

FIRST ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear members of First St. John's Lutheran Church,

A committee was approved by Church Council to look into various areas of concern at First St. John's. The committee meets every Wednesday and some Fridays as needed. Members of the committee are Ed Abendschoen, Ken Sanders, Carl vanDyk, Susan Peregoy and Bill Lupp.

The committee has identified five areas of concern:

Congregational growth

Worship

Improvement, repair and Maintenance of our church building and "grounds"

Church Policy and Church Office concerns

WYCO Radio

The committee needs your help. If you have any thoughts, suggestions or information that would be beneficial or has been a concern of yours please send them in a letter, email or write a note to Bill Lupp in the church office.

With the approval of Church Council we have completed the following projects:

- The office network was upgraded which includes a broadband network and a new Wi-Fi router. This has resolved issues related to the language translation software and attachments to email. Internet/ email access is stable and much faster.
- The carpets in the church were cleaned and the nursery carpet was also sterilized.
- A maintenance contract was secured with Bortner Brothers (who installed the hvac systems here). An existing maintenance issue with our hvac system caused water leakage problems with 4 wall units. The contract allowed us to address the problem at a reduced cost and to do maintenance on the other systems within the church.
- We are currently pursuing contracts for pest control and repair of the roof.
- Our Sexton has begun cleaning in areas not included in his routine duties.
- The word "catholic" was replaced by "Christian" in our creeds.
- Church service templates were revised with the help of Pastor Luke Zimmerman. More use of the hymnals is under discussion and several templates were offered for review.
- At Church Council a plan was set in motion through Geoff Abendschoen and Pastor James Banach to stabilize our pulpit coverage through the end of the year.
- The future of the Radio Station was discussed in length in the committee and at church council. A plan was put in motion to address the issues with the station going forward.

With God's help we can forge ahead and be about his truth and sharing that truth effectively.



SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERVICE 8:15 AM
(New time until the end of August).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 9:30 AM

"Till all have heard! Thanks be to God!"

REGULAR CHURCH EVENTS AND WORSHIP

Sunday -	8:15 AM Sunday Worship 9:30 AM Bible Study
Monday -	PANERA BREAD DISTRIBUTION 9:30-11:00 AM
Tuesday -	6:00-8:00 PM Young Lives (Begins again in fall) 6:30 PM - Alcoholics Anonymous
Wednesday	6:30 PM - Adult Choir (Begins again in September)
Thursday	6:30 PM - Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

OUR WEBSITE ADDRESS:

www.firststjohns.com

WELCOME

The mission of this church is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Our major objective 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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First St. Johns Lutheran Church
140 W. King St., York PA 17401

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Communion, Non-Communion, and Matins Services are held during the month, Prayer and Preaching 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.



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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Community 106.1 FM
WYCO LP FM www.Community1061FM.com

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106.1 FM
COMMUNITY RADIO

OPEN LETTER TO ALL FIRST ST. JOHN'S MEMBERS

Joyce and Gordon Moul have announced that they will retire from radio on or about September 28th or 29th, 2018. The radio station will have reached three years of continuous operation under the same ownership. This milestone will open new possibilities for the future of WYCO LP. under the terms of its' license. It has been an honor and privilege to work for F.S.J. as your leaders of the all-volunteer radio station and great group of volunteers.

From the first thought that a new radio station could be built in York, the plan "A" was to join hands with our sister congregations in a common cause of spreading Jesus's Gospel and that the radio station would be common ground for all LCMS members. Plan "A" has been our hope for the past 5 years, but this hasn't happened.

When we leave we have plan "B" to place the license in the stewardship of the members of F.S.J. and go off the air. The license can be held safely for up to a year while remaining off the air, and this time may allow for re-organization as the license and all systems and equipment are to be secured so if anyone wants to restore the Gospel to 106.1 it will be possible to return to the air.

We want to thank everyone who has listened to 106.1 FM and our appreciation to all who offered encouragement and support. Your time and financial gifts helped achieve 3 years of ministry.

We are planning a celebration of this success on Saturday September 22nd and invite all with interest to join us for a picnic lunch with games and prizes 11 AM until 3PM at 140 West King Street in York. RSVP please to Lois Hollinger or message 717 848 5010 or e-mail community106.1@gmail.com.

Gordon and Joyce plan to remain available if needed and willing to do what we can in an advisory capacity.

Again thank you for the opportunity to be part of God's plan for F.S.J.

★ THANK YOU!



