

FIRST ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

The church phone number is: 717-843-8597

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GET IN TOUCH

HOLY CROSS DAY



Holy Cross Day

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Sisters of St. Margaret

LABOR DAY



"In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." (Genesis 3:19)





This September is filled with many special events. First is the **commissioning service** in which Geoff Abendschoen becomes the vicar of both First St. John's and St. Paul's congregations. The **service is at 1:00 pm** on the **5th of September**. No morning worship will be conducted that day at either church. There will be some fellowship time after the service.

Second special service is the **"9/11 Remembrance"** which will be held in Columbia at the Locust Street Park on **September 12th**. The service is at 10 am with a brunch to follow. No morning worship will take place at either First St. John's or St. Paul's that day.

The choir season begins on Wednesday, September 8, at 6:30 pm in the Bible Class room. Join us in singing the Word of God for the congregation. There are no try outs. Just come.

October has an event that will happen early on. The **LWML** sponsored concert formally known as "The Holly and Ivy Concert," has been rebranded and moved. It will no longer be in December. It has been moved to October and will be named: **"The Colors of Fall."** The name is a play on words. As we see the various colors in the season of Fall so also we hear the various tone colors that the different instruments and voices produce. This year's concert will be on **Sunday, October 10th at 4:00 pm**. There will be a fellowship time following the concert. This year there will be a harpist and a violinist performing. There will be some organ music and piano music as well. There maybe some songs for those in attendance to sing.

Ken Sanders,
Minister of Music

THE ADULT CHOIR:

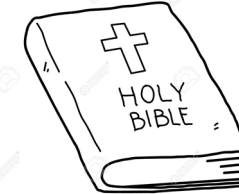
Karen Hildebrand,
Lois Hollinger,
Lois Stambaugh,
Dave Stambaugh,
Ding Wang,



Scripture of the Month

- ³¹ "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'"
- ³² For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.
- ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.
- ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

~ Matthew 6:31-34



Bible Study

9:00 AM

**SEPTEMBER 2021
PARISH VISITOR**

OCTOBER 2021 DEADLINE

[Articles Due](#)

Friday, September 17th

[Mail Date](#)

Thursday, September 23rd

Newsletter

MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER

Worship Committee

To be announced

Church Council

9th (Thursday)

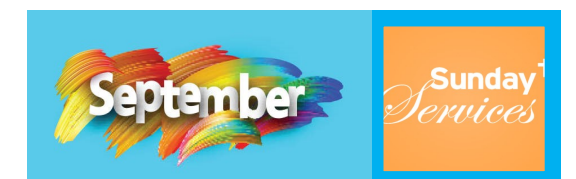
Future Committee

1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month



UPCOMING SEPTEMBER 2021 SERVICES

September 5th, Communion (Commissioning of Geoff Abendschoen)
September 12th, Non-Communion (9/11 Remembrance Service)
September 19th, Communion (Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)
September 26th, Non-Communion (Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost)



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

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SEPTEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Future Com.Mtg. 9am	2	3	4
5 15th Sunday after Pentecost Commissioning Service 1:00 PM Geoff Abendschoen C/ Green	6 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	7	8 Adult Choir 6:30 PM	9 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING. 6:00 PM	10	11 H.O.B. Board Mtg. 2:30 pm
12 16th Sunday after Pentecost 911 Remembrance Service Locust St. Park Columbia PA. 10:00 AM NC/ Green	13 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	14	15 Future Com.Mtg. 9am Adult Choir 6:30 PM	16	17	18
19 17th Sunday after Pentecost C/ Green	20 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	21	22 Adult Choir 6:30 PM	23	24	25
26 18th Sunday after Pentecost NC/ Green	27 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	28	29 Adult Choir 6:30 PM	30 ALTAR GUILD		
		LAY READER	USHER Bill Lupp			



Pregnant?

WOMEN'S CARE CENTER

Formerly Pregnancy & Family Resource Center

40 South Richland Avenue


York, PA 17404

Phone: (717) 854-6285




FIRST ST. JOHN'S MEMBERS AND GUESTS




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



Welcome
to Our Church



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





PRAYERS

Ruthetta Fogle
Christians especially in the Middle East– persecuted
Prayer Warriors—Spirit is moving
Helen Wu-Husband in nursing home
Joyce Devan-Health issues
Ruth Strathmeyer-Health issues
Kim Thompson-Health issues
Susan vanDyk-Baum
Ed Hanes (Nancy Hildebrand’s brother)-Health issues
Philip Rogers-Health issues
Bruce Blankenstein-Wife’s Health issues
Jeanne Noll-Health issue
Ed Abendschoen-Health issues

FIRST TIME REQUESTS

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Bonnie Abendschoen
Joyce Devan
Dawn Frey
Kim Thompson

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
Pastor Gene Merrill-Healing

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:



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

Early October Birthdays

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

PRAYER LIST (cont.)

MILITARY

Sgt. Tyr Abendschoen U. S. Army



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Jonathan



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Kim Thompson

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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.

July-September Alms collection will go towards
First Responder’s Organizations. .



