

FIRST ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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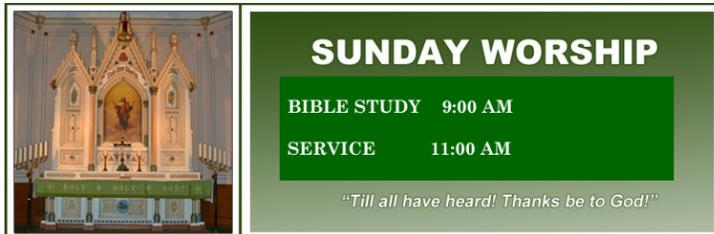
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A Prayer for Labor Day

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.



### REGULAR CHURCH EVENTS AND WORSHIP

<b>Sunday -</b>	9:00 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Sunday Worship
<b>Monday -</b>	PANERA BREAD DISTRIBUTION 9:00-11:00 AM
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 PM - Adult Choir (September through May/June)
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 PM - Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

#### 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

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THE NEW KEY FITS BOTH LOCKS.

IF YOU HAVE THE OLD ENTRANCE KEYS PLEASE DISCARD THEM.



### 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](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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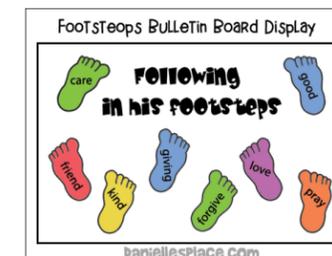


### God's Direction Is Always Best

Have your carefully designed plans ever gone haywire? It happens! Expensive car repairs. Hurtful family conflicts. An unanticipated company downsize. Failing health. How, then, do we successfully navigate this road trip called life? God gave us the directions in 1 Peter 2:21. (Read the verse.) This verse urges us to follow Jesus' lead, but how is that even possible? Whenever we attempt to love our heavenly Father as Jesus did—with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength—we fail. Miserably. When life takes an unexpected, negative turn, we question God's kindness. We chafe under our Lord's guidance, and we often question his direction.

Follow in Jesus' steps? How is that even possible? Christ was forever thinking about and tending to the needs of others, while we are detoured by selfishness. Instead of following Christ's lead, we choose to travel down a road pockmarked by self-centeredness, self-indulgence, and self-promotion. Follow Jesus' example? How is that even possible? He rejected bigotry, injustice, and violence, while we are too easily swayed by the pressures of our culture, looking for revenge rather than seeking forgiveness and peace. God gives us all the direction we need, but our sinful nature knocks us off track. Following Jesus' lead, walking in his steps, how is any of this possible?! On our own, it's simply not. But, God has made it possible in the cross of our Savior. Our heavenly Father has set into motion the ultimate plan to overcome all the hurt, the disappointment, and the mistakes we make in this world—it's the plan of salvation. From the very moment Jesus was born, he was on his way to the cross. And when he got there, he made the ultimate sacrifice for us. His resurrection three days later sealed our salvation. Now, when God looks at us, he can't see the stain of our sins. Instead, God sees Jesus' steady footsteps, Jesus' selfless actions, and Jesus' perfect love for the Father. (Read Romans 6:6–11.)

Because of all Jesus did for us, we can live for God's glory! We can follow God's path and walk in God's ways, resting in the forgiveness and peace Jesus has won for us. As Psalm 48:14 explains, "He will be our guide." We can follow Christ's example because God is with us on life's journey. And Jesus isn't just along for the ride, sleeping in the backseat as we drive. He's out ahead of us, behind us, and beside us. In fact, he lives in us! (Read John 16:33 and Galatians 2:20.) Relying on Christ, we can find joy even as we encounter life's potholes, detours, and breakdowns. Regardless of life's circumstances, we will arrive safely at the heavenly home Jesus is even now preparing for us. Until then, our heavenly Father freely provides strength for life's journey—the strength of Christ within us! With his protection and power, we go forward confidently, no matter what may happen on the road ahead.





# Music & Worship Notes



The fall season is upon us. That means the activities and groups that were not functioning during the summer, will be starting up.

