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Man of God: Renewed for Life

Glenn was never really a “car guy.” Sure, he knew how to change a flat tire and check the oil, but he’d always been more interested in things like hunting and fishing. Even so, when his car started jerking and whining while he was shifting gears, he knew something was wrong. Glenn took his car to the mechanic around the corner and the news was bad—it’d be \$2,000 for a new transmission. Before he committed to such an expensive repair, Glenn figured he should get a second opinion. And, it’s a good thing he did. Online reviews revealed that the first mechanic had been fleecing people for years! It turns out that the car only needed transmission fluid—a simple \$10 fix. It was a close call for Glenn. Looking for help in the wrong places can cost any of us big time!

Of course, there are no references to cars or transmissions in the Bible, but we know that people have been looking to unreliable sources of help since the beginning of time. It all started in the Garden of Eden. Satan had a plan to trick God’s human creatures into trusting him, and it worked perfectly. Eve took the fruit and Adam followed suit. He looked to Eve, relying on her confidence in the serpent’s lie. Paradise was lost in the blink of an eye. We see this same mistake repeated throughout the Bible. King David relied on his own clever tricks to fix his problems, going so far as to plan a murder to cover up his adultery. Judas trusted in the power of money and betrayed his Savior for thirty silver coins. The apostle Paul—who acted as the worst of the worst when he was still known as Saul—tried to find favor with God by murdering those who followed Jesus. All of these men were looking for help, for a fix, for something to make their lives better. They trusted Satan’s lies and gave in to his temptations. Where do you turn when you’re in trouble? When you’re in a tight spot and need wisdom, when you’re just tired of the daily-ness of daily life, when you have a mess on your hands and can’t figure out how to leave it behind, where do you go for help? Where do you place your trust? Our culture tells us how real men are supposed to behave. A few drinks or a few pills will take the edge off. A me-first attitude will smooth the way to a smart decision. It may not feel quite right at first but, after all, that’s just how men are supposed to behave. You may already know that fixes like these fall short. Sooner or later, everyone who tries them ends up sitting beside Adam, beside David, beside Paul—guilty as charged and facing unthinkable consequences. The fact is that every man on this earth has fallen. Every one of us has at one time or another believed the lies of the devil, turned away from our only true Helper, and found ourselves stuck and sinking more deeply into the pit of sin. Every man—but One.

Man of God: Renewed for Life

Our Savior, Jesus Christ was born to be your fix, your one, true source of renewal and hope. Every step of his life was devoted to obeying our heavenly Father. (Read John 4:34.) Jesus never lost focus. He came to live a perfect life in our place, and that life ended as he hung on the cross, dying in payment for our sins. On Calvary’s cross, we find the one—the only—source of help we will ever need. Jesus’ death and resurrection makes us right with God again. When we come to him with our sins, he forgives us and renews our spirits. His gifts of grace and mercy provide the strength we need to keep on walking through this life as his chosen people, his son and heirs. They that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isaiah 40:31 Notice the power of that promise! Not might. Not maybe. Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. Minute by minute. Hour by hour. Day by day. Renewed strength is ours. We will run—read Psalm 119:32. We will walk and keep on walking—read Psalm 86:11. And as we mount up on eagles’ wings, we join the psalmist, saying in confidence—read Psalm 18:2.

Fathers can be great at fixing stuff—children’s toys, dishwashers, lawnmowers. You name it, many dads can fix it! Well . . . almost. Of course, the fix-it powers of all dads have their limits. But Jesus’ love and forgiveness have no bounds. His sacrifice on the cross covers every sin and fathers who depend on Jesus know that there is no better place, no other place, to find unending strength and constant renewal for life. To all the men—fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, coaches, and other father figures—we thank you for all of the help you provide. Most of all, we thank you for pointing all of us, especially your children and your families to Jesus.





SUNDAY WORSHIP

BIBLE STUDY 9:00 AM
SERVICE 11:00 AM

"Till all have heard! Thanks be to God!"

REGULAR CHURCH EVENTS AND WORSHIP

| | |
|------------------|--|
| Sunday - | 9:00 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Sunday Worship |
| Monday - | PANERA BREAD DISTRIBUTION 9:00-11:00 AM |
| Wednesday | 6:30 PM - Adult Choir |
| Thursday | 6:30 PM - Narcotics Anonymous Meeting |

OUR WEBSITE ADDRESS:

www.firststjohns.com

WELCOME

Our calling is for all to know Jesus as Lord and be an effective magnet involving lives for Jesus Christ. Worship should always be focused on God, the time honored traditions of worship are observed here, we want worship to be glorifying to God, honoring to God and reminding us of the greatness and glory of God. People say that they have truly worshipped after our Sunday morning service.

