

ANNOUNCEMENTS – May 31, 2026

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in honor of Chuck & Betty Hyre's 65th wedding anniversary, given by the Hyre's.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

5-24-26: 9:00 am: 84 Online: 40 Total: 124
Memorial Day Service: 18

PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW: Family of Jerry Nissen, Family of Adelaide Miller (infant daughter of Alex & Ally (Church) 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 MAY 31 – JUN 6

Today	9:00 am	- WORSHIP SERVICE / Communion
Tuesday	11:30 am	- Ruth Circle meeting at Raphie's
	1:00 pm	- Mid-day Concert w/ Dr. Anthony Pattin
Wednesday	9:30 am	- Miriam Circle meeting in the lounge
Saturday	11:30 am	- Rebecca Circle meeting in the lounge

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.

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Jerry Nissen. Jerry passed away on May 27th. Visitation will be on Sunday, May 31st at 2:00-8:00 pm at Eggleston Meinert & Pavley Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life and Last Alarm Service will be held on Monday, June 1st at 11:00 am, with an additional hour of visitation beginning at 10:00 am.

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 April through June are available. Please pick up a copy in the lounge or at the back of the church.

MID-DAY CONCERT: The first mid-day concert held at First St. John Lutheran Church will be on **Tuesday, June 2nd** at 1:00 pm. Dr. Anthony Pattin will perform a solo piano recital. The program features music by the “3 B’s of classical music”. Other concert favorites will be featured as well as unusual titles. The concert is free and open to the public. Please make plans to attend.

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.

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 first planning meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 9th** 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!

RUTH CIRCLE will meet at 11:30 am at Ralphie’s on **Tuesday, June 2nd**.

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet at 11:30 am in the lounge on **Saturday, June 6th**.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY: We will publicly acknowledge all our graduates from high school and college at our worship service on Sunday, June 14th. Please plan on having your graduate attend this service as all graduates will be recognized. If you know of a graduate, please complete the form located in the bulletin and drop it in the offering plate, mail it to the church office, or email the page to office@firststjohn.com by Monday, June 8th.

THE PIERSTORF COLLEGE FUND: The Pierstorf College Fund is a one-of-a-kind financial aid program designed to support Lutheran students in Ohio pursuing a higher education. This program offers interest-free loans to full-time students enrolled in a four-year undergraduate program at any accredited college or university.

Maximum Loan: \$4,000 for the 2026-2027 school year.

Eligibility: Open to all Lutherans living in Ohio, whether they are new or returning students.

Application: No family income information is required, and the program strives to offer loans to every eligible Lutheran student. For more information and to apply, visit www.Pierstorf.org

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.