

ANNOUNCEMENTS – January 30th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Jim Sommers on his and Louise's 66th wedding anniversary; and in honor of Dick and Carol Haar and son Michael Haar on their birthdays in January.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

1-23-22: 8:00 am: 26 10:30 am: 45 Total: 71

(No online viewers since the service was not livestreamed or recorded last week.)

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None of which we are aware.

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Chuck Hyre, Vickie Schnapps, Julie Frederick, Family Marvin "Bart" Keller, Family of Susan Murphy, Bruce, Jordyn Cheatham, John Geiger, Sarah Gladieux, Morgan Landry, Dave Wilbarger, Sr., Family of Frank Meyers

Ongoing Concerns: Lynn Balogh, Bennett, Dan Bibish, Karen Bless, Pastor Joe Brosious, Amy Brumley, Lori Capitola, Jeannette Carlo, Pat Christy, Richard & Marjorie Counterman, Hannah Culler, Mary Ann Davies, Olivia & Delaney Dawkins, Dawn, Chiara Del-Mace, Emmalyn, Debbie Eversman, Paulette Gaiamo, Mickey Jurrus Gill, Grace Harris Greenbank, Tom Hartford, Gary Henningsen, Pastor Beth Huener, Mark Kieswetter, Derek Kochanski, Tom Kohn, Sharon Kruse, Heidi LeGrand, Linda, Dustin Lively, Joyce Martin, Bonnie Meier, Christina Merritt, Donna Miller, Logan Murphy, Nick, Larry Paul, Pam Pirolli, Janet Quiroga, John Ranchan, Todd Reynolds, Sara Richardson, Logan Roberts, Ann Ryan, Jim Schumaker, Norm Schumaker, Judy Sharp, Shelley Sherman, Skylar, Ann Smith, Julie Swanson, Tom Tedrow, Joan Tilton, Carlene Trost, Kellie Ulrich, Jane Vargo, A.J. Walker, Katelyn Weirich, Jeff Wheeler, Bill Wiener, Sharon Winslow, John Yard, Raetta Zeisler, Rob Zunk

CALENDAR FOR JAN. 30 – FEB. 5

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- Worship / Communion
	9:15 am	- JAM Sunday School
	9:15 am	- Adult Sunday School in Lounge
	9:15 am	- Catechism
	10:30 am	- Worship / Communion
<u>Monday</u>	9:30 am	- Quilting
	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir
	7:30 pm	- Dartball (Home)
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:00 am	- Ruth Circle
<u>Wednesday</u>	9:30 am	- Miriam Circle
	6:30 pm	- Hannah Circle
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00 am	- Bible Study
	7:00 pm	- Choir
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<u>Saturday</u>	11:30 am	- Rebecca Circle

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).

A SPECIAL WELCOME AND THANK YOU today to Jacob Henry who will be filling in for Dr. Pattin while he is on vacation. Welcome, Jacob!

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Marvin "Bart" Keller who passed away last Sunday. A service will be held here at First St. John on Tuesday, February 1st at 2:00 pm. The only visitation will take place here at First St. John one hour prior to the service.

THANK YOU: Thank you, ladies, for the wonderful luncheon for Frank. Thank you to the guys who set up tables, ran the elevator and did other assorted helpful things. Thanks also to Pastor Rayl and Dr. Tony for the service. My church family means a great deal to me and I'd be lost without such wonderful friends. My girls, grandson and I thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts. God bless one and all!

-- Barb Meyers

THANK YOU to Mike Winslow, Mike Schweizer, Bob Haar, and Laura Scherer for helping out with our services last week. Thank you also to the elder teams who kept things running smoothly. And another big thank you to Dan Hugueley who came out very early and shoveled. We appreciate you all very much.

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY THANK YOU: I wanted to thank everyone who gave a monetary donation to the pantry in October and November. I also want to thank those who diligently donate items to the church each month. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! I wanted you to know that your money and donations are being put to good use. In 2021, we served 1,089 people, gave them 13,986 items, and were open 50 Wednesdays of the year! My expenditures for the year were \$6,430 so you can see your financial giving is very important to this ministry. I'm always very thankful for the volunteers who are on the front lines of this ministry. I'm told the clients are always happy to come to our pantry. If you would like to serve in this ministry we are presently short a pair of volunteers. Please contact me or Toni in the church office if you are interested.

-- Karen Holmes

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets each Sunday at 9:15 am in the lounge with Bob and Sherrie Haar as the study leaders. Next Sunday, February 6th, we will have a guest speaker, Michael George, from the Genacross Foundation. Coffee and donuts will be served.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: The 2021 financial statements were mailed out this past week.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES TODAY These are on a table in the lounge. After today, they will be stored away and you will need to call the church office to arrange a pick up. Remember, if you are new to the church and would like to receive offering envelopes, please contact Toni in the church office at 419-691-7222.

RUTH CIRCLE NEWS: We will meet on Tuesday, February 1st at 11:00 am in the lounge. Our Bible study is on Achan, page 113 in the "Men of the Bible" study book. See you soon!

HANNAH CIRCLE MEETING: The Hannah Circle will meet on Wednesday, February 2nd at 6:30 pm at church.

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS FOR FEBRUARY is paper towels. 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. Thanks!

READERS NEEDED! In February, we will begin having people reading the lessons again (all but the gospel) each Sunday at both services. If you are interested in reading, please call the church office as soon as possible. We need to know how many volunteers we have so we can put a schedule together. Lessons will be magnified for easier reading and distributed to the readers each week. Please call Toni at 419-691-7222 if you are interested or have questions.

