

**FIRST ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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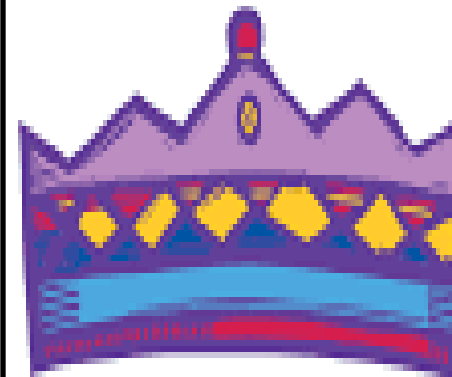
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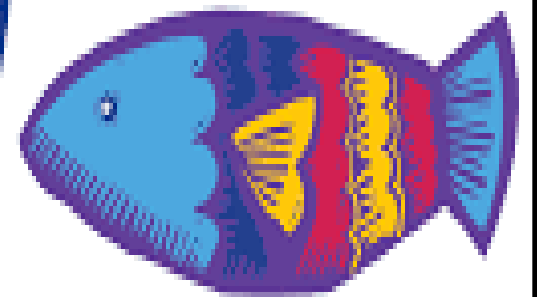
**FATHER**



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**SON**



**TRINITY SUNDAY**



## 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 (Suspended)

OUR WEBSITE ADDRESS:

[www.firststjohns.org](http://www.firststjohns.org)

### 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

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](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

### "Two Fifties" continued

In 1992, at the November Voter's Assembly, Pastor Devan reported the death of Elli Detter. She passed on October 18th. Ruth Classen was received into membership by a letter of transfer from Brandon, Florida. It was announced that the sacristy renovation was continuing slowly. Bonita Sindlinger toured Europe with the Pennsylvania Ambassadors of Music. Lois Knaub became a grandmother again. Ed and Lois Hollinger celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Wanda Prause underwent eye surgery.

The year 1993, the organ fund amount was at \$11,477.46. It was announced that the I.R.S. will now require monthly instead of quarterly withholding taxes. The voter's assembly in January gave Richard Sindlinger a standing ovation for his four years of service as president of the congregation. The elders moved ahead with the "I Care" calling project. This is where members of the elders call on the congregation who will be listed on the Brethren List and also people having birthdays. Vacation Bible School had a daily average attendance of 45 students.

At the beginning of 1994, Pastor Devan entered retired status, but continued to serve as pastor of First St. John's A call committee was formed to call a new pastor. The congregation filled out a self examination form at a congregational meeting held on May 1st. On June 12th, First St. John's congregation held a 25th Anniversary Celebration with the Rev. Pastor David Hakes as guest speaker. Lunch was served after the service.





## Music & Worship Notes



As we move into being able to worship in our churches, we will need to understand that a few things will be changed. I think about our members and how we can keep safe as we worship our Triune God. For awhile, we will need to wear masks and use hand sanitizer. We will also need to have each family unit keep a six foot distance, side to side and front to back, from other people and families. By doing this we will be able to lower our masks to sing and respond in the service.

Communion will also be different as we will be doing what is referred to as "continuous communion." Members will come down the center aisle, staying six feet apart, receive the wafer handed to you with the use of tongs, get an individual cup and upon returning to your seat, dispose of the cup in one of the containers that will be placed near the front of each side aisle. The pastor and communion assistant will be wearing gloves during this process.

All areas of the church that are used by members will be sanitized before and after the service.

I know that all of this seems distracting and may seem to take away from the worship experience, but please keep in mind that we are blessed that we can worship as a congregation, when so many places in the world are in fear of doing so, (worship).

I pray, as I am sure you do too, that once there is a vaccine, we may return to worship the way it was before Covid-19.

As you read in another publication from our church, if you feel uncomfortable in coming to church right now, that is OK. Only come back to church for worship when you do feel comfortable and safe.

Our first three worship services will be: Easter, Pentecost, and Holy Trinity. We will then continue with the themes laid out in the liturgical calendar.



**Ken Sanders,  
Minister of Music**



### THE ADULT CHOIR:

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

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. <sup>2</sup> Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. <sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, <sup>4</sup> what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? <sup>5</sup> Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. <sup>6</sup> You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, <sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, <sup>8</sup> the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. <sup>9</sup> O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!



