

ANNOUNCEMENTS – April 13th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in honor of the Oregon Fire & Rescue, given by the Dunaway Family; and in loving memory of Willie Moritz's birthday, given by Julie, Linda & Larry Moritz.

MESSENGERS are given in loving memory of Joan Bailey on her birthday, and in honor of her grandson Ryan Abbey's birthday, given by Kevin & Carol Abbey.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

4-6-25: 8:00 am: 31 10:30 am: 78 Online: 16 Total: 120
J.A.M Sunday School: 11 Adult Sunday School: 8 Fellowship Breakfast: 10
4-9-25 (Lent Services): 11:00 am: 30 7:00 pm: 11 Total: 41

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

Verlene Schweizer ~ Kingston-Perrysburg
Dick Crouse ~ Gardens of St. Francis
Mary Ellen Miller ~ Kingston-Perrysburg
Sue Moszkowicz ~ Kingston- Perrysburg
Dave Wilbarger Sr. ~ Hospice- Perrysburg

PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW: Angela, Family of Derek Besgrove, Jerry Brittan, Peggy Burke, Patrick Cleough, Dick Crouse, Doris, Ann Dudics, Duke, Norman Eck, Martha Everett, Bob Hecklinger, Debra Henninger, Jody, Kaitlyn, Deborah Kidwell, Kaylea Kochanski, Rebecca Kohn, Helen K., Lisa, Paul Lambrecht, Marc LeDuc, Rick Lepiarz, Diane McGovern, Mary Ellen Miller, Chad Milner, Sue Moszkowicz, Bill Nelson, Verlene Schweizer, John Puhl, Shonna, Skylar, June Smarkel, Traci Spencer, Marilyn Ulrich, Steve Welling, Dave Wilbarger Sr., Jeff Wilbarger, LeAnn Winslow, Anne Zielinski.

****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 will be included in the monthly newsletter. If you have any additions or changes to the prayer chain, please email office@firststjohn.com****

CALENDAR FOR APR 13 – APR 19

Today	8:00 am	- PALM SUNDAY EARLY SERVICE
		- WELCA CANDY SALE (lounge)
	9:15 am	- JAM Sunday School (church basement)
	10:30 am	- PALM SUNDAY LATE SERVICE/ Communion
Monday		- OFFICE HOURS 9am-12pm (Jennifer out of the office)
Tuesday	7:00 pm	- Church Council Meeting (Committees 6:30 pm)
Wednesday	6:30 pm	- Altar Guild Mtg
	6:30 pm	- Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	11:00 am	- MAUNDY THURSDAY Service
	7:00 pm	- MAUNDY THURSDAY Service
Friday		- DAY SCHOOL SPRING BREAK STARTS
	12:00 pm	- GOOD FRIDAY Service

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!

FOR YOUR SECURITY, please make sure to secure any valuables and lock your car. Unfortunately, as a property with heavy foot and car traffic, unlocked vehicles can be an easy target. Lock it up, keep it safe!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL will **NOT** meet today, April 13th or April 20th, but will start back up on Sunday, April 27th.

J.A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL is held at 9:15 am every Sunday in the JAM room (church basement). Ages 3-5th grade are invited to attend. JAM will not meet on Sunday, April 20th, and will resume on Sunday, April 27th.

WELCA CANDY SALE TODAY Sunday, April 13th the ladies of WELCA will be having a candy sale fundraiser in the lounge after both services. All proceeds will be split 50/50 between Personal Needs Pantry and WELCA.

LAST DAY TO TURN IN PRAYER BUDDY EGGS Please return your eggs in the back of the church no later than today, **April 13th**. If for someone reason you forgot yours, please email Jennifer (office@firststjohn.com) or call the office on Monday to make arrangements.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for April through June are now available in the narthex (lobby) and also on the long white table in the lounge. Make sure to pick your copy up!

2025 WELCA BOOK is available for pick up in the lounge on the long white table or in the narthex (lobby). This has the events and groups for the Women of the Church listed. Pick up your copy today!

LIVESTREAM SERVICE WEEKLY Did you know that you can watch a livestream of our 10:30 am Sunday Service? You can find it by visiting www.firststjohn.com/LIVE, or by using the Online Worship link in the middle of the home page or the top navigation ('Worship' then 'Online Worship') on any page.

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION If you or a loved one would like a homebound communion visit, please call the church office. Bob Haar is temporarily communing the homebound at their request, and he will call you to set up an appointment.

SCOUTING MINISTRY CUB PACK 58 Our FSJ Cub Scout Pack has finally arrived and currently meets on the first Monday of each month in room 204 (catechism room) at 7 pm. Boys or girls in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade are encouraged to join us. If you are interested in joining our Cub Pack, please contact the Church office at 419-691-7222 for more details

SPONSOR A SCOUT Blue envelopes are now available in the pews that allow you to donate to sponsor the fee of an incoming scout in our new FSJ Scouting program. The fee to join is \$85 per scout and sometimes this cost can be a barrier to those kids in our East Toledo area. Any amount is accepted though! Please consider giving to defray the cost for a child.

