

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – May 4<sup>th</sup>

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are presented to the glory of God in honor of Xavier Probasco, given by Joan Probasco; and in loving memory of Kim Cousino in honor of her May 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, and May 2<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary, given by the Cousino Family (2 vases).

### **CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

4-27-25: 8:00 am: 29 10:30 am: 55 Online: 20 Total: 104

### **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., LeAnn Winslow.

***\*\*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 4 – MAY 10**

<b><u>Today</u></b>	8:00 am	- Early Service / Communion
	9:15 am	- Adult Sunday School (lounge)
	9:15 am	- JAM Sunday School (church basement)
	10:30 am	- Late Service
	5:30 pm	- Movie Night (gym)
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir Practice
	6:30 pm	- Altar Guild Meeting (lounge)
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	11:00 am	- Ruth Circle (lounge)
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	9:30 am	- Miriam Circle (lounge)
	6:30 pm	- Hannah Circle (lounge)
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	11:00 am	- Adult Bible Study
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>		- WELCA CARD PARTY SETUP (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!

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** 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** is held at 9:15 am every Sunday in the JAM room (church basement). Ages 3-5<sup>th</sup> 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](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.

**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.

**MOVIE NIGHT** is **TONIGHT**, Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>! 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!

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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*

**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!!!!

**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 7pm. 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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!

**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.

**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!

**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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

## **CIRCLE NEWS:**

**REBECCA CIRCLE** will meet Saturday, May 3rd at 11:30 am in the lounge.

**RUTH CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 am in the lounge.

**MIRIAM CIRCLE** will meet on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 am in the lounge.

**HANNAH CIRCLE** will meet on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the lounge. (This may be subject to change, stay tuned).

**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 Beginndergarten 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).