

## FIRST ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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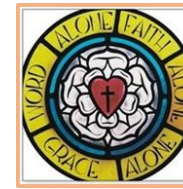
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*Thank the Lord  
for the wonderful life  
that he has given us.  
Wishing you  
a very happy  
Thanksgiving*

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Count Your  
BLESSINGS





## 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

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### SUNDAY SERVICES

Communion and Non-Communion, Services are held during the month, 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

As you can see, what the Bible commands about our stewardship can sting. It's Law, and the Law shows our sins. It calls us to repentance. The Law is meant to expose and accuse for the sake of showing us Christ and His fulfillment of the Law. So if first-fruits, sacrificial giving has you squirming, that's the point.

In Mark's account of the feeding of the 4,000, Jesus took the disciples' seven loaves and blessed them. It was nothing among so many, but, of course, it was plenty. Jesus makes something from nothing. Mark doesn't say that all the disciples gave Jesus all the bread they had. It is quite possible that some of them held something back. But even if they did, that didn't stop Jesus from blessing them. Jesus makes something out of nothing. He, who fed His people in the desert with Man-na every morning, doesn't need their bread.

But they need to give it. And what they give – however little it might be and however grudgingly they do so – He blesses. He not only blesses those whom He feeds with it, but He blesses them – the givers. He blesses the givers not just in that they wind up with a basketful for each loaf, but they are blessed by learning to trust and rejoice in Him.

The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away. The Lord gives abundantly, or He asks us to fast. We do not know what will happen. Blessed be the Name of the Lord. He does all things well, and He works all things together for good. The disciples don't give their bread to Jesus because it is a good investment. They give it because He is good, because they love Him, and because they trust Him. Let us go and do likewise.



# STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

## **STEWARDSHIP-NOVEMBER 2021**

Sometimes people don't like it when pastors talk about stewardship. For some, it hits too close to home. It is easier to talk about bad people in Washington, in history, or wherever than it is to think about what our daily life in Christ is supposed to look like and how we are supposed to love our neighbor.

The fact that we don't like it certainly means we ought to face it. So, here are a few simple and practical realities.

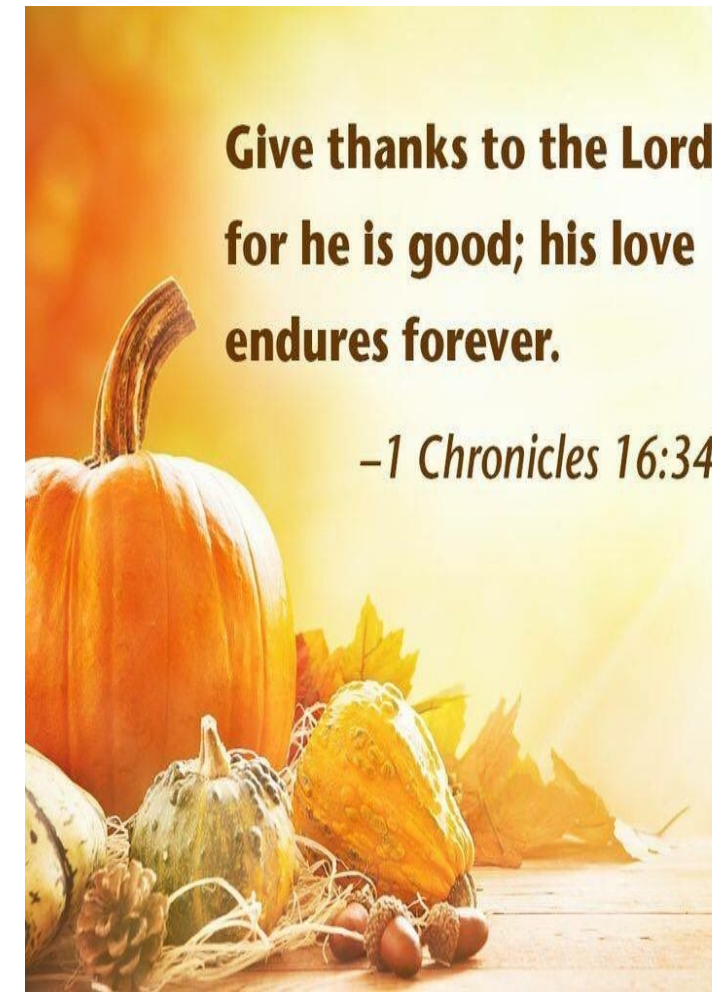
God calls us to first-fruits, sacrificial giving. That means that we should give off the top. We should set a percentage of our income as a deliberate gift for the work of the Church and then give that first. We write the check to the Lord's work in the Church before we pay the mortgage or pay for our medicine or pay for anything else. We don't pay for all the stuff we need – and stuff we think we need – and then give from what is left over. That is the first-fruits idea. It is hard because we think we need all sorts of other things first. But that is the point of "sacrificial."