## Bible Study

9:00 AM

### JUNE 2020 PARISH VISITOR

JULY 2020 DEADLINE

Articles Due

June 19th-Friday

Mail / Publication Date

June 25th -Thursday

**Newsletter**

**SERVICES WILL BEGIN ON MAY 31st.**

Bible study will resume after York county is in the green zone per state mandate.

### MEETINGS IN JUNE

**Worship Committee**

**To be announced**

**Church Council**

**To be announced**

**Future Committee**

**To be announced**



### UPCOMING JUNE 2020 SERVICES

**June 7th, Communion (Pentecost)**

**June 14th, Non-Communion (Trinity)**

**June 21st, Communion (3rd Sunday after Pentecost)**

**June 28th, Non-Communion (4th Sunday after Pentecost)**

**JUNE**

**Sunday<sup>+</sup>  
Services**



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

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JUNE 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Pentecost C/ Red	8 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	9	10	11	12	13
14 The Holy Trinity Flag Day NC/ White	15 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	16	17	18 CHURCH COUNCIL MTG 6:00 PM	19	20 Summer Begins
21 3rd Sunday after Pentecost FATHER'S DAY C/ Green	22 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	23	24	25	26	27
28 4th Sunday after Pentecost NC/ Green	29 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	30		ALTAR GUILD Lois Stambaugh		
		LAY READER	USHER			

### Pentecost

The Christian holiday of **Pentecost**, which is celebrated the 49th day (the seventh Sunday) after Easter Sunday,<sup>[2]</sup> commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1–31).

The holiday is also called "White Sunday" or "Whitsunday" or "Whitsun", especially in the United Kingdom, where traditionally the next day, Whit Monday, was also a public holiday (since 1971 fixed by statute on the last Monday in May). In German, Pentecost is called *Pfingsten*, developed through contracting the Greek term *pen[te]k[os]te*, and often coincides with scholastic holidays and the beginning of many outdoor and springtime activities, such as festivals and organized outdoor activities by youth organizations. The Monday after Pentecost is a legal holiday in many European countries.

In Eastern Christianity, Pentecost can also refer to the entire fifty days of Easter through Pentecost inclusive; hence the book containing the liturgical texts is called the "*Pentecostarion*". Since its date depends on the date of Easter, Pentecost is a "moveable feast".

Pentecost is one of the Great Feasts of the Eastern Orthodox Church, a Solemnity in the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, a Festival in the Lutheran Churches, and a Principal Feast in the Anglican Communion. Many Christian denominations provide a special liturgy for this holy celebration.

### Holy Trinity

The Christian doctrine of the **Trinity** (Latin: *Trinitas*, lit. 'triad', from Latin: *trinus* "threefold")<sup>[1]</sup> holds that God is one God, but three coeternal consubstantial persons<sup>[2]</sup> or hypostases<sup>[3]</sup>—the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit—as "one God in three Divine persons". The three persons are distinct, yet are one "substance, essence or nature" (homoousios).<sup>[4]</sup> In this context, a "nature" is *what* one is, whereas a "person" is *who* one is.<sup>[5]</sup> The subset of Christianity that accepts this doctrine is collectively known as **Trinitarianism**, while the subset that does not is referred to as nontrinitarian. Trinitarianism contrasts with positions such as Binitarianism (one deity in two persons) and Monarchianism (no plurality of persons within God), of which Modalistic Monarchianism (one deity revealed in three modes) and Unitarianism (one deity in one person) are subsets.

While the developed doctrine of the Trinity is not explicit in the books that constitute the New Testament, the New Testament possesses a "triadic" understanding of God<sup>[6]</sup> and contains a number of Trinitarian formulas.<sup>[7]</sup> The doctrine of the Trinity was first formulated among the fathers of the Church as early Christians attempted to rationalize the relationship between Jesus and God in their scriptural documents and prior traditions

## JUNE 2020 STEWARDSHIP

The sin of the world is paid for. God's Law has been kept perfectly on our behalf. The prophecies have all been fulfilled. Jesus Christ has finished it all! And that, dear Christians, should fill us with complete confidence in our salvation. Since Jesus has finished all these things in His self-sacrifice, we can be fully certain our sins are forgiven, and we have everlasting life!

