

ANNOUNCEMENTS – February 13th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Maude Takacs on her birthday today, given by Joan Probasco; and in honor of Deb Hagedorn's birthday tomorrow, given by Ted Hagedorn and family (2 vases). Special vase is in loving memory of Lily Georgeson on her birthday today, given by her family.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

1-30-22 Online Views: 42

2-6-22: 8:00 am: 42 10:30 am: 88 Online: 46 Total: 176

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

None of which we are aware.

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Family of Paul Kuhlman, Family of Jim Gargac, Family of Lea Broussard, 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 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. 13 – FEB. 19

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- Worship
	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
<u>Tuesday</u>	7:00 pm	- Church Council Meeting (Boards at 6:30 pm)
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00 am	- Bible Study in lounge
	7:00 pm	- Bible Study in lounge
	7:00 pm	- Choir Practice

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 to the family of Lily Dukeshire-Georgeson who are here worshipping with us today on the anniversary of Lily's birthday.

ROSE ON THE LECTERN is to celebrate the birth of William Robert Ladd, born February 1st to Adam and Julie Ladd. Congratulations!!

THANK YOU TO OUR BELL CHOIR for providing us with beautiful music throughout the year! Today is Bell Choir Celebration Sunday, and we look forward to hearing you play during the services today. Cheri Sergent is our Bell Choir director. Choir members include Lisa Howard, Linda Joshi, Alana Miller, Marilyn Miller, Sue Ann Rogers, Amelia Schwiefert, Susie Skorupa, Annette Slater, and Ruth Zasada.

THANK YOU to Bill Hamilton who will be our hymn leader during the early service today.

DEAR FRIENDS AT FIRST ST. JOHN: Genacross has been and continues to be grateful for your dedication and ever faithful support of the ministry we share. Thank you so much for your recent gift to the Genacross General Fund and, in addition, for the opportunity to share in your 160th anniversary celebration. I, for one, believe we are true partners in ministry and have been since our births 160 years ago. We are looking forward to many more years of continuing service. May God bless you richly,

-- Dr. Jim Dumke

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Paul Kuhlman who passed away on February 4th. A private funeral service was held at the funeral home on February 9th.

SOCKS FOR SALEM: We have begun collecting socks for Salem Lutheran Church's neighborhood ministries. They accept new or gently used socks for men, women, and children. Last time, we collected 250 pairs of socks! Collection boxes are in the lounge and the Narthex (lobby) to accept your donations. Deadline for donations is March 6th. Thank you!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES: Ash Wednesday is coming up on March 2nd. We will hold two services that day at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm. Both services will be held in the church sanctuary. Stay with us throughout the season Lent as we will hold weekly Lenten services each Wednesday at 11:00 am and 6:30 pm (note time change from previous year).

2022 WELCA ROSTERS are now available for pick up in the lounge. These booklets show the schedule of events, information on their ministries, officers, and members of the Altar Guild, Bereavement Committee, Quilters, and all circles (women's groups).

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

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 more interesting celebrations this month! February 20th is our Sunday School Celebration and observance of Black History Month, and on February 27th we will celebrate our biggest ministry, the Day School.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING CONTINUES: We are collecting 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.

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.

RUTH CIRCLE NEWS: We will meet again in March.

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.

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!

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: I'm always very thankful for the volunteers who are on the front lines of this ministry. Presently, we are short two volunteers to hand out products to the clients. If you are interested, please contact me or Toni in the church office. -- *Karen Holmes*

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 MONETARY 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.

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 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 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.