

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS – January 21<sup>st</sup>***

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are presented to the glory of God in honor of Wayne Alan Paul's baptism, given by his grandparents, Larry & Darlene Paul, and Rick & Linda Kirby.

### **CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

1-14-24: 8:00 am: 15      10:30 am: 61      Online: 36      Total: 112  
JAM Sunday School: 7      Adult Sunday School: 4

### **OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:**

*None at this time.*

**PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW:** Mike Blazeovich, Peggy Burke, Family of Eleanor Cochenour, Duke, Family of Patrick Grzybowski, Fred Kruse, Janet Mooney, Teresa Nye, Family of Abraham Rivera Jr., Logan Roberts, Family of Gary Robeson, Tim Schmidlin, Family of Carolyn Schwierking, Skylar, Jerry Smith, Linda Smith, Greg Wagner, Steve Welling, Arlene Wilbarger.

*\*\*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](mailto:office@firststjohn.com)\*\**

### **CALENDAR FOR JAN 14 – JAN 20**

<b><u>Today</u></b>	8:00 am	- Early Service/Communion – FAMILY BLESSING SUNDAY
	9:15 am	- Adult Sunday School (lounge)
	9:15 am	- JAM Sunday School (basement classrooms)
	10:30 am	- Late Service / Baptism - FAMILY BLESSING SUNDAY
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	9:30 am	- Quilters (lounge)
	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir
	7:30 pm	- Dartball (Away) – Rescheduled from last week
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	6:00 pm	- Council Meeting and Dinner @ Black Forest Café
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	11:00 am	- Adult Bible Study
	6:30 pm	- Choir Rehearsal

**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!

**BAPTISM TODAY** is for Wayne Alan Paul, born January 17, 2023, to Nicholas and Lauren (Kirby) Paul. Sponsors are Jason Blazeovich and Jamie Blazeovich. Baptism will take place during 2<sup>nd</sup> service today.

**FAMILY BLESSING SUNDAY:** Today is Family Blessing Sunday. During worship today you can come forward as a family (and yes, one person is a family in God's eyes) and receive a blessing. You can come with different people in your family (you and your spouse, you and your extended family, etc.) or even those you consider family- as many times as you want. What a great way to start 2024!

**2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** To reduce postage costs, the 2023 financial statements will be hand delivered to those who attend in-person today and then mailed to the remaining contributors. If you did not attend service but would like us to hold your statement in the office for pick up to save on postage, please let Jennifer know in the office by calling 419-691-7222 or emailing [office@firststjohn.com](mailto:office@firststjohn.com).

**2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Today is the last Sunday that envelopes will be in the church lounge on the white tables along the wall. There are still a handful left to pick up. After Sunday, they will only be available in the church office during office hours (M-F 9am- 4pm) for pick up. They are in alphabetical order by last name for ease of finding them. Remember, even if you give online there are some special envelopes for tithing throughout the year so stop by and pick them up! If you do not have envelopes and would like some assigned to you, please call Jennifer in the church office as soon as you can at 419-691-7222.

**PLEASE RETURN BAPTISMAL INSERTS:** After the second service, please help us recycle the baptism inserts from the bulletin by placing them in the plastic bins located in the Narthex (lobby or on the small pew by the door near the choir loft. Thank you!

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** join us each Sunday at 9:15am for Sunday School in the lounge. We will study the gospel using the three Cs- Context, Character, and Conclusions. Please join us for coffee, tea, donuts, and Bible study. Questions? See Bob Haar.

**J.A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL** meets every Sunday at 9:15 am in the JAM area (basement of the church). Please join us each week!

**THURSDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY** will meet every Thursday at 11:00 am in the lounge. All are welcome to attend! Hope to see you there!

**BELL CHOIR** will practice this Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30pm.

**COUNCIL DINNER MEETING** A dinner and brief meeting will be held at Black Forest Cafe at Oak Shade Grove on Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm for all 2024 new, continuing, and outgoing council members and one guest, plus new, continuing, and outgoing 2024 Day School board members and one guest. An email invitation was sent out last week, so please let Jennifer know if you did not receive it as it has extra details. You will need to RSVP to Dave Wilbarger ([email.dow@gmail.com](mailto:email.dow@gmail.com) / 419-205-7855) or Jennifer ([office@firststjohn.com](mailto:office@firststjohn.com) / 419-691-7222) in order to make an accurate reservation at the restaurant by Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**QUILTING NEWS:** Is each Monday at 9:30 am in the lounge. We are usually there until about 1:00 pm. We quilt each Monday morning though the end of March, which will be March 25<sup>th</sup>. We follow Oregon Schools for any cancellations due to weather. Everyone is welcome, no experience necessary! If you have any questions, please call Jane Neal at 419-276-5057.

