

ANNOUNCEMENTS – July 28th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Caroline & Jacob Moritz and in honor of our 89th family reunion, given by Susie Moszkowicz.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

7-14-24: 9:00 am: 95 Online: 20 Total: 115
VBS 2024 Attendance (Children & Youth): 46 VBS Adult Volunteers: 16

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

Tom Hartford – Hospice of NW Ohio, Perrysburg
Bill Nelson – U of M, Ann Arbor

PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW: Angela, Phyllis Brown, Peggy Burke, Carol Crosser, Ann Dudics, Duke, Norman Eck, Martha Everett, James Goorman, Tom Hartford, Cindy Herrera, Houghtaling Family, Jody, Sue Knudsen, Rebecca Kohn, Helen K., Sharon Kassay, Deborah Kidwell, Fred Kruse, Paul Lambrecht, Marc LeDuc, Rick & Judy Lepiarz, Darlene Lorenzen, Chad Milner, Bill Nelson, Teresa Nye, John Puhl, Dan S., Mary Alice Sheehan, Skylar, June Smarkel, Family of Jerry Smith, Steve Welling, Dave Wilbarger Sr., Arlene Wilbarger, Family of Ruth Ziethlow.

*****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 JUL 28– AUG 3

Today	9:00 am	- Worship Service/ Communion
Thursday	11:00 am	- Adult Bible Study
Saturday	11:30 am	- Rebecca Circle @ The Old Bag of Nails in Toledo

WELCOME TO FIRST ST. JOHN: If you are visiting with us, please sign the guest book, located in the Narthex (lobby).

WELCOME SPECIAL GUEST MUSICIAN Bradley Baker, Baritone. We are so thankful that you are sharing your talents with us today. Please make sure to say hi, and welcome Bradley and check out his bio in today's bulletin.

CHURCH DECORATIONS You might have noticed today that the church looks a little different! It has been transformed into an 'Under the Sea' wonderland. That is because this past week we hosted Vacation Bible School, and our theme was SCUBA! Diving into Friendship with God. We had quite a few dedicated decorators and volunteers who did such a marvelous job, we wanted to share some of the fun with you this Sunday! Enjoy!

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

MONTHLY MINISTRY The ministry outreach for June/July is **Lutheran Disaster Response** that 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 body lotion. 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!

SCUBA VBS A BIG SUCCESS! This past week we hosted our SCUBA themed VBS and it was a big success! We had 45 combined kids and youth that attended or helped, and 15 adult volunteers! The kids learned about God's great love for them, and that he is a God who is a friend who is real and loves them deeply! He can be trusted with all our worries and fears, and he is for everyone! We also collected 50+ items for our personal needs pantry and added 27 brand new handprints to our VBS mural in the basement! Make sure you check it out! Thanks to all the volunteers, parents and kids that made this a great week! A special thanks to all who helped decorate, coordinate, and cook all week!

JUNE FINANCIAL UPDATE: For the month of June (2024), FSJ income was \$47,816 & the expenses were \$31,945, which means we were positive to our expenses by \$15,871. Thank-you, thank-you church family for your stewardship last month! We not only paid our June expenses but reduced our annual operating deficit by 90% as well. As of July 1st, FSJ has an operating deficit of \$1,709; please continue your stewardship. Note: Through the month of June (6 months (50%) of budget), your church council has spent 48.4% of the approved budget. You can be assured that every dollar is being spent wisely for our Lord & church.
~ Bill Nelson - Treasurer

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

AUGUST FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST will be on August 10th at 8:30 am at the Woodville Diner. Come join us for fun and fellowship! Last month we had 15 in attendance but there is room at the table for more!

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Jennifer needs some morning office help while she is out of the office a few upcoming days, July 31st and August 9th. Would need a volunteer to cover the office phones and doors and do some simple office tasks. Please contact Jennifer in the church office, 419-691-7222 or at office@firststjohn.com if interested and for more details. Thanks in advance!

RUTH CIRCLE: will meet on Tuesday, August 6th in the church's back parking lot to carpool to Spaghetti Warehouse for lunch.

REBECCA CIRCLE: will meet at 11:30 am on Saturday, August 3rd at the Old Bag of Nails Pub in Toledo.

LAYETTE MINISTRY COLLECTION: The Women of the ELCA (WELCA) are collecting baby care items to make up kits that will be sent to needy families. If you would like to donate, there will be a collection box in the lounge, or you can bring them to the church office. Here are the items we need:

- lightweight cotton t-shirts (no onesies) *
 - long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet) *
 - receiving blankets, medium weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square
 - cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
 - jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with a hood, or include baby cap *
 - pairs of socks
 - hand towel, dark color recommended
 - bath size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping (no mini or hotel size bars)
 - diaper pins or large safety pins
- * Clothing sizes can be up to 24 months

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.

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 WISH LIST As we are starting a nursery, we would like to gather some new items for a fresh start. Instead of a donation tree, we have created an Amazon wish list! Jennifer will email it out on Monday, or email Jennifer directly and she will send it to you. 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 if using Amazon can be shipped directly to the church

FSJ DAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT HAS BEGUN! Registration for the 2024-2025 school year. We are also knee deep in our summer program schedule. 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.

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 this as an 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 a loved one by donating the cost of messengers (\$10) homebound outreach (\$10) and chancel lighting (\$15).