

ANNOUNCEMENTS – June 23rd

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Logan Robert for his 21st birthday on June 28th, given by his family; and in loving memory of Hulda Baden for her birthday on June 28th, given by her family.

ROSE ON THE LECTERN is in honor of the birth of Braedin Lee Jennings Shooter, born May 14, 2024, to Lexi Mae Hall and Nathaneal William Shooter.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

6-16-24: 9:00 am: 111 Online: 34 Total: 145

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

None at this time.

PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW: Angela, Peggy Burke, Carol Crosser, Ann Dudics, Duke, Martha Everett, James Goorman, Jody, Sue Knudsen, Rebecca Kohn, Helen K., Sharon Kassay, Marc LeDuc, Paul Lambrecht, Rick & Judy Lepiarz, Chad Milner, Teresa Nye, John Puhl, Dan S., Mary Alice Sheehan, Skylar, June Smarkel, Family of 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 JUN 23 – JUN 29

Today	9:00 am	- Worship Service/ Communion/ Baptism
Thursday	11:00 am	- Adult Bible Study
Friday	5:30 pm	- Rehearsal for Schieb/Stahl Wedding
Saturday	4:30 pm	- Schieb/Stahl Wedding

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!

BAPTISM TODAY is for Nathaneal William Shooter, and Braedin Lee Jennings Shooter (great, great grandson of Lily Dukeshire) born on May 14, 2024, to Lexi Hall and Nathaneal Shooter.

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.

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED: This month's donation focus is laundry detergent (liquid) and Fabric softener sheets. These are always a high need item so any donations are greatly appreciated to help us save on costs. 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! Thanks in advance!

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 was shared this past week via email and posted to our Facebook page. You can register at the following link: <https://forms.gle/ndGks6R3xDKu99UT8>

JUNE/JULY NEWSLETTER is available in the lounge and narthex (lobby) for pick-up.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for July-September are also available in the narthex (lobby) and lounge.

ALL 'HANDS ON DECK' FOR VBS volunteers are needed for this year's Vacation Bible School on July 22-25th. Our theme this year is 'SCUBA: diving into friendship with God'. A volunteer link was emailed out but use this link to sign-up: <https://forms.gle/VTrBsKLSRW1Kv2CV6> . We also will be sharing a list of items we will be collecting for crafts in the near future. Please consider helping. Contact Jennifer (419-691-7222).

DAVE WINSLOW MEMORIAL GOLF SCRAMBLE Save the date for the 23rd Annual Dave Winslow Memorial Golf Scramble on Saturday, August 3rd at Eagles Landing with a shotgun start at 8am. The cost will be \$80 or \$320 for a foursome which 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 the church office, 419-691-7222.

FSJ FINANCIAL UPDATE: For the month of May (2024) FSJ income was \$34,200 & the expenses were \$36,983, which means we had a deficit of \$2,783. Our overall expenses continue to be under budget by 2.20%, but year to date shows we have a total deficit of \$17,580. **Note:** Last month we received a check for \$6,000 from the Memorial Fund to be utilized for the new chairlift that is being placed in the church. Half of this money was used for a down payment on this project, the rest will be released after the work is completed & the Trustees approve the installation.
~Bill Nelson - Treasurer

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 and are re-organizing in preparation. We currently do not have a definite start date. Please keep an eye out for more information soon!

NURSERY WISH LIST As we are starting a nursery, we would like to gather some new items for a fresh start. A donation tree will be added to the back of the church soon with wish list items hanging that you can select and commit to donating. The nursery will be an important ministry as it will allow parents to attend service with care provided for their young children. We are looking for wet/baby wipes, puzzles (large piece toddler/wooden ones), new baby dolls (at least 2), small and large plastic farm animals/people, plastic building blocks, stacking toys, and toddler toys (that are easy to wipe clean), a See & Say, or Pop-Up Pals to name a few. Please NO stuffed animals/toys. Donations can be dropped off during the week to the church office or placed in the bin in the narthex (lobby) under the tree once it is established. We thank you in advance for your support!

FSJ DAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT HAS BEGUN! We are now fully rolling with registration for the 2024-2025 school year. We are also knee deep in our summer program schedule. 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 still have a few spots available for kids aged 3-10. If interested in enrolling for next school year, or for the summer please visit the Day School website 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 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. 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).