

ANNOUNCEMENTS – September 28th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of our daughter, Andrea Schumaker, given by Jim & Dianne Schumaker; and in honor of Mark & Debbie Ackerman's 42nd wedding anniversary on October 1st; and in loving memory of Herb & Phyllis Frey's 75th wedding anniversary on September 30th.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

9-21-25: 8:00 am: 31 10:30 am: 47 Online: (no views due to technical issue) Total: 78

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

Betty Anderson – Wood Haven Care, Bowling Green

Mary Ellen Miller – Kingston Perrysburg

Joyce Yard – St. Charles

PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW: Betty Anderson, Peggy Burke, Family of Don Charleton, Norman Eck, Family of James Fox, Bob Hecklinger, Mary Ellen Miller, Family of Florence Partin, Connie Singlar, Paige Smith, Susan Smith, 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 21 – SEPT 27

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE
	9:15 am	- JAM Sunday School (church basement)
	9:15 am	- Farewell reception for Jennifer (lounge)
	10:30 am	- LATE WORSHIP SERVICE/COMMUNION
	11:30 am	- Farewell reception for Jennifer (lounge)
<u>Monday</u>	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir
	7:30 pm	- Dartball (Gym)
<u>Tuesday</u>	12:30 pm	- Funeral Luncheon lounge
<u>Wednesday</u>	9:30 am	- Miriam Circle
	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.

JAM SUNDAY SCHOOL J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) Sunday School meets each Sunday 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!

FAREWELL RECEPTION there will be a farewell and best wishes reception held in the lounge today, Sunday, September 28th after the first and second service for Jennifer whose last day in the office will be Tuesday, September 30th. Come have some light refreshments and wish her farewell and good luck on her new job.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL scheduled for today is cancelled so all can attend the farewell reception. It will start officially on **Sunday, October 5th**, at 9:15 a.m. in the finance office (moved just this time due to farewell reception). We will explore the Old Testament. Please join us every Sunday for coffee, and donuts and good biblical conversation and learning.

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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY We be held each week on Thursdays @ 11am in the church lounge led by Pastor Rayl. All are invited to attend!

CATECHISM CLASS It is time to organize a new Catechism Class. If you have a child in fifth through seventh grades please see Pastor Rayl. Please send any questions to Pastor Rayl at email, pastor1@firststjohn.com or text, 567-395-0143.

FLORENCE PARTIN FUNERAL ARRANGMENTS Friends will be received at Sunrise Cremations and Funerals, Walbridge (701 N. Main St. 419-666-3121) on Monday September 29, 2025 from 4-8 P.M. and on Tuesday September 30, 2025 from 9 A.M. until the time of Services at 10:30 A.M.. Burial will follow at Lake Twp. Cemetery.

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.*

MISSION SUNDAY 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.

FSJ AUGUST FINANCES For the month of August (5 Sundays), the total income was \$30,138 and total expenses were \$40,262, this is a **deficit of \$10,124** for the month. YTD, FSJ has a **deficit of \$15,267** through the first eight months of the year. One of the main reasons our expenses were high was because we spent over \$12,000 on maintenance. \$7,000 was for stripping/waxing of the educational building floors & \$2,750 for a pipe repair in the basement hallway between the church & educational building. On another note, the church's budget is at 67%, but our stewardship is at 48% of the budget. Please let's try to make-up some of the deficit each month to help break even by the end of the year.

~ Bill Nelson, Treasurer

OFFICE HELP NEEDED as Jennifer will be leaving us at the end of the month, we are looking for weekly office volunteers to help manage the phones and doors, and also those who may be interested to help do some light office work until we find a full time replacement. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Rayl (pastor1@firststjohn.com) or at 567-395-0143.

DARTBALL The first matches of the season will be played this coming Monday, September 29th at 7:30pm in the gym. FSJ Team # 1 will face Trinity, and FSJ Team #2 will face Prince of Peace. Come out and support our teams! If you would like any additional information regarding dartball, please see Bob Haar.

PORTALS OF PRAYER the copies of the October-December Portals of Prayer are now available in the lounge and at the back of the church for pick up.

THANK YOU We would like to thank our friends at First St John Lutheran for their prayers, cards, and visits at the funeral home for Jim Fox.

~ The Family of Jim Fox

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.

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.

HALLOWEEN CANDY DONATIONS are needed for the two upcoming Halloween events for the Day School and Sunday School. Please take donations down to the JAM area on Sunday or drop off in the church office no later than October 17th.

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 like 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!

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.

ALTAR GUILD will meet on Monday, October 6th at 6:30 pm in the lounge.

WELCA will have their next meeting on Monday, October 20th at 6:30 pm.

MIRIAM CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, October 1st at 9:30 am in the lounge.

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet on Saturday, October 4th at 11:30 am in the lounge.

RUTH CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, October 7th at 11:30 am in the lounge.

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, October 28th at 6:30 pm in the lounge.