

*ANNOUNCEMENTS – April 20<sup>th</sup>*

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are presented to the glory of God. Please see the Easter flower insert in today's bulletin for more details.

**Roses on the Lectern** are given in honor of the births of Gwendolyn Mae Vieira, born July 31, 2024, to parents, Jason & Alissa (Ladd) Vieira; and Noelle Kathleen Dunaway born on April 18, 2025 (7lbs, 9 oz., 19 inches long) to parents, James & Emily Dunaway.

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

4-13-25: 8:00 am: 55      10:30 am: 75      Online: 22      Total: 152  
J.A.M Sunday School: 12

4-17-25 (Maundy Thursday): 11:00 am: 15      7:00 pm: 52      Total: 67

4-18-25 (Good Friday): 12:00 pm: 35

**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, 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 20 – APR 26**

<b><u>Today</u></b>	8:00 am	- EASTER SUNDAY EARLY SERVICE / COMMUNION
	10:30 am	- EASTER SUNDAY LATE SERVICE / COMMUNION / BAPTISM
<b><u>Monday</u></b>		- OFFICE CLOSED / DAY SCHOOL SPRING BREAK
	6:30 pm	- WELCA Meeting (lounge)
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	5:30 pm	- Hannah Circle @ Cousino's Steakhouse

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

**HAPPY EASTER!** We wish all our family and friends worshipping with us this blessed Easter morning a very happy Easter! He is Risen! Go shine His light to the world!

**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!

**HOLY BAPTISM** at the 2<sup>nd</sup> service is for Gwendolyn Mae Vieira, born July 31, 2024, to parents, Jason & Alissa (Ladd) Vieira. Please join us in congratulating the family on this blessed day.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** will **NOT** meet today, April 20<sup>th</sup>, but will start back up on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**J.A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL** JAM will not meet on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, and will resume on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**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](http://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.

**ANNUAL CARD PARTY** Save the date for the annual WELCA Card Party! The card party and luncheon will take place on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at noon (elevator available). Tickets are \$15 each which includes a wonderful lunch with homemade desserts. Door prizes and raffle prizes are available. Even if you don't play cards, you can come and play board games or just hang out with your friends from First St. John. For reservations, call Jane Schuetz (419-691-5506). Also, if you can donate a dessert to serve at least 12 people, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the clipboard in the lounge. We also need door prizes, either something you make or that you can get a business to donate. Boxes are in the lounge and the Narthex for depositing these donations. EVERYONE is welcome to join us for a fun day.

**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.

**MARCH FINANCES** For the month of March (5 Sundays) the total income was \$41,549 and total expenses were \$31,774; this is a positive income of \$9,775. For YTD we are at a deficit of \$3,434, but much improved over the last month because of the stewardship in March. Thank you for your stewardship!

~ Bill Nelson, Treasurer

**FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST** The next Fellowship Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 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 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:office@firststjohn.com)). Help us have a great time with the children of our church and community!

**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](http://fsjdayschool.org) or contact Andrea Buckley at [fsjdayschool@firststjohn.com](mailto: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.