

ANNOUNCEMENTS – October 29th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in honor of Brad Probasco's birthday on 10/30, given by Joan Probasco; and in honor of Bill and Donna Nelson's 47th wedding anniversary (2 vases).

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

10-22-23: 8:00 am: 36 10:30 am: 63 Online: 29 Total: 128
JAM Sunday School: 6 Adult Bible Study: 5

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

None at the time of printing.

PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW: Peggy Burke, Family of Herb Frey, Fred Kruse, Family of Annette McGorty, Philip Pattin, Rhonda, Steven Riegle, Logan Roberts, Tim Schmidlin, Jerry Smith, Linda Smith, Family of Susan Seibert, Monique Underwood & Family, Greg Wagner, Steve Welling

*****In an effort 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 be included in the monthly newsletter. If you have any additions or changes to the prayer chain, please email office@firststjohn.com*****

CALENDAR FOR OCT 29. – NOV.4

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- Early Worship
	9:15 am	- Adult Bible Study
	9:15 am	- J.A.M. Sunday School
	10:30 am	- Late Worship
<u>Monday</u>	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00 am	- Bible Study in the lounge
	6:30 pm	- Choir Rehearsal
<u>Saturday</u>	4:00 pm	- Chicken & Ham Dinner (Drive-Thru ONLY)

WELCOME to First St. John Lutheran Church! We're happy you're here. If you are visiting with us, please sign the guest book in the Narthex (lobby).

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Please remember to silence your cell phone before church begins. Thanks!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY Please join us every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Lounge for our Adult Bible Study hour. Each Sunday we study the day's Gospel lesson by using the three Cs- Context, Character, and Conclusions. Please join us for coffee, tea, donuts, and Bible study. Questions? See Bob Haar.

CHICKEN AND HAM DINNER will be held on November 4th from 4 to 6:30 pm. This dinner will be **drive-thru only**. Dinner will consist of chicken and ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, rolls, and a dessert. Tickets will be \$12 for Adults, and \$8 for children 4-10 years and can be purchased in the office M-F 9-4pm, or by calling 419-691-7222, or see Sue Ann Rogers. We will also need volunteers to help get the dinners ready for the drive-thru, contact Sue Ann Rogers as well to sign up!

WE NEED HELP! We are in need of help for the upcoming Chicken & Ham Dinner on November 4th. Would you please consider helping by making and donating brownies for our dessert? If you are able to make a dozen or two, it would be a big help! Also, if anyone is available and can spare 2-3 hours on November 4th between 4-6:30pm to run dinners to the drive-thru pick up line, please contact Chris Hunsaker (419) 376-7363 or Sue Ann Rogers (419) 280-1310. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

WEEKLY READERS NEEDED! Please consider offering to read the lessons during service once a month. This is a great way to serve the Lord and your church community! Especially looking for early service readers (8 am)! Contact Jennifer in the church office 419-691-7222

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY Join Pastor on Thursday mornings for a bible study focusing on the book of Ecclesiastes every Thursday at 11am in the lounge. If you are interested in joining and cannot make it in person, reach out to Pastor for an option to Zoom in via computer.

WE ARE HIRING! We are searching for a Facility Maintenance Manager. The primary function will be to perform the custodial duties and perform light maintenance work in the church and educational building, along with assisting the trustees in being present for outsourced inspections and repairs. For more information, please contact Andrew Hodges, Pastor Rayl (pastor1@firststjohn.com) or contact the church office (419-691-7222).

THE NEXT FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST There will not be a fellowship breakfast in November. The next fellowship breakfast will happen on Saturday, December 2nd at 8:30 am at Woodville Diner (1949 Woodville Rd, Oregon, OH). Please join us in December again for breakfast, devotions, and good Christian fellowship. Questions? Bob Haar at 419-250-9409.

WE NEED WINTER COATS! We are a collection site for The East Toledo Family Center's winter coat and gear drive this year. They are especially looking for new or gently used coats (working zippers please) as last collection season the demand was higher than they were able to fulfill. They will also take new hats, and gloves, or monetary donations (See Jennifer in the office). Collection bins are located in the front lobby of the Education Building and in the lounge. The collection will take place from now until **November 8th**.

2023 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Once again we will be packing shoeboxes to be delivered to children in need around the world. Fill any standard size shoebox with items, or stop down in the Sunday School area or lounge to pick up a red and green Operation Christmas Child box. The last day to return a filled shoebox to church will be Sunday, **November 12th**. *If you can, please add \$9 per box to help with shipping.* **Please note that the following items should not be included in your box:** Vaseline®, scary items, war-related items (such as toy soldiers, military vehicles, or wearable camouflage), liquid paint sets, liquid glue, rubber balls with liquid filling, liquid lip gloss, matches, fire starters, seeds, sand/rocks/shells, all types of food, candy, or gum, medications or vitamins, toothpaste, nail polish, money or play money, baby powder, liquids or lotions, breakable items, glass items, aerosol cans, used clothing or toys. Contact Deb Ladd for more details. 419-250-1460.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE FUNDRAISER Please consider helping WELCA with their Christmas Cookie Sale that will be held on December 10th after both services. To participate and help raise funds plan to bring your baked cookies on Saturday, Dec 9th between 10-12pm. All types of cookies, fudge, bars, or bark accepted. There is a sign-up sheet available in the lounge on a clipboard. All funds raised will be donated to the Property Management group to help with maintenance and repairs in the building. Contact Sue Ann Rogers for more information (419) 280-1310.

DARTBALL The next Dartball matches will be held on November 6th. Team #1 will play in the gym, while Team #2 will be at St. Lucas. The season has started off great and Team #2 is currently in first place with 8 wins and 1 loss, and Team #1 is in 4th place with 4 wins and 5 losses.

ALL SAINTS DAY will be next Sunday, November 5th. We will remember those of our church family who have passed away from November 1, 2022 to October 31, 2023 (we already have those names). If you would like to honor a friend or family member who passed away prior to November 2022, please sign the book which will be located at the back of the church in the narthex (lobby) or call the office at 419-691-7222 to have their names included on the list for that day.

CANDY CRAWL A HUGE SUCCESS! A big thank you to everyone who donated candy or their time to help out with last Sunday's Community Candy Crawl! We had a great turnout and more than enough candy to share with the families and children! It was perfect weather for this annual event and a great way to serve our community with many other local churches and businesses.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP: Flowers on Sundays beautify the sanctuary and are dedicated to the glory of God. You can assist by signing up and using it 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, at 419-691-7222. There are

also weekly opportunities to honor or remember loved ones by donating the cost of messengers (\$10) homebound outreach (\$10) and chancel lighting (\$15).

PORTALS OF PRAYER The October-December copies of Portals of Prayer are available in the Narthex (lobby), in the caddy on the wall outside the church, and in the lounge for pick-up. You can also pick up during the week at the church office, or request a copy be mailed to you at the church office at 419-691-7222 (office@firststjohn.com)

MONTHLY MINISTRY OUTREACH for October will be The Gospel Rescue Mission. The Gospel Rescue mission is a local ministry that ministers to the spiritual & physical needs of the homeless and low income throughout northwest OH & Southeast MI. They rely on local support to fund materials, services, skilled trades and volunteers to make this home mission possible. *To support this effort, please place your check in the yellow envelopes in the pews and place in the offering plate.*

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS ITEM: The focus item for October will be **adult toothbrushes and toothpaste (no more than 4 to package)**. *No travel sizes, please, as the product is supposed to last for a month.* Please deposit your donation items in the green bin in the lounge or in the left pull-out bin under the main bulletin board in the Narthex (lobby).