

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are presented to the glory of God.

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

5-26-24: 9:00 am: 88 Online: 35 Total: 123

**OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:**

*None at this time.*

**PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW:** Angela, Andrea Buckley, Peggy Burke, Ann Dudics, Duke, Martha Everett, James Goorman, Jody, Sue Knudsen, Rebecca Kohn, Helen K., Sharon Kassay, Marc LeDuc, Paul Lambrecht, Rick & Judy Lepiarz, Julie Miller, Chad Milner, Sue Moszkowicz, Teresa Nye, John Puhl, Family of Logan Roberts, Dan S., Family of Tim Schmidlin, Family of Joanne & Hank Schumaker, Mary Alice Sheehan, Skylar, June Smarkel, Jerry Smith, 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 26 – JUN 1**

<b><u>Today</u></b>	9:00 am	- Worship Service/ Communion
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	11:30 am	- Ruth Circle @ American Table
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	11:30 am	- Miriam Circle @ Oregon Inn
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	11:00 am	- Adult Bible Study
	5:45 pm	- Piano Recital Rental Church/Lounge

**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!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** both JAM Kids Sunday School and Adult Sunday School are dismissed for the Summer. They will begin again in the Fall.

**MONTHLY MINISTRY** The ministry outreach for June/July will be the **Lutheran Disaster Response** which shares God's hope, healing, and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. Special green envelopes will be in the pews for you to donate.

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY:** We will publicly acknowledge all our graduates from high school and college at our worship service on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. *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 5<sup>th</sup>.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** Luther Home of Mercy in Williston, OH is in need of volunteers on Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm- 7:30pm for their Polish American Concert Band event. If you are able to come have fun with our residents dancing and singing it would be greatly appreciated! Please email Lisa McNary at [lmcnary@lutherhome.org](mailto:lmcnary@lutherhome.org).

**GET READY TO DIVE INTO VBS!** Save the Date for our upcoming Vacation Bible School this summer, **July 22<sup>nd</sup> through July 25<sup>th</sup>**! 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.

**FSJ FINANCIAL UPDATE** For the month of April (2024) FSJ income was \$24,834 & the expenses were \$31,983, which means we had a deficit of \$7,149. The overall yearly expenses are 2% under budget, but year to date shows we have a total deficit of \$14,798. Last month, your church council also approved the expenditure for a new chair lift to be installed from the west side entrance of the church down to the basement for restroom access. The cost for this project will be \$6,500+, in which the majority of the funds will come from the Memorial Fund and the remaining cost will come from the Improvement Fund. NO MONEY will be taken from the church's Operating Fund and no additional debt will be incurred. The trustees stated that the project should be completed in about one month. ~Bill Nelson - Treasurer

**PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED:** This month's donation focus is laundry detergent (liquid) and Fabric softener sheets. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dave Winslow Memorial Golf Scramble. It will held be on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**BORROWING TABLES & CHAIRS:** To borrow tables and chairs for summer events, please call the church office to reserve them at 419-691-7222. 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.

**NURSERY NEWS** A committee has been formed to start a church nursery program again. We believe this will help parents with young children during services. They have identified a space in the JAM area in the church and are starting work on re-organizing in preparation. We hope to have it up and running soon, but at this time we don't have a definite start date. In the coming weeks, we will be creating a wishlist that will be shared to help supply the nursery with the necessary items needed. Please keep an eye out for more information soon! If you wish to help, contact Pastor Rayl.

**RUTH CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at American Table.

**MIRIAM CIRCLE** will meet on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at the Oregon Inn.

**HANNAH CIRCLE** is dismissed for the Summer! See everyone again in the Fall!

**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](http://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)