Next, how could the starting point for Christian generosity and sacrifice really be anything less than a tithe – 10%? The ceremonial law of the Old Testament was never arbitrary. In the Old Testament, the Levites received this tithe so that they could be full-time ministers.

Does the New Testament have a ministry that is larger or smaller? It is far larger: "Make disciples of *all nations*" (Matt. 28:19). And we are still to have a full-time ministry: "The Lord has commanded that those who preach the Gospel should make their living from the Gospel" (1 Cor 9:14). So if 10% is what it took in the Old Testament, and we have a bigger mission need in the New Testament, how can we expect the Lord's work to be done on less than a tithe?

By first-fruits, sacrificial, and generous giving – that's how. We shouldn't fool ourselves into thinking that we've outgiven God's goodness or that we've given plenty. We might be tempted to think that way, but consider that no one in the Church has given plenty because no one has given all. No one has died for his sins. Only the sinless Son of God did that.

St. Paul brought the Good News of Jesus into the discussion of our giving to support the Lord's work in the Church when he wrote: "I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:8-9).



**Bible Study**

9:00 AM

**NOVEMBER 2021  
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[Thursday, November 24th](#)

**Newsletter**

### **MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER**

**Worship Committee**

**Meetings will be announced**

**Church Council**

**11th (Thursday)**

**Future Committee**

**1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month**



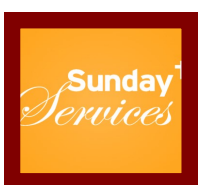
### **UPCOMING NOVEMBER 2021 SERVICES**

**November 7th, Communion (All Saints Day)**

**November 14th, Non-Communion (25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)**

**November 21st, Communion (Christ the King Sunday) / Last Sunday of the Church Year**

**November 28th, Non-Communion (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent)**





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

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NOVEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Adult Choir 6:30 PM	<b>4</b> N. A. Group 6:00 PM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> All Saints Day C/ White	<b>8</b> Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Future Com.Mtg. 9am Adult Choir 6:30 PM	<b>11</b> CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING. 6:00 PM N. A. Group 6:00 PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> H.O.B. Board Mtg. 2:30 pm
<b>14</b> 25th Sunday after Pentecost NC/ Green	<b>15</b> Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Adult Choir 6:30 PM	<b>18</b> N. A. Group 6:00 PM	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Christ the King Sunday (Last Sunday of Church Year) C/ White	<b>22</b> Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Future Com.Mtg. 9am Adult Choir 6:30 PM	<b>25</b> THANKSGIVING N. A. Group 6:00 PM	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> First Sunday in Advent NC/ Blue	<b>29</b> Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	<b>30</b>				
		LAY READER	USHER Bill Lupp	ALTAR GUILD Lois Stambaugh		

A PRAYER FOR THE  
First Sunday of Advent

God of light and life,  
give us hope as we wait  
for your coming again.  
When we are tempted  
to be grateful to have found you  
while others are lost,  
send us out into the darkness  
in search of those  
who need you most.  
Amen.





# VETERANS DAY

By Cheryl Dyson



On Veterans Day we honor all,  
Who answered to a service call.  
Soldiers young, and soldiers old,  
Fought for freedom, brave and bold.  
Some have lived, while others died,  
And all of them deserve our pride.  
We're proud of all the soldiers who,  
Kept thinking of red, white and blue.  
They fought for us and all our rights,  
They fought through many days and nights.  
And though we may not know each name,  
We thank **ALL** veterans just the same.



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## Dawn Frey

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## Joyce Devan

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York, PA 17404

## Kim Thompson

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York, PA 17401

*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.

## Feast of Christ the King

**Feast of Christ the King**, also called **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**, festival celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church in honour of Jesus Christ as lord over all creation. Essentially a magnification of the Feast of the Ascension, it was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. Originally, it was celebrated on the last Sunday in October, but in the revised liturgical calendar promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1969 it was moved to the last Sunday of Ordinary Time (immediately preceding Advent), where its theme of Christ's dominion made it a fitting end to the liturgical year. The festival is also observed in Lutheran, Anglican, and other Protestant churches.





