

ANNOUNCEMENTS – May 19th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in honor of Ted & Deb Hagedorn's 45th wedding anniversary (3 vases); and in loving memory of Jim Hecklinger on his birthday today, May 19th, given by his family (1 vase).

ROSE ON THE LECTERN is placed in honor of the birth of Faye Louise Nelson, born on May 14, 2024, to Don and Amy Nelson. She was 7lbs 9.5oz. and 21 inches. Congratulations and welcome to the FSJ family!

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

5-12-24: 8:00 am: 44 10:30 am: 106 Online: 60 Total: 210
J.A.M Sunday School: 10 Adult Sunday School: 12

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

None at this time.

PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW: Angela, Family of Lori Ansted, Peggy Burke, Family of Greg Contat, Ann Dudics, Duke, Martha Everett, James Goorman, Family of Pearl Hager, Jim Harrell, Family of Rita Kloseterman, Sue Knudsen, Rebecca Kohn, Helen K., Sharon Kassay, Fred Kruse, Laura Grace, Marc LeDuc, Judy, Paul Lambrecht, Rick & Judy Lepiarz, Julie Miller, Chad Milner, Sue Moszkowicz, Teresa Nye, Family of Rich Philips, John Puhl, Family of Logan Roberts, Family of Phyllis Sabin, Tim Schmidlin, Family of Joanne & Hank Schumaker, Mary Alice Sheehan, Skylar, June Smarkel, Jerry Smith, Family of Craig Traver, Steve Welling, Dave Wilbarger Sr., 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 MAY 19 – MAY 25

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| <u>Today</u> | 8:00 am | - Early Service / Communion |
| | 9:15 am | - JAM Sunday School / Pastries for Parents |
| | 9:15 am | - Adult Bible Study (lounge) |
| | 10:30 am | - Late Service / Confirmation |
| <u>Monday</u> | 6:30 pm | - WELCA Meeting |
| <u>Tuesday</u> | 6:30 pm | - Council Committee Meetings |
| | 7:00 pm | - Church Council Meeting |
| <u>Thursday</u> | 11:00 am | - Adult Bible Study |
| | 1:30 pm | - Place Wreaths in Cemetery for Veterans (see below for rain date) |
| <u>Friday</u> | | - LAST DAY FOR DAY SCHOOL |

WELCOME TO FIRST ST. JOHN: 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!

CONGRATULATIONS to Kimberly, Kenna, Kyle, Kaylee and Vanessa who will be confirmed at the 10:30 am service this morning. May God bless you and guide you in your journey with Him.

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Hank & Joanne Schumaker. Hank passed away on April 20th and Joanne passed away on May 14th. Please continue to pray for all during this difficult time. The family will hold a private service. Expressions of sympathy in Hank & Joanne's name may be directed to First St. John Lutheran Church or Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL please join at 9:15 am 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.

SUMMER SCHEDULE: Our summer worship schedule begins May 26th and continues through September 1st. We'll have just one service at 9:00 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL'S "PASTRIES FOR PARENTS" TODAY: Our JAM (Jesus And Me) Sunday School will have its annual "Pastries for Parents" TODAY at 9:15 am in the J.A.M. room (basement of the church). This is for all JAM students and their parents. We hope you join us!

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE On Monday, May 27th, we will host an event of remembrance for the fallen in the church cemetery at 8:30 am. Please plan to join us. See Bob Haar for more information.

THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE could use some help planting flags on the graves of our 105 deceased veterans who are buried in our cemetery. Please come to the church cemetery on Thursday, May 23, at 1:30 p.m. If it rains the alternate date is Friday, May 24 at 1:30 p.m.

CHURCH NURSERY MEETING We have had a lot of interest in starting up a church nursery during worship at FSJ. We had an initial meeting on April 18th and will be holding another meeting next week on Thursday evening at 6:30 in the lounge. If you are interested in attending or would like to be included even if you are unable to attend in person, please contact the office or Pastor Rayl. We hope to have something organized before the Summer!

MONTHLY MINISTRY Our ministry outreach is the Member Assistance Fund that helps support members who need temporary assistance with rent, utilities, etc. To support this effort, please place your check in one of the yellow envelopes in the pews and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to the ladies of WELCA for purchasing a replacement Guest Book that is now in the Narthex. This will help us record new visitors for years to come! Thank you!

THANK YOU! To all the men of the church who donated their time to mow the lawn and trim the cemetery before Mother's Day. Your efforts were noticed and so appreciated. Thanks for all you do!

~ Darold Henninger

31st ANNUAL CARD PARTY – THANK YOU! This First St. John tradition, organized by congregation members, Jane Schuetz and Emily Kruse, was a huge success! *We are thankful for the good weather, tireless helpers for set up and take down, the delicious food, those who donated time or an item, and for all tasks in-between! The tremendous effort by all resulted in a net profit of \$2,274.50.* This would not have been possible without all our volunteers and the congregation who supports us! This money will be donated to the Personal Needs Pantry. Thanks to all that participated!

