

ANNOUNCEMENTS – June 22nd

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in honor of our granddaughter's 1st birthday, given by Grandma & Grandpa Haar; and in loving memory of Hulda Baden in honor of her upcoming, June 28th birthday, given by Esther Bell.

CHANCEL LIGHTING is given in loving memory of Arlene Wilbarger on her birthday today, given by Dave & Toni Wilbarger.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

6-15-25: 9:00 am: 88 Online: 18 Total: 106

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

Mary Ellen Miller – Kingston Perrysburg

PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW: Family of Nancy Bell, Family of Christine Bibish, Peggy Burke, Norman Eck, Mary Ellen Miller, Eunice Richardson, Marilyn Ulrich, Levi Wallace, 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 JUN 22 – JUNE 28

Today	9:00 am	- Worship Service/Communion
Monday	5:30 pm	- VBS Planning Meeting (lounge)
Saturday	10:00 am	- WELCA volunteers needed (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!

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.

SUMMER NURSERY our nursery downstairs is available for anyone who would like to utilize it during the service but is not manned during the summer months. There is a diaper changing station in the women's restroom. We will resume nursery coverage in September.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST Our next Fellowship Breakfast will be held on **Saturday, July 26th** at 8:30 am at the American Table restaurant in Oregon on Wheeling. Please join us!

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 ministry outreach for June will be the **Lutheran Disaster Response** which shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. Special green envelopes will be in the pews for you to donate.

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY donation items for the month of June are Liquid Laundry detergent or Fabric Softener sheets. These are a high need 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.

PORTALS OF PRAYER the July-September Portals of Prayer are now available in the lounge and at the back of the church for pick-up.

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! The next planning meeting will be held on Monday, June 23rd @ 5:30 pm in the church lounge. If interested, contact Jennifer (office@firststjohn.com). Help us have a great time with the children of our church and community!

VBS DONATIONS NEEDED we are seeking donations to help make this Summer’s VBS a success. To help with this, we are providing a few ways to donate. We have created an Amazon Wishlist (<https://tinyurl.com/vuxrb5mh>) and also will accept donations of Amazon gift cards or any monetary donations to help purchase the items needed for crafts, snacks, or decorations. We also will be creating another list of items needed that will be posted in the lounge next week. We are just working on compiling some more specific needs. Thanks in advance!

WELCA HELP NEEDED SATURDAY Any women of the church available to help clean and check roasters on **Saturday, June 29th at 10:00 am** are appreciated. We will be preparing for our sale of roasters. Once we know what we have, the roasters will be available for sale to the church. Thanks to those who brought them down from the attic!

FSJ MAY FINANCES For the month of May, the total income was \$33,827 and total expenses were \$33,217, this is a **surplus of \$610**. YTD, FSJ has a **deficit of \$5,079** through the first five months of the year. Thank you for your stewardship during the past month. Please continue your stewardship through the summer months. Remember our church is always open & continues to have expenses even during the summer months.
~ Bill Nelson, Treasurer

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.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP NEEDED: Flowers on Sundays beautify the sanctuary and are dedicated to the glory of God. You can assist by signing up and using this as an opportunity to honor/remember a loved one. The flower sign up book is in the Narthex, \$15/vase, or call the church office. There are also weekly opportunities to honor or remember a loved one by donating the cost of messengers (\$10) homebound outreach (\$10) and chancel lighting (\$15).

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.

BORROWING TABLES & CHAIRS: To borrow tables and chairs for summer events, please call the church office to reserve them at 419-691-7222. Remember, tables and chairs in the gym are not to be removed from the building; instead, the tables and chairs in the parsonage garage are available. Thank you.

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JUNE/JULY NEWSLETTER and June Calendar are now available in the lounge and Narthex (lobby) for pick-up. All those who requested a copy mailed have been sent out. A July calendar will be available at the end of the month.

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. For more information, please visit the Day School website at fsjdayschool.org or contact Andrea Buckley at fsjdayschool@firststjohn.com.