We are a very welcoming church and we want to help you to know Jesus.

Contact Us

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NEW HIGH SECURITY KEY-LOCKS WERE INSTALLED ON THE FRONT AND BACK ENTRANCE DOORS OF THE CHURCH.

THE NEW KEY FITS BOTH LOCKS.

IF YOU HAVE THE OLD ENTRANCE KEYS PLEASE DISCARD THEM.



SUNDAY SERVICES

Communion and Non-Communion, Services are held during the month, Prayer and Preaching Non-Communion services are held on the 5th Sunday of months with 5 Sundays.

We print bulletins in English (small and large print), and Chinese for morning worship. Please contact us in advance if you need a Spanish bulletin.

PHONE: (717) 843-8597

**COME
WORSHIP**
with us!



If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter by email please contact the church office at (717) 843-8597 or send an email to firststjohns@verizon.net.



If you or someone you know is a shut-in, has an illness or is unable to worship with us due to other circumstances, please call the church office.

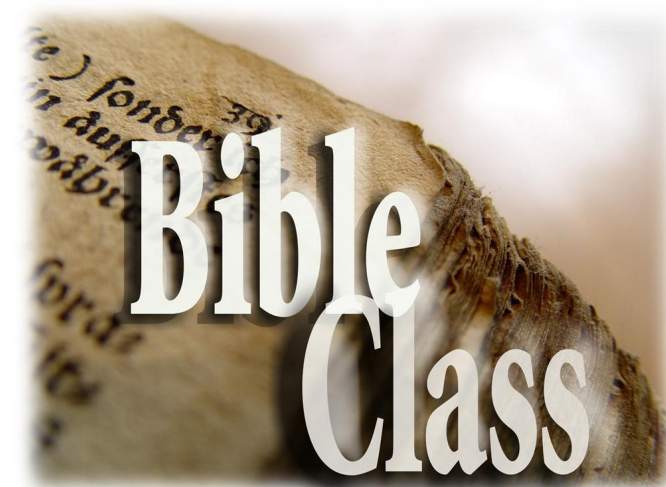
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GET IN TOUCH



BIBLE CLASS

The focus for the current Bible Class is: "Luther's Small Catechism." A few of the current Bible class participants had inquired about doing a review of what they learned in Confirmation class.

In 2017, an update version of the catechism was released by LCMS and Concordia Publishing House. Martin Luther's teachings have not been altered. What has been done is to cite contemporary issues and how the catechism addresses them.

All six parts of the catechism will be studied: The Ten Commandments; The Creed; The Lord's Prayer; The Sacrament of Holy Baptism; Confession; and The Sacrament of the Altar.

Materials will need to be ordered for each participant, so I am requesting that if you would like to be a part of the review of the catechism, to please sign up by using the bottom of this article or the form that will be in the back of the church. Return completed form to me or put it in my mailbox in the hallway.

Ken Sanders,

Minister of Music

I, _____(name), will be a part of the next Bible Study on Luther's Small Catechism. I will need the materials for the study.

Music & Worship Notes

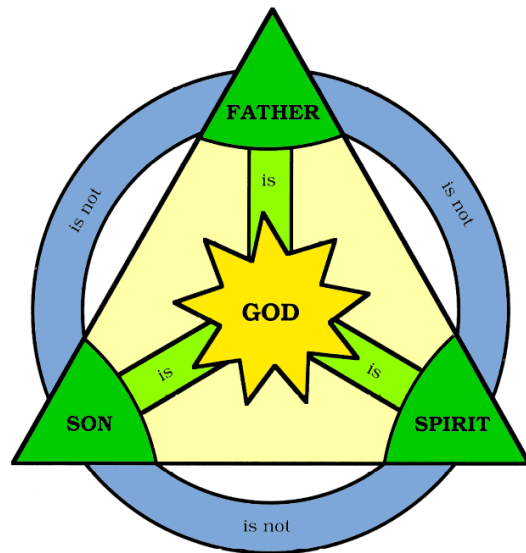


Pentecost

The season of Pentecost is the longest of the church year seasons. It begins after the seventh Sunday of Easter and ends with the first Sunday of Advent. The word "Pentecost" means "fiftieth day." For the Jews, Pentecost was the Feast of the Weeks. It celebrated the end of the grain harvest. The celebration of Pentecost today recalls when the Holy Spirit ascended on the heads of the disciples in the form of tongues of fire. All the people gathered from many countries heard the word of God in their own language. Many believed and were baptized. Through the centuries it became the day the many baptisms took place. Those who were going to be baptized put on white garments. The day became known as Whitsunday, which means White Sunday due to the white garments that those being baptized wore.

