

ANNOUNCEMENTS – November 9th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of William Moritz and in honor of Veteran's Day, given by Julie Moritz and family (2 vases); and in loving memory of Paulette Giaimo's birthday, given by Robert Giaimo.

MESENTERS are given in honor of Darrin Abbey's 15th birthday, given by his grandparents and family.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

11-02-25: 8:00 am: 41 10:30 am: 97 Online: 14 Total: 152

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

Betty Anderson – Wood Haven Care, Bowling Green

Mary Ellen Miller – Kingston Perrysburg

PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW: Betty Anderson, Peggy Burke, Norman Eck, Family of Martha Everett, Bob Hecklinger, John, Mary Ellen Miller, Peyton, Connie Singlar, Marissa Smith, Paige Smith, Susan Smith, Levi Wallace, Joyce Yard, Eileen Young.

*****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 NOV 9 – NOV 15

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE
	9:15 am	- JAM Sunday School (church basement)
	9:15 am	- Ephesians Bible Study (lounge)
	10:30 am	- LATE WORSHIP SERVICE/COMMUNION
<u>Monday</u>	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:00 pm	- Day School Board Mtg
	6:00 pm	- Choir Practice
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00 am	- Adult Bible Study
<u>Friday</u>		DAY SCHOOL FEAST SETUP (gym)
<u>Saturday</u>		DAY SCHOOL FEST SETUP (gym)

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!

EPHESIANS BIBLE STUDY Meets each Sunday at 9:15 am in the lounge. Pastor Rayl is leading Bible Study on Paul's letter to the Ephesians. The study will take place in the Lounge with coffee and donuts. Please join us after early service or before late service for this most interesting study. Thanks.

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

TUESDAY @ 1 PM CONCERT Once again, Dr. Tony will host a Tuesday @ 1pm music concert on Tuesday, November 18th at 1pm in the sanctuary. The concert will feature, Carol Dusdieker, soprano and Dr. Tony on piano, with Thaddeus Archer on the trumpet. You will not want to miss this afternoon of beautiful music.

CATECHISM CLASSES It is time to begin a new Catechism Class. All parents of children in the congregation in grades 5th through 7th at the beginning of this school year are encouraged join us for the beginning class on Sunday, October 12th, after the second worship service at 11:45 am. Any questions can be shared with Pastor Rayl by contacting him by email at pastor1@firststjohn.com or by a text message at 567-395-0143. This is a great opportunity for parents to fulfill the promises made at the Baptism of their child.

THANKSGIVING FEAST Each November the children and families of the Day School gather together for the Thanksgiving Feasts. If you have the time and would like to help prepare and serve during our Thanksgiving Feasts, volunteers are needed and appreciated. Help is needed Monday through Thursday (November 17-20) between the hours of 9:30 and 1:30. Please call the school office at 419-691-6480 if you are interested in helping.

COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER Andrea will be selling copies of the 'Best of the Best FSJ Cookbook' after second service on Sunday, November 9th. They are \$15 each and cash and credit cards are accepted. Copies are also available for purchase in the church office the week of November 10th or can be purchased online on the Day School website. It is a great book with many recipes from church members and family and friends of the Day School. These make great Christmas gifts!

FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR-URGENT NEED! Lutheran Social Services is seeing an influx of clients with food insecurity, especially with benefits possibly being terminated in the near future. With that said, they are struggling to keep certain items on the shelves to service those in need. We will continue our ongoing collection of canned goods and non-perishables each Sunday, but are asking for the congregations help to fill the cart or boxes in the educational building The Day School children will also be collecting for LSS to help earn an ice cream party, so you can donate in their bins to help them out as well. Some items LSS struggles the most to keep on the shelves our canned vegetables, canned fruits, and shelf-stable or powdered milk, however they will take any canned or shelf-stable goods (just no glass jars or expired items). If you are able to pick up a few extra items this week to donate, every little bit helps. The Lutheran Social Services Emergency pantry receives some help from the local food banks, but relies heavily on area churches and organizations for donations. Please help us help our neighbors!

HELP WANTED FSJ is looking to fill the Office Manager position for the church with Jennifer's departure. They must be proficient in Microsoft Office, and Publisher software specifically is a bonus. Excellent written, verbal, and telephone communication skills is required. The ideal candidate will be a self-starter, very organized, able to work with volunteers and people of all ages and give attention to detail. Competitive salary, full time position (30-35 hours a week). Anyone interested should contact Pastor Rayl and email a resume to pastor1@firststjohn.com.

ETFC WINTER GEAR DRIVE Once again we are participating in the East Toledo Family Center Winter Gear drive. Please consider donating gently used or new coats, hats, scarves, and gloves. A donation bin is located in the lounge and items will be accepted until **Friday, November 7th**. The need is great in the Toledo area and each year we run out of coats and gear to hand out to those in need, so please consider helping.

THE CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY sponsored by our church council, will be Sunday, December 7th after second service, food served by noon. All our invited to attend, but reservations are required. Butch's Country Catering will provide Beef Stroganoff, mac & cheese, salad, and a roll & butter. Desserts and beverages will also be provided by the board. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex (lobby) to write your name and the number of people that will be attending. The deadline for reservations will be **November 23, 2025**. At the Church Christmas Party, there will be a silent auction of Gift Baskets. If you could, we would appreciate if you could donate a gift basket or if you do not have time to put together a basket, could you consider donating Gift Cards.

THANK YOU! Thank you to our church family for all the prayers, cards, and memorials for our mother, Florence Partin. They have been so appreciated.
~Jan and Tom Eppard

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY October's focus item is laundry soap and fabric softener. 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.

POINSETTIA SALE Once again, it is that time of year to order place your poinsettia sale orders. The cost to order is \$15 each and the poinsettias are available in a choice of red or white. The deadline for the orders will be Sunday, December 14th. Please complete the poinsettia order form in your bulletin and place in the offering plate, or drop off at the church office.

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).

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE WELCA will be putting on their Annual Christmas Cookie Sale on **December 21st**, if you would consider donating a couple dozen of any cookie or Christmas treat towards this event, we would be thankful for your efforts. Please let Sue Ann Rogers know if you are able to help. A cookie sign-up sheet will be placed in the lounge in November.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Once again we will be collecting boxes for the Operation Christmas Child program. You can fill an empty shoebox of your own, or pick up one in the back of the narthex (lobby). Fill the box with items for kids around the world. Also, pick up a label and indicate the gender and age of the child your shoebox is intended for. No candy, liquids, war-related items, breakable items, toothpaste or bar soap is accepted this year. You can return your filled box during worship services, or drop off in the lounge or church office. Please consider also donating \$10 to cover the cost of shipping. The final day to drop off a filled box is Sunday, November 23rd after the 10:30 AM service. See Deb Ladd with any questions!