

ANNOUNCEMENTS – September 14th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Todd Probasco, given by Joan Probasco; and in loving memory of Bruce Wohlgamuth's September 15th birthday, given by his family; and in honor of John & Judi Shilling's 5th anniversary on September 12th.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

9-7-25: 8:00 am: 45 10:30 am: 215 Online: 50 Total: 310

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

Betty Anderson – St. Vincent Hospital

Mary Ellen Miller – Kingston Perrysburg

PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW: Betty Anderson, Peggy Burke, Family of Don Charleton, Family of Lola Crouse, Norman Eck, Family of James Fox, Diane Gerkensmeyer, Bob Hecklinger, Mary Ellen Miller, Paige Smith, Susan Smith, Rita Riegle, Tiffany, Levi Wallace, Joyce Yard.

*****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 SEP 14 – SEPT 20

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE
	9:15 am	- JAM Sunday School (church basement)
	9:15 am	- Great American Adult Bible Quiz (lounge)
	10:30 am	- LATE WORSHIP SERVICE/COMMUNION
	11:45 am	- Catechism Meeting (Room 204)
	2:00 pm	- Chapel Communion (chapel in educational building)
<u>Monday</u>	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir
	6:30 pm	- Hannah Circle @ Debbie Smith's home
	6:30 pm	- WELCA meeting (lounge)
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 pm	- Church Council Committee meetings
	6:30 pm	- Catechism Meeting (Room 204)
	7:00 pm	- Church Council meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:00 pm	- Choir Practice
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00 am	- Adult Bible Study

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.

CHAPEL COMMUNION will resume every second Sunday of the month starting today, **Sunday, September 14th** at 2:00 pm.

GREAT AMERICAN BIBLE QUIZ The third annual Great American Bible Quiz will happen **today**, 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.

JAM SUNDAY SCHOOL J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) Sunday School will kick off for the year **TODAY**, Sunday, September 14th at 9:15 am in the JAM room in the church basement. All children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to attend each week and learn about Jesus! We plan weekly fun activities and events throughout the year! Stay for the info session today and light refreshments after 2nd service!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL begins on **Sunday, September 28th**, 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.

MONTHLY MINISTRY Our monthly ministry outreach for September will be our very own, **First St John Day School scholarship fund!** FSJ Lutheran Day School & Child Care Center is a ministry of First St. John Lutheran Church. In cooperation with the congregation and community families, we strive to prepare our students for the academic, social, intellectual, and spiritual challenges they will face as they grow and mature. We recognize that it is a responsibility and a privilege to be entrusted by God and our school families to help guide and develop the character of each student. We believe that each child was born with a unique gift from God and that his/her needs should be met at his/her level of development. The scholarship fund helps those in need of assistance with school costs. *To support this effort, please place your check in the yellow envelopes in the pews and place it in the offering plate*, or mail it to the church office at 2471 Seaman St, Toledo, OH 43605. You can also drop off a donation to Jennifer in the church office.

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.

CATECHISM CLASS It is time to organize a new Catechism Class. Pastor Rayl is inviting parents of kids in fifth through seventh grades to meet with him in the catechism classroom on either **Sunday, September 14th, at 11:45 AM in room 204** and on **Tuesday, September 16th, at 6:30 PM in room 204**, to talk about the possibilities for the class schedule. Please send your RSVP or questions to Pastor Rayl at email, pastor1@firststjohn.com or text, 567-395-0143. Hope to see you there.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY We will start meeting again on **Thursday, September 18th at 11:00 am** in the church lounge. The bible study for the year will be discussed and chosen at the first meeting. All are invited!

DARTBALL Dartball season is almost upon us. Teams meet every other Monday night starting on September 29th in the church gym. On Monday, September 22nd we will have a dartball practice up in Founders Hall (gym) before the season starts at 7 pm, so come check it out! (For more information call Bob Haar at 419-250-9409. It is easy, fun and fellowship. No experience required. Join us.

