

ANNOUNCEMENTS – January 28th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in honor of Carol & Dick Haar's January birthdays, given by The Haar Family.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

1-21-24: 8:00 am: 46 10:30 am: 83 Online: 20 Total: 149
JAM Sunday School: 6 Adult Sunday School: 6

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

None at this time.

PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW: Peggy Burke, Family of Eleanor Cochenour, Ann Dudics, Duke, Family of Patrick Grzybowski, Fred Kruse, Janet Mooney, Teresa Nye, Family of Abraham Rivera Jr., Logan Roberts, Family of Gary Robeson, Tim Schmidlin, Family of Carolyn Schwierking, Skylar, Jerry Smith, Linda Smith, Greg Wagner, Steve Welling, Arlene Wilbarger.

To better manage the prayer chain, only critical and new requests will be printed in the weekly announcements. All ongoing requests will be posted in the lounge, and narthex (lobby), and be included in the monthly newsletter. If you have any additions or changes to the prayer chain, please email office@firststjohn.com

CALENDAR FOR JAN 28 – FEB 2

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- Early Service
	9:15 am	- Adult Sunday School (lounge)
	9:15 am	- JAM Sunday School (basement classrooms)
	10:30 am	- Late Service / Communion
	11:45 am	- 2 nd Year Confirmation Class in the lounge
<u>Monday</u>	9:30 am	- Quilters (lounge)
	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir
	7:30 pm	- Dartball (Home)
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00 am	- Adult Bible Study
	6:30 pm	- Choir Rehearsal

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

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

2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: 2023 Financial contribution statements were mailed out on Friday, January 26th to all who did not receive them last Sunday.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL join us each Sunday at 9:15am for Sunday School in the lounge. We will study the gospel using the three Cs- Context, Character, and Conclusions. Please join us for coffee, tea, donuts, and Bible study. Questions? See Bob Haar.

J.A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL meets every Sunday at 9:15 am in the JAM area (basement of the church). Please join us each week!

THURSDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY will meet every Thursday at 11:00 am in the lounge. All are welcome to attend! Hope to see you there!

QUILTING NEWS: Is each Monday at 9:30 am in the lounge. We are usually there until about 1:00 pm. We quilt each Monday morning through the end of March, which will be March 25th. We follow Oregon Schools for any cancellations due to weather. Everyone is welcome, no experience necessary! If you have any questions, please call Jane Neal at 419-276-5057.

SOCKS FOR SALEM: The Quilting group is 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). Donations will be accepted through the end of February. Thank you!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: We are collecting money and canned goods to help fund the Lutheran Social Services of Northwestern Ohio's 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 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.

GENACROSS UPDATE: On January 18th a virtual meeting was held by the board of directors & leadership teams of Genacross Lutheran Services. The meeting was to announce an opportunity to join Radiant Alliance, Inc. as an affiliated organization. Radiant is a newly formed nonprofit organization whose current affiliates include United Church Homes, Metta Health, & CareSource. Reasons for joining this organization are (but not limited to): innovation & excellence in caring, leverage resources & expertise, unprecedented scale, & access to capital. There were 42 delegates present for the meeting with the resolution being passed by an 85% positive vote. More to follow in the near future.

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet next on Feb 3rd at 11:30 am. See you there!

HANNAH CIRCLE will not meet in January but will meet again on February 7th at 6:30 pm.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST The next fellowship breakfast will be Saturday, February 3, at 8:30 am at Woodville Diner on Woodville Road.

WINSLOW SCHOLARSHIP NEWS: This scholarship is for high school seniors who are members of First St. John and will attend college for the 2024/2025 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 29th to be considered. Money is supplied from proceeds of the Winslow Memorial Golf outing held each summer, along with donations from church members.

MONTHLY MINISTRY OUTREACH for January and February will be the Lutheran Social Services (see above). Special pink envelopes are available in your pew 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.

DISCOUNT CARD FUNDRAISER: The FSJ Day School is once again selling discount cards. For \$20 you will enjoy discounts at many different local businesses for an entire year. The card will pay for itself after just a few uses. Buy one today from either the Church or Day School office. They make great gifts. Please consider supporting this Day School fundraising effort! You can pick one up from Jennifer in the church office as well M-F 9am-4pm.

JANUARY NEWSLETTER: Is 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 Friday, January 5th. Please let Jennifer know if you have not yet received it, or of any issues you may be experiencing.

DARTBALL On Monday, January 29th at 7:30 pm, the FSJ teams will be playing against each other in the church gym. Come out and support them!

MOVIE NIGHT RESCHEDULED Come join us for movie night tonight, Sunday, January 28th. The movie is called "**The Hill**" based on a true story of a young man with a severe handicap. The light dinner will start at 5:30 PM with the movie starting around 6:15 PM. No charge. Just come and enjoy with us!

PORTALS OF PRAYER The January-March copies of Portals of Prayer are available in the Narthex (lobby), in the caddy on the wall outside the church, and in the lounge for pick-up. You can also pick up during the week at the church office, or request a copy be mailed to you at the church office at 419-691-7222 (office@firststjohn.com)

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS FOR JANUARY is dish soap, however we are accepting any of the items on our list you are willing to give. We also launched an Amazon online wish list this past week which will allow anyone interested in donating to purchase on Amazon and ship directly to the church pantry. The link has been shared via email and posted on the First St. John Facebook page. You can also deposit any items donated in the green bin in the lounge or the pull-out drawer in the narthex (lounge).