

## FIRST ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## PRAYER FOR LENT

**LORD AND SAVIOR**, as we undertake this Lenten journey, we seek to know your merciful love in all that you have done for us. May we face our sins squarely, assured that you know and love us as we are. May we always be confident that your mercy is far more powerful than our miserable sins and that you draw all people to yourself. Help us to turn to you in sorrow and to praise you in joy, knowing that you hold all things in your hand. **AMEN.**



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## 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 (September through May/June)

#### Thursday

6:30 PM - Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

#### OUR WEBSITE ADDRESS:

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### 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

Phone 717.843.8597

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## 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



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](mailto: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

## IF JESUS HAD AN OBITUARY

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Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham, was a member of the house of David. He was the Son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth, and Mary, His devoted Mother. Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by His mother Mary, His faithful Apostles, numerous disciples, and many other followers.

Jesus was self educated and spent most of his adult life working as a Carpenter and a Teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a Medical Doctor and it is reported that he healed many patients. Up until the time of His death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about His Father's Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish, and healing a man who was born blind. On the day before His death, He held a Last Supper celebrating the Passover Feast, at which He foretold His death.

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In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that everyone try to live as Jesus did. Donations may be sent to anyone in need.

Author unknown

JERUSALEM 33AD

OBITUARIES

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This month Lent is in full swing, so to speak. We have the Wednesday Mid-week meal and services. St. Paul's service is at noon with a soup luncheon after the service. Their series was written by Pastor Merrell and is about the various things that the church is. Our meal and service is at 6:00 pm followed by the service at 7:00 pm. Our Lenten theme this year is "Eyes on Jesus."

A list of the weekly focus is as follows:

#### Ash Wednesday

Sermon: "Misjudging Eyes"

#### Midweek of Lent 2

Sermon: "Sleepy Eyes"

#### Midweek of Lent 4

Sermon: "Murderous Eyes"

#### Holy Thursday

Sermon: "More Than Meets the Eye"

#### Midweek of Lent 1

Sermon: "Betraying Eyes"

#### Midweek of Lent 3

Sermon: "Denying Eyes"

#### Midweek of Lent 5

Sermon: "Worldly Eyes"

#### Good Friday

Sermon: "Choral Tenebrae - Seven Words"

#### Easter

Sermon: "Angel Eyes"

Each Sunday I will have a short Bible study on the sermon theme for the up-coming Wednesday's service. They will be on the table in the back of the church.

Come join either St. Paul's congregation or ours on a journey through the season of Lent to the glorious celebration of the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday.



What will YOU do?



**Ken Sanders,**  
Minister of Music



#### THE ADULT CHOIR:

Karen Hildebrand, Lois Hollinger, Lois Stambaugh, Dave Stambaugh,  
Wally Smith, Ding Wang,