THANK YOU Our entire family wishes to express appreciation to Pastor, and to each of you have been supportive, kind, and generous through our time of sadness and grief. Your prayers, greeting cards, memorials, and attendance at Bruce's funeral have been uplifting and comforting to us. Thank you ever so much.
~ Family of Bruce Wohlgamuth

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER is now available for pick up in the back of the church and on the table in the lounge. All digital copies have been emailed to those who requested that method. Hard copies were mailed out this week.

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY September's focus item is adult & children's shampoo (no conditioner by 2 in 1's ok). Reminder: Items should last the individual for a month, so please, no travel or hotel sizes. You can deposit items in either the bright green bin in the lounge or the left pull-out drawer next to the Feed Your Neighbor bins in the Narthex under the main bulletin board. We also continue to have a high need for paper products (toilet paper, tissues, and paper towels) and laundry detergent.

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).

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST (DATE CHANGE) the next Fellowship Breakfast will now be held on **Saturday, October 4th** at 8:30 am at the American Table restaurant on Wheeling Street in Oregon. **Please note the date change**. Afterwards, we will reconvene in Founder's Hall (gym) to set up for the spaghetti dinner and drive thru.

BEST OF THE BEST COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER WELCA and the Day School are teaming up to bring back an old classic! We are putting together a "Best of the Best Family Recipe Cookbook". The proceeds will benefit both groups. Please go through your favorite recipes and share a few of your best for the book. You can either turn them into Chris Hunsaker, or the church or school office, or email them to fsjdayschool@firststjohn.com. There is also a box at the back of the church to place your recipes. Be sure to include your name and the category that they would belong in. We can't wait to assemble the best recipes from our church family and our community.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL & CANDY CRAWL The Day School is planning a Halloween Carnival fundraiser for the preschool and Sunday School families. We need your help! We would love for church members to sponsor a table in the gym for the event. The tables will need to be decorated with a theme similar to a trunk-or-treat with candy for approximately 100 children. Feel free to get into the spirit and dress up! (Nothing too scary please) A small easy activity for the kids is a bonus! The event will run from 11:30 am-4pm. There will also be a bake sale during the event. If you are interested please complete a form and return it to the box at the back of the church, the church office or email it to fsjdayschool@firststjohn.com. Following the Day School event, the church Sunday School team will participate in the annual community wide Candy Crawl event that takes place from 4-6pm in the front church parking lot. Pack a car full of the kids and bring them on by!

MISSION SUNDAY It is time once again for Mission Sunday. Next month on **Sunday, September 28th**, please bring items for the Personal Needs Pantry, and non-perishable food items for Feed Your Neighbor (no glass jars please). Let's fill up the grocery carts like we did last year! God's Love; Our Hands.

SPAGHETTI DINNER The women of WELCA will be hosting a Spaghetti dinner on **Saturday, October 4th** from 4-6:30 pm. We will start selling tickets on Sunday, September 14th during both services. Tickets will be \$10 for adults, and \$8 for children aged 5 or older. Children under 5 years old will be free. We will serve Spaghetti, salad, garlic toast, and a cookie or brownie. Dinners will be available for dine-in or carryout. Carryout orders will be picked up in the lounge. The proceeds from this fundraiser will help fund the maintenance of our church.

WELCA The next WELCA meeting will take place on **Monday, September 15th** at 6:30pm in the lounge. All women of the church are welcome to attend!

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet on **Monday, September 15th** at 6:30 pm at Debbie Smith's home (please note the location change).

BELL CHOIR Our fabulous Bell Choir is looking for people to join us starting **Sept. 15th** in the church at 5:30 pm. We will give you instructions on how to hold and ring the bell. Come and give it a try! Contact Cheri Sergent for any questions at (419) 410-3572.

CEMETERY CLEAN UP Fall clean-up of the cemetery will be done on **Saturday, October 11th**. *Please* remove any decorative items from the gravestones that you wish to keep BEFORE the October 11th deadline, so they are not taken down during the fall clean-up day.