

ANNOUNCEMENTS – January 15th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in honor of Dick, Carol, and Michael Haar's January birthdays, given by the Haar family; and in loving memory of our brother and uncle, Jim Vogelsang, given by the Schuetz and Cromly families.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

1-8-23: 8:00 am: 43 10:30 am: 101 Online: 48 Total: 192

JAM Sunday School: 10 Adult Bible Study: 10

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Lee Wagner – St. Charles

LuAnn Spoerl, Nancy Gallaher – St. Vincent

Irene Abbott – Ayden Healthcare of Oregon

Laura Scherer – St. Clare Commons

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Frances Cousino, LuAnn Spoerl, Family of Richard Counterman, Tom Hartford, Rosann Murray, Family of Germaine Schuh, Ken DeWitt, Eleanor Cochenour, Sherry Reamsnyder, Laura Scherer, Family of Bill Wiener

Ongoing Concerns: 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, Sarah Gladieux, Grace Harris Greenbank, 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, John Rowley, Dianne Schumaker, 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. 15 – JAN. 21

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- Worship / Communion
	9:15 am	- JAM Sunday School
	9:15 am	- 1 st Year Catechism Class
	9:15 am	- Adult Bible Study in Lounge
	10:30 am	- Worship
<u>Monday</u>	9:30 am	- Quilting
	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir
	7:30 pm	- Dartball (Away)
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 pm	- Day School Board Meeting
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00 am	- Bible Study

WELCOME to First St. John Lutheran Church! If you are visiting with us, please sign the guest book, located in the Narthex (lobby).

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Please remember to silence your cell phone before church begins. Thanks!

SPECIAL WELCOME AND THANK YOU to our guest musicians today: Douglas and Megan Amos. Megan played the French horn for First St. John back in August of last year, and today her husband, Douglas, is here playing the trumpet. A brief biography for both Megan and Douglas can be found in the bulletin. Welcome!

ROSES ON THE LECTERN TODAY are in honor of two babies born to the Skorupa family. Archie Allen Mohr was born on December 23rd to Eric and Chelsea (Skorupa) Mohr, and Shane Joseph "SJ" Masserant was born on January 5th to Shane and Abbie (Skorupa) Masserant. What a great family blessing to recognize on this Family Blessing Sunday at First St. John. Congratulations to all!

THANK YOU: We are thankful for you! We want to thank you for sharing your Christmas spirit and supporting our 2022 Christmas Wish List. The individuals served by our ministry enjoyed your generous donations. With your help this was a very blessed Christmas. May your New Year be filled with joy!

-- Your friends at Luther Home of Mercy

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: We are once again meeting each Sunday morning at 9:15 am in the lounge. So please join us for coffee, tea, refreshments, prayer, and an interesting study of that Sunday's Gospel lesson. See you then.

FAMILY BLESSING SUNDAY IS TODAY: During both services today, 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!

CHURCH COUNCIL DINNER: In case you missed this past week's email, the Council dinner has been postponed until Tuesday, January 24th. We will send out another email when the details are finalized. We apologize for any inconvenience.

WINSLOW SCHOLARSHIP NEWS: This scholarship is for high school seniors who are members of First St. John and will attend college for the 2023/2024 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.

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

QUILTING NEWS: Quilting continues each Monday 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 through the end of March, which will be March 27th. 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!

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.

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!