STEWARDSHIP-SEPTEMBER 2021

At the end of the first of his chapters on the virtue of faith in *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis provides a helpful reminder, by way of analogy, for the foundation of stewardship. He wrote:

“Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already. So then, when we talk of a man doing anything for God or giving anything to God, I will tell you what it is really like. It is like a small child going to its father and saying, ‘Daddy, give me sixpence to buy you a birthday present.’ Of course, the father does, and he is pleased with the child’s present. It is all very nice and proper, but only an idiot would think that the father is sixpence to the good on the transaction. When a man has made these two discoveries God can really get to work. It is after this that real life begins. (128–129).”

This is the first thing we are given to confess about stewardship, and it has to do with ownership. God owns everything, and we are simply managers – stewards – acting on His behalf. This is true not only of all that we have in this life (Deut. 8:17–18) but also all that we are in this life (1 Cor. 6:20).

The rest flows from here. Since we are stewards, or managers, of what belongs to God, entrusted to make use of it according to His will, there is an expectation of responsibility and accountability. For the Lord said, “Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more” (Luke 12:48b). And from this comes blessing and reward: “Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master” (Matt. 25:21).

We have everything we need to support this body and life from our God’s fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. We have everything we need for our spiritual life also from His merciful hands. On account of the sacrifice of His Son, our Lord Jesus, through the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments, we have the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and everlasting salvation delivered to us with absolute certainty that it is ours – not as stewards but as sons (Gal. 4:1–7). Let us then, as His own sons, press all that He gives to us into the service of His church and to His glory.



STEWARDSHIP
Managing God’s Gifts To Us

Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

At the time that Jesus summoned him to follow Him, Matthew was a publican, that is, a tax-collector for the Romans. His profession was hateful to the Jews because it reminded them of their subjection; the publican, also, was regarded by the Pharisees as the typical sinner. St. Matthew is known to us principally as an Evangelist. He was the first to put down in writing our Lord's teaching and the account of His life. His Gospel was written in Aramaic, the language that our Lord Himself spoke.

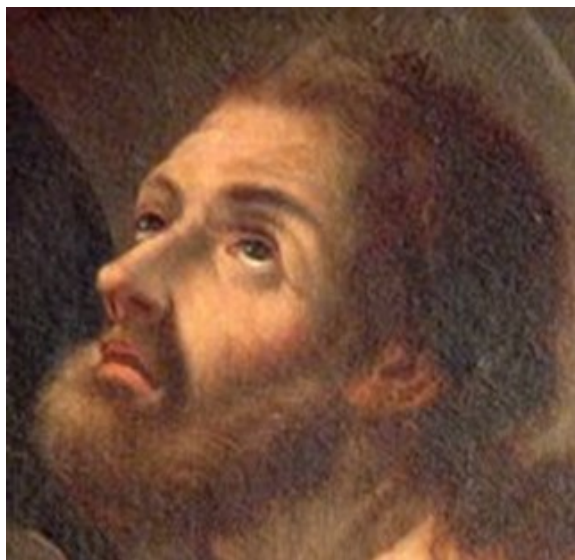
No one was more shunned by the Jews than a publican, who was a Jew working for the Roman enemy by robbing his own people and making a large personal profit. Publicans were not allowed to trade, eat, or even pray with others Jews.

One day, while seated at his table of books and money, Jesus looked at Matthew and said two words: "Follow me." This was all that was needed to make Matthew rise, leaving his pieces of silver to follow Christ. His original name, "Levi," in Hebrew signifies "Adhesion" while his new name in Christ, Matthew, means "Gift of God." The only other outstanding mention of Matthew in the Gospels is the dinner party for Christ and His companions to which he invited his fellow tax-collectors. The Jews were surprised to see Jesus with a publican, but Jesus explained that he had come "not to call the just, but sinners."

St. Matthew is known to us principally as an Evangelist, with his Gospel being the first in the New Testament. His Gospel was written in Aramaic, the language that our Lord Himself spoke and was written to convince the Jews that their anticipated Messiah had come in the person of Jesus.

Not much else is known about Matthew. According to tradition, he preached in Egypt and Ethiopia and further places East. Some legends say he lived until his nineties, dying a peaceful death, others say he died a martyr's death.

In the traditional symbolization of the evangelists, based on Ezech. 1:5-10 and Rev. 4:6-7, the image of the winged man is accorded to Matthew because his Gospel begins with the human genealogy of Christ.



Michaelmas

Michaelmas (/ˈmɪkəlməs/ *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**, Irish: *Fómhar na nGéanna*) 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, judicial, and academic year.

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

History

Saint Michael defeats the Dragon, from a 12th-century manuscript.

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.^[6] 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. The day was also considered a "gale day" in Ireland when rent would be due, as well as.

Celebration

On the Isle of Skye, Scotland, a procession was held.^[8] Many of the activities that had been done at Lughnasadh – sports, games and horse races – migrated to this day. One of the few flowers left around at this time of year is the Michaelmas daisy (also known as asters). Hence the rhyme: "The Michaelmas daisies, among dead weeds, Bloom for St Michael's valorous deeds ..."

In Ireland, pilgrimages to holy wells associated with St Michael took place, with pilgrims taking a drink from the holy water from the well. The greeting "May Michaelmas féinín on you" was traditional. Boys born on this day were often christened Michael or Micheál. In Tramore, County Waterford, a procession with an effigy of St Michael, called the Micilín, was brought through the town to the shore to mark the end of the fishing season. In Irish folklore, clear weather on Michaelmas was a portent of a long winter, "Michaelmas Day be bright and clear there will be two 'Winters' in the year." a day for the issuing or settling of contracts or other legal transactions.