**SOCKS FOR SALEM:** The Quilting group is collecting socks for Salem Lutheran Church's neighborhood ministries. They accept new or gently used socks for men, women, and children. Last time, we collected 250 pairs of socks! Collection boxes are in the lounge and the Narthex (lobby) to accept your donations. Deadline for donations is January 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING:** We are collecting money and canned goods to help fund the Lutheran Social Services of Northwestern Ohio's local food pantry. Every dollar you donate will go directly to purchase food for the pantry. (Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry will be our monthly ministry outreach for February as well.) Grocery carts are available for your food donations, and a soup pot is in the Narthex to collect monetary donations—whatever you can give—to help Lutheran Social Services provide food for people in need.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to everyone who prayed, called, or checked in with me during my recent hospitalization. It was so appreciated and most definitely led to my quick recovery. ~ Susie Moszkowicz

**HANNAH CIRCLE** will not meet in January but will meet again on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST** We will not have a Fellowship Breakfast in January. The next fellowship breakfast will be Saturday, February 3, at 8:30 am at Woodville Diner on Woodville Road.

**WINSLOW SCHOLARSHIP NEWS:** This scholarship is for high school seniors who are members of First St. John and will attend college for the 2024/2025 school year. Applications are in the church office. Stop by any time during office hours to pick up an application. Turn in your completed application to the church office by March 29<sup>th</sup> to be considered. Money is supplied from proceeds of the Winslow Memorial Golf outing held each summer, along with donations from church members.

**MONTHLY MINISTRY OUTREACH** for January and February will be the Lutheran Social Services (see above). Special pink envelopes are available in your pew if you would like to donate to this worthy cause. Make your check out to First St. John and write "LSS Food Pantry" on the memo line. Then place your envelope in the offering plate or mail it to the church. Thank you.

**JANUARY CALENDAR UPDATE:** Please note that a revised calendar for January was sent out to all members via email, but also included at the end of the announcements for everyone. Thanks!

**DISCOUNT CARD FUNDRAISER:** The FSJ Day School is once again selling discount cards. For \$20 you will enjoy discounts at many different local businesses for an entire year. The card will pay for itself after just a few uses. Buy one today from either the Church or Day School office. They make great gifts. Please consider supporting this Day School fundraising effort! You can pick one up from Jennifer in the church office as well M-F 9am-4pm.

**JANUARY NEWSLETTER:** Is available for pick up in the Narthex (lobby) and the lounge if that is how you receive them. Newsletters were emailed and "snail" mailed on Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. Please let Jennifer know if you have not yet received it, or of any issues you may be experiencing.

**DARTBALL** The Dartball matches cancelled last week due to the cold are rescheduled for this Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 pm. First St. John #1 will play at Trinity, and First St. John #2 will play at Prince of Peace. On Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm, the FSJ teams will be playing against each other in the church gym. Come out and support them!

**MOVIE NIGHT RESCHEDULED** the movie night has been rescheduled due to the threat of bad weather/very low temperatures. It has been rescheduled for Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. The movie is called "**The Hill**" based on a true story of a young man with a severe handicap. The light dinner will start at 5:30 PM with the movie starting around 6:15 PM. No charge. Just come and enjoy with us!

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** The January-March 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](mailto:office@firststjohn.com))

**PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS FOR JANUARY** is dish soap, however we are accepting any of the items on our list you are willing to give. We are working on an Amazon online wish list which will allow anyone interested in donating to purchase on Amazon and ship directly to the church pantry. Once this has been created, it will be shared via email, and on our Facebook page, so stay tuned! Please deposit any items donated in the green bin in the lounge or the pull-out drawer in the narthex (lounge) under the bulletin board.

**LOST AND FOUND** any items found during the week or over the holidays are placed on the white tables in the lounge or with Jennifer in the church office. If you are missing any items, please feel free to contact the church office at 419-691-7222 to check and see if we may have them!

**WE ARE HIRING!** We are still 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. This is a **paid position**. For more information, please contact Pastor Rayl ([pastor1@firststjohn.com](mailto:pastor1@firststjohn.com)) or contact the church office (419-691-7222).