

ANNOUNCEMENTS – June 21, 2026

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in honor of our granddaughter's 2nd birthday, given by Grandma & Grandpa Haar.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

6-14-26: 9:00 am: 78 Online: 58 Total: 136

PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW: Bill Nelson, John, Family of Jerry Nissen, Family of Adelaide Miller, Family of Jill Cousino, Sue Goorman, Karyl Antoine, Vickie Berrier, Pam Chronberger, Family of Karen Bless

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 JUN 21 – JUN 27

Today	9:00 am	- WORSHIP SERVICE/ Communion
Tuesday	6:00 pm	- VBS Planning Meeting
Thursday	6:00 pm	- Call Committee Meeting

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!

LIVESTREAM SERVICE: You can find the 9:00 am service at 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. We want to see you on the video recording. For those who sit in the back pews on the left side, please consider moving up a few rows. Currently, the video slide placement blocks that section. Please help us make the church pews look filled on Sundays. Thanks.

HOLY BAPTISM this morning is for Leroy Maxwell Schwiefert II born June 3, 2025. He is the son of Max and Bianca Schwiefert. His sponsors are Amelia (Schwiefert) Tilton and Ever Hernandez. Please help us congratulate the family! (A reminder to recycle the baptism inserts in the bins located at the front and back of the church at the conclusion of the service).

SHARE-A-RIDE TO CHURCH MINISTRY: The Share-a-Ride to Church Ministry is a simple volunteer program in which church members provide occasional rides to worship services and church events for people who otherwise could not attend due to lack of transportation. The ministry is intended to: Help members and visitors attend church regularly, support elderly, disabled, or temporarily unable-to-drive individuals, and encourage fellowship and caring within the congregation. Volunteer drivers serve as they are available, usually no more than once or twice a month, and rides are coordinated informally through the church office. The ministry reflects the church's commitment to Christian care, hospitality, and helping neighbors stay connected to the life of the congregation.

If you feel God is telling you to volunteer to drive someone or you are in need of a ride, please let Bob Kinsey (734-716-2365) or Jessica Miller (419-691-7222) know, so we can arrange it.

PORTALS OF PRAYER: The new Portals of Prayer devotional booklets for July through September are available. Please pick up a copy in the lounge or at the back of the church.

ELDERS NEEDED: Members are needed to run for the elders committee. Six positions will need to be filled this fall. Please consider being a candidate for this committee. If you have any questions, please call Kevin Ruedy at 419-350-9991.

WELCA: WELCA made \$450 with the Knitz Flower Sale. Thanks to everyone that participated with the purchase of flowers. We really appreciate you!

REBECCA CIRCLE: Next meeting will be held on **Saturday, July 11th** at 11:30 am in the lounge.

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY: Please save your plastic grocery bags and any “Kroger” style-grocery pick up bags for the personal needs pantry. Bags can be deposited in the green bin in the lounge or drop them off at the office during the week. Thanks!

MID-DAY CONCERT: The next mid-day concert will be on **Tuesday, June 30th** at 1:00 pm. Toledo Symphony Orchestra Violinist, David Dyer will present a program of music for the violin as well as music for various recorders from the Baroque period. David has a Master’s in Violin Performance (University of Michigan) and a Master’s in Recorder from Oberlin Conservatory. He teaches Suzuki and Traditional, all levels, ages 3 to 80+! He will be assisted by Dr. Tony.

OUT-OF-OFFICE: Jessica will be out of the office on June 29th – July 3rd. Please submit any new bulletin announcements by Wednesday, June 24th.

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.

DAVE WINSLOW MEMORIAL GOLF SCRAMBLE: Save the date for the 25th Annual Dave Winslow Memorial Golf Scramble on Saturday, August 1st at Eagles Landing with a shotgun start at 8am. The cost will be \$85 or \$340 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.

TIME TO START PLANNING VBS! VBS 2026 will be “*Rainforest Falls – Exploring the Nature of God.*” The dates are July 20th – 23rd. 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 **Tuesday, June 23rd** at 6:00 pm in the church lounge. If interested, contact the church office at 419-691-7222 or email office@firststjohn.com Help us have a great time with the children of our church and community!

RAINFOREST FALLS VBS registration is now up and running. You can register your child, aged 3 years to 5th grade, online on our website: <https://www.myvbs.org/2026-fsj-rainforest-falls-vbs>. You can also sign up to volunteer as well. We are in 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 20th-23rd** with a free light dinner hosted at 5:15pm and VBS starting at 6pm-8:30pm 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!

VBS AMAZON WISHLIST: Please help us gather items needed for our upcoming Vacation Bible School in July! It takes a lot to feed and also provide snacks and crafts, so any help is appreciated! We have created an online Amazon Wishlist of items needed. The link to the Amazon wishlist is: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/T97BIGLNQ1B8?ref=wl_share Any items purchased will be sent directly to the church. Thanks!

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.

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION: If you or a loved one would like a homebound communion visit, please call Bob Haar at 419-250-9409. Bob is communing the homebound upon request, and he will return your call to set up an appointment.

REGISTRATION FOR DAY SCHOOL: Registration for the 2026-2027 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 9:00am - noon, with extended care available from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. We will also be having our Summer Child Care program for children ages 3-10 years old. The Day School will host summer camps each week with a different theme. Both children needing childcare and children looking for fun activities will be welcome.

CHURCH LIBRARY: We have recently added some new titles to the church library. They are located on the long tables in the lounge. Our library uses a card checkout system, please remember to sign out your selections. If you have any questions or comments, contact Emily Kruse at 419-654-2842.

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY donation item for June is laundry soap and fabric softener. Items can be deposited in the green bin in the lounge or the pull-out drawer in the Narthex or drop them off at the office during the week.

MONTHLY MINISTRY: The ministry outreach for June 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.

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).

FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR: 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 are located in the Narthex and Lounge. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause. Remember, many local families find it hard to put food on the table during these difficult times. Always remember to support the Feed Your Neighbor ministry.