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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

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.



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.

The church phone number is: 717-843-8597

OR

EMAIL: firststjohns@verizon.net



GET IN TOUCH

STEWARDSHIP - NOVEMBER 2020

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, His death for our sins, and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water – combined with His Word, promise, and Name – the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And, being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure is that we belong to the most Holy Trinity, and everything that is His – righteousness, peace, eternal life – also belongs also to us. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's holy Word, as a sacrifice.

Thus, all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him. We eat to nourish our bodies. We share with our family, neighbors, fellow Christians, the poor, and even our enemies as holy things given by the holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and they bring blessings upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom.

Thus, we place all that we have into God's hands, and He never fails to remember us. He pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing, and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but, giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for the celebrations of Thanksgiving, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all – even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.



HARVEST OF BLESSING

is sponsoring a Turkey giveaway in November, and a Christmas gift giveaway in December.

November 21st. 12:00-3:00 pm Turkey giveaway. First come, first served.

No registration needed.



December 19th. 12:00-3:00 pm. Christmas gifts giveaway.

You must pre-register with Harvest of Blessings to receive a gift.

Harvest of Blessing

Attn Jural Toby .

339 South George Street York, PA 17401

Phone: (717).808.4209



Both events will take place in the parking lot of First St. John's Lutheran Church.
140 W. King St.
York PA 17401



This month of November provides three special worship services. The first one is November 1. That is the Sunday we celebrate All Saints Day. We remember the members of First Saint John's that received their "crown of glory" this last year. The next special worship service will be on Sunday, November 8. That day we will celebrate Veterans Day. The service will be more patriotic in nature. We will have a guest from Veteran's Helping Hands. She will speak about the agency here in York. This is the group to whom we are giving our special offering that was collected at the 9/11 service we had in September. There will be a display of the items that were purchased for the agency to hand out to the needy veterans in York. The third special service will be on Sunday, November 29. That day is the first Sunday of Advent, which begins the new church year.

I hope to have a choir to sing on Christmas Eve. The first rehearsal for the choir will be on Wednesday, November 19 at 6:30 pm. We will also work on some music for the Lessons and Carols Service that happens on the fourth Sunday of Advent.

We all have had to find a way to think "outside of the box" in order to continue some of the events we have had in the past.

NOTICE: Sunday, November 1 is the day we set our clocks back one hour. Do this before you go to sleep Saturday night.



Ken Sanders,
Minister of Music



VETERANS DAY!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

THE ADULT CHOIR:

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

SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH



James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.



To the congregation of First St. John's.

We are so grateful for your support and condolences after our son Billy went to be with the Lord.

From Wayne and Nancy Hildebrand



Bible Study

9:00 AM

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DECEMBER 2020 DEADLINE

[Articles Due](#)

November 13th-Friday

[Mail Date](#)

November 19th-Thursday

Newsletter

MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER

Worship Committee

To be announced

Church Council

12th (Thursday)

Future Committee

1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month

Voter's

15th (Sunday)



UPCOMING NOVEMBER 2020 SERVICES

November 1, Communion (All Saints Sunday)

November 8, Non-Communion (23rd Sunday after Pentecost)

November 15, Communion (24th Sunday after Pentecost)

November 22, Non-Communion (Last Sunday of the Church Year)

November 29, Non-Communion (1st Sunday in Advent)

November



OPPORTUNITIES TO KNOW JESUS

Bible Study 9:00 AM

Sunday Morning Service 11:00 AM

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NOVEMBER 2020

CHURCH OFFICE

Phone Number 717-843-8597

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 ALL SAINTS DAY C/ White	2 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	3	4 Future Committee Meeting	5	6	7
8 23rdSunday after Pentecost NC/ Green	9 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	10	11 VETERANS DAY	12 Church Council Mtg. 6:00 pm	13	14 H.O.B. Board Mtg. 2:30 pm
15 24th Sunday after Pentecost Voters Meeting after the morning service C/ Green	16 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	17	18 Future Committee Meeting	19	20	21
22 Last Sunday of the Church Year NC/ Green	23 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	24	25	26 THANKSGIVING	27	28
29 1st Sunday in Advent NC/ Red	30 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	LAY READER Nancy Hildebrand	USHER	ALTAR GUILD Lois Stambaugh		(

