

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS – January 22<sup>nd</sup>***

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are presented to the glory of God in honor of the 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Dennis and Karensue Kelley (2 vases), and in honor of Henry Schumaker's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday today, given by his many family members.

### **CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

1-15-23: 8:00 am: 36    10:30 am: 100    Online: 64    Total: 200  
JAM Sunday School: 10    Adult Bible Study: 7

### **OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED**

Nancy Gallaher – Kingston Rehab  
Irene Abbott – Ayden Healthcare of Oregon  
Laura Scherer – St. Clare Commons

**PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES:** *Add:* Linda Joshi, Logan Roberts, Family of Jeff Might, 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, Deborah Miller, Donna Miller, Karen Morrison, Logan Murphy, Norma Newell, Nick, Pam Pirolli, Craig Pym, Janet Quiroga, John Ranchan, Sara Richardson, 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. 22 – JAN. 28**

<b><u>Today</u></b>	8:00 am	- Worship
	9:15 am	- JAM Sunday School
	9:15 am	- 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Catechism Class
	9:15 am	- Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	- Worship / Communion
	11:30 am	- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Catechism
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	9:30 am	- Quilting
	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir
	6:30 pm	- WELCA Board Meeting
	7:30 pm	- Dartball (Home)
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	7:00 pm	- Council Dinner Meeting at Tony Packo's (downtown)
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	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!

**ROSE ON THE LECTERN** is to honor the birth of Wayne Allen Paul to Nick and Lauren (Kirby) Paul this past Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations!

**THANK YOU:** I would like to thank my church family for all your thoughts and prayers during my recent Bell's Palsy diagnosis. I'm slowly getting better day by day. Thanks again.

-- *Bob Haar*

**THANK YOU** for all the prayers, cards, and calls I received during my hospitalization and recovery from pneumonia. I am so grateful to have such a supportive church family, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

-- *Dianne Schumaker*

**THANK YOU:** Thanks to everyone who donated to the Gideons International's "Birthday for Jesus" program during the Christmas season. We pray that by reading God's Word, the people who will receive these scriptures will come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Thank you for your generosity.

-- *Mark Ackerman*

**REDEDICATION OF THE CHURCH SANCTUARY:** Today we rededicate First St. John's sanctuary following months of renovation. Thank you to everyone who worked behind the scenes to make this a reality.

**CHURCH COUNCIL DINNER:** The January Church Council dinner and meeting for all current, new, and outgoing members will be Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at Packo's at the Park (their downtown location). Social hour begins at 6:00 pm with dinner following at 7:00 pm. Each person attending will receive a \$5 off voucher toward the purchase of your meal, which you can order off the menu. Spouses or a plus-one guest also are invited. An email was sent to council members this past week.

**CEMETERY NEWS:** Recently Ruth Price attended a presentation given by "Wreaths Across America." Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, this group coordinates wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 3,700 additional locations in all 50 states, at sea and abroad. Their mission is to Remember, Honor and Teach. We currently have 105 veterans buried in our cemetery, and we at First St. John would like to take part in this beautiful tribute to our veterans that will take place on December 16, 2023. Volunteers will place the wreaths on each grave and return at a later date to remove and discard them.

A nominal cost for each wreath was taken from the Cemetery Fund. At this time, we are asking for donations to replace these funds. If you'd like to help, please send your donation to the church office or give it to Ruth Price. Checks should be made out to First St. John Lutheran Church Cemetery Fund, with a notation on the memo line: "Wreaths Across America." Thank you for supporting this beautiful tribute.

**LOST:** If anyone knows the whereabouts of the Munzenmeyer and Dickey photos that were hanging in the Narthex, please call or notify Bob Haar at 419-250-9409. We'd like to rehang them. Thank you.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** To reduce postage costs, the 2022 financial statements will be hand delivered to those who attend in-person worship today and then mailed to the remaining contributors.

**JAM SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:** Thank you to all the children who made our JAM Christmas play on January 8<sup>th</sup> so enjoyable. Our next lesson is on Simeon and Anna in Luke 2:22-40. Our Lesson Focus is: "Jesus brings joy to those who wait." Our memory verse is: "At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem" (Luke 2:38). We hope to see all the parents and children again each Sunday at 9:15 am.

**ALTAR GUILD MEETING** will be held Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the lounge.

**RUTH CIRCLE NEWS:** We will meet Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am in the lounge. Our Bible study is on Samuel in our "Men of the Bible" study book.

**HANNAH CIRCLE:** We will meet on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the lounge.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING:** Starting in February we will collect 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 will be available for your food donations, and a soup pot will be in the Narthex to collect monetary donations—whatever you can give—to help Lutheran Social Services provide food for people in need.

**MONTHLY MINISTRY OUTREACH:** In February we will begin again with our monthly outreach as we have done in previous years. Our February outreach is Lutheran Social Services. Special envelopes will be in the pews starting February 5<sup>th</sup> 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 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 31<sup>st</sup> to be considered. Money is supplied from proceeds of the Winslow Memorial Golf outing held each summer, along with donations from church members.

**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 27<sup>th</sup>. 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!

**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.

**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. NOTE: Please pick up your envelopes soon. They will be stored away at the end of the month and you'll need to call the office to arrange pick up. Thank you.

**PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS FOR JANUARY** is dish soap. (For those planning ahead, our February focus item is paper towels.) 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](mailto:pastor1@firststjohn.com), or mailed to the church office. Thanks for your help!

**LUTHERAN MINISTRIES OF MERCY ANNUAL MEETING** will be Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at The Pinnacle on Indian Wood Circle in Maumee. Doors open at 5:30 with grazing, dessert, and beverage stations at 5:45. The meeting begins at 6:30. The theme is “Many Voices, One Story.” To register, call Karen Shaffer at 419-972-4394 or email her at [kshaffe@lutherhome.org](mailto:kshaffe@lutherhome.org). Tickets are \$30; you can register and pay on-line at [www.lutheranministriesofmercy.org](http://www.lutheranministriesofmercy.org). Please RSVP by March 7<sup>th</sup>.