

ANNOUNCEMENTS – March 6th

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Laverne K. Klawitter on her birthday today, given by Susie Moszkowicz; and in honor of Barb Meyers on her birthday yesterday, given by Susie Moszkowicz.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

2-27-22: 8:00 am: 29 10:30 am: 280 Online: 64 Total: 373
Ash Wednesday: 11:00 am: 33 7:00 pm: 54 Total: 87

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Eleanor Cochenour – Rehab at Gardens of St. Francis

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Ken DeWitt, Ann Dudics, Eleanor Cochenour, Tina McQuillin, Family of Shanan Beck, Julie Frederick, Deborah Miller, Family of Ryan Parse, Vickie Schnapps, Family of Norm Schumaker, Family of Girrard Stewart, Terry Vogalsang

Ongoing Concerns: Lynn Balogh, Bennett, Dan Bibish, Karen Bless, Pastor Joe Brosious, Bruce, Amy Brumley, Lori Capitola, Jeannette Carlo, Jordyn Cheatham, Pat Christy, Richard & Marjorie Counterman, Hannah Culler, Mary Ann Davies, Olivia & Delaney Dawkins, Dawn, Chiara Del-Mace, Emmalyn, Debbie Eversman, John Geiger, Paulette Giaimo, Sarah Gladieux, Grace Harris Greenbank, Tom Hartford, Gary Henningsen, Pastor Beth Huener, Mark Kieswetter, Derek Kochanski, Tom Kohn, Sharon Kruse, Morgan Landry, Heidi LeGrand, Linda, 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 MAR. 6 – MAR. 12

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- Worship / Communion
	9:15 am	- JAM Sunday School
	9:15 am	- Adult Bible Study in Lounge
	9:15 am	- Catechism
	10:30 am	- Worship
	1:00 pm	- Set Up for Dartball in Gym
<u>Monday</u>	9:30 am	- Quilting
	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir
	7:00 pm	- Dartball Tournament
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 pm	- Day School Board Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00 am	- Lenten Service
	7:00 pm	- Lenten Service
<u>Thursday</u>	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).

THANK YOU to Darlene Mauk for donating a popcorn machine to the church. We'll make great use of it!
-- Sue Ann Rogers

THANK YOU for your gift of \$715 to Lutheran Disaster Response. Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters here in the United States and across the globe. No matter the disaster, no matter the need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.

In Christ, Rev. Robin Brown, Director of Congregational Generosity, Lutheran Disaster Response

THANK YOU: Thank you very much to Kristin Miner for donating three cases of styrofoam “to go” containers to WELCA. It was very thoughtful of you to think of us. – *Sue Ann Rogers*

SET UP FOR DARTBALL TOURNAMENT is TODAY at 1:30 pm in the gym.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES: We have weekly Lenten services on Wednesdays at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm. Both services are held in the church sanctuary. This week’s topic is “God’s Will and My Inadequacy,” shown in the life of Moses.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WINTERFEST: Bring the kids and grandkids and join us on Sunday, March 13th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the back parking lot. Get ready for face painting, sleigh (wagon) rides, cookie decorating, s’mores, popcorn, and hot chocolate in our heated tent!

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR WINTERFEST: If you can help us by donating items, we would greatly appreciate it: marshmallows, hot chocolate packets, sugar cookies, Keebler Fudge Stripes cookies, chocolate-covered graham cracker cookie. There’s a box in the Narthex to accept your donations, or you can drop off your donation to the church office during the week. Thank you!!

FOUND: Fleece scarf, brown with white paw prints AND blue 12 oz. tumbler from the Toledo Zoo. Please call the church office to claim: 419-691-7222.

MARCH NEWSLETTERS are available for pick up in the lounge and the Narthex (lobby) if that is how you’ve elected to receive yours.

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

NOTICE FROM THE BISHOP: (We sent the video link to last Sunday’s service to Bishop Beaudoin, and this is his response.) “Pastor Jerry, I want to thank you for sharing this video with me. It made my morning. The music of Dr. Tony, Nicole Wilson, and the choir was inspiring and moving. The presentation by Ophelia Thompson was stirring. Thanks to you and to the leaders of First St. John, for providing a space for these beautiful gifts to be shared. Peace be with you!” -- *Bishop Daniel Beaudoin*

EASTER FLOWER SALE: Believe it or not, it’s time to order flowers to decorate our church for Easter. You can find an order form in the bulletin. You can choose from Easter lily, yellow daffodil, hyacinth, or tulip. Cost of each plant is \$12.00. If paying by check, please make it out to First St. John Lutheran and write “Easter flowers” on the memo line. Deadline for orders is Sunday, April 3rd.

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.

DAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: First St. John Day School will host an Open House on Thursday, March 24th from 6-7:30 pm. This is an opportunity for prospective families to meet the teachers and see the classrooms. Please invite friends you may know with young children who may be looking for a Christian school for their little ones. Fall registration for the 2022/2023 school year has already begun. If you can’t attend the open house, please call the school at 419-691-6480 for information and to schedule a tour.

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 now just \$15**, 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 27th 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 20th**. This will provide ample amount of time to buy the tickets for the group. Hope to see you at the game!

MONTHLY MINISTRY OUTREACH for March 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.

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS FOR MARCH is toilet paper. 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*

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING CONTINUES: We are extending our collection through March. 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.

JESUS AND ME SUNDAY SCHOOL - YOUR IDEAS ARE NEEDED! Our JAM Sunday School attendance is extremely low, 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
Thank you so much.

SUMMER DANCE PARTY FOR CONFIRMATION ALUMNAE: Mark your calendars and save the date-- Saturday, June 4th 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 6th. 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.

CEMETERY CLEAN UP: We will have our semi-annual cemetery clean up on Saturday, April 9th at 9:00 am. Volunteers are needed—the more hands we have, the quicker we finish! Please remove anything from a grave that you would like to keep—older decorations, grave blankets, and especially anything from Christmas—before April 9th. Thank you.

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).

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.

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.

MONETARY DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS WREATHS 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.

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 14th 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 10th online at www.lutheranministriesofmercy.org. For questions, call Karen Shaffer at 419-972-4394 or email kshaffe@lutherhome.org

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.

UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE: Lutheran Disaster Response is partnering with Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service agencies in Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia, and Hungary to provide assistance to those fleeing Ukraine to provide immediate assistance such as food, blankets, water, and hygiene kits. Your help is desperately needed. You can call 1-800-638-3522 Monday – Friday from 8AM to 5PM Central Time to make a donation with a credit card. Or you can mail a check to Lutheran Disaster Response and write "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" on the memo line. Then send it to:

**Lutheran Disaster Response
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**