

ANNOUNCEMENTS – May 18th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God.

ROSE ON THE LECTERN is placed in honor of the birth of Graham Alan Tilton, born on April 16, 2025 to Amelia (Schwiefert) Tilton, and Chase Tilton. He was 7lbs, 13 oz, and 21 inches at birth.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

5-11-25: 8:00 am: 33 10:30 am: 105 Online: 32 Total: 170
 Adult Sunday School: 7 JAM Sunday School: 6

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 18 – MAY 24

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- Early Service/Communion
	9:15 am	- Adult Sunday School (lounge)
	10:30 am	- Late Service
<u>Monday</u>	6:30 pm	- WELCA Mtg (lounge)
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 pm	- Special Committees Mtg
	7:00 pm	- Church Council Mtg (lounge)
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00 am	- Adult Bible Study (lounge)
	6:30 pm	- Choir Rehearsal
<u>Friday</u>		- DAY SCHOOL LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (Summer program starts 5/27)
	11:00 am	- Lounge Rental – end of year parties

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 today is the last day of Adult Sunday School before the Summer at 9:15 am in the lounge.

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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY will meet again this Thursday, May 22nd at 11:00 am in the church lounge. This will be the last meeting until the Fall.

ANNUAL CARD PARTY The annual card party and luncheon held on Tuesday, May 13th was a huge success! Thank you to all the tireless helpers who helped with setting up and taking down, preparing the delicious food, donating their time or an item for the raffles or door prizes, and all the tasks in-between! This would not have been possible without all the volunteers and the congregation who supported the event! Thanks to all who participated!

SUMMER SCHEDULE: Our summer worship schedule begins May 25th and continues through September 1st. We'll have just one service at 9:00 am.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST 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 join us!

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.

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.

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

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!!!!

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.

FSJ APRIL FINANCES For the month of April, the total income was \$28,288 and total expenses were \$30,541, this is a deficit of \$2,253. YTD, FSJ has a deficit of \$5,689 & the calendar year is one-third gone. Please help by reviewing your stewardship so that we can reduce our deficit to zero before entering the summer months.

~ Bill Nelson, FSJ 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 items for the month of May are Men's or Women's Deodorant bars (1.8 oz or larger). 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.

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 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.