

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – Aug 25<sup>th</sup>

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are presented to the glory of God in honor of Jessie & Mike Henneman's 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They were married on August 8, 1966.

### **CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

8-18-24: 9:00 am: 90 Online: 48 Total: 138

### **OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:**

*Dick Crouse – Gardens of St. Francis*

**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, Jody, Kaitlyn, Sharon Kassay, Family of Mark Keller, Deborah Kidwell, Kaylea Kochanski, Rebecca Kohn, Helen K., Family of Fred Kruse, Paul Lambrecht, Marc LeDuc, Rick & Judy Lepiarz, Chad Milner, Janet Mooney, 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 25– AUG 31**

<b>Today</b>	9:00 am	- Worship Service/ Communion
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 pm	- Nursery Workday (basement JAM room)
<b>Thursday</b>	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** Patricia A. McCauley, soprano to our worship service this morning! We are so happy she is sharing her talents this morning. Make sure to read her full bio in the bulletin and welcome Patricia 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 8<sup>th</sup>. Tentatively, Rally Day is set for Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. More info to come. 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! **The number of individuals and families we serve each week has greatly increased, and our donations have been down this month. Please consider picking up an item or two or donating to the Pantry fund to help us purchase much needed items!** Email Jennifer in the office and she can send you the link if you would prefer to purchase items that way! Thanks in advance!

**NURSERY WORKDAY** As we work towards being able to provide a nursery for parents of young children when we go to two services, it is necessary to get our space ready and organized. Please consider helping next Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm downstairs in the JAM area of the church. We have some large pieces of furniture that need to be moved, and some items to clear out. Thanks in advance!

**DARTBALL** Dartball season is almost upon us. Teams meet every other Monday night starting on September 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**MISSION SUNDAY** In conjunction with Rally Day this year on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will also be hosting a Mission Sunday. On Mission Sunday, we are asking everyone in the congregation to purchase and donate one or more of the high need items listed below to benefit our very own Personal Needs Pantry, and/or the Feed Your Neighbor program provided by Lutheran Social Services. Thank you in advance!

***FSJ Personal Needs Pantry Items:*** *Adult or Children's Shampoo (no travel size), men's or women's deodorant, band aids, toilet paper, adult toothbrush or toothpaste, facial tissues or paper towels.*

***Feed Your Neighbor items:*** *canned fruit, canned soups, canned stews, canned ravioli or spaghetti.*

**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.

**WINSLOW MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING** We want to thank everyone who supported or golfed in the Dave Winslow Memorial golf outing that took place on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at Eagles Landing Golf Course. The proceeds from the golf outing go towards the Winslow Memorial Scholarship Fund. This year we had 79 golfers and earned \$4,238 towards the fund. It was a successful event once again! Thanks to all!

**A HEARTFELT THANK YOU** to the congregation of FSJ for the outpouring of love and support for Tom Hartford. He so appreciated the prayers, visits and cards he received. Also, thank you to all who came to his funeral, or helped provide the luncheon after the funeral.

**THANK YOU ALL** for supporting me as a musician over the last six years. I've had a lot of fun playing at FSJ and I am looking forward to playing again over school breaks. I appreciated all the cards and gifts!

*~ Emily Lipper*

**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 15<sup>th</sup> @ 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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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*

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

**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. Email Jennifer for the Amazon wishlist link.

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** We will be offering a nursery in the fall and are in need of volunteers that could commit to covering the nursery during the second service once a month, or as able. Volunteers will need to fill out paperwork and be background checked for insurance and liability reasons. The process is easy and simple, and your time will help to serve young families in our church! Please reach out to Darlene Paul or Jennifer in the church office at 419-691-7222.

**LUTHER HOME OF MERCY** in Williston is in need of Fall Fest volunteers once again. Fall Fest is Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 2-6pm and includes a free dinner. Please reach out to Lisa McNary at 419-972-4431 by August 22<sup>nd</sup> 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).