Music Notes

Holy Communion parts of Service Defined

The "Preparation" section of the service begins with the Exhortation. This is the invitation to enter God's presence, ready to confess our sins and to ask for forgiveness. The Versicles are next, which are short words of the Bible calling us to worship and they suggest the main thought of what follows. Next is the General Confession where we plead guilty to all our sins, admit our unworthiness, and ask for forgiveness. Then follows the Absolution. This is where the pastor pronounces forgiveness of our sins, obtained for all through Christ.

The "Office of the Word" begins with the Psalmody. The psalmody has three parts:

Introit, which is Latin for beginning or entrance. With

the introit we enter into the service proper. It announces the theme of the day. It consists of an antiphon, an introduction; verse from a psalm; and Gloria Patri: praise to the Holy Trinity. Kyrie meaning "O Lord." It is a cry from people who need help or strength directed to Christ. It is Christ-centered and with it begins the part of the service which is more specifically Christ-centered.

Gloria in Excelsis (glory in the highest) is a hymn of adoration and praise directed especially to Christ. The opening words were first sung by the angels at the birth of Christ.

More information on the "office of the Word" will be shared next month.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 5, at 6:30 P.M. As always, we will meet in the Bible class room by the piano. Please mark your calendars.



*Ken Sanders
Minister of Music*

THE ADULT CHOIR: Sharon Hennig, Karen Hildebrand, Lois Hollinger, Lois Stambaugh, Dave Stambaugh, Wally Smith, Quitao Zhang, Ding Wang

THE CHOIR WILL RESUME BLESSING US ON SEPTEMBER



The special offering for the month of

SEPTEMBER

Family Club



SEPTEMBER 2018 PARISH VISITOR

OCTOBER DEADLINE

Articles Due September 21st - Friday

Mail Date September 27th - Thursday



HARVEST OF BLESSING

Provides an after school meal for children between the ages of 4-18 at First St. John's Lutheran church, 140 West King Street, York PA 17401. Phone number [717-843-8597].

Registration is required.

The meals are served Monday through Thursday from **3:00-4:30 PM.**

THERE WILL BE NO SUMMER PROGRAM THIS YEAR.

The program will resume in October.



MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER

Worship Committee

To be announced

Church Council

Thursday 13th- 5:30 PM

Future Committee

Wednesday 9:00 am-(Fridays as needed)



UPCOMING SERVICES

- September 2 Communion (15th Sunday after Pentecost) (8:15 AM)
- September 9 Non-Communion (16th Sunday after Pentecost)
- September 16 Non-Communion, Matins (17th Sunday after Pentecost)
- September 23 Communion (18th Sunday after Pentecost)
- September 30 Non-Communion, Prayer and Preaching (19th Sunday after Pentecost)

Beginning on September 9th the times for church worship and bible study may change. They will be announced in the near future.

We have switched the first 2 Sundays for September. The 2nd will be a communion service and the 9th will be a non-communion service.



OPPORTUNITIES TO KNOW JESUS
 Sunday Worship 8:15 AM
 Christian Education 9:30 AM
 For the months of July and August, and for September 2nd. Future times will be announced

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 For updates refer to Website calendar at
SEPTEMBER 2018

CHURCH OFFICE
 Phone Number 717-843-8597

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Morning Worship starts at 8:15 am. Bible Study 9:30 am.-Times may change after September 2nd WORSHIP COMMITTEE MTG. to be announced						1
2 15th Sunday after Pentecost C/ Green	3 Panera Bread 9:30-11:00 am Labor Day (Church Office Closed)	4 A.A. Meeting 6:30 pm	5	6 N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	7	8
9 16th Sunday after Pentecost NC/ Green	10 Panera Bread 9:30-11:00 am	11 A.A. Meeting 6:30 pm	12	13 Church Council Mtg. 5:30 PM N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	14	15
16 17th Sunday after Pentecost Matins Church Picnic w/ Good Shepherd Church 12:30 PM NC/ Green	17 Panera Bread 9:30-11:00 am	18 A.A. Meeting 6:30 pm	19	20 N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	21	22
23 18th Sunday after Pentecost C/ Green	24 Panera Bread 9:30-11:00 am	25 A.A. Meeting 6:30 pm	26	27 N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	28	29
30 19th Sunday after Pentecost Prayer and Preaching Service NC/ Green		LAY READER:	USHERS	N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	ALTAR GUILD: Wally & Beth Smith	SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERINGS SEPTEMBER Family Club

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH PICNIC

FIRST SAINT JOHN'S CONGREGATION is invited to join GOOD SHEPHERD FOR THEIR ANNUAL PICNIC.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

The picnic will follow Good Shepherd's worship service.
 APPROXIMATE TIME 12:30 P.M.

