

ANNOUNCEMENTS – May 11th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in memory of Kenny Villhauer on his birthday, given by Shelley Garrett & Sue Kimmet; and in loving memory of our mothers, given by Bill & Cathy Caldwell; and in honor of Addison Weber's 5th birthday, given by Omi & Boppa.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

5-4-25: 8:00 am: 38 10:30 am: 72 Online: 24 Total: 134
Adult Sunday School: 9 JAM Sunday School: 10

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

Dave Wilbarger Sr. ~ Hospice- Perrysburg

PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW: Family of Nancy Bell, Family of Derek Besgrove, Peggy Burke, Family of Dick Crouse, Norman Eck, Family of Sue Moszkowicz, Mary Ellen Miller, Marilyn Ulrich, Dave Wilbarger Sr, Family of Bruce Wohlgamuth.

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 MAY 11 – MAY 17

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- Early Service
	9:15 am	- Adult Sunday School (lounge)
	9:15 am	- JAM Sunday School (church basement)
	10:30 am	- Late Service/Communion
	2:00 pm	- Chapel Communion
<u>Monday</u>	1:30 pm	- WELCA Card Party Setup (gym)
	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir
<u>Tuesday</u>	12:00 pm	- WELCA Card Party (gym)

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!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! We wish all a Happy Mother's Day today! It is a special day to recognize all the woman in our life, past and present, who have guided us. We hope you enjoy your day!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL is at 9:15am in the lounge and all are invited as we study the New Testament reading from the service. We will meet the next two Sundays before finishing up for the summer.

J.A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL today is the LAST day for JAM Sunday School. Please enjoy the beautiful singing of the children as we celebrate Mother's Day and mark your calendars for VBS coming soon on July 14-17th!

SPECIAL MUSIC today is provided by Damon Coleman, cellist. Damon is the associate principal cellist for the Toledo Symphony. Please welcome Damon and thank him for sharing his music with us today!

QUILTS FOR MOTHER'S DAY The quilters will be displaying their quilts for sale in the sanctuary in honor of Mother's Day today. They are available for purchase after each service. They are \$40 for large, and \$20 for baby quilts. Please see Jessie Henneman after 1st service, or Jane Neal after 2nd service.

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.

FUNERAL SERVICES for Bruce Wohlgamuth will be held on Monday, May 12th at Eggleston Meinert & Pavley Funeral home (440 S. Coy Rd, Oregon, OH 43616). Visitation will be held from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, with funeral service following at 1:00pm. Interment will follow at Elliston Cemetery.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY will not meet this coming week on May 15th but will resume again on Thursday, May 22nd.

MAY NEWSLETTER is now available in the narthex (lobby) and the lounge. They have also been emailed out and those who requested a mailed hard copy were sent last week. As a reminder, it is imperative that if you have an announcement for the June monthly newsletter, that you get it to Jennifer no later than Wednesday, May 21st. The end of the month is often a busy time, and late articles push back the printing of the calendar and newsletter. Thanks for your help!

MONDAY BUILDING MAINTENANCE This Monday, May 12th, maintenance and repair of the rear educational building roof will be taking place. We will need to limit traffic to the back educational building entrance. Please use the front educational building entrance, or the rear church door (red door off of church) for entrance during this time. The work is expected to be completed in time for the annual card party on Tuesday.

ANNUAL CARD PARTY The annual card party and luncheon will take place this week 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.

PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE We recently did a cleanup of the prayer chain list that is posted weekly in the bulletin and on the bulletin boards. Names that were given with no updates for quite a while were removed or moved to ongoing prayers. By default, names on the crisis list with no update will be moved to ongoing after one month and then removed from ongoing after 3 months unless we receive an update. If you feel a name was removed in error, please contact Jennifer in the church office (419-691-7222) and she would be happy to add them back on. Also, if you are interested in joining the prayer chain email list (incoming prayer needs are emailed out directly), please also contact Jennifer and she can get you added.

MONTHLY MINISTRY OUTREACH The May monthly ministry outreach is Helping Hands of St. Louis. Since 1982, Helping Hands of St. Louis has served more than 1.5 million meals to people in need. An average of 250 meals are now served each day, Monday through Friday, through the generosity of local community members and businesses and through the dedication of our volunteer teams. If you would like to help support their efforts, please deposit cash or a check made out to First St John Lutheran with "Helping Hands of St. Louis" in the memo line in the pink envelopes in the pews or place them in the offering plate.

