

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – May 25<sup>th</sup>

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

**ROSE ON THE LECTERN** is placed in honor of the birth of Melody Jo Finkbiner, born on April 2, 2025 at 7:48 pm, to Katie (Johnson) Finkbiner, and Zach Finkbiner. She was 6lbs 3ozs and 19.5 inches at birth. She is the grandchild of Eric & Cindy Johnson.

### **CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

5-18-25:        8:00 am: 40    10:30 am: 56    Online: *no recording due to technical issue*    Total: 96  
Adult Sunday School: 7

### **OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:**

*None at the time of this printing.*

**PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW:** Family of Nancy Bell, Family of Derek Besgrove, Family of Christine Bibish, Peggy Burke, Family of Dick Crouse, Norman Eck, Family of Sue Moszkowicz, Mary Ellen Miller, Marilyn Ulrich, Family of 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 25 – MAY 31**

<b><u>Today</u></b>	9:00 am	- Worship Service/Communion
<b><u>Monday</u></b>		- MEMORIAL DAY (Day School Office Closed)
	8:30 am	- Memorial Day Service
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>		- Day School Summer Program Begins
	1:00 pm	- 'Music @ 1pm' (Dr. Tony's Mid-Day Musical Series)
<b><u>Friday</u></b>		- OFFICE CLOSED (Jennifer Out of Office)

**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!

**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.

**SUMMER SCHEDULE:** Today begins our summer worship schedule with one service at 9 am and continues through September 1<sup>st</sup>. Both adult and children's Sunday School is done until the Fall as well.

**FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST** Our next Fellowship Breakfast will be held on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 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 this coming Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am at First St John, outside in the back parking lot near the cemetery. Veterans and the Veterans Auxiliary will be conducting the service. Please Join us to honor our fallen heroes.

**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!

**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.

**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.

**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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup>. Advance ticket money is due by July 20<sup>th</sup>. 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!!!!

**JUNE/JULY NEWSLETTER** The next newsletter will be a combined newsletter for the summer months of June/July. With that in mind, if you have any upcoming events or announcements you would like published, please let Jennifer know no later than Tuesday, 5/27 if possible.

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY:** We will publicly acknowledge all our graduates from high school and college at our worship service on Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**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 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 items for the month of May are Men's or Women's Deodorant (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.

**DAVE WINSLOW MEMORIAL GOLF SCRAMBLE** Save the date for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Dave Winslow Memorial Golf Scramble on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://fsjdayschool.org) or contact Andrea Buckley at [fsjdayschool@firststjohn.com](mailto:fsjdayschool@firststjohn.com).