

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – February 20<sup>th</sup>

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Marcia Henninger, given by Darold and Debbie Henninger; and in loving memory of David Winslow, given by Mike and Donna Winslow.

### **CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

2-13-22: 8:00 am: 44    10:30 am: 111    Online: 40    Total: 195

### **OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED**

None of which we are aware.

**PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES:** *Add:* Family of Girrard Stewart, Family of Norm Schumaker, Family of Shanen Beck, Family of Ryan Parse, Terry Vogalsang, Deborah Miller, 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, 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. 20 – FEB. 26**

<b>Today</b>	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
	4:00 pm	- Youth Event
<b>Monday</b>	9:30 am	- Quilting
	4:15 pm	- Praise Singers
	6:30 pm	- WELCA Board Meeting
	7:30 pm	- Dartball (Home)
<b>Thursday</b>	11:00 am	- Bible Study
	7:00 pm	- Bible Study
	7:00 pm	- Choir Practice
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am	- Men’s & Women’s Fellowship Breakfast

**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 our guest musicians this morning, Nicole Wilson and Ophelia Thompson. A short biography for each can be found in the back of today’s bulletin.

**WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to the family and friends of Norm Schumaker who passed away on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Visitation will be at Eggleston’s Coy Rd. campus on Saturday from 2:00 to 8:00 pm. Funeral service will be here at First St. John next Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm with visitation one hour prior to the funeral service.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH:** Since February is Black History Month, our services today will highlight African American songs and composers. We will show brief stories and photos of the composers, and special guests Nicole Wilson and Ophelia Thompson will enhance our worship.

**JAM (Jesus And Me) OBSERVANCE:** Sandhya Holston from the Sunday School Board will make a brief presentation today. *Important:* Both the Sunday School Board and the Sunday School teachers are making a plea for your help. See the announcement below:

**YOUR INPUT AND IDEAS ARE NEEDED!** As Sandhya will mention, our JAM Sunday School attendance has been dwindling for a while now, and we need your help. Whether the reasons are due to Covid, families out of town on Sundays, or sports tournaments on Sundays, it's clear the spiritual foundation that is so critical for our young children is being set aside in favor of other things. Please give this problem some thought, and if you have any suggestions or ideas you feel can help us bring back our children, please contact Sandhya Holston at 419-215-8970 or email her at [diyah812@yahoo.com](mailto:diyah812@yahoo.com)  
Thank you so much.

**FEBRUARY YOUTH EVENT TODAY:** 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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

**ALTAR GUILD NEWS:** Our March meeting will be Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the lounge.

**ATTENTION BELL CHOIR:** We will not be practicing this week.

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

**SUMMER DANCE PARTY FOR CONFIRMATION ALUMNAE:** Mark your calendars and save the date-- Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm in the gym. We are having a Confirmation Alumnae Summer Dance Party. So if you were confirmed here at First St. John (and even if you weren't), come on out and listen to the golden oldie hits spun by Bob "Elvis" Haar! Better yet, come out and dance to the hits from the 50s, 60s, and 70s. It's time to get groovy and let your hair down! Pizza and pop provided. Confirmation alumnae, their guests, and EVERYONE is invited. Call the church office at 419-691-7222 or Bob Haar at 419-250-9409 to RSVP. So get your confirmation class together to "bee-bop" and "doo-wop" the night away. See you there!!!!

**SOCKS NEEDED!** 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 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES:** Ash Wednesday is coming up on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 7:00 pm.

**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).

**160<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY EVENTS THIS MONTH:** We've got one more interesting celebrations this month! Next Sunday, we will celebrate our biggest ministry, the Day School.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE STUDY:** In memory of Frank Meyers, Bob and Sherrie Haar are continuing the Adult Bible Study in the Lounge every Sunday at 9:15 am. We will look at the Scripture lessons for that Sunday to give the Scriptures background, context, and relevance in today's times. Coffee, tea and donuts provided. So join us every Sunday.

**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.

**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 goes to purchase food for the pantry. (Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry is 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 NEWSLETTERS** are available for pick up in the lounge and the Narthex if that is how you have chosen to receive yours.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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!

**"FAITH & FAMILY" NIGHT AT TOLEDO WALLEYE:** Do you like hockey? If you do, this event is for you! On Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm we will be watching the Toledo Walleye take on the Allen Americans. Prior to the game, there will be a presentation with the players at 3:30 pm where they talk about their Christian faith. This is also Lutheran Social Services night, so church council has approved to pay half of the ticket price for any youth, as well one friend, which makes tickets \$10. For anyone else who would like to attend, tickets are \$20. If you want to go, please notify the church office or Jacob Kelley **March 20<sup>th</sup>**. This will provide ample amount of time to buy the tickets for the group. Hope to see you at the game!

**LUTHERAN MINISTRIES OF MERCY ANNUAL MEETING:** 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 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at The Pinnacle in Maumee (doors open at 5:30 pm). 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. Tickets are \$30 (clergy admitted free of charge). Hearty grazing, dessert, and beverage stations included. Please RSVP by March 10<sup>th</sup> online at [www.lutheranministriesofmercy.org](http://www.lutheranministriesofmercy.org). For questions, call Karen Shaffer at 419-972-4394 or email [kshaffe@lutherhome.org](mailto:kshaffe@lutherhome.org)

**GENACROSS LUTHERAN SERVICES ANNUAL MEETING** will be virtual this year. Please join them for their 162<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:BApel@Genacross.org) by March 31<sup>st</sup>.