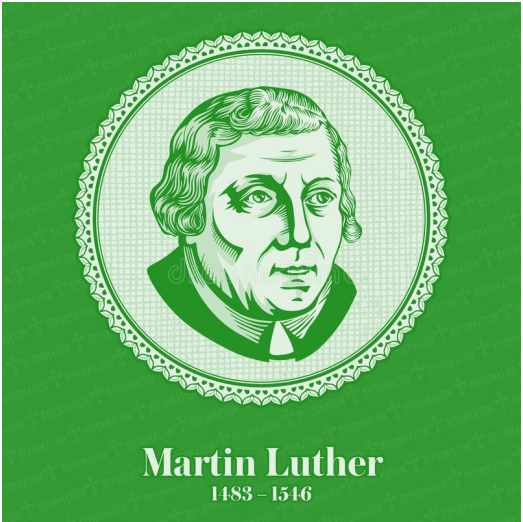
Martin Luther

Martin Luther, O.S.A. (/ˈluːθər/^[1] German: 10 November 1483^[2] – 18 February 1546) was a German professor of theology, priest, author, composer, Augustinian monk,^[3] and a seminal figure in the Reformation. Luther was ordained to the priesthood in 1507. He came to reject several teachings and practices of the Roman Catholic Church; in particular, he disputed the view on indulgences. Luther proposed an academic discussion of the practice and efficacy of indulgences in his *Ninety-five Theses* of 1517. His refusal to renounce all of his writings at the demand of Pope Leo X in 1520 and the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V at the Diet of Worms in 1521 resulted in his excommunication by the pope and condemnation as an outlaw by the Holy Roman Emperor.

Luther taught that salvation and, consequently, eternal life are not earned by good deeds but are received only as the free gift of God's grace through the believer's faith in Jesus Christ as redeemer from sin. His theology challenged the authority and office of the pope by teaching that the Bible is the only source of divinely revealed knowledge,^[4] and opposed sacerdotalism by considering all baptized Christians to be a holy priesthood.^[5] Those who identify with these, and all of Luther's wider teachings, are called Lutherans, though Luther insisted on *Christian* or *Evangelical* (German: *evangelisch*) as the only acceptable names for individuals who professed Christ.

His translation of the Bible into the German vernacular (instead of Latin) made it more accessible to the laity, an event that had a tremendous impact on both the church and German culture. It fostered the development of a standard version of the German language, added several principles to the art of translation,^[6] and influenced the writing of an English translation, the Tyndale Bible.^[7] His hymns influenced the development of singing in Protestant churches.^[8] His marriage to Katharina von Bora, a former nun, set a model for the practice of clerical marriage, allowing Protestant clergy to marry.

Luther died in 1546 with Pope Leo X's excommunication still in effect.



Andrew the Apostle

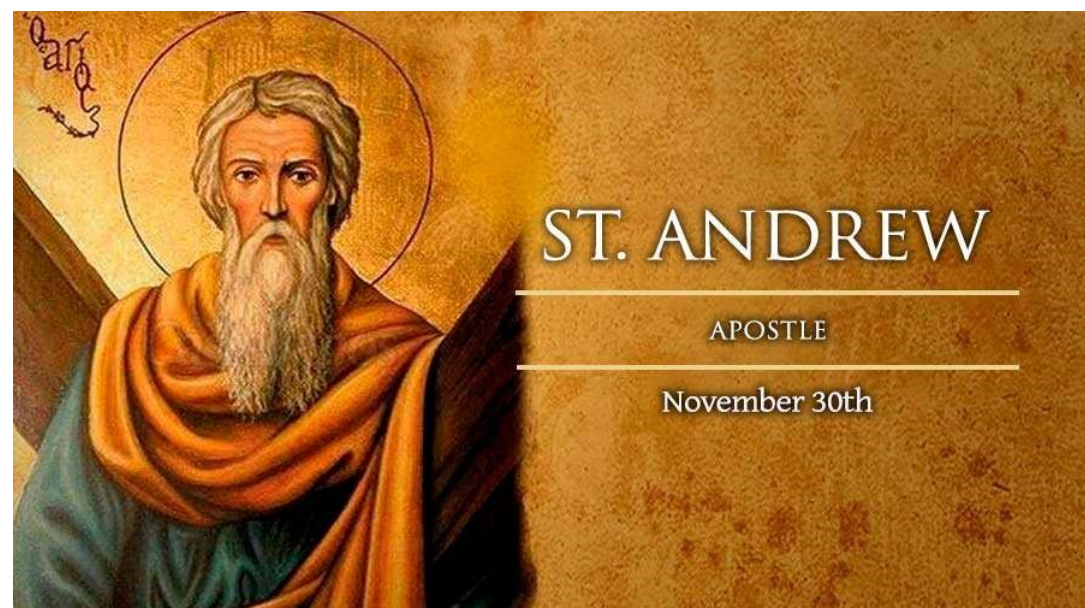
Andrew the Apostle (Greek: Ἀνδρέας *Andreas*; Aramaic ,ܐܢܕܪܝܐ^[3] also called **Saint Andrew**, was an apostle of Jesus according to the New Testament. He is the brother of Saint Peter.^[4] He is referred to in the Orthodox tradition as **the First-Called** (Greek: Πρωτόκλητος, *Prōtoklētos*).

