

*ANNOUNCEMENTS – November 30, 2025*

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

**MESSENGERS.**

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

11-23-25: 8:00 am: 3 0 10:30 am: 7 Online: Total:

**OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:**

*Betty Anderson – Wood Haven Care, Bowling Green*

*Mary Ellen Miller – Kingston Perrysburg*

*Carlene Trost - Bay Park*

**PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW:** Lynn Folk, Darlene Lorenzen, Bill Nelson, Family of Jeff Wilbarger, Rayetta Zeisler

**\*\*\*\*Full listing of all prayer requests posted in narthex and lounge.\*\*\***

**CALENDAR FOR NOV 30 – DEC 6**

<b>Today</b>	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
<b>Monday</b>	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 pm	- Tuesdays @ 1 pm Christmas Concert in church
<b>Wednesday</b>		- No Choir Practice
<b>Thursday</b>	11:00 am	- Adult Bible Study
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	8:30 a.m.	Fellowship Breakfast, Bob Evans, on Navarre Ave

**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. Lock it up!

**LIVESTREAM SERVICE** You can find 10:30 a.m service @ [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.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Christmas Concert, Tuesday, December 2 @ 1 pm, First St. John Church.** Christmas Concert! Dr. Tony will host a Tuesday @ 1pm music concert on

**CATECHISM CLASSES** It is time to begin a new Catechism Class. All parents of children in the congregation in grades 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> at the beginning of this school year are encouraged join us for the beginning class on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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.

**FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR-URGENT NEED!** Lutheran Social Services continues to need non perishable food items-canned vegetables, canned fruits, shelf stable/powdered milk ( no expired foods or items in glass jars). LSS Food Pantry relies on the generosity of local congregations to keep their pantry stocked, your donations are always appreciated! Collection bins in Narthex and Lounge.

**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](mailto:pastor1@firststjohn.com).

**THE CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY** sponsored by our church council, will be Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Fellowship Breakfast Saturday, 12/6, 8:30 a.m.** at Bob Evans, on Navarre Ave, ( note location change!)

After breakfast, those that are willing and able will reconvene in Founder's Hall ( gym) to set up for Church Christmas Luncheon. ???s- Call Bob Haar- 419 250 -9409

ELCA World Hunger This is the church mission charity for December, contributions given by December 31, 2025 will be matched up to \$100,000. Your dollars can be 'doubled' to help with refugee hunger needs world wide.

Rebecca Circle Christmas Party 12-13-2025, 11:30 a.m. Bag of Nails, off Main near Front St. , optional gift exchange participation, \$10.

FSJ October Finances

For the month of October (2025) FSJ total income in the operating account was \$29,004, expenses were \$31,965 which is a deficit of \$2,961. For the 2025 FY ( fiscal year) FJS has a deficit of \$27, 501.

I am asking church council to postpone any large expenditure unless necessary until next year. Please continue with your church stewardship in order to reduce FSJ yearly deficit. In addition, please remember FSJ when you work with your tax account with year -end IRA required minimum distribution (RMD).

Thank you , Bill Nelson, Treasurer

### Majestic Care Resident Christmas Gifts

This year, Majestic care is asking only for gift bags for a woman or man. Desired items are listed below, gift bags should be designated with tag – Woman or Man. Deadline for gift bags is Monday, December 15, 2025, can be turned in to Receptionist at Main Lobby. Many of our residents have no loved ones in the immediate area and this will be their only Christmas gift, please consider donating! Thanks!

Hard candy/Sugar free candy	Stationary/Stampes
Candy bars ( NO NUTS)	Writing/pens/pencils
Puzzle books/coloring books	Lip Balm
Body Wash/Cologne/Perfume	Fleece throws
Hand lotion/body lotion	2026 calendars ( for rooms, not pocket size)
Seasonal window clings	Cookies
Shaving crème	Jig saw puzzles ( 300 pieces)
Non slip socks	Shampoo/conditioner
Combs/brushes	Head bands/Barrettes
Gloves/Hats	No food other than candy bars ( no nuts) & cookies

**PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY** ?????

**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 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 21<sup>st</sup>**, 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.

Family Christmas Gift Tree ????? copy what was in last week, 11.23