# Thanksgiving

## Bible Verses



Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love endures forever.  
(1 Chronicles 16:34)



In everything give thanks, for this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)



Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. And be thankful.  
(Colossians 3:15)



Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving. (Psalm 147:7)



Give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds. (1 Chronicles 16:8)



I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. (Psalm 9:1)



Thanks be to God, who gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:57)

## St. Andrew the Apostle

St. Andrew, also known as Andrew the Apostle, was a Christian Apostle and the older brother to St. Peter.

According to the New Testament, Andrew was born in the village of Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee during the early first century. Much like his younger brother, Simon Peter, Andrew was also a fisherman. Andrew's very name means strong and he was known for having good social skills.

In the Gospel of Matthew, it is said Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee and saw Andrew and Simon Peter fishing. It is then he asked the two to become disciples and "fishers of men."

In the Gospel of Luke, Andrew is not initially named. It describes Jesus using a boat, believed to be solely Simon's, to preach to the multitudes and catch a large amount of fish on a night that originally was dry. Later, in Luke 5:7, it mentions Simon was not the only fisherman on the boat, but it is not until Luke 6:14 that there is talk of Andrew being Simon Peter's brother.

However, the Gospel of John tells a separate story, stating Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John the Baptist stated, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" It is then that Andrew and another made the decision to follow Jesus.

Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels, but it is believed Andrew was one of the closer disciples to Jesus. It was he who told Jesus about the boy with the loaves and fishes, according to John 6:8. When Philip wanted to speak to Jesus about Greeks seeking him, he spoke to Andrew first. Andrew was also present at the last supper.

Per Christian tradition, Andrew went on to preach the Good News around the shores of the Black Sea and throughout what is now Greece and Turkey. Andrew was martyred by crucifixion in Patras. He was bound, rather than nailed, to a cross, as is described in the Acts of Andrew. He was crucified on a cross form known as "crux decussata," which is an X-shaped cross or a "saltire." Today this is commonly referred to as "St. Andrew's Cross." It is believed Andrew requested to be crucified this way, because he deemed himself "unworthy to be crucified on the same type of cross as Jesus."

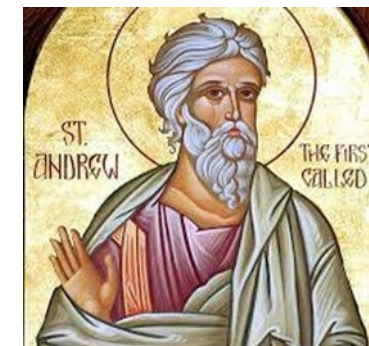
Andrew's remains were originally preserved at Patras. However, some believe St. Regulus, who was a monk at Patras, received a vision telling him to hide some of Andrew's bones. Shortly after Regulus' dream, many of Andrew's relics were transferred to Constantinople by order of Roman emperor Constantius II around 357. Regulus later received orders in a second dream telling him to take the bones "to the ends of the earth." He was to build a shrine for them wherever he shipwrecked. He landed on the coast of Fife, Scotland.

In September 1964, Pope Paul VI had all of St. Andrew's relics that ended up in Vatican City sent back to Patras. Now, many of Andrew's relics and the cross on which he was martyred are kept in the Church of St. Andrew in Patras.

St. Andrew is venerated in Georgia as the first preacher of Christianity in that territory and in Cyprus for having struck the rocks creating a gush of healing waters upon landing on the shore.

His saltire cross is featured on the flag of Scotland and is represented in much of his iconography. He is commonly portrayed as an old man with long white hair and a beard, often holding the Gospel book or a scroll.

St. Andrew is the patron saint of fishermen and singers. He is also the patron saint to several countries and cities including: Scotland, Romania, Russia, Ukraine and Patras and his feast day is celebrated on November 30.







Music & Worship Notes



November is here! We begin with All Saints on the first Sunday of the month. This is a time to reflect on all those members of First St. John's congregation that have received their crown of glory. The names of those who left us this past year will be spoken at a special time in the service. The bell will be rung after the name is spoken.

The second Sunday of the month will be incorporate Veteran's Day and remembering all those who gave all they had to protect our freedoms. Some patriotic music will be used. Members who served in the armed forces are encouraged to wear their uniforms that day.

