

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS – February 5<sup>th</sup>***

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Bonnie Lou Ruedy on her birthday on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, given by Kevin and Kris Ruedy and family; and in loving memory of Aunt Mil on her birthday on February 5<sup>th</sup>, given by the Schuetz and Cromly families.

### **CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

1-29-23: 8:00 am: 39    10:30 am: 71    Total: 110  
JAM Sunday School: 4    Adult Bible Study: 5

### **OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED**

Laura Scherer – St. Charles  
Nancy Gallaher – Hospice of NW Ohio (Perrysburg)  
Irene Abbott – Parkcliffe Community - Northwood

**PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES:** *Add:* Laura Scherer, Jack Millner, Nancy Gallaher, Kurt Steinhurst, Dix Howard, Brian Everett, Linda Joshi, Logan Roberts, Family of Jeff Might, Frances Cousino, LuAnn Spoerl, Family of Richard Counterman, Rosann Murray

**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, Ken DeWitt, Emmalyn, Janet Fern, Terry Filer, Anne Okonski Frank, Julie Frederick, Joe Frobase, Paulette Giaimo, Sarah Gladieux, Grace Harris Greenbank, Lindsay Hemmerlin, Holly Henneman, Gary Henningsen, Sara Houghtaling, Kathy Johnson, 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, Sherry Reamsnyder, 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 FEB. 5 – FEB. 11**

<b><u>Today</u></b>	8:00 am	- Worship / Communion
	9:15 am	- JAM Sunday School
	9:15 am	- Adult Sunday School
	9:15 am	- 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Catechism Class
	10:30 am	- Worship
	11:30 am	- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Catechism Class
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	9:30 am	- Quilting
	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir
	6:30 pm	- Altar Guild Meeting
	7:30 pm	- Dartball Team #2 (Away)
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	11:00 am	- Ruth Circle
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	6:30 pm	- Hannah Circle
	6:30 pm	- Day School Board Meeting
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	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.

**THANK YOU!** Thank you to my church family for the many cards I received on the occasion of my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. So wonderful to hear from you all. Thank you very much.                      -- Hank Schumaker

**DEAR FIRST ST. JOHN CHURCH FAMILY:** I want to thank everyone who took the time to send a card for my dad's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. It meant the world to him. My parents are doing so well because of the love and support from our church family.  
-- Sandy Gill

**2023 WELCA ROSTERS** are available for pick up in the lounge. These booklets show the schedule of women's events, information on their ministries, officers, and members of the Altar Guild, Bereavement Committee, Quilters, and all circles (women's groups).

**MEETING TO DISCUSS ONE SERVICE OR TWO:** During the annual Congregational meeting in December, a motion was brought up that we should look into the possibility of having one service on Sundays. The motion was tabled until we could meet to further discuss it. To that end, we will have a meeting on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm to begin studying this issue. If you cannot make the meeting or have any questions, please contact Chuck Bell at 419-290-4431.

**FEBRUARY NEWSLETTERS** are available for pick up today in the lounge and the Narthex (lobby) if that is how you have chosen to receive them.

**DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION BEGINS:** Registration for the 2023-2024 fall Day School program will begin soon. The registration fee is waived for active members of the church, but you must still complete a registration form to reserve a spot for your child. The form can be found online at [www.firststjohndayschool.org](http://www.firststjohndayschool.org) Children must be at least 3 years old and potty-trained. Our classes are from 9:00 am to noon, with extended care available from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. We also will have our Summer Child Care program for children ages 3-12 years old. The Day School will host summer camps each week with a different theme. Both children needing childcare and children looking for fun activities will be welcome. Watch for more on that in the coming weeks!

**MEN'S & WOMEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP:** Our men's and women's fellowship breakfasts will resume on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. We will meet at Woodville Diner. Join us!

**JAM SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:** We learned about The Boy at the Temple, Luke 2:41-52. Our Lesson focus is: "Jesus offers us something new." Our memory verse is: "And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers" (Luke 2:47). We hope to see you and your child each Sunday at 9:15.

**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.

**PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS FOR FEBRUARY** 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).

**TOILET PAPER COLLECTION:** The East Region Churches United (a group of east side churches) has identified one of the most critical "top ten" needs in our community is toilet paper. We, along with other churches in this area, will be collecting toilet paper. Please place your donations in the alcove behind the Welcome Center in the Narthex. All collected rolls will be distributed to Food for Thought, our own Personal Needs Pantry, Ashland Church, Birmingham Food Pantry, Jerusalem Township Food Pantry, and other ministries in need. Monetary donations are also acceptable. Just make out your check to First St. John and write ERCU in the memo line. You can place your check in the offering plate. Thank you!

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING:** Starting in February (which is next week!) 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.

**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.

**MONTHLY MINISTRY OUTREACH:** In February we will resume 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.

**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.

**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.

**DR. PATTIN CONCERT ON VALENTINE'S DAY:** Genesis Village is holding its second annual Winter Wonderland Concert Series and Dr. Tony is playing there on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Genesis Village is located at 2429 S. Reynolds Rd. in Toledo near Heatherdowns Blvd.

**HELP WANTED - CHOIR DIRECTOR:** 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>.