

FIRST ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*HAVE A BLESSED
LABOR DAY!*

“COMMIT TO THE LORD WHATEVER YOU
DO, AND HE WILL ESTABLISH YOUR PLANS.”

-PROVERBS 16:3



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, 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

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GET IN TOUCH

YOU ARE INVITED

A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

of the terrorist attacks on 9-11-2001

&

THANKSGIVING

for our own community first responders

SEPT. 11 SUNDAY 10 am

at the Gazebo in Locust Street Park

Sponsored by St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Folding chairs provided - you may bring lawn chairs / blankets.

Picnic Served Afterward

FEATURING:

* Color Guard * Patriotic Music * Taps*

* Emergency Responders *

Veterans, active military, responders, are encouraged to wear a hat or uniform or other clothing to signify their service.

STEWARDSHIP-SEPTEMBER 2022

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

What is a steward? Most people, when asked this question, will reply: "A manager." That is correct, but it is only half right. A steward is indeed a manager, but he is a manager of what does not belong to him. Someone else is the owner, and the steward manages the owner's property on the owner's behalf.

We are God's stewards. Our stewardship is that God has made us managers of what belongs to Him. For we have brought nothing into this world, and we can take nothing out of it (1 Tim. 6:7). Everything that we have and everything that we are comes from God's fatherly Divine goodness and mercy. God is the owner. Not only because, as the Creator, He created all things. But also, as the Redeemer, He has redeemed, that is, purchased and won all things. It all, therefore, belongs to Him.

We are simply managers of everything in this world. Like Joseph in Egypt, we are put in charge of managing what belongs to God. What a privilege. Think about that for a minute. The all-knowing, all-powerful, all-wise God has asked us to manage His possessions on His behalf here on earth. And by doing this, He invites us to take part in the allocation of His good gifts. He wants us to give our input and advise Him in where His gifts are to be used. What a privilege indeed.

What a responsibility. For to whom much is given, much shall be required (Luke 12:48). We are not the owners. And while He puts us as managers, we are still to do with His property what He wants done with it. That means we need to know what His desire and will for His property is.

How do we know this? How can we know the will and mind of God? We find the will of God in the Bible. There God tells us what His will for all His gifts are to be used. He tells us how we are to spend our time and use our talents and treasures. He instructs us in the use of our minds, bodies, and souls.

There is nothing that we have that doesn't belong to Him. "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price" (1 Cor. 6:19-20). He informs us of the big picture, the overarching policy, of how we as His stewards – His managers and custodians – of His property are to do the managing.

And that is what stewardship is. It is simply doing what God wants us to do with what He has given us. As St. Paul said: "Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness" (Rom. 6:13). So, let's dive into the God's Word and listen to what the owner desires from His stewards.



STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

PRAY FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER!

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Marilyn & Sarah
MARILYN HICKEY MINISTRIES



Bible Study

9:00 AM

**SEPTEMBER 2022
PARISH VISITOR**

OCTOBER 2022 DEADLINE

[Articles Due](#)

[Friday, September 16th](#)

[Send Date](#)

[Thursday, September 22nd](#)

Newsletter

MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER

Worship Committee

Church Council

Meetings will be announced

13th at 6:00 pm



UPCOMING SEPTEMBER 2022 SERVICES

September 4th- Communion (13th Sunday after Pentecost)

September 11th- Non-Communion (14th Sunday after Pentecost)

911 Special combined service with St. Paul's.

September 18th- Communion (15th Sunday after Pentecost)

September 25th- Non-Communion (16th Sunday after Pentecost)



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

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CHURCH OFFICE
Phone Number 717-843-8597

SEPTEMBER 2022

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|----------|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 13th Sunday after Pentecost C / Green | 5 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am LABOR DAY | 6 | 7 Adult Choir 6:30 PM | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 14th Sunday after Pentecost NC / Green | 12 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am | 13 CHURCH COUNCIL MTG. 6:00 PM | 14 Adult Choir 6:30 PM | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 15th Sunday after Pentecost C / Green | 19 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am | 20 | 21 Adult Choir 6:30 PM | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 16th Sunday after Pentecost NC / Green | 26 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am | 27 | 28 Adult Choir 6:30 PM | 29 | 30 | |
| | | LAY READER Dick Sindlinger | USHERS Dave Stambaugh Bill Lupp | ALTAR GUILD Carla Allison | | |



First Saint John's Lutheran Church 140 West King Street, York, PA, will be the venue for the up-coming LWML fund raising concert, "There will be a free will offering gathered to help the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) with their mission projects all over the world.