LOCATION:

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
 2121 Roosevelt Avenue
 York, PA 17408

Please see the sign-up sheet and other information on the table in the back of our church (the information includes a covered dish for you to bring).

LAST DAY TO SIGN UP IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH."



STEWARDSHIP: SEPTEMBER 2018

It's September, and everything is in full swing again: back to school and back to church attendance after vacations and weekends away. And since everything is back into full swing, it's a perfect time to get back to basics, back to the foundation.

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 six pence 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 six-pence 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 (Deuteronomy 8:17–18), but also all that we are in this life (1 Corinthians 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" (Matthew 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 (Galatians 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.



Thank you to Pastor Luke Zimmerman for his support and leadership in leading our Sunday Services through September 2nd.

We also thank Seminarian Brett Witmer for leading our service on August 12th in Pastor Zimmerman's absence.



Thank you to Dick and Gloria Sindlinger for purchasing and having Dick replace the mulch in the outside church area.



Sick & Shut-in



Bonnie Abendschoen

138 Crown Pointe Drive
York, PA 17401

Joyce Devan

2408 Lovegren Court
York, PA 17404

Dawn Frey

382 West North Street
York, PA 17401

Bill Hildebrand

3530 Fox Run Road
Dover, PA 17315

William and Gloria Whitekettle

2361 Log Cabin Road
York, PA 17408

Ruth Hermann

Village at Kelly Drive
750 Kelly Drive
York, PA 17404

We encourage you to drop them a card or letter to let them know that they are a valued member of First St. John's.

PRAYERS

Ruthetta Fogle
 Christians especially in the Middle East– persecuted
 Prayer Warriors—Spirit is moving
 Becky Lupp-Illness
 Angie Linebaugh-Illness
 Susan Null-Cancer
 Faith Bentz
 Helen Wu-Husband in nursing home
 Nancy Hildebrand
 Beth Smith
 Marianne DeModena-Cancer
 Graham Abendschoen-Protection
 Patti Tripp-COPD
 Christine Neal (Bonnie Abendschoen’s cousin)-Flu.
 Bill Stockwell-Radio Host WYCO-Heart Procedure
 Frank Fogle (Norma Null’s brother)-In hospital
 Brenton Allen-Kidney failure
 Olivia Stankiewicz-Healing
 Gladys Dietz
 Noel Van Sliedrecht-Accident
 Skip Hildebrand-Sugery



FIRST TIME REQUESTS

E. Lois Lupp-Hospital (Mother of Bill Lupp)
 Beth Smith

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Bonnie Abendschoen Bill Whitekettle Dawn Frey Joyce Devan
 Gloria Whitekettle Bill Hildebrand Ruth Hermann

LEADERS

Church Pastor, Minister of Music Ken Sanders, Lay Leaders, Pastor Cosgrove, Pastor Nzinski, Pastor Zimmerman, Pastor Reichel, Pastor Brasso, Pastor Koontz, Pastor Merrell, Pastor Banach, Pastor Robertson, Pastor Schaefer. Sally Hiller, David Maack. District President John Denninger

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

For our Community Radio Station
 For 140 years
 For all of God’s Gifts
 Carol Clark
 Jeff Rehmeier (Step-Son of Delores Rehmeier)
 Carl Roth-Heart & eye problems
 Crystal Myers
 Quitao Zhang
 Wally Smith

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
17th - William Hildebrand
30th - Bonnie Abendschoen



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 October

1st - Cruz Rogue
4th - Donna D’Andrea
5th - Beth Smith
10th - Jose Montalvo

PRAYERS (cont.)

MILITARY

Charlie Malley	U. S. Navy Chaplain
Jose Montalvo	U.S.A.F. - Alaska
Blake McKinney	U.S.C.G.
Clay McKinney	U.S.C.G.
Sean Cooke	U. S. Navy Seal
Brent Kroh	U.S.M.C.
Jake Scott	U. S. Army
Justin Hinkley	U.S.M.C.
Ashlee DeSantis	U.S. Army
Samuel Taylor	U.S. Army
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



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 9:30 through 11:00 am - Pickup at the church

DOORS OPEN AT 9:30 AM



COFFEE CUPS / DEER TRACKS are for sale. The cups have our church name on them and the deer tracks are a painted wooden cutout of the church. Call or leave a message on the church phone-(717) 843-8597.

Coffee cups are \$6.00

Deer tracks are \$12.00.



ALTAR FLOWER - OPEN DATES

All Sundays in September, November, December.

October 7th, 21st, 28th.



Women's Care Center
Pregnant?

WOMEN’S CARE CENTER

formerly Pregnancy & Family Resource Center

40 South Richland Avenue

York, PA 17404

Phone: (717) 854-6285