Trinity Sunday

In the church year, Trinity Sunday is the next Sunday after Pentecost. Most of the rest of the church year focuses on the events surrounding Jesus Christ. Trinity focuses on a doctrine of the church. It was originally known as the Festival of the Holy Trinity. On a non-communion Sunday, the Apostle's Creed is confessed. On communion Sundays, the Nicene Creed is confessed. But on Trinity Sunday, it is suggested that the Athanasian Creed is confessed, as it is more in depth in explaining the trinity.



Ken Sanders,

Minister of Music

THE ADULT CHOIR:: Sharon Hennig, Karen Hildebrand, Lois Hollinger, Lois Stambaugh, Dave Stambaugh, Wally Smith, Quitao Zhang, Ding Wang, Maria Stankiewicz, Brian Stankiewicz



The special offering for the month of

JUNE

Lutheran Mission Society



Bible Study
9:00 AM

JUNE 2019 PARISH VISITOR

JULY 2019 DEADLINE

Articles Due June 21st-Friday

Mail Date June 27th-Thursday

Newsletter

MEETINGS IN JUNE

Worship Committee

Church Council

Future Committee

To be announced

13th-Thursday-5:30 pm

Wednesday-9:00 am



UPCOMING JUNE SERVICES

June 2nd, , Non-Communion (7th Sunday of Easter)

June 9th, Communion (Day of Pentecost)

June 16th, Matins, Non-Communion (The Holy Trinity)

June 23rd, Communion (2nd Sunday after Pentecost)

June 30th, Prayer & Preaching Non-Communion (3rd Sunday after Pentecost)



OPPORTUNITIES TO KNOW JESUS
Bible Study 9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Service 11:00 AM

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For updates refer to Website calendar at
JUNE 2019

CHURCH OFFICE
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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|------------|---|--|----------------------------|--|
| Bible Study- 9:00 am. Morning Worship-11:00 am. The fifth Sunday of the month (months with five Sundays), will be a Prayer and Preaching Service. | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 7th Sunday of Easter Prayer and Preaching NC/White | 3 Panera Bread 9:30-11:00 am | 4 | 5 Last Adult Choir Practice for the Summer- 6:30 pm | 6 N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm | 7 | 8 Harvest of Blessing Board Mtg. 1:30-3:30 pm |
| 9 Day of Pentecost C/ Green | 10 Panera Bread 9:30-11:00 am | 11 | 12 | 13 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 5:30 PM | 14 Flag Day | 15 |
| 16 The Holy Trinity Matins NC/ White | 17 Panera Bread 9:30-11:00 am | 18 | 19 | 20 N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm | 21 Summer Begins | 22 |
| 23 2nd Sunday after Pentecost C/ Green | 24 Panera Bread 9:30-11:00 am | 25 | 26 | 27 ASCENSION DAY N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm | 28 | 29 |
| 30 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Prayer & Preaching NC/ Green | | LAY READER | USHER | ALTAR GUILD Carla Allison | | SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERINGS JUNE Lutheran Mission Society |

ALTAR FLOWER-\$35 per Sunday (Share a Sunday-1 vase \$ 18).

June

July 14, 21, 28

August through December.

Please contact Nancy Hildebrand at (717) 292-4113 for the dates that are available and to schedule a date/s]



READINGS-Old Testament and Epistle-OPEN DATES

June through December



Coffee Hour-Open Dates

Looking for people for
September through December
No coffee hour during July and August



If you would like to volunteer for the Readings or Coffee Hour please use the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the hallway.



STEWARDSHIP: JUNE 2019

Some disciples of John the Baptist were questioning him about the baptism and preaching of Jesus. Many disciples were going to Jesus instead of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist answers: "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven" (John 3:27).

John the Baptist says this to show that Jesus, His teaching, and His baptism are from heaven. God provides everything we have in body and soul.

We are taught this in the meaning of the Apostles' Creed in the *Small Catechism*.

In the First Article of the Creed, we learn that God has made us and everything in the universe.

"He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him."

In the Second Article of the Creed, we learn that God sent His Son, Jesus, to humble Himself by taking the form of a servant.

In so doing, He "has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity."

In the Third Article of the Creed, we learn that the fruits of what Jesus Christ, the Son of God, did are given to us through the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church.

"That I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ."

Indeed, "a person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven."

But how easy is this for us to forget? How easy is it for us to think that what we have in life is because we have earned it?

How easy is it for us to forget that all our skills – the abilities of our hands and minds, the ethic to work diligently, and the desire to improve – is given to us from heaven, just as John the Baptist said?

How easy is it for us to forget that it is Christ alone, and the work of the Holy Spirit, that reveals His salvation to us, delivers it to us, and that none of this is our doing?