Thanksgiving falls on the fourth Thursday. We used to have an evening service.

On the third Sunday we will celebrate Christ the King Sunday, Which is also the last Sunday of the Liturgical (church) year. We will hear about Christ's Kingship whether he wore the crown of thorns or the heavenly crown.

**Ken Sanders,**  
**Minister of Music**



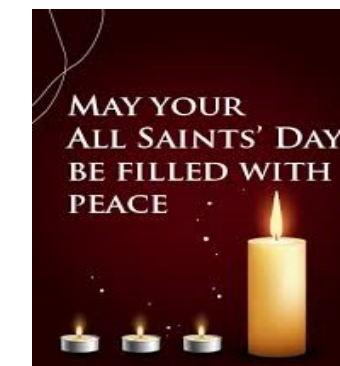
#### **THE ADULT CHOIR:**

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

## **All Saints' Day**

**All Saints' Day**, also called **All Hallows' Day**, **Hallowmas**, or **Feast of All Saints**, in the Christian [church](#), a day [commemorating](#) all the saints of the church, both known and unknown, who have attained [heaven](#). It is celebrated on November 1 in the Western churches and on the first Sunday after [Pentecost](#) in the Eastern churches. In [Roman Catholicism](#), the [feast](#) is usually a [holy day of obligation](#).

The origin of All Saints' Day cannot be traced with certainty, and it has been observed on various days in different places. A feast of all [martyrs](#) was kept on May 13 in the Eastern church according to [Ephraem Syrus](#) (died c. 373), which may have determined the choice of May 13 by Pope [Boniface IV](#) when he dedicated the [Pantheon](#) in Rome as a church in honour of the [Blessed Virgin](#) and all [martyrs](#) in 609. The first evidence for the November 1 date of celebration and of the broadening of the festival to include all saints as well as all martyrs occurred during the reign of Pope [Gregory III](#) (731–741), who dedicated a chapel in [St. Peter's](#), Rome, on November 1 in honour of all saints. In 800 All Saints' Day was kept by [Alcuin](#) on November 1, and it also appeared in a 9th-century English [calendar](#) on that day. In 837 Pope [Gregory IV](#) ordered its general ob-



**RUTH HERMANN**

January 20, 2021

**JOHN PFEIFFER, SR.**

February 12, 2021

**ANTONIO OCASIO**

September 27, 2021







#### 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  
 Bruce Blankenstein-Wife's Health issues  
 Jeanne Noll-Health issue

#### FIRST TIME REQUESTS

Family of Phillip Rogers (son of Pastor Ray & Linda Rogers), who sent to be with the Lord.

#### 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  
 Geoff and Jane Abendschoen  
 Dan, Dave and Lois Stambaugh

#### 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**



#### Early December Birthdays

**3rd - Karl vanDyk**  
**4th - Amy Williams**

#### PRAYER LIST (cont.)

##### MILITARY

Sgt. Tyr Abendschoen U. S. Army



##### POLICE

Jonathan



**FREE BREADS AND DESSERTS**  
**DONATED WEEKLY BY: PANERA BREAD**  
**to First St. John's Lutheran Church**  
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***EVERY MONDAY***

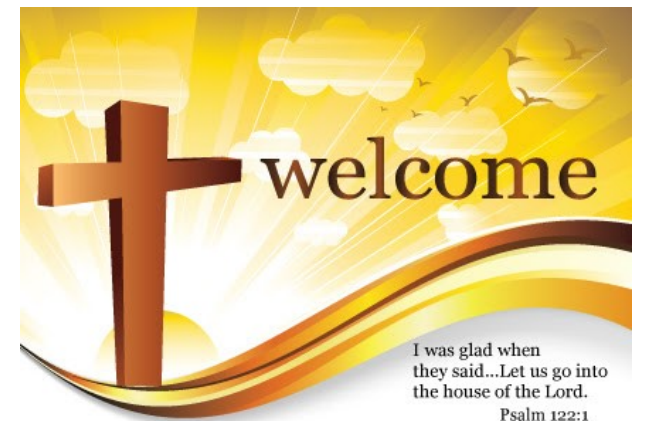
**From 9:00 through 11:00 am - Pickup at the church**

**DOORS OPEN AT 9:00 AM**



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

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



I was glad when they said...Let us go into the house of the Lord.  
 Psalm 122:1

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

#### WOMEN'S CARE CENTER

**Formerly Pregnancy & Family Resource Center**

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