

## *ANNOUNCEMENTS – July 6<sup>th</sup>*

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of our lovely daughter, Sharmila, given by the Joshi Family; and in loving memory of mommy, Carolyn Schwierking for her July 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, given by Kim (Schwierking) & John Roth (3 vases).

### **CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

6-29-25: 9:00 am: 104 Online: 24 Total: 128

### **OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:**

*Mary Ellen Miller – Kingston Perrysburg*

**PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW:** Peggy Burke, Norman Eck, Mary Ellen Miller, Rita Riegle, Tiffany, Marilyn Ulrich, 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 6 – JULY 12**

<b><u>Today</u></b>	9:00 am	- Worship Service/Communion
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	5:30 pm	- VBS Planning Meeting
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	11:30 am	- Miriam Circle @ Applebee's
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	10:00 am	- VBS Decorating

**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](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.

**MONTHLY MINISTRY OUTREACH** The ministry outreach for July 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.

**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** 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.

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

**FSJ MUD HENS NIGHT** only 4 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 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.

**VBS PLANNING MEETING** VBS 2025 will be *"True North, Trusting Jesus in a Wild World"*. The 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! The next planning meeting will be held on Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm in the church lounge. 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!

**TRUE NORTH VBS** registration is now up and running and we already have over 20 children signed up! You can register your child, aged 3 years to 5<sup>th</sup> grade, online on our website: [www.firststjohn.com/vbs](http://www.firststjohn.com/vbs). You can also sign up to volunteer as well. We are in dire need of Crew leaders to help lead groups of children around during the various activities. This is a great way for teens to get service/volunteer hours if needed. VBS is **July 14-17<sup>th</sup>** with a free light dinner hosted at 5:15pm and VBS starting at 6pm-830pm each night. It is sure to be a great time for all so make sure to invite all the kids in your life to join us! Extra event flyers are available in the lounge if you would like to hand the information out or hang it at any local businesses. Thanks in advance for helping us spread the word!

**VBS DECORATING** will take place on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> from 10am-noon. All are invited to help as we will need help cutting out items, and decorating certain areas that will be used for VBS. We also will meet on Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> after church at 10:15 am to decorate the sanctuary. Please plan to join us and we will put you to work! We are also still in need of some last-minute donations. We are looking for small size packs of bottled water, and also looking to borrow a hiking style backpack, canteen, or a set of binoculars. These will be used in the skits that open VBS each night and will be returned after VBS is over. Thanks!

**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).

**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 was emailed out this past week and will be also mailed out to those who receive via snail mail.

**MIRIAM CIRCLE** will meet on Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am @ Applebee's. Please note the different date than our normally scheduled week.

**HANNAH CIRCLE** will not meet for the remainder of the Summer.

**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 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.

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