Adult Choir is one of the groups that will start meeting again. The first rehearsal will be on Wednesday, September 11, at 6:30 P.M. We will meet in the Bible Class Room as in the past. If you would like to sing with the choir, come and join us that evening.

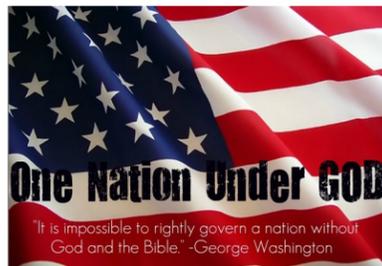
Another event that will be taking place at the beginning of September is a special service of remembrance. This service is hosted by St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Columbia, PA. The service will be in Locust Street Park, which is across the street from St. Paul's. The service will take place rain or shine. If it rains, the service will be held in the church. Dress is casual. Bring your lawn chair. The service begins at 9:00 A.M. Stay after the service as there will be a picnic brunch available, free.

This service will remember all those who gave their lives in the armed service and on 9/11. The service will also honor the current "first responders."

Familiar hymns and patriotic songs will be sung by all. There will be a color guard, a trumpeter to play Taps, another trumpeter to play with the hymns and songs, and a piper in kilts. An offering will be gathered with the proceeds going to the food bank in Columbia.



Ken Sanders,  
Minister of Music



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



The special offering for the month of

## SEPTEMBER

LWML Mites



### SEPTEMBER 2019 PARISH VISITOR

OCTOBER 2019 DEADLINE

Articles Due September 20th-Friday

Mail Date September 26th-Thursday



Bible Study  
9:00 AM



### MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER

**Worship Committee**

To be announced

**Church Council**

12th-Thursday-5:30 pm

**Future Committee**

1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month-9:00 am



### UPCOMING SEPTEMBER SERVICES

September 1st, Communion (12th Sunday after Pentecost)

September 8th, Non-Communion (13th Sunday after Pentecost)

September 15th, Communion (14th Sunday after Pentecost)

September 22nd, Non-Communion (15th Sunday after Pentecost)

September 29th, Prayer & Preaching-Non-Communion (16th Sunday after Pentecost)

# September



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**SEPTEMBER 2019**

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 12th Sunday after Pentecost C/ Green	<b>2</b> Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am LABOR DAY	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Adult Choir- 6:30 pm	<b>5</b> N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 13th Sunday after Pentecost Special 911 Service with St. Paul's at 9:00 am. Located in park across from St. Paul' in Columbia NC/ Green	<b>9</b> Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Adult Choir- 6:30 pm	<b>12</b> CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 5:30 PM N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 14th Sunday after Pentecost C/ Green	<b>16</b> Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 15th Sunday after Pentecost NC/ Green	<b>23</b> Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Adult Choir- 6:30 pm	<b>26</b> N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 16th Sunday after Pentecost Prayer & Preaching NC/ Green	<b>30</b> Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am					
Bible Study- 9:00 am. Morning Worship-11:00 am. The fifth Sunday of the month (months with five Sundays), will be a Prayer and Preaching Service.		LAY READER	USHER	ALTAR GUILD Wally & Beth Smith		SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERINGS SEPTEMBER LWML Mites

**FALL WORKSHOP OF PEN MAR LWML**

St. John's Lutheran Church, Glen Arm, MD will host the Pen Mar Fall Workshop for Lutheran Women in Mission on September 21<sup>st</sup> from 9-12 with lunch following.

We will assemble handmade **Blessing Bags for homeless women** during our time together to be distributed through local mission efforts in the Baltimore & York PA areas.

We are asking for donations of these items from our zone churches:

Small hand sanitizers    Deodorants    Tooth brush and toothpaste    Wet wipes packets

Small hand lotions    Chapstick/lip balm    feminine hygiene products

Snack items....

granola bars    cereal bars    peanut butter/cheese crackers    fruit snack cups

peanut butter/tuna/chicken snack cups

**Thank you for sharing!**

**18 But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.**

**James 2:18**



**CONGREGATIONAL 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**Sunday, October 27th**

**More details will be forthcoming**



## **STEWARDSHIP: SEPTEMBER 2019**

What is a steward? Most people will say a steward is 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 brought nothing into this world, and we cannot take anything out of the world" (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.

