayers, thoughts, well-wishes and cards during my surgery and recovery these past three weeks. It is great to have so many friends in Christ. Blessings to everyone.
-- Pastor Rayl

THANK YOU to everyone who helped set up, decorate, or clean up for our annual Christmas party last weekend. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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!

CHAPEL COMMUNION TODAY: Chapel communion will be held TODAY at 2:00 pm.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY: Our annual Congregational meeting will be held TODAY after both services. We will vote on the 2022 Budget, new council members, and renovation projects.

NEW PORTALS OF PRAYER AVAILABLE: The new Portals of Prayer devotional booklets for January – March are now available for pick up. They are in either large or small print and can be found in the Narthex or the lounge. The small print version can also be found in the top slot of the caddy on the wall outside the door by the choir loft.

COOKIES NEEDED: Our Day School's Christmas programs are this week. Each program is followed by a brief reception in the lounge. To that end, we need donations of cookies to be served after the programs this week. If you can help, please bring in cookies tomorrow. (An email was sent out to several members this past week.) Thank you!

BELL CHOIR NEWS: Our Monday evening practice tomorrow will be in the lounge at 5:15 pm (please note time change). We will not practice on Thursday this week.

ATTENTION BIBLE STUDY PARTICIPANTS: We will resume our Bible study after the holidays on Thursday, January 6th (same times as before). Have a wonderful Christmas!

ADOPT-A-FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS: Thank you to everyone who signed up to buy a gift for the family we've "adopted" for Christmas. All the ornaments have been taken. If you'd still like to help but didn't get a chance to take an ornament, grocery gift cards of any amount would be greatly appreciated. Deadline for bringing back your gifts is NEXT SUNDAY the 19th. No need to wrap the gift. You can leave them in the designated box in the alcove by the chair lift or bring it to the church office during the week. Thank you for helping bring joy to a needy family this year!

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

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!

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.

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.

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.

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!

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.

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 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!

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 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