

**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:

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### 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, 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](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.

The church phone number is: 717-843-8597

OR

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GET IN TOUCH

“

If you desire to find the true spirit of Christmas and partake of the sweetness of it, let me make this suggestion to you. During the hurry of the festive occasion of this Christmas season, find time to turn your heart to God. Perhaps in the quiet hours, and in a quiet place, and on your knees—alone or with loved ones—give thanks for the good things that have come to you, and ask that His Spirit might dwell in you as you earnestly strive to serve Him and keep His commandments. He will take you by the hand and His promises will be kept.”

**HOWARD W. HUNTER**





### **ADVENT WORSHIP - Sunday Mornings**

Come and worship with us and hear about the coming of the promised Messiah on Sunday mornings at 11:00 A.M.

December 4th

December 11th

December 18th (Lessons and Carols).



### **ADVENT WORSHIP - Wednesday Evenings**

Begin by having a light supper at 6:00 P.M. in the upstairs fellowship room. Then join in a special series of sermons for Advent at 7:00 P.M.

December 7th

December 14th



### **CHRISTMAS WORSHIP**

There will be an opportunity to worship the "New Born Baby" on Christmas Eve.

#### **Christmas Eve**

Saturday, December 24, 8:00 P.M.



#### **Christmas Day**

Sunday, December 25

Sunday Service-11:00 AM



### **GERMAN CHRISTMAS WORSHIP**

Sunday, December 18th, 4:00 P.M.

Light refreshments with a German theme will follow the service.



## **Bible Study**



9:00 AM

### **DECEMBER 2022 PARISH VISITOR**

**JANUARY 2023 DEADLINE**

[Articles Due](#)

[Friday, December 23rd](#)

[Send Date](#)

[Thursday, December 29th](#)

**Newsletter**

### **MEETINGS IN DECEMBER**

**Worship Committee**

**Meeting--Sunday**

**NO Church Council –Next Church Council Meeting is Jan. 10th, 2023**



### **UPCOMING DECEMBER 2022 SERVICES**

**December 4th- Communion (2nd Sunday in Advent).**

**December 11th-Non-Communion (3rd Sunday in Advent).**

**December 18th-Communion (4th Sunday in Advent).**

**December 25th-Communion (Christmas Day).**



*Sunday  
Services*

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

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CHURCH OFFICE  
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DECEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NO CHURCH COUNCIL MTG. IN DECEMBER				1	2	3
4 2nd Sunday in Advent C / Blue	5 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	6	7 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 Eve. Advent Service Adult Choir after the evening	8	9	10
11 3rd Sunday in Advent NC / Blue	12 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	13	14 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 Eve. Advent Service Adult Choir after the evening service	15	16	17
18 4th Sunday in Advent C / Blue	19 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	20	21 Adult Choir 6:30 PM	22	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day C / White	26 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	27	28 Adult Choir 6:30 PM			
		LAY READER Carla Allison	USHERS Dave Stambaugh Bill Lupp	ALTAR GUILD Carla Allison		



**FIRST SAINT JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**140 West King Street, York, PA 17401**  
**GERMAN CHRISTMAS SERVICE**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022**  
**4:00 P.M.**



The annual German Language Christmas Service will be held on Sunday, December 18, at 4:00 in the afternoon. Mr. Paul Tittel, will be the proclaimer. The hymns will be accompanied by the organ and brass ensemble. A German men's choir, "Liederkrantz Hobby Chor" from Lancaster, will also provide special music. The Tittel family will provide brass accompaniment for the hymns as well as the Prelude and Postlude.

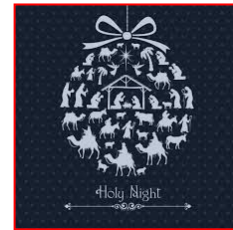
Refreshments will be served after the service. Some traditional German Christmas "goodies" will be part of the refreshments. The men's choir will provide some added entertainment in the form of German folk songs.







## Music & Worship Notes



December offers many worship opportunities. The Sundays in Advent focusing on the four words of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. The special hymns that we sing only during Advent that focus on the coming of the promised Messiah.

Then there is the mid-week Advent worship opportunity when we come together and fellowship over a meal. Then hear more of the coming Savior in a different way.

The fourth Sunday of Advent is when the choir leads us in a service of lessons and carols. This year, the lessons and carols service is titled, "The Road to Bethlehem." This will happen at both churches. There **will not** be Bible class that day. If you would like to read one of the lessons, please see me.

On Sunday, December 18, there is a special opportunity for worship in the afternoon, at 4:00. As a remembrance of our heritage, we will worship in the German language. There will be brass and a German men's choir. Fellowship time will follow the service.

Next opportunity for worship is Christmas Eve. Vicar Geoff, the choir, and I will be at St. Paul's in Columbia at 5:00. Then we will be at First St. John's at 8:00. Both services will have the singing of "Silent Night" by candle light and communion will be celebrated.

The very next day, Christmas Day, is a Sunday, so there will be church that day with communion. Regular worship times will be observed at both churches, but there **will not** be Bible class that day.

Then we have January 1, New Years Day, which is also a Sunday. here will be worship at both churches with communion at the regular times. No Bible Class that day either.

Many opportunities lie before you to worship. The best thing is, you do not have to pick and choose. Just come to all of them.

Remember: **"Jesus is the reason for the season!"**



**Ken Sanders,**  
**MINISTER OF MUSIC**



**Lois Hollinger, Lois Stambaugh,**  
**Dave Stambaugh, George Card,**  
**Beverly Card, Ding Wang,**  
**Zihong (Andy) Su.**



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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.

## What Happens During Advent?

- Christian Clergy & Priests usually wear purple or blue vestments in their churches during Advent.
- During Advent churches are not decorated with flowers, but it is customary to have an Advent Crown or Advent Wreath.
- Advent Wreaths are made from circles of holly and ivy – this symbolizes God with no beginning or end. Holly is also a symbol of the crown of thorns that Jesus wore during the crucifixion.







### PRAYERS

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  
 Bonita Bollinger-Undergoing treatment for breast cancer  
 Our prayers are with the hurricane Ian victims  
 Ron Mumford-Health issues

### FIRST TIME REQUESTS

**Mark Parent-Husband of Candy Parent (Bill Lupp's niece)-  
 Heart transplant**

### SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Bonnie Abendschoen  
 Joyce Devan  
 Dawn Frey  
 Kim Thompson

### LEADERS

Vicar Geoff Abendschoen, Minister of Music Ken Sanders, Lay  
 Leaders, Pastor Cosgrove, Pastor Zimmerman, Pastor Brasso,  
 Pastor Seifferlein, Pastor Merrell, Pastor Banach, Pastor Robert-  
 son, 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 spe-  
 cial presence in their**

Birthdays this month

DECEMBER



3rd - Karl vanDyk

4th - Amy Williams

11th - Richard Sindlinger

13th - Gloria Sindlinger

19th - Wayne Hildebrand Jr.

20th - William Lupp

21st - Tammy Cahoon

22nd - Susan vanDyk-Baum

25th - Sheela Hernandez



### Early January Birthdays

4th - Dezzaray Tanner

7th - Hans Abendschoen

15th - Lois Hollinger

28th - Karen Hildebrand

### 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



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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?*

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