GENACROSS SUNDAY: Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 6th. Genacross Sunday will feature Pastor James Dumke, Vice President of Mission Integration at Genacross, as guest preacher. A brief history of Genacross will be presented, along with a talk by Tom Hartford who grew up in the Lutheran Orphanage next door to our church. Also during the Sunday School hour at 9:15 Michael George, CFRE, Executive Director of Genacross Lutheran Services Foundation, will be in the lounge to answer your questions about what is happening with the Genacross mission going forward. Coffee and donuts will be served. So join us that day as we celebrate our 160-year partnership with Genacross.

PLEASE PICK UP any dessert trays, pans, or Tupperware that you may have brought food in for Frank Meyers's funeral luncheon. You can find them on the table by the closets in the lounge. Thank you!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: Starting in February we will collect money and canned goods to help fund the Lutheran Social Services local food pantry. Every dollar you donate will go directly to purchase food for the pantry. (Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry will be our monthly ministry outreach for February as well.) Grocery carts will be available for your food donations, and a soup pot will be in the Narthex to collect monetary donations—whatever you can give—to help Lutheran Social Services provide food for people in need.

CHRISTMAS WREATH DONATIONS NEEDED: We are looking to purchase new Christmas wreaths for the inside church windows and the outside church doors for Christmas 2022. The clearance sales are great, so that's why we're buying now. We now are accepting donations so we can buy new wreaths. If you would like to help, please make a check out to First St. John Lutheran Church and write "Christmas Wreaths" on the memo line. Then you can either drop it in the mail or put it in with your regular offering if you come to in-person worship. Thank you for your help.

FEBRUARY YOUTH EVENT: I would like to invite all the youth to our first youth event of 2022! The theme of this night is trivia. The event will be held on Sunday February 20th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Seeing that the church is running our annual Souper Bowl of Caring this month, I am asking all who plan on attending this event to bring non-perishable food items, but nothing in a glass jar, to contribute to this food drive. Thank you in advance. We will meet in the Youth Room where food and drink will be provided. See you all then!
-- Jacob Kelly, Youth Minister

CHURCH DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE: If you're new to the church or if you've misplaced your directory, we have several in the church office we can distribute. Just call the office at 419-691-7222 to make arrangements. **NOTE:** Don't forget, there is a Universal Church Directories app you can load on your phone to access the directory while you're on the go. Contact the church office to obtain your setup code.

MONTHLY MINISTRY OUTREACH: Our ministry outreach for January is the Cherry Street Mission. Since 1947, the mission has served people in need by cooking meals, offering housing and, most importantly, pointing them to the hope found in Jesus Christ. To support this cause, please place your check made out to First St. John Lutheran (Cherry Street Mission on the memo line) in the green envelopes in the pews and place in the offering plate, or you can mail it to the church. Thank you!

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: Our next breakfast will be Saturday, February 26th at 8:00 am at the Woodville Diner.

WINSLOW SCHOLARSHIP NEWS: This scholarship is for high school seniors who are members of First St. John and will attend college for the 2022/2023 school year. Applications are in the church office. Stop by any time during office hours to pick up an application. Turn in your completed application to the church office by March 30th to be considered. Money is supplied from proceeds of the Winslow Memorial Golf outing held each summer, along with donations from church members.

COMMUNITY DISCOUNT CARDS: This ongoing fundraiser for our Day School involves purchasing a card that allows 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 buy them from the church or Day School offices during the week. Thank you for supporting First St. John's biggest ministry!

GENACROSS LUTHERAN SERVICES ANNUAL MEETING will be virtual this year. Please join them for their 162nd annual meeting on Thursday, April 7th at 6:30 pm. More details will follow as the date approaches. To make a reservation for the event, please call Bev at 419-861-4954 or email her at BApel@Genacross.org by March 31st.

2022 CALENDARS: The Eggleston-Meinert-Pavley 2022 calendars with First St. John's information on them are available for pick up in the Narthex and the lounge and are free to everyone.

SAVE THE DATE: The Lutheran Ministries of Mercy and their affiliates, Filling Homes, Luther Home of Mercy, and Lutheran Social Services of NW Ohio, invite you to participate in their annual meeting on Monday, March 14th at 6:00 pm at The Pinnacle in Maumee. The theme is “By Grace . . . With Gratitude.” The guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Niklaus Schillack, Pastor of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Bloomfield Hills, MI. RSVP information will be coming soon.

JOBS AT GENACROSS LUTHERAN SERVICES (current listings): Genacross is hiring at its various campuses. ****Many positions offer sign-on bonuses.**** More detail is on the main bulletin board in the Narthex. If you are interested, go to their website at www.genacrosslutheranservices.net/opportunities and fill out an online application. Below is a list of the available jobs.

Ministry Support: Billing Specialist

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

Genacross at Home: Medical Social Worker, RNs, LPNs, Home Health Aides

Home & Community Based Services: Housekeeper, Maintenance Technician (Norwalk), Resident Aide (Fremont)

Napoleon Campus: Assisted Living Manager, Dietary Aides/Cooks, Director of Admissions/Marketing, Human Resources Manager, Resident Assistants, RN Supervisor-Night Shift, RNs/LPN/STNAs

Wolf Creek (Holland) Campus: Dietary Aides, Housekeeper/Laundry Aide, LPNs, Resident Assistants, RN Supervisor – Night Shift, STNAs