

ANNOUNCEMENTS – July 13th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of the 65th wedding anniversary of Ed & Verlene Schweizer, lifelong 3rd & 4th generation members of First St John, married by Rev. Gerd Heidmann on July 1, 1960.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

7-6-25: 9:00 am: 70 Online: 50 Total: 120

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

Mary Ellen Miller – Kingston Perrysburg

PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW: Peggy Burke, Lola Crouse, Norman Eck, Diane Gerkenmeyer, Mary Ellen Miller, Rita Riegle, Tiffany, Levi Wallace.

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 JUL 13 – JULY 20

<u>Today</u>	9:00 am	- Worship Service/Communion
	10:15 am	- VBS Decorating in the church
<u>Monday</u>	5:15 pm	- True North VBS (light dinner at 5:15, VBS from 6-830pm)
<u>Tuesday</u>	5:15 pm	- True North VBS (light dinner at 5:15, VBS from 6-830pm)
<u>Wednesday</u>	5:15 pm	- True North VBS (light dinner at 5:15, VBS from 6-830pm)
<u>Thursday</u>	5:15 pm	- True North VBS (light dinner at 5:15, VBS from 6-830pm)
<u>Friday</u>		- Jennifer Out of Office (No 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.

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.

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.

ELCA DISASTER FLOOD RELIEF The ministry outreach for July is 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. This month, they are focusing their efforts on the devastating events that transpired in Texas with the flooding of the Guadalupe River. If you feel led to donate to this effort, there is an insert in your bulletin with ways to donate, or you can donate directly through the church by placing an offering in the green envelopes in the pews. Make your check out to First St John Lutheran Church, and indicate in the memo line that it is for the disaster relief fund.

CHURCH COUNCIL RESCHEDULED Due to our normal church council date falling during VBS week, we will reschedule the July meeting until **Tuesday, July 22nd at 7pm**. Special Committees will meet at 6:30 pm as usual.

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.

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.

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY the donation items for the month of July is body lotion (8 oz. or larger), no sample or travel sizes. 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.

FSJ MUD HENS NIGHT only 3 tickets are left for the Mud Hen game on **Saturday, August 16 @ 7:05 pm**. Tickets are \$14 each. See Bob Haar after church or call him @ 419-250-9409 if you are interested. Also, if you reserved tickets, please give ticket money to Jennifer in the office or put your ticket money in the offering plate on Sunday. All ticket money is due by July 20th and must be paid in advance. Make check out to first St. John Lutheran church and put Mud Hen tickets on the memorial line, and mark the envelope Mud Hen Ticket Money. There will also be a Muddy Shuttle offered leaving from Starr Elementary School approximately one hour before game time at 6 pm. It costs \$3 round trip per person. This is paid that day to the shuttle, so no need to pre-pay.

TRUE NORTH VBS THIS WEEK! Please pray for all the kids and volunteers that will be participating in VBS this week. Please pray that God speaks to all in attendance and that everything goes smoothly! We can't wait to share with you how the week went!

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).

AUGUST NEWSLETTER deadline is July 22, 2025. Please submit any items you would like included in the August newsletter.

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.

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.

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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.