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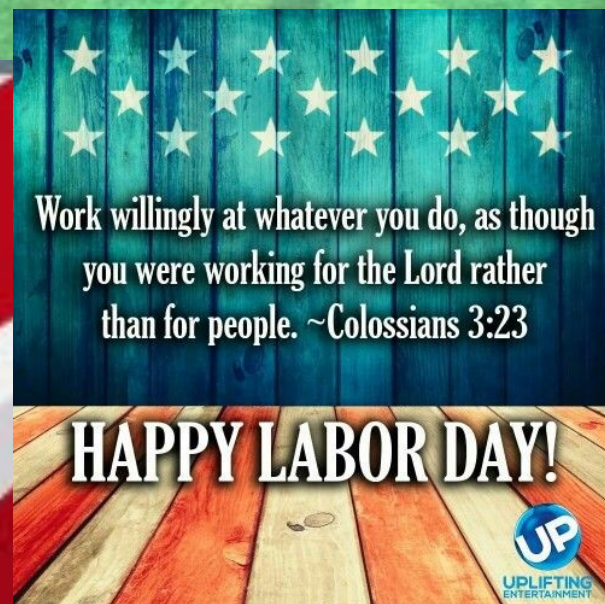
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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 (Suspended)

OUR WEBSITE ADDRESS:

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

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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.



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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STEWARDSHIP - SEPTEMBER 2020

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might" (Eccl 9:10).

God bids us to be faithful in the tasks He calls us to do. He calls us to be members of a family (husbands and wives; fathers and mothers; sons and daughters). He calls us to be members of society (those who govern and those who are governed). And He calls us to be members of His family, the Church (those who preach and teach and those who hear and learn). Each of these callings from God places a duty on us.

As members of a family, husbands are given the duty to die for their wives as Christ gave His life for His bride, the Church; while wives are given the duty to respect their husbands and submit themselves to them as the Church does to Christ. Fathers and mothers are to raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, teaching them the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Scriptures concerning Baptism, Confession, the Office of the Keys, and the Lord's Supper. Children are to honor their parents throughout their lives, and even when their parents are no longer alive, serving and obeying them, loving and cherishing them, and speaking well of them.

As members of society, God calls those who govern to bear the sword, that is, to punish those who do evil (those who live contrary to God's will) and to reward those who do good (those whose lives are lived in conformity with God's will). Those who are governed are to obey their leaders as to the Lord Himself, for their leaders bear the sword of God's temporal justice for a purpose.

As members of God's own family, the Church, He calls those who preach and teach to do so in faithfulness to His holy Word. To preach and teach the Law of God to convict the hearts of hearers of their sin and to encourage, admonish, and exhort them to do good works in accordance with God's will. They are to preach and teach the Gospel, the full forgiveness of their sins accomplished by Christ and received through faith, not by works. They are to administer the means of grace in accordance with the Gospel and the Word of God. They do all this for the young and old alike, for those who are near and far off. Those who hear and learn are to submit themselves to their preachers and teachers. They are support them by their prayers and their gifts.

Each of these callings from God place a duty on us. They make a claim on our presence; on our prayers; and our time, talents, and treasures. So, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might" (Eccl 9:10). Pray for your family, your government, and your church. Give of yourself by means of your time, your talents, and your treasures to your family, your government, and your Church. That is what it means to be faithful in the tasks that God has given us. That is what it means to do it with all your might.

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.



Music & Worship Notes



Can you believe that we are entering the month of September? We have one third of the year left. Time to focus on the events that start back up and take place in the Fall of the year at FSJ.

Normally, choir rehearsals would begin this month, but I am delaying the start. That means that the end of the year may look different as regards to special music. We will still have the Lessons and Carols service on the fourth Sunday of Advent. It may have a slightly different format with the congregation doing more of the singing. We hope to have our Christmas Eve candle-light service. The choir will have some special music for that.

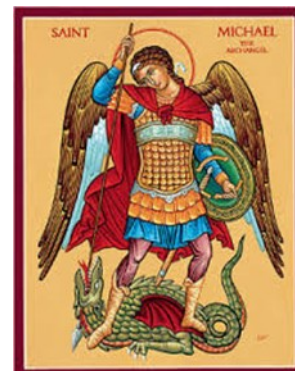
I am planning the Holly and Ivy Concert as advanced planning is necessary for an event like this. All people involved will be told that it may have to be cancelled depending on what happens with Covid 19.

The same is true when it comes to the annual German Christmas Service. Plans will be made with the idea that it may have to be cancelled.

Take some time to read the article on the special days that were listed on the Christian calendar for the month of September.



**Ken Sanders,
Minister of Music**



THE ADULT CHOIR:

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



SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH

- ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
- ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.
- ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.
- ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.
- ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.
- ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."



