

ANNOUNCEMENTS – June 8th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Richard Crouse and Dave Wilbarger Sr. on their May 28th and June 5th birthdays, given by Dave & Toni Wilbarger; and in loving memory of my mother, Sue Garey, on her June 8th birthday, given by Jean Garey; and in honor of our church secretary, Jennifer, on her June 8th birthday.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

6-1-25: 9:00 am: 102 Online: **none due to technical issue* Total: 102

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, Norman Eck, Family of Sue Moszkowicz, Mary Ellen Miller, Eunice Richardson, 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 JUN 8 – JUNE 14

<u>Today</u>	9:00 am	- Worship Service/Communion
<u>Monday</u>	5:30 pm	- VBS Planning Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:30 pm	- Day School Board Meeting (lounge)
<u>Thursday</u>		- Jennifer Out of Office (limited office coverage)

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.

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 June 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.

MONTHLY MINISTRY The ministry outreach for June/July is **Lutheran Disaster Response** that 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.

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.*** Please let Jennifer know if your graduate plans to attend.

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!!!!

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 9th @ 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!

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 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.

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.

THANK YOU for all your prayers, cards, and words of encouragement following the passing of Dave Wilbarger Sr. We are truly appreciative of our church family. ~ The Wilbarger Family

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.