## MARCH 2020 PARISH VISITOR

APRIL 2020 DEADLINE

Articles Due -March 20th -Friday

**Newsletter**



**Bible Study**

9:00 AM

## MEETINGS IN MARCH

**Worship Committee**

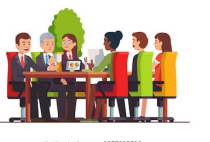
**Church Council**

**Future Committee  
am**

**To be announced**

**March 12th (6:00 pm)**

**1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month-9:00**



## UPCOMING MARCH 2020 SERVICES

**March 1st, Communion (First Sunday in Lent)**

**March 8th, Non-Communion (Second Sunday in Lent)**

**March 15th, Communion (Third Sunday in Lent)**

**March 22nd, Non-Communion (Fourth Sunday in Lent)**

**March 29th, Non-Communion (Fifth Sunday in Lent)**





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

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MARCH 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Future Com. Mtg 9am (March 4th and 18th)			
<b>1</b> 1st Sunday in Lent C/Purple	<b>2</b> Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Lenten Service 6:00 Dinner 7:00 PM Service Adult Choir after the Service	<b>5</b> N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 2nd Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Time Begins	<b>9</b> Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Lenten Service 6:00 Dinner 7:00 PM Service Adult Choir after the Service	<b>12</b> CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 6:00 PM N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 3rd Sunday in Lent C/Purple	<b>16</b> Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Lenten Service 6:00 Dinner 7:00 PM Service Adult Choir after the Service	<b>19</b> N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 4th Sunday in Lent NC/Purple	<b>23</b> Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Lenten Service 6:00 Dinner 7:00 PM Service Adult Choir after the Service	<b>26</b> N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 5th Sunday in Lent NC/Purple	<b>30</b> Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	<b>31</b>		<b>1</b> N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm		

## LENTEN AND EASTER SERVICES 2020

### WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERVICES

*Begin by having a light supper at 6:00 PM in the Kitchenette/*

*Bible study room. Then join us there in a special series of sermons for Lent at 7:00 PM.*

#### March

4th,

11th,

18th,

25th

#### April

1st



### PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday, April 5th.

11:00 AM Morning Service



### MAUNDY THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE

Thursday, April 9th

7:00 PM



### GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 10th

7:00 PM



### EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday, April 12th

11:00 AM Morning Service

A light breakfast will be served prior to the service

### GERMAN EASTER SERVICE

Sunday, April 19th

4:00 PM Afternoon Service

*Light refreshments with a German theme will follow the service.*

Ostergottesdienst

## MARCH 2020 STEWARDSHIP

We are at the beginning of Lent. During the Lenten season, the church calls to our attention the sufficiency of what God gives. It points to the sufficiency of God's grace in the atoning work of Jesus. It shows us the sufficiency of faith in Jesus' work for us. It makes known the sufficiency of God's Word in faith and life.

But Lent doesn't just remind us of the sufficiency of God's spiritual gifts, the gifts that pertain to our redemption and salvation. Lent also reminds us of the sufficiency of the physical, temporal gifts of God, those that pertain to this body and life. In other words, it reminds us of the importance of godly contentment and of outward discipline and training of the body.

This outward training of the body teaches us not to give in to every desire of our flesh but to learn to say no to them. And it does this in such a way that if you fail, it is no sin. It is a way to practice without putting yourself into a compromising situation.

The easiest example of this is fasting. When you fast, you are practicing saying no to the desires of your body. But if you fail in this, if you break your fast, you have not sinned. You have, though, learned something about how your flesh works, how difficult it is to fight against it, and how you need help from above in order to do it.

There is another example of this. It is alms-giving. This is an increase in giving to the church and its mission during this time. We all know that our flesh finds security in money and stuff. By committing to give more to the church, you are training your flesh. You are, by this outward discipline, training yourself to be content with what God gives. You are practicing saying "no" to your desires. Again, if you fail, you have not sinned. But you've learned just how powerful your flesh is in leading you instead of you leading it. You've learned how you need help from above in being content with what God gives.

This is why St. Paul instructs young Pastor Timothy in this way:

"But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and[a] we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs." (1 Tim 6:6-10)

Our sufficiency is not of ourselves; it is in God. Let us learn this without sin by training our flesh this Lenten season.



### Bonnie Abendschoen

138 Crown Pointe Drive  
York, PA 17402  
*Birthday*--September 30th

### Joyce Devan

2408 Lovegren Court  
York, PA 17404  
*Birthday*--February 20th

### Ruth Hermann

Update- Address needed  
*Birthday*--Feb 11th

### Bill Hildebrand

3530 Fox Run Road  
Dover, PA 17315  
*Birthday*--September 17th

### Dawn Frey

382 West North Street  
York, PA 17401  
*Birthday*--April 21st

***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.

### "Two Fifty's" continued

1981, May 3, Pastor Devan participated in the first worship service of the Lutheran Mission serving Northern Baltimore County and Southern York County. The speaker was the Rev. Max Schaefer, mission executive for the Southeastern District.