A time of fellowship and refreshments will follow the concert.

The concert is planned for the beginning of November.

Details will be available in the October newsletter.





Music & Worship Notes



Music makes
things better.

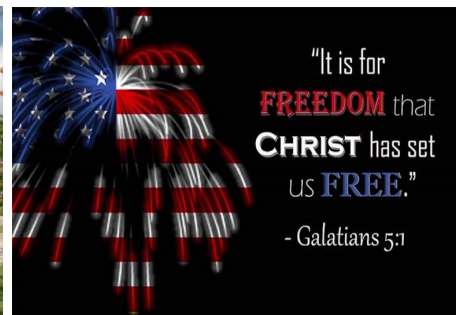
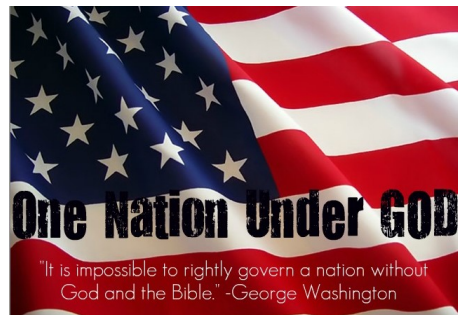


Fall is upon us. That means that programs that stopped during the summer will resume. One of those programs is the Adult Choir. The first rehearsal will be on Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 pm. As always, we will meet in the Bible Study room.

The choir is open to anyone who enjoys singing and praising God. If you are planning on coming to the first rehearsal and it is your first time, let me know by Sunday, September 4th so I can have a packet of music ready for you.

9/11 Remembrance and Thanksgiving Service will take place in the **Locust Street Park in Columbia**. This is a joint service with Saint Paul's of Columbia, who began this tradition. The service will be at **10:00 am** sharp. This is a community event. There will be a brunch served in the park following the service.

Since this is a joint endeavor between Saint Paul's and First Saint John's, that means there **will not be** any Bible study or worship service at First Saint John's that day.



**Karen Hildebrand, Lois Hollinger,
Lois Stambaugh, Dave Stambaugh,
George Card, Beverly Card,
Ding Wang.**



**Ken Sanders,
MINISTER OF MUSIC**

Bonnie Abendschoen
138 Crown Pointe Drive
York, PA 17402

Dawn Frey
382 West North Street
York, PA 17401

Joyce Devan
2408 Lovegren Court
York, PA 17404

Kim Thompson
30 South Beaver Street
York, PA 17401

Norma Null
2235 Middle Street
York, PA 17408

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.

A Prayer for Labor Day

Lord on this Labor Day,
we thank You for the blessing of work.
We ask for strength to complete each day.
We ask for rest when we are weary.
We ask Your guidance
for everyone seeking employment,
and we ask that
You be with those whose faces
we might never see
but who work tirelessly each day
for the good of us all.
Amen.



PRAYER

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
 Ed Abendschoen-Health issues
 Nancy Hildebrand-Health Issues
 Benjamin-Grandson of Mary Homsher Health issues.
 Karl vanDyk-Health issue
 Ed Benedick-Health issue (friend of Ed Abendschoen)
 Jon Van Sliedrecht-Health issue
 Bonnie Abendschoen-Health issues
 David-Health issues (friend of Ed & Bonnie Abendschoen)
 Karen Hildebrand-Health issues
 Fran Shoff-Health issues
 Tom Gibson-Health issues
 Tammy Cahoon-Health issues
 Lois Stambaugh-Health issues
 The Christian Church in Northern Nigeria

FIRST TIME REQUESTS

Bonita Bollinger-Undergoing treatment for breast cancer

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Bonnie Abendschoen
 Joyce Devan
 Dawn Frey
 Kim Thompson
 Norma Null

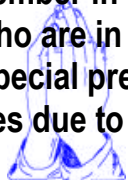
LEADERS

Vicar Geoff Abendschoen, Minister of Music Ken Sanders, Lay Leaders, Pastor Cosgrove, Pastor Zimmerman, Pastor Brasso, Pastor Seifferlein, 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
 Lois Hollinger

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



Birthdays this month

SEPTEMBER



7th - Deborah Stover
 13th - Helen Wu
 30th - Bonnie Abendschoen



Early October Birthdays

4th - Donna D'Andrea
 5th - Beth Smith

PRAYER LIST (cont.)

SPIRITUAL NEEDS

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



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
 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



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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