This is not only because He created all things; He is also the redeemer. He has redeemed – that is, purchased – and won all things. Therefore, it all 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.

But what a responsibility!

"Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required" (Luke 12:48b).

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 He desires and wills for His property.

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 is for all of His gifts. 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 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. So glorify God in your body" (1 Cor. 6:19–20).

God informs us of the big picture, the overarching policy, of how we as His stewards – managers and custodians – are to manage His property.

And that is stewardship. 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 God's Word, and listen to what He desires from His stewards.



### **Bonnie Abendschoen**

138 Crown Pointe Drive  
York, PA 17402

*Birthday--September 30th*

### **Joyce Devan**

2408 Lovegren Court

York, PA 17404

*Birthday--February 20th*

### **Dawn Frey**

382 West North Street

York, PA 17401

*Birthday--April 21st*



### **Bill Hildebrand**

3530 Fox Run Road

Dover, PA 17315

*Birthday--September 17th*

### **Gloria Whitekettle**

2361 Log Cabin Road

York, PA 17408

*Birthday--November 23rd*

### **Ruth Hermann**

Lutheran Home Skilled Care

Room 404A

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York, PA 17404

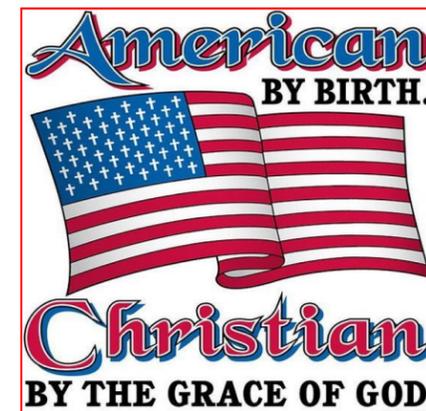
*Birthday--Feb 11th*

*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.

Special service of remembrance of 9/11 on Sunday, September 8th. This service is hosted by St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Columbia, PA., and will be a combined service with First St. John's. The service will be in Locust Street Park which is across the street from St. Paul's, and will take place rain or shine. If it rains, the service will be held in the church. Dress is casual. Bring your lawn chair. The service begins at 9:00 A.M. Please stay after the service as there will be a free picnic brunch available.

*In Remembrance of*  
**September 11, 2001**



WE WILL NEVER FORGET



**PRAYERS**

Ruthetta Fogle  
 Christians especially in the Middle East- persecuted  
 Prayer Warriors—Spirit is moving  
 Becky Lupp  
 Angie Linebaugh  
 Susan Null-Cancer  
 Helen Wu-Husband in nursing home  
 Marianne DeModena-Cancer  
 Patti Tripp-COPD  
 Brenton Allen-Needs new kidney and pancreas  
 Olivia Stankiewicz-Healing (Grand-daughter of Brian and Maria Stankiewicz)  
 Beth Smith  
 Anna vanDyk  
 Bill Hildebrand  
 Julia  
 Pastor Jay Mazikas (nephew of Sylvia Barclay)- Severe Headaches  
 Nancy Hildebrand  
 Rich Holen-Serious health problems (Son-In-Law) of Sylvia Barclay  
 Linda Mumford-Health issues  
 Marge Driskell-Health issues  
 Kathy Butts Oster-Health issues  
 Shannon Schwartzman-Health issues  
 Joyce Devan-Health issues

**FIRST TIME REQUESTS**

Aimee Walton-Health Issues

**SHUT-IN MEMBERS**

Bonnie Abendschoen 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 Brasso, Pastor 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  
 Norma Null  
 Marguerite Beck

**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 Birthdays**

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

**PRAYER LIST (cont.)**

**MILITARY**

- |                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 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           |



**POLICE**

Jonathan  
Jason Berger



**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**



**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 - \$6.00

Deer tracks - \$12.00.



Women's Care Center  
*Pregnant?*

**WOMEN'S CARE CENTER**

formerly Pregnancy & Family Resource Center

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