St. Paul wrote: "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." (Rom. 12:1)

We hear the same teaching in 1 Peter. "As you come to him, a living stone, rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves, like living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 2:4-5)

It's the very thing Malachi foretold of the Lord, that He would come and purify His priestly people, that they may offer to Him an offering in righteousness. (Mal. 3:3)

So, what does this mean? In view of God's mercies – that is, because Jesus sacrificed Himself to make us pure, giving His entire self into death – Paul said that we are to sacrifice ourselves entirely to God, offering Him our whole lives. For our Savior did not give Himself for us in part. So, we do not give back to Him in part.

We don't offer ourselves to God just on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings, for example. Rather, we give Him our whole selves, all the time. We understand that offering ourselves to God as living sacrifices involves the giving of our time. It requires us to be faithful stewards of the time He has given us. Yes, it means we devote to our Savior all our time. Otherwise we are not sacrificing our whole lives.

You see, God both teaches us, and has graciously qualified us, to present ourselves to Him as living sacrifices – to live as His holy priests, who offer Him acceptable sacrifices through Jesus Christ, all day, every day, in our various callings.

In the passages from Romans and 1 Peter, we hear several examples of Christian self-sacrifice: serving, teaching, encouraging, giving, leading, showing mercy, living peaceably with others, submitting to governing authorities and those over us in the workplace, wives submitting to husbands, husbands honoring wives, showing compassion, and suffering patiently in doing good.

In all these things, and in all our other everyday activities, we sacrifice ourselves by using our time, not just for our own benefit, but also and especially for the well-being of others. Work time, school time, exercise time, study time, mealtime, chore time, recreation and relaxation time, even sleep time – it's all God's gift to us to use for purposes that please and honor Him.

This challenges us to think about the way we spend our time, how we utilize our talents, and the way we spend our treasures. Whatever it is I'm doing, am I doing it "for the Lord"? (Col. 3:23) Am I presenting God a living sacrifice? Am I conducting myself as a holy priest, whose sacrifice is acceptable to God?

Because our Lord sacrificed Himself wholly for us, we offer ourselves wholly to Him as living sacrifices. This is following Jesus in self-sacrifice. By His saving mercy, yes, our sacrifice is acceptable to God. For the sake of Jesus' finished work, God is pleased with us.

*Stewardship*

*is the grateful response of a Christian disciple  
who recognizes and receives God's gifts  
and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.*

### 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

Lutheran Home Skilled Care  
Room 404A  
1801 Gladfelter Circle  
York, PA 17404  
*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.



As a father shows  
compassion to his  
children, so the Lord  
shows compassion to  
those who fear him.

PSALM 103:13







### 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  
 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  
 Susan Peregoy-Health issues

### FIRST TIME REQUESTS

Bob Seen-In York Hospital, Health Concerns

### SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Bonnie Abendschoen	Dawn Frey	Joyce Devan
Bill Hildebrand	Ruth Hermann	

### 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  
 Karl & Anna vanDyk  
 Ryan Sanders

### 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

JUNE



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

**Happiness is a June Birthday!**



**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 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



**FREE BREADS AND DESSERTS**

**DONATED WEEKLY BY: PANERA BREAD**

**to First St. John's Lutheran Church**

**140 W. King St., York, PA 17401**

**EVERY MONDAY**

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

**DOORS OPEN AT 9:00 AM**

**DURING THE CORONA VIRUS EMERGENCY PERIOD SOMEONE WILL HELP YOU WITH YOUR SELECTION. CHURCH PERSONNEL WILL HANDLE THE BAKED GOODS.**



### FIRST ST. JOHN'S MEMBERS AND GUESTS

WE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGE YOU AS WE RETURN TO "LIVE" WORSHIP.

From the leadership and staff of First St. John's



**Women's Care Center**  
*Pregnant?*

### WOMEN'S CARE CENTER

**formerly Pregnancy & Family Resource Center**

**40 South Richland Avenue**

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