Sure, we have responsibility for coming to church, for delving into God's Holy Word, and for praying without ceasing.

But even these responsibilities are given to us from heaven. These duties are not earned; they are given in response to what He has accomplished for us.

Everything we have, and everything we are – in both body and soul – are gifts from God in heaven.

Let us then respond in thanksgiving and give back to Him as He asks – with a first-fruits, generous proportion offering of what He has given to us.

**Bonnie Abendschoen**

138 Crown Pointe Drive
York, PA 17402

Birthday--September 30th

Joyce Devan

2408 Lovegren Court
York, PA 17404

Birthday--February 20th

Dawn Frey

382 West North Street
York, PA 17401

Birthday--April 21st

**Bill Hildebrand**

3530 Fox Run Road
Dover, PA 17315

Birthday--September 17th

Gloria Whitekettle

2361 Log Cabin Road
York, PA 17408

Birthday--November 23rd

Ruth Hermann


Lutheran Home Skilled Care
Room 404A

1801 Gladfelter Circle
York, PA 17404

Birthday--Feb 11th

If you are aware of any changes with those on the list please contact the church office.

We encourage you to drop a card or letter to our shut-ins to let them know that they are missed and a valued member of the congregation.



PENTECOST

**Come, Holy Spirit,
breathe new life into
your people.
Show us the true
meaning of the gospel
and enkindle our
hearts with a love that will
transform our lives!
Amen**



PRAYERS

Ruthetta Fogle
 Christians especially in the Middle East– persecuted
 Prayer Warriors—Spirit is moving
 Becky Lupp
 Angie Linebaugh
 Susan Null-Cancer
 Helen Wu-Husband in nursing home
 Marianne DeModena-Cancer
 Patti Tripp-COPD
 Christine Neal (Bonnie Abendschoen's cousin)-Flu.
 Brenton Allen-Needs new kidney and pancreas
 Olivia Stankiewicz-Healing (Grand-daughter of Brian and Maria Stankiewicz)
 Beth Smith
 Anna vanDyk
 Bill Hildebrand
 Julia
 Pastor Jay Mazikas (nephew of Sylvia Barclay)- Severe Headaches
 Nancy Hildebrand
 Rich Holen-Serious health problems (Son-In-Law) of Sylvia Barclay

FIRST TIME REQUESTS

Linda Mumford-Health issues
 Marge Driskell-Health issues
 Kathy Butts Oster-Health issues

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Bonnie Abendschoen Dawn Frey Joyce Devan Gloria Whitekettle
 Bill Hildebrand Ruth Hermann

LEADERS

Church Pastor, Minister of Music Ken Sanders, Lay Leaders, Pastor Cosgrove, Pastor Nzinski, Pastor Zimmerman, Pastor Brasso, Pastor Koontz, Pastor Merrell, Pastor Banach, Pastor Robertson, Pastor Schaefer. Sally Hiller, David Maack. District President John Denninger

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

For all of God's Gifts
 Norma Null

SPIRITUAL NEEDS

For all those who do not know Jesus as Lord
 For our "action" committees/task forces
 Our Community and Families

We remember in prayer those who are in need of God's special presence in their lives due to special needs:



4th - Willard Starner, Sr.
10th - Jaime Rohrbaugh



Please Note - On the 1st Sunday service of the month
 the birthdays for the month will be read. The Birthdays for the current month will be posted on the bulletin board

Early July Birthdays

1st - Nancy Hildebrand
9th - Linda Billet

PRAYER LIST (cont.)

MILITARY

| | |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Kevin Kuhn | U.S.C.G. |
| Lindsay Wood | U.S.A.F. |
| Dakota Kaufman | U. S. Army in Kuwait |
| Matthew Holland | U. S. Army |
| Chuck Barrows | U. S. Army |
| Megan Messersmith | U.S.A.F. |
| Krista McKenzie | U.S.A.F. |
| Jonathan Cosgrove | U.S.M.C. |
| James Bova | U. S. Navy |
| Dylan Moynihan | U. S. Navy |
| Tyr Abendschoen | U. S. Army |



POLICE

Jonathan
 Jason Berger



FREE BREADS AND DESSERTS

DONATED WEEKLY BY: PANERA BREAD

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EVERY MONDAY

From 9:00 through 11:00 am - Pickup at the church

DOORS OPEN AT 9:00 AM



COFFEE CUPS / DEER TRACKS are for sale. The cups have our church name on them and the deer tracks are a painted wooden cutout of the church. Call or leave a message on the church phone-(717) 843-8597.

Coffee cups are \$6.00

Deer tracks are \$12.00.



Women's Care Center
Pregnant?

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formerly Pregnancy & Family Resource Center

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