

ANNOUNCEMENTS – April 27th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Henry & Joanne Schumaker, given by Bill, Sandy, Diane & Scott; and in loving memory of Eardley Schuetz, and Aunt Ruby, given by the Schuetz & Cromly families.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

4-20-25 (Easter): 8:00 am: 95 10:30 am: 153 Online: 60 Total: 308

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

Verlene Schweizer ~ Kingston-Perrysburg

Dave Wilbarger Sr. ~ Hospice- Perrysburg

PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW: Angela, Family of Derek Besgrove, Jerry Brittan, Peggy Burke, Patrick Cleough, Family of 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, Family of Sue Moszkowicz, 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 27 – May 3

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- Early Service
	10:30 am	- Late Service/ Communion
<u>Monday</u>	11:30 am	- Funeral for Richard (Dick) Crouse (visitation an hour prior, with burial and luncheon to follow)
<u>Tuesday</u>		- DAY SCHOOL RETURNS FROM SPRING BREAK
<u>Friday</u>	9:30 am	- Day School Preschool Prom (gym)
<u>Saturday</u>	8:30 am	- Fellowship Breakfast @ American Table
	11:30 am	- Rebecca Circle (lounge)

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 resumes today, Sunday, April 27th and is at 9:15am in the lounge and all are invited as we study the New Testament reading from the service.

J.A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL starts back up today, April 27th and is held at 9:15 am every Sunday in the JAM room (church basement). Ages 3-5th grade are invited to attend.

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.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST The next Fellowship Breakfast will be held this 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!

MOVIE NIGHT It is time for our next Movie Night on Sunday, May 4th! The movie's name is "ORDINARY ANGELS" and it is about a 2-hour movie. This movie came out in 2024 & is based on a true story. The menu will be hot chicken sandwiches (with cheese slice on top), dill pickle slice, Costco cookies, popcorn, snacks, pop, & water. Light dinner will start @ 5:30 PM with the movie starting approx. 6:15PM. Please plan to join us and bring a comfy chair, it is a great fellowship for all!

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.

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 13th 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 (**OUR BIGGEST NEED IS \$5 DOOR PRIZES), 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

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!

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!