

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – July 20<sup>th</sup>

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are presented to the glory of God in honor of Sarge's birthday, and our 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, given by Susie Purewal; and in loving memory of our mother and grandmother, Golda Vogelsang's birthday, and in loving memory of our Aunt Dorothy, given by the Schuetz & Cromly families.

### **CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

7-13-25: 9:00 am: 86 Online: 40 Total: 126

### **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](mailto:office@firststjohn.com)\*\***

### **CALENDAR FOR JUL 20 – JULY 26**

<b><u>Today</u></b>	9:00 am	- Worship Service/Communion
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	6:30 pm	- Church Council Committees
	7:00 pm	- Church Council Meeting
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	8:30 am	- Fellowship Breakfast @ American Table

**WELCOME TO FIRST ST. JOHN:** If you are visiting with us, please sign the guest book, located in the Narthex (lobby).

**WELCOME TRUE NORTH VBS CAMPERS!** If you are joining us for Sunday services for the first time, we welcome you! We had a great week and are happy you are here to worship with us today!

**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 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. 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's date falling during VBS week, the July meeting was rescheduled to **Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**THANK YOU!** A very heartfelt THANK YOU to all who donated of their time, talents, items, and money to help make our Vacation Bible School this past week a success! We had over 40 kids and teens in attendance, and it was a great week! The kids learned how they can trust God in a wild world! We could not have done this without the support of our church family, so thank you. ~ Jennifer Hess

**GREAT AMERICAN BIBLE QUIZ** Get ready! The third annual Great American Bible Quiz will happen on Sunday, September 14, at 9:15 a.m. in the Lounge. Prizes for first and second place. Test your Old Testament knowledge and join us.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** begins on Sunday, September 28, at 9:15 a.m. in the Lounge. We will explore the Old Testament. Please join us every Sunday for coffee, and donuts and good biblical conversation and learning.

**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 1 ticket remains 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 today, **July 20<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**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.

**JUNE FINANCES** For the month of June (5 Sundays), the total income was \$26,667 and total expenses were \$29,347, this is a deficit of \$2,680. YTD, FSJ has a **deficit of \$7,760** through the first six months of the year. I reviewed all expenses (except salaries) for the first half of the year & compared the numbers to FSJ budget & we are at 45% to the budget. This means expenses are under control, but stewardship is under-performing compared to previous years. Please remember our church is always open & continues to have expenses even when you take a vacation during the summer months.

~ Bill Nelson, Treasurer

**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.

**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 Beginnergarten 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](http://fsjdayschool.org) or contact Andrea Buckley at [fsjdayschool@firststjohn.com](mailto:fsjdayschool@firststjohn.com).