

ANNOUNCEMENTS – August 9, 2026

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Lola Crouse, given by Dave & Toni Wilbarger; in loving memory of Terry Kruse, given by Emily Kruse.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

8-2-26: 9:00 am: 66 Online: (no video) Total: 66

PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW: Bobb Vergiels, Janet Morrison, Family of Staff Sgt. Nicole Cisternas, Family of Mary Ellen Miller, Winnie Wohlgamuth & others affected by flooding, Carlene Trost.

*****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 AUG 9 – AUG 15

<u>Today</u>	9:00 am	- WORSHIP SERVICE/ Communion
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 pm	- Finance Meeting
<u>Thursday</u>		- RED ROBIN FUNDRAISER

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.

FRIENDS & FAMILY DINNER: Mark your calendars for our Friends & Family Dinner on **Sunday, August 16th** at 5 pm in Founders Hall at First St. John Lutheran Church. All members are welcome to be with us! We are looking forward to an evening of food, fellowship, and friendship. RSVPs will need to be turned into church office by Wednesday, August 12th.

RED ROBIN FUNDRAISER: On **Thursday, August 13th**, WELCA is sponsoring a fundraiser at Red Robin located at 9854 Olde US 20, Rossford, OH 43460. Show the flyer or simply mention the fundraiser to your server to have your sales counted. You may also order online and pick-up, instructions are listed on the flyer. Red Robin will give 20% of food sales back to First St. John.

SPECIAL THANKS AND APPRECIATION goes out to everyone who donated food, supplies, cash, gift cards, decorations, and countless hours of their time to make Rainforest Falls VBS possible. Your generosity helped provide meals, create an incredible environment, and ensure every child had a memorable experience. We are also deeply grateful to every volunteer who served so faithfully throughout the week. Thank you!!

CHOIR: Our church choir is looking for new members! If you have a heart for worship and enjoy singing, we'd love to have you join us. No matter your experience, there is a place for you in our choir family. Music is a powerful ministry, and your voice can make a difference. If you're interested, please see Jo-Anne after today's service or email at chrysochoosjoanne@gmail.com. Come worship, serve, and make a joyful noise with us. We look forward to singing with you!

DARTBALL: The dartball season will begin soon, and since our church has two teams, we need to recruit more dartball players. Men and women who are interested in playing, please call Bob Haar at 419-250-9409 for more information. It's easy and fun, with cake and coffee afterwards.

PORTALS OF PRAYER: The 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.

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.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on **Tuesday, August 18th** at 7:00 pm. Special Committees will meet at 6:30 pm as usual in the lounge.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: The next fellowship breakfast will be on **Saturday, September 12th** at 8:30 am at American Table restaurant on Wheeling Street. Please join us, there's always room for more. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Haar at 419-250-9409.

MISSION SUNDAY: It is time once again for Mission Sunday. **Sunday, August 16th**, please bring items for the Personal Needs Pantry, and non-perishable food items for Feed Your Neighbor (no glass jars please). So far, we have collected 84 food items. Let's fill up the grocery carts like we did last year! Keep bringing in food items, especially canned goods every Sunday.

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.

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.

MONTHLY MINISTRY: The ministry outreach for August 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.

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 August is **bar soap**. 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.

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.