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME CHANGE Our summer worship schedule changes to one service at 9:00 am starting May 25th and running through September 1st. Please mark your calendars!

THANK YOU to everyone who came out to express their condolences and deep-felt sympathies to our family this past week after the passing of our husband, father, and papa. We loved him so much, and it was easy to see that you did too. He is no longer suffering but is now happy and in the arms of Jesus. Thank you all for your kind words of comfort. -- The family of Richard Crouse

THANK YOU to everyone for all their prayers, calls, and cards for our daughter, LeAnn Winslow. We received great news from her doctors that her cancer is in remission. It meant a lot to us to know our church family was praying for her. Thank you to our church family and praise the Lord for the wonderful news! -- Mike & Donna Winslow

MOVIE NIGHT A SUCCESS! Thanks to all who attended the May 4th movie night! A great time was had by all the church family and friends who and we had 21 in attendance! We will host our next movie night again in the Fall. More details to come as it gets closer. Enjoy your Summer!

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.

IT'S TIME TO PLAY BALL! Please plan to join us for the church group outing to the Toledo Mud Hens baseball game at Fifth Third Field in downtown Toledo. Tickets are \$14.00 a piece. The date is Saturday, August 16th, at 7:00 p.m. with fireworks afterward. We have reserved 25 tickets. The Muddy Shuttle leaves at approximately 6:15 from the Starr Elementary parking lot. Cost is \$3.00 both ways. Parking downtown is \$10.00 and \$20.00. Remember Fifth Third Field is cashless. Only credit and debit cards are accepted for concessions. Reservations must be made by June 20th. Advance ticket money is due by July 20th. Make checks out to First St. John Lutheran Church and write Toledo Mud Hens tickets on the memo line. To reserve tickets please call the church office or Bob Haar at 419-250-9409. Remember we only have 25 tickets available. Thanks, and see you at the game!!!!

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!

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY: We will publicly acknowledge all our graduates from high school and college at our worship service on Sunday, June 15th. *Please plan on having your graduate attend this service as all graduates will be recognized.* If you know of a graduate, please complete the form located in the bulletin and drop it in the offering plate, mail it to the church office, or fax the page to 419-691-7220 by Wednesday, June 2nd.

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!

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE A Memorial Day Service honoring fallen Memorial Day veterans will take place at First St John, outside in the back parking lot near the cemetery, on Monday, May 26th at approximately 8:30 a.m. Veterans and the Veterans Auxiliary will be conducting the service. Please Join us to honor our fallen heroes.

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 items for the month of May are Men's or Women's Deodorant bars (1.8 oz or larger). This is always a high demand and needed item so please consider donating. 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.

MID-DAY CONCERT The next Mid-day Concert ("Tuesday @1 P.M.") at First St. John Lutheran will take place on Tuesday, May 27 @ 1 P.M. at the church. The featured guest is pianist, Shanshan Li, student of Dr. Robert Satterlee in the master's degree program at B.G.S.U. She will play the English Suite #3 by Bach, Sonata in F#, Op.78 by Beethoven, and the F minor Fantaisie by Frederic Chopin. The recital is free and open to the public. Please make plans to attend!

DAVE WINSLOW SCHOLARSHIP WINNER The winner of the 2024-2025 Winslow Scholarship is Aubrey Hess! Aubrey has graced us with her beautiful voice in the church choir before and will be attending Ohio Northern University to major in Musical Theatre, with a minor in dance and social media marketing. Please join us in congratulating Aubrey! She will be highlighted in the near future in the Press and also on graduation Sunday in June.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST This past Saturday at the Fellowship breakfast we had 19 in attendance! It was a great turnout but there is always room for more. Our next Fellowship Breakfast will be held on Saturday, June 7th at 8:30 am at the American Table restaurant in Oregon on Wheeling. Please make plans to join us for some great fellowship!

DAVE WINSLOW MEMORIAL GOLF SCRAMBLE Save the date for the 24th Annual Dave Winslow Memorial Golf Scramble on Saturday, August 2nd at Eagles Landing with a shotgun start at 8am. The cost will be \$80 or \$320 for a foursome which includes a bucket of balls for practice, hot dog/drink at the turn and luncheon. Get your team signed up today! We are also in need of \$100 hole sponsors. This event each year helps to fund the Dave Winslow Scholarship. Call Mike Winslow at 419-691-8430 or the church office, 419-691-7222.

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.

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 Beginnergarten 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.