THANK YOU, CHURCH FAMILY! Church family, thank you very much for the many, many prayers and get-well cards that I have received over the past three months. I have read each card several times & especially appreciate the added comments that were written to give me extra hope for healing from our Lord.
~ Bill Nelson

THANK YOU for your generous donation to the Isaiah 117 House Lucas County Expansion team! Because of supporters like you we are not only closer to meeting our goals but are also on track to break ground soon in Lucas County to provide a home that is specifically built for providing loving care to children on removal day who are placed in the foster care system.
~ Isaiah 117 Lucas County Expansion Team

QUILTING MINISTRY Finished up their quilting season with crafting 124 quilts! This dedicated group did an amazing job this year. The quilts will be donated to several charities and also will be displayed a few times a year for sale in the church. Thank you to all who made this possible!

SAVE THE DATE for the annual WELCA Card Party! The card party will take place on Tuesday, May 13th at noon. Tickets will be \$15 each and will include lunch. Stay tuned for more information coming in April!

CHOIR REHEARSAL The choir will be performing at Palm Sunday and Easter this year. Choir rehearsals will take place on Thursday, April 10th and Wednesday, April 16th at 6:30 pm in the choir room. Please see Dr. Tony for more information.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST The next Fellowship Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 3rd @ 8:30 am at the American Table restaurant on Wheeling. This past month, we had 10 in attendance, but there is room at the table for more! Please join us!

TIME TO START PLANNING VBS! VBS 2025 will be “True North, Trusting Jesus in a Wild World”. The tentative dates are July 14th – 17th. We will need all hands-on deck as we plan and would love to have as many people involved as possible! If interested, contact Jennifer (office@firststjohn.com). Help us have a great time with the children of our church and community!

CARD PARTY DONATIONS NEEDED In preparation for our upcoming Card Party, we are seeking donations for door prizes (\$5-\$10 price range items or gift cards), and donations of items for raffle baskets (\$25 or more), or if you, or your group would like to donate a themed basket that can be used for our raffles that would be greatly appreciated! The monies raised from ticket sales, and raffled baskets go to various charities and even benefit our own FSJ Personal Needs Pantry! Please consider helping! Contact Jane Schuetz, or Emily Kruse for more information. Items can be dropped off in the church office during the week 9-4pm.

SPECIAL MUSIC DESIGNATED FUND A special music fund was recently created specifically to support the talented musicians invited to play at our church. Money from this fund will be used at the discretion of Dr. Tony, our Church Musician, when securing guest musicians. To contribute, donate cash or checks made out to First St John Lutheran Church and simply indicate on your envelope and/or check memo line, that your contribution is to be directed to the Special Music Fund.

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY donation item for the month of April is Facial Tissues. As we enter allergy season this is a much-needed item! Items can be deposited in the bright green bin in the lounge or the pull-out drawer in the narthex (lounge) or drop them off at the office during the week.

FSJ DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! Registration for the 2025-2026 Day School program has begun. The Registration Fee is waived for active members of the church, but you must still complete the Registration Form to reserve a spot for your child. The children must be at least 3 years old and potty trained. Our classes are from 9am-12pm, with extended care available from 6 am to 6 pm. We also offer a Begindergarten program for newly 5 year olds who just miss the normal Kindergarten cutoff. They attend school 5 days a week from 9am-3pm. We will also be having our Summer Child Care program again this year for children ages 3-12 years old. The Day School will host summer camps each week with a different theme. Both children needing childcare and children looking for fun activities will be welcome. For more information, please visit the Day School website at fsjdayschool.org or contact Andrea Buckley at fsjdayschool@firststjohn.com.

FIND A NEW DEVOTIONAL OR BOOK! As a reminder, our First St. John Library has a wealth of Christian literature available you can borrow. A few new books have been donated and are showcased on the table in the lounge. Our book selection is on the table in the lounge! For any assistance or questions, please see Emily Kruse or call the office at 419-691-7222.

FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR we continue to collect for the Lutheran Social Services’ Emergency Choice Pantry. As a reminder, they do not accept glass jars, but any canned or boxed non-perishables are welcome! Thanks for your generosity in helping our community!

IT’S TIME TO PLAY BALL! We are planning on attending another Toledo Mud Hen game this summer. The date is Saturday, August 16. The cost is \$14.00 per ticket and \$3.00 round trip ticket on the Muddy shuttle which leaves from Starr Elementary parking lot. Check upcoming newsletter and Sunday bulletins for further info or see Bob Haar.

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS On Good Friday, April 18th, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Ida, Michigan (1920 Lewis Ave), will be hosting a dramatic reenactment of Christ’s last days with guided tours every 15 minutes starting from 12pm-3pm, and at 5pm-7pm. Come partake in this 20+ year tradition. There is no charge for this powerful presentation.

LENT/HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Apr 13 th	Palm Sunday	8:00 am, 10:30 am
Apr 17 th	Maundy Thursday	11:00 am, 7:00 pm
Apr 18 th	Good Friday	12:00 pm
Apr 20 th	Easter Sunday	8:00 am, 10:30 am