

ANNOUNCEMENTS – November 5th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Paulette S. Giaimo for her upcoming November 9th birthday, given by her husband, Robert.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

10-29-23: 8:00 am: 27 10:30 am: 79 Online: 20 Total: 126
JAM Sunday School: 6 Adult Bible Study: 8

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

Teresa Nye – University of Toledo Medical Center

PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW: Peggy Burke, Brenda Chambers, Family of Herb Frey, Fred Kruse, Darlene Lorenzen, Teresa Nye, Steven Riegle, Logan Roberts, Tim Schmidlin, Jerry Smith, Linda Smith, Greg Wagner, Dr. Joan Walldorf, Steve Welling, Arlene Wilbarger.

*****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 NOV 5. – NOV.11

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- Early Worship/Communion
	9:15 am	- Adult Bible Study
	9:15 am	- J.A.M. Sunday School
	10:30 am	- Late Worship/Communion
<u>Monday</u>	6:30 pm	- Altar Guild Meeting
	7:30 pm	- Dart Ball (see schedule)
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:00 am	- Ruth Circle Meeting (lounge)
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:00 pm	- Day School Board Meeting
		- LAST DAY FOR WINTER COAT DRIVE
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00 am	- Bible Study in the lounge
	6:30 pm	- Choir Rehearsal
<u>Friday</u>	9:00 am	- Day School Thanksgiving Feast Set-Up Begins
<u>Saturday</u>	11:30 am	- Rebecca Circle Meeting (lounge)
	5:00 pm	- Day School Thanksgiving Feast Set-Up

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.

2023 POINSETTIA SALE is now underway. Please see the order form located in the bulletin, or included in the November Newsletter to order. Each poinsettia is \$15 each and you can choose between red or white. The deadline for placing orders in time for Christmas is Sunday, December 10th. **Payment must accompany orders.** Contact Jennifer in the church office for more information (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.

DARTBALL The next Dartball matches will be held on Monday, 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.

WE ARE HIRING! We are searching for a Facility Maintenance Manager. The primary function will be to perform the custodial duties and light maintenance work in the church/educational building, along with assisting the trustees in being present for outsourced inspections and repairs. For more information, please contact 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.

COAT DRIVE ENDS THIS WEEK! We are a collection site for The East Toledo Family Center's winter coat and gear drive this year. They are looking for new or gently used coats (working zippers) 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 see the brochure for a list of safe and approved items as well as those to avoid.** 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 or complete the form included in the bulletin and place in the offering plate. 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.

THANKSGIVING FEAST VOLUNTEERS are needed for the FSJ Day School's upcoming Thanksgiving Feasts. If you have time and would like to help prepare and serve the meal, volunteers are appreciated. We need help on Nov 13-16th each day from 9:30am to 1:30pm. Call Andrea at 419-691-6480.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY Mark your calendars for the FSJ Family Christmas Party. It will be held on December 3rd in the gym. Thanks to our FSJ Church Council, this catered dinner will now be **FREE** of charge to attend (this is a correction to the info printed in the November newsletter). A RSVP form will be included in the bulletin starting next week. Stay tuned for more details!

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 ELCA World Hunger Fund. More than 820 million people - that's about 11 percent of people in our world today - are hungry. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. *To support this effort, please place your check in the pink envelopes in the pews and place in the offering plate.*

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS ITEM: The focus item for November will be **sanitary pads (24 pack or larger) or tampons**. *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).