

ANNOUNCEMENTS – April 6th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Logan Roberts, given by his family & friends (3 vases).

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

3-30-25: 8:00 am: 32 10:30 am: 72 Online: 16 Total: 120

J.A.M Sunday School: 11 Adult Sunday School: 7

4-2-25 (Lent Services): 11:00 am: 30 7:00 pm: 17 Total: 47

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

Dick Crouse ~ St. Charles Hospital

Sue Moszkowicz ~ Kingston- Perrysburg

PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW: Angela, 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, Family of Tina McQuillen, Mary Ellen Miller, Chad Milner, Sue Moszkowicz, Bill Nelson, John Puhl, Shonna, Skylar, June Smarkel, Traci Spencer, Marilyn Ulrich, Steve Welling, Dave Wilbarger Sr., 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 6 – APR 12

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- Early Worship Service/Communion
	9:15 am	- Adult Sunday School (lounge)
	9:15 am	- JAM Sunday School (basement)
	10:30 am	- Late Worship Service/ Baptism
	4:00 pm	- JAM Sunday School Bowling Night
<u>Monday</u>	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir
	7:00 pm	- Scouting Meeting (Room 204)
	7:30 pm	- Dartball (Home)
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00 am	- Lenten Services
	7:00 pm	- Lenten Services
<u>Thursday</u>	6:30 pm	- Choir Rehearsal
<u>Friday</u>		- JENNIFER OUT OF OFFICE/ OFFICE CLOSED
<u>Saturday</u>	10:00 am	- Candy Sale Set-up

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!

HOLY BAPTISM during the 10:30am service is for Rashawn (“RJ”) Amonté McGee Jr. born on October 31, 2024, to Alexis Marie Reese, and Rashawn Amonté McGee.

SPECIAL MUSIC during the 10:30 am service is provided by Bill Hamilton, baritone. We are very blessed to have him share his gift of song with us today. Please make sure to greet him after service!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL is at 9:15am in the lounge and all are invited as we study the New Testament reading from the service. Adult Sunday School will NOT meet on April 13th or 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.

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.

J.A.M SUNDAY SCHOOL BOWLING NIGHT Join us TODAY for a STRIKE-ing good time at our JAM (Jesus and Me) Bowling Event! Bring your energy and excitement as we enjoy an evening of bowling, laughter, and connection on Sunday, April 6th from 4-6 pm at the Toledo Sports Center Lanes (1516 Starr Ave, Toledo, OH). We'll provide the lanes and fun—you bring the enthusiasm! Don't forget to register - just scan the QR code on the flyer hanging in the Narthex (lobby) or lounge or let any of the JAM Sunday School teachers know your plans to attend.

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.

WELCA CANDY SALE On Sunday, April 13th the ladies of WELCA will be having a candy sale fundraiser in the lounge after both services. Please contact Sue Ann Rogers if interested in donating. All proceeds will be split 50/50 between Personal Needs Pantry and WELCA. Drop off of items will be on Saturday, April 12th from 10am-noon. See Sue Ann Rogers for more details.

LAST DAY FOR EASTER FLOWER SALE It's time to order the flowers that will decorate the church on Easter morning, April 20th. The price is \$15.00 per plant. You can choose a lily, daffodil, hyacinth, or tulip. Fill out the order blank included in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office (2471 Seaman St, Toledo, OH 43605), or drop it off to Jennifer in the church office. **The final Sunday to order will be TODAY, April 6th**. Payment must accompany your order. Make checks out to: First St. John Lutheran.

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!

CANDY NEEDED for Easter to help with the JAM Sunday School Easter Egg hunt. Bags of candy can be dropped off in the church office during the week or placed in the bin in the back of the church.

DARTBALL will play on Monday, March 31st at 7:30 pm with FSJ Team #1 playing away at Sr. Lucas, and FSJ Team #2 playing away at Messiah. Currently there is a Tie for 1st place between FSJ Team #1, St. Mark's and Messiah!

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.

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.

LAST SUNDAY FOR PRAYER BUDDY EGGS Please consider volunteering to be prayer buddies for our FSJ Day School students and staff members! Please select an Easter Egg from the bin located in the Narthex (lobby). Inside you will find a picture of the student or staff member you are asked to pray for daily. We ask that during this Lenten season you take some time to pray for this child or teacher and their path towards Christ. Please fill this egg with a written prayer or words of encouragement and a small toy and candy to help celebrate the joy of Easter and remind the child that Jesus died to save us all. More information is included in the color insert in your bulletin! This year you can also make a monetary donation towards the purchase of items for the eggs. Please return your eggs in the back of the church no later than **April 13th**.

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:

April 9th – Lent Services at 11am / 7 pm

Apr 13th Palm Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am

Mar 17th Maundy Thursday 11:00 am, 7:00 pm

Mar 18th Good Friday 12:00 pm

Mar 20th Easter Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am