

ANNOUNCEMENTS – January 8th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of John Takacs on his birthday today and in honor of Meri Askins and Annika Probasco on their birthdays tomorrow, given by Joan Probasco (2 vases).

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

1-1-23: 69 Online: 42 Total: 111

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Nancy Gallaher – St. Vincent

Irene Abbott – St. Charles

Laura Scherer – St. Clare Commons

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Family of Richard Counterman, Tom Hartford, Rosann Murray, Family of Germaine Schuh, Ken DeWitt, Eleanor Cochenour, Sherry Reamsnyder, Laura Scherer, Dianne Schumaker, Family of Bill Wiener, Riley Weber

Ongoing Concerns: Glenn Baden, Bennett, Elizabeth Bland, Karen Bless, Pastor Joe Brosious, Tracy Broyles, Bruce, Amy Brumley, Debbie Campbell, Lori Capitola, Greg Contat, Marjorie Counterman, Nancy Dangler, Olivia & Delaney Dawkins, Emmalyn, Janet Fern, Terry Filer, Chelsea Folk-Penquite, Sally Fouty, Anne Okonski Frank, Julie Frederick, Joe Frobase, Nancy Gallaher, Paulette Giaimo, Kathleen Gingrich, Sarah Gladieux, Grace Harris Greenbank, Gene Hagedorn, Lindsay Hemmerlin, Holly Henneman, Gary Henningsen, Sara Houghtaling, Katrin Howard, Kathy Johnson, Kathy (no last name), Grant Kessler, Cindy Knavel, Tom Kohn, Eleanor Lang, Joyce Martin, Janet Mooney, Tina Mc Quillan, Bonnie Meier, Jeff Might, Deborah Miller, Donna Miller, Karen Morrison, Logan Murphy, Norma Newell, Nick, Pam Pirolli, Craig Pym, Janet Quiroga, John Ranchan, Sara Richardson, Logan Roberts, Jean Ross, John Rowley, Shelley Sherman, Connie Singlar, James Spenthoff, Julie Swanson, Tom Tedrow, Joan Tilton, Joyce Trowbridge, Terry Vogalsang, Larry Vriezelaar, Deb Dusseau Warnke, Katelyn Weirich, Brett Winslow, John Yard, Raetta Zeisler, Ruth Zasada, Rob Zunk

CALENDAR FOR JAN. 8 – JAN. 14

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- Worship / Installation of Officers
	9:15 am	- JAM Sunday School
	9:15 am	- Adult Sunday School
	9:15 am	- 1 st Year Catechism Class
	10:30 am	- Worship / Communion / JAM Christmas Program / Installation of Officers
	2:00 pm	- Chapel Communion
<u>Monday</u>	9:30 am	- Quilting
	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 pm	- Day School Board Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:30 pm	- Hannah Circle at church
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00 am	- Bible Study

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).

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Please silence your cell phone before the church service begins.

WELCOME AND THANK YOU to all our Jesus And Me (JAM) Sunday School children and parents. We are looking forward watching your Christmas program entitled "A Night Like No Other" at the 10:30 service this morning.

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Richard Counterman who passed away January 5th. His funeral will be held at Eggleston-Meinert-Pavley on Tuesday, January 10th at 10:00 am.

CONGRATULATIONS to Shane and Abbie (Skorupa) Masserant on the birth of their baby, Shane Joseph ("SJ") this past Thursday.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS TODAY: All newly elected and incumbent members of Church Council, Day School Board, WELCA, and Altar Guild will be installed during both church services as they begin their 2023 duties.

CHAPEL COMMUNION TODAY at 2:00 pm in the Chapel (across the hall from the church office).

CATECHISM RESUMES today for both first and second year classes. The first year class will meet at 9:15 am, and the second year class will meet at 11:30 am.

CALENDAR NOTICE: We contacted Eggleston-Meinert-Pavley and they are not distributing their calendars this year. We apologize for any inconvenience.

BELL CHOIR NEWS: We begin practicing again TOMORROW at 5:30 pm in the church sanctuary. We can always make room for more members. If you're interested, come on out and give it a try—no experience necessary!

QUILTING NEWS: We will begin quilting again TOMORROW, January 9th at 9:30 am in the lounge. We usually are there until about 1:00 pm. Please bring a sack lunch. We quilt each Monday morning through the end of March, which will be March 27th. We follow Oregon Schools for any cancellations. Everyone is welcome; no experience necessary! If you have questions, please call Jane Neal at 419-276-5057 or Ginny Nissen at 419-698-2822. See you soon!

FAMILY BLESSING SUNDAY: During worship on Sunday, January 15th you can come forward as a family (and yes, one person is a family in God's eyes) and receive a blessing. You can come with different people in your family (you and your spouse, you and your extended family, etc.) or even those you consider as family—as many times as you want. What a great way to begin 2023!

JANUARY NEWSLETTERS are available for pick up in the Narthex (lobby) and the lounge if that is how you receive them. Newsletters were emailed and "snail" mailed on Thursday, December 29th.

POINSETTIA PICK UP: If you purchased a poinsettia for Christmas, please take yours home today after the service. Any poinsettias remaining will most likely be thrown out tomorrow.

FOUND: A small satin sash, beige colored, with peach flowers embroidered on it was found in the choir room. Children's size black felt mittens were found in the lounge. If either of these are yours, please contact the church office at 419-691-7222 to claim them.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for January through March of 2023 (small and large print) are available for pick up in the Narthex (lobby) and the lounge. A few small print versions also can be found in the caddy on the wall outside the door by the choir loft.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pick up in the lounge. They are in alphabetical order from left to right, top to bottom. If you do not have envelopes and would like some assigned to you, please call Toni in the church office at 419-691-7222.

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS FOR JANUARY is dish soap. Please deposit your items in the green bin in the lounge or in the left pull out bin under the main bulletin board in the Narthex (lobby).

CHOIR DIRECTOR NEEDED: We still need a choir director. Please put the word out to anyone you know who may be interested or who may know someone else who might be. This is a paid, part-time position. Responsibilities include directing the choir, assisting with music for worship and special services, along with over-sight and coordination of the church's music program. For more information and a job description, please call Pastor Rayl at 567-395-0143. Questions or resumes should be directed to his attention at, pastor1@firststjohn.com, or mailed to the church office. Thanks for your help!