Bible Study

9:00 AM

SEPTEMBER 2020 PARISH VISITOR

OCTOBER 2020 DEADLINE

[Articles Due](#)

[September 18th-Friday](#)

[Mail Date](#)

[September 24th -Thursday](#)

Newsletter

MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER

Worship Committee

To be announced

Church Council

10th at 6:00 PM

Future Committee

1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month



UPCOMING SEPTEMBER 2020 SERVICES

September 6th, Communion (14th Sunday after Pentecost)

September 13th, Non-Communion (15th Sunday after Pentecost)

September 20th, Communion (16th Sunday after Pentecost)

September 27th, Non-Communion (17th Sunday after Pentecost)



OPPORTUNITIES TO KNOW JESUS

Bible Study 9:00 AM

Sunday Morning Service 11:00 AM

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SEPTEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Future Committee Meeting	3	4	5
6 14th Sunday after Pentecost C/ Green	7 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am LABOR DAY	8	9	10 CHURCH COUNCIL MTG. 6:00 PM	11	12
13 15th Sunday after Pentecost NC/ Green	14 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	15	16 Future Committee Meeting	17	18	19
20 16th Sunday after Pentecost C/ Green	21 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	22 Fall begins	23	24	25	26
27 17th Sunday after Pentecost NC/ Green	28 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	29	30			
		LAY READER	USHER	ALTAR GUILD Wally & Beth Smith		

Michaelmas

Michaelmas (/ˈmɪkəlˌmæs/ MIK-əl-məs; also known as the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, the Feast of the Archangels, or the Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels) is a Christian festival observed in some Western liturgical calendars on 29 September. In some denominations a reference to a fourth angel, usually Uriel, is also added. Michaelmas has been one of the four quarter days of the financial year.

In Christian angelology, the Archangel Michael is the greatest of all the angels and is honored for defeating Satan in the war in heaven.

History

In the fifth century a basilica near Rome was dedicated in honour of Saint Michael the Archangel on 30 September, beginning with celebrations on the eve of that day. 29 September is now kept in honour of Saint Michael and all Angels throughout some western churches. The name Michaelmas comes from a shortening of "Michael's Mass", in the same style as Christmas (Christ's Mass) and Candlemas (Candle Mass, the Mass where traditionally the candles to be used throughout the year would be blessed).

During the Middle Ages, Michaelmas was celebrated as a Holy Day of Obligation, but this tradition was abolished in the 18th century. In medieval England, Michaelmas marked the ending and beginning of the husbandman's year, George C. Homans observes: "at that time harvest was over, and the bailiff or reeve of the manor would be making out the accounts for the year."

Because it falls near the equinox, this holy day is associated in the northern hemisphere with the beginning of autumn and the shortening of days. It was also one of the English, Welsh, and Irish quarter days, when accounts had to be settled. On manors, it was the day when a reeve was elected from the peasants. Michaelmas hiring fairs were held at the end of September or beginning of October.



Holy Cross Days

Celebrated on September 14th, Holy Cross day is a day which honors and commemorates the sacrifice that Jesus Christ made on the cross for our salvation. This holiday is also known as "The Triumph of the Cross" in the Roman Catholic Church and as the "Exaltation of the Holy Cross" in the eastern church. Occasionally, this day will be called Holy Rood Day.

History

Holy Cross Day has been associated with the dedication of a group of buildings that were built by Emperor Constantine in Jerusalem on the sites of Christ's crucifixion and his tomb. This dedication occurred on September 14, 335. During the excavation, a relic that was believed to be the cross was discovered by Constantine's mother, Helena. From the fourth century on, the Church of Jerusalem claimed to have this relic in their possession and had a feast to celebrate its discovery. This feast also celebrates the exposition given at Jerusalem on the matter of the cross by Heraclius - the Byzantine Emperor. It is said he recovered the cross from the Persians who seized it from Jerusalem around the 7th century when they sacked the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. The authenticity of these claims remains unproven.

Celebrating Holy Cross Day

Holy Cross Day is celebrated with reflection on and the veneration of Jesus Christ and the sacrifice he made for his mankind's salvation. It is usually celebrated with some form of religious service, prayer, and reflection but it can also be celebrated in other ways. Baked goods in the form of a cross can be made - this includes things such as Hot Cross Buns and cross-shaped cakes. Traditions state that sweet basil grew on the hill where the Holy Cross was found, so some people use basil to create a special dish for Holy Cross Day. This can include basil soups, breads or pesto dishes.



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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.





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 Strathmeyer-Health issues
Karl & Anna vanDyk
David Soter-Health issues
Wally and Beth Smith-Health concerns
Carla Allison
Ron Snyder-Health issues
Hadley Schumacher-illness (President John Denninger's-Granddaughter)
Dawn Yenez-Health issues (Aunt of Wally Smith)

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

FIRST TIME REQUESTS

Family of Frank Warnecke-who went to be with the Lord
Kim Thompson-Health Issues

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
Bob Seen-Home from hospital and recovering

SPIRITUAL NEEDS

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



7th - Deborah Stover
9th - Adette Brady
13th - Helen Wu
17th - William Hildebrand
30th - Bonnie Abendschoen

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 October Birthdays

1st - Cruz Rogue
4th - Donna D'Andrea
5th - Beth Smith

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



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FIRST ST. JOHN'S MEMBERS AND GUESTS

WE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGE YOU.
ENJOY OUR "LIVE" WORSHIP.



WOMEN'S CARE CENTER

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