

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Aug 18th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Uarda Houchin's birthday on August 22nd, given by Sandra Stahl & Family; and in honor of our daughter, Ryleigh Ann Hess, on her 12th birthday (August 17th), given by Jeff, Jennifer, Aubrey, and Paige Hess.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

8-11-24: 9:00 am: 75 Online: 36 Total: 111

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

Dick Crouse – St. Vincent Medical Center

PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW: Deb Ackerman, Angela, Phyllis Brown, Peggy Burke, Sally Claytor, Carol Crosser, Dick Crouse, Ann Dudics, Duke, Norman Eck, Isaac Evans, Martha Everett, Family of Tom Hartford, Cindy Herrera, Jody, Kaitlyn, Sharon Kassay, Deborah Kidwell, Kaylea Kochanski, Rebecca Kohn, Helen K., Family of Fred Kruse, Paul Lambrecht, Marc LeDuc, Rick & Judy Lepiarz, Chad Milner, Janet Mooney, Bill Nelson, Teresa Nye, John Puhl, Dan S., Skylar, June Smarkel, Steve Welling, Dave Wilbarger Sr., Arlene Wilbarger, Ruth Zasada

*****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 AUG 18– AUG 24

<u>Today</u>	9:00 am	- Worship Service/ Communion
<u>Monday</u>	7:00 am	- First Day of School
	6:30 pm	- WELCA Meeting in the lounge
<u>Tuesday</u>	7:00 pm	- Church Council Meeting in the lounge
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00 am	- Adult Bible Study

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 Dana Baker, baritone to our worship service this morning! He is once again sharing his talents with FSJ. Make sure to read his full bio in the bulletin and welcome Dana to FSJ!

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

SAVE THE DATE As the Summer is winding down, we will return to two services offered at 8am and 10:30am on September 8th. Mark your calendars!

MONTHLY MINISTRY The ministry outreach for August is **Community Care-A-Van**. The Community Care-a-Van service was established in 2000 to help those who are unable to get transportation to their important medical services. They pick up the patient, take them to their appointments, and then transport them back home. This service is free to the patient and is entirely supported by donations. They serve patients in East Toledo, Walbridge, Lake Twp., Jerusalem Twp., Northwood, and Oregon. If you would like to help support this program, please use one of the pink envelopes in the pews and place it in the offering plate during in-person worship, or you can mail your donation to the church office.

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED: This month's donation focus is bars of soap. Each month we hand out two bars per person, so it is a highly valued item for our pantry. Please consider donating! 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!

DARTBALL Dartball season is almost upon us. Teams meet every other Monday night starting on September 30th in the church gym. For more information call Bob Haar at 419-250-9409. It is easy, fun and fellowship. No experience required. Join us.

THE NEXT WELCA MEETING will be held on Monday, August 19th at 6:30 pm in the lounge.

THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER the August newsletter has been emailed to all members and non-members currently on the distribution list. Due to the size of the documents, please make sure to check your spam email folder. Hardcopies were also mailed out this past week to those who request that distribution method. Extra copies are available in the narthex (lobby), and in the lounge.

BOY SCOUTS First St. John has been in conversation with the Erie Shores Council of The Boy Scouts of America for establishing a Scouting Pack sponsored by FSJ. At the last Church council meeting approval was given to proceed with organizing the pack which would include both boys and girls according to the recent changes in Scouting by the BSA. Moving forward with this ministry outreach will require assembling a core group of volunteers from the congregation and any supporting groups including the FSJ Day School. These include the core oversight committee to the Cubmaster and Den Leaders. If you feel called to be part of the ministry, please contact Pastor Rayl as soon as possible, 419-691-7222.

START A NEW DAILY DEVOTIONAL! As a reminder, the First St. John Library has a wealth of Christian literary available to be borrowed. Starting this week, you will find some devotionals featured on the table in the lounge that you are able to check out for up to a year! It is a great time to find the perfect devotional to start for this year or check out some other great books both fiction and non-fiction. Instructions on how to sign out a book or devotional are located on the shelves. For any assistance or questions, please see Emily Kruse or call the office at 419-691-7222.

LESSON READERS NEEDED As the summer comes to a close, we are in need of weekly lesson readers when we return to two services starting in September. You can choose to read for first service or second service, whatever works best for you! It is a great way to serve and we would appreciate your help! Please reach out to Jennifer in the office if interested in helping fill our weekly readers or if you have any questions at 419-691-7222.

BIBLE QUIZ & ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Get ready for the second annual All-American Bible Quiz on Sunday, September 15th @ 9:15 a.m. in the Lounge. Prizes for first and second place. The quiz covers the journeys of the Apostle Paul. So, plan on joining us for coffee and doughnuts on Sunday, September 15th. And every Sunday thereafter for Bible Study concentrating on the book of Acts and the letters of Paul and Peter.

FSJ JULY FINANCES For the month of July (2024), FSJ income was at \$22,936 in income and the expenses were \$34,242, which means we were **negative by \$11,306 for the month**. This means that we gave back 70% of the June positive stewardship during the month of July. Please remember that if you go on vacation or miss a Sunday service, the church expenses continue forward & must be paid so your generous tithes are a blessing. The church family stewardship is always used in the greatest way to serve our Lord & First St. John Lutheran Church!
~ Bill Nelson - Treasurer

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**

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.

NEXT FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST will be Saturday, September 14th at 8:30am. We will again meet at the Woodville Diner on Woodville Rd. Join us for food, fellowship, and a brief devotion.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Luther Home of Mercy in Williston is in need of Fall Fest volunteers once again. Fall Fest is Sunday, September 15th from 2-6pm and includes a free dinner. Please reach out to Lisa McNary at 419-972-4431 by August 22nd if interested in helping.

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.

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).