According to Orthodox tradition, the apostolic successor to Saint Andrew is the Patriarch of Constantinople.^[5]

Andrew is the patron saint of several countries and cities including: Barbados, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Ukraine, Sarzana,^[1] Pienza^[36] and Amalfi in Italy, Esqueira in Portugal, Luqa in Malta, Parañaque in the Philippines and Patras in Greece. He was also the patron saint of Prussia and of the Order of the Golden Fleece. He is considered the founder and the first bishop of the Church of Byzantium and is consequently the patron saint of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.

The flag of Scotland (and consequently the Union Flag and those of some of the former colonies of the British Empire) feature Saint Andrew's saltire cross. The saltire is also the flag of Tenerife, the former flag of Galicia and the Russian Navy Ensign. The Confederate flag also features a saltire commonly referred to as a St Andrew's cross, although its designer, William Porcher Miles, said he changed it from an upright cross to a saltire so that it would not be a religious symbol but merely a heraldic device. The Alabama flag also shows that device.

The feast of Andrew is observed on 30 November in both the Eastern and Western churches, and is the national day of Scotland. In the traditional liturgical books of the Catholic Church, the feast of Saint Andrew is the first feast day in the Proper of Saints.



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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.

PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

All Saints' Day November 1

Dear holy saints of God,
we join our prayers of praise
to yours this day.
With you, we sing of God's
goodness, rejoice in God's mercy
and celebrate God's
incredible love.
Teach us to live as you lived –
always thinking of others,
always recognizing our weaknesses,
always rejoicing in God's gifts,
always closely following Jesus.
Blessed are you, happy are you,
all you holy saints of God.
Pray for us that we, too,
may someday be among
God's Holy Ones.
Amen.

GLORIA E. WHITEKETTLE

Went to Glory on December 4, 2019

WILLIAM S. HILDEBRAND

Went to Glory on September 12, 2020





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
 Julia
 Nancy Hildebrand
 Kathy Butts Oster-Health issues
 Shannon Schwartzman-Health issues
 Joyce Devan-Health issues
 Aimee Walton-Health Issues
 Ruth Strathmeyer-Health issues
 Karl & Anna vanDyk-Health issue
 Linda Mumford Harman-Surgery recovery
 Wally and Beth Smith-Health issues
 Jerry & Carla Allison-Health issues
 Dawn Yenez-Health issues (Aunt of Wally Smith)
 Kim Thompson-Health Issues
 Joey Welsh-Health issues (Husband of Sylvia Barclay's niece)
 Dave Snyder-Health issues

FIRST TIME REQUESTS

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Bonnie Abendschoen
 Joyce Devan
 Dawn Frey
 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

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:



3rd - David Myers, Jr.
6th - Chase Abendschoen
6th - Graham Abendschoen
7th - Wayne Hildebrand III
13th - Tyr Abendschoen
14th - Carol Adair
17th - Shirley Dennis

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 December Birthdays

3rd - Karl vanDyk
4th - Amy Williams

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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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



FIRST ST. JOHN'S MEMBERS AND GUESTS

WE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGE YOU.

ENJOY OUR "LIVE" WORSHIP.



WOMEN'S CARE CENTER

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