

ANNOUNCEMENTS – February 6th

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Aunt Mil on her birthday, given by the Schuetz and Cromly families.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

1-30-22: 8:00 am: 40 10:30 am: 74 Total: 114 **online totals will be reported next week **

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

None of which we are aware.

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Family of Lea Broussard, Chuck Hyre, Vickie Schnapps, Julie Frederick, Family Marvin “Bart” Keller, Family of Susan Murphy, Bruce, Jordyn Cheatham, John Geiger, Sarah Gladioux, 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 Giaimo, 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 FEB. 6 – FEB. 12

Today	8:00 am	- Worship / Communion
	9:15 am	- JAM Sunday School
	9:15 am	- Adult Sunday School – with speaker Michael George, Geneacross
	9:15 am	- Catechism
	10:30 am	- Worship
Monday	9:30 am	- Quilting
	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir
	6:30 pm	- Altar Guild
	7:30 pm	- Dartball Team 2 (Away)
Tuesday	6:30 pm	- Day School Board Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 pm	- Hannah Circle (rescheduled from last week)
Thursday	11:00 am	- Bible Study
	7:00 pm	- Bible Study
	7:00 pm	- Choir Practice

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 to Rev. Dr. Jim Dumke, VP of Mission Integration, Genacross, and to Michael George of the Genacross Foundation for visiting with us today.

WELCOME AND THANK YOU to Jacob Henry who will be filling in for Dr. Pattin while he is on vacation.

THANK YOU to Tom Hartford who will share his experiences growing up in the Orphanage.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTERS are available for pick up in the lounge and the Narthex if that is how you have chosen to receive yours.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL GUEST SPEAKER TODAY Today at 9:15 am in the lounge we will have a guest speaker, Michael George, from the Genacross Foundation. Coffee and donuts will be served.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION TO GENACROSS: If you would like to contribute to the ministry of Genacross, please use the white offering envelopes in the pews. Make your check out to First St. John Lutheran, and make sure you write "Genacross" on the memo line. Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

160th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS THIS MONTH: We've got lots of interesting celebrations this month! Please plan on attending the following February Sundays: February 13 - Bell Choir Celebration, February 20 - Sunday School Celebration, and February 27 - Day School Celebration.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING STARTS TODAY: Starting TODAY 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 are available for your food donations, and a soup pot is in the Narthex to collect monetary donations—whatever you can give—to help Lutheran Social Services provide food for people in need.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: The 2021 financial statements have been mailed out.

RUTH CIRCLE NEWS: We cancelled last week due to the snowstorm and will meet again in March.

HANNAH CIRCLE: Because of last week's snowstorm, the Hannah Circle pushed back their meeting until this week, meeting on Wednesday, February 9th 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!

DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: Registration for the Day School's 2022-2023 year has begun. Members of First St. John have the opportunity to enroll their children and pay no registration fee. If you have any questions or would like to tour the school, please call our administrator, Andrea Buckley, at 419-691-6480.

DARTBALL NEWS: First St. John's Team #1 defeated First St. John's Team #2 two games out of three on Monday, January 31st. Both teams are now tied for first place in the Toledo Lutheran Dartball League.

READERS NEEDED! We are now having people read 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.

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*

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

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 for February is Lutheran Social Services (see above). Special envelopes will be in the pews starting next week if you would like to donate to this worthy cause. Make your check out to First St. John and write "LSS Food Pantry" on the memo line. Then place your envelope in the offering plate or mail it to the church. Thank you.

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.

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.

JOB 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.genacrosslutherservices.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