On March 28, 1982, a congregational seminar, entitled "The Best Years," was held in the Parish Hall. The guest speaker was the Rev. Dr. Richard L. Alms, executive Director of the Lutheran Mission Society and Mrs. Eileen Alms, RN, Director of Nursing Services at the Augsburg Lutheran Home, Baltimore, MD.

A service of thanksgiving and praise was held on October 10th at 4 pm to commemorate the ordination Edward John Devan into the ministry. The Liturgist was the Rev. Gerhard Luecke, the Lector was the Rev. George Naumann, and the speaker was the Rev. Walter P. Schoenfuhs, pastor of St. James in Baltimore. A dinner followed the service at 5:30 in the parish hall. The celebration committee consisted of Vida Brown, Ellie Detter, Ruth Hermann, and Donald Klahold.

In 1983, a program was held on June 26th at 3:30 to congratulate the confirmands: John Barclay, Daryl Failor, Wayne Hildebrand III, Edward Hollinger Jr., Jan Schaefer and Sarah Staub. The program was presented by Dan and Jeannie Sindlinger. A covered dish supper was enjoyed along with piano selections by the children.

On September 30, 1984, a recognition banquet was held at the church to thank the choir, which consisted of Mike Beck, Fred Brinkman, Bev Card, Elli Detter, Margaret Foley, Marie Gentzler, Carolyn Houck, Donald Klahold, Luther Kleffman Jr., Catherine Lewis, Violet Markey, Catherine Pfeiffer, Florence Rojahn, Dave Stambaugh, Lois Stambaugh, Curtis Thomas amnd Marie Elnor Wolfman. John E. Pfeiffer Sr., Choir director. Elli Detter was the president of LWML, Richard Sindlinger was superintendent of the Sunday Schoolstaff, Henrietta Faust was the coordinator of the Altar flowers and Dave Stambaugh was president of the congregation.

Submitted by,  
Ken Sanders







**PRAYERS**

Ruthetta Fogle  
Christians especially in the Middle East– persecuted  
Prayer Warriors—Spirit is moving  
Becky Lupp  
Angie Linebaugh  
Helen Wu-Husband in nursing home  
Marianne DeModena-Cancer  
Patti Tripp-COPD  
Beth Smith  
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  
Linda Mumford-Health issues  
Marge Driskell-Health issues  
Kathy Butts Oster-Health issues  
Shannon Schwartzman-Health issues  
Joyce Devan-Health issues  
Aimee Walton-Health Issues  
Ruth Strahmeyer-Health issues  
Anna vanDyk  
David Soter-Health issues (husband of Sylvia Barclay's niece)  
Susan Peregoy-Health issues  
Karl and Anna vanDyk-Health issues

**FIRST TIME REQUESTS**

Ryan Sanders-Health issues (Son of Ken Sanders)

**SHUT-IN MEMBERS**

Bonnie Abendschoen                      Dawn Frey                      Joyce Devan  
Bill Hildebrand                      Ruth Hermann (Need a valid address for Ruth).

**LEADERS**

Church Pastor, Minister of Music Ken Sanders, Lay Leaders, Pastor Cosgrove, Pastor Nzinski, Pastor Zimmerman, Pastor Brasso, Pastor Seifferlein (Replaced Adam 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

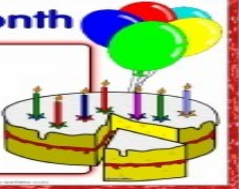
**SPIRITUAL NEEDS**

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:**

**Birthdays this month**

**MARCH**



- 6th - Scott Dennis
- 7th - Jerry Allison
- 7th – Dane Smith
- 13th - Rebecca Lupp
- 18th - Ken Sanders
- 19th - John Pfeiffer, Sr.
- 20th - Lisa Crabtree
- 22nd - Kristin Myers
- 25th - Barbara Klahold
- 25th - Dave Stambaugh
- 28th - Orializ Sanabria



**Please Note - On the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 April Birthdays**

- 11th - Carlos Beck

**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**



# Lent



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*Pregnant?*

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**formerly Pregnancy & Family Resource Center**

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