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY: We will publicly acknowledge all our graduates from high school and college at our worship service on Sunday, June 16th. *Please plan on having your graduate attend this service as all graduates will be recognized.* If you know of a graduate, please complete the form located in the bulletin and drop it in the offering plate, mail it to the church office, or fax the page to 419-691-7220 by Wednesday, June 5th.

GET READY TO DIVE INTO VBS! Save the Date for our upcoming Vacation Bible School this summer, **July 22nd through July 25th!** Our theme will be SCUBA as kids plunge into an undersea world brimming with colorful coral, flashy fish, and abundant life! It is sure to be a SPLASH! There will be a light supper served in the gym every night PRIOR to VBS from 5:15pm-5:45pm. Registration is free and a sign up link will be shared soon. We will need volunteers again this year so please reach out to Jennifer in the church office at 419-691-7222.

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED: After an amazing donation response at the beginning of the year, we are just starting again to have some urgent needs for items in our pantry. This month's donation focus is men's and women's deodorant, but we are also greatly in need of bars of soap (2 packs work best), razors, shampoo, and laundry detergent. If you can donate any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated. We also have an online Amazon Wishlist with items you can purchase and have directly sent to us! Email Jennifer in the office and she can send you the link if you would prefer to purchase items that way! Make sure to support the upcoming Card Party as the proceeds will benefit the pantry directly as well! Thanks in advance!

DAVE WINSLOW MEMORIAL GOLF SCRAMBLE Save the date for the 23rd Annual Dave Winslow Memorial Golf Scramble. It will be held on Saturday, August 3rd at Eagles Landing. The cost will be \$80 or \$320 for a foursome includes a bucket of balls for practice, hot dog/drink at the turn and luncheon. Get your team signed up today! Call Mike Winslow at 419-691-8430 or church office, 419-691-7222.

THE SEARCH CONTINUES We are searching for a Facility Maintenance Manager. The primary function will be to perform the custodial duties and light maintenance work in the church/educational building, along with assisting the trustees in being present for outsourced inspections and repairs. For more information, please contact Pastor Rayl (pastor1@firststjohn.com) or contact the church office (419-691-7222).

BORROWING TABLES & CHAIRS: To borrow tables and chairs for summer events, please call the church office to reserve them. Remember, tables and chairs in the gym are not to be removed from the building; instead, the tables and chairs in the parsonage garage are available. Thank you.

FSJ MUD HENS NIGHT RESERVATIONS It's time to play ball! The Toledo Mud Hens minor league baseball team is inviting area churches to their "Faith and Family" night at 5/3 Field on Sunday, June 30th. We are currently taking reservations for tickets. Please call the church office and indicate how many tickets you will need or see Bob Haar. **The deadline for ticket reservation is June 1st.** Stay tuned for ticket prices in upcoming bulletins and newsletter. It would be great if we could get a big group to attend from First St. John and support the Mud Hens!

FSJ DAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT HAS BEGUN! We are now fully rolling with registration for the 2024-2025 school year. We had an amazing turnout for our Open House last Thursday evening, and classes are starting to fill up and we are looking forward to many new faces. We are also getting ready for our new summer program. This year we are offering a day camp with an extended care option. Whether you need summer childcare, or have kids looking for something to do, our summer program may fit the bill. We are accepting kids aged 3-10. If interested in enrolling for next school year, or for the summer please visit the Day School website (firststjohndayschool.org) or contact Andrea Buckley, 419-691-6480.

CHURCH LIBRARY REFRESH! Did you know we have a 'free-to-you' resource of Christian reading material in our church lounge? This includes fiction, non-fiction, devotionals, and even movies. We currently are in the process of refreshing our library located in the church lounge. We have a wealth of books available for you to borrow and we have recently added some new titles! Our library uses a card checkout system, and the instructions for borrowing are located on the shelf, along with the new titles available for ease of viewing. Once you sign a book out, we just ask that you return it within one month (or preferably two weeks) so others may enjoy it as well. Over the next few months, we will continue to add new titles and organize the library. If you have any questions or comments, please reach out to Emily Kruse (419-654-2842).

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP NEEDED: Flowers on Sundays beautify the sanctuary and are dedicated to the glory of God. You can assist by signing up and using as opportunity to honor/remember a loved one.. The flower sign up book is in the narthex, \$15/vase or call the church office. There are also weekly opportunities to honor or remember loved one by donating the cost of messengers (\$10) homebound reach (\$10) and chancel lighting (\$15).

PORTALS OF PRAYER The April-June copies of Portals of Prayer are now 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)