

**First St. John's Lutheran Church**

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The hit on liturgical music/worship is that there is no depth of emotion, it doesn't lift the spirit, the emotion. Ya, well there's a technical term, that's "bupkus" or as Charles Dickens wrote, "bah humbug".

The truth of the matter is that it most certainly does! The problem is that the past few generations are so superficial, so motivated by "eros" love, that it's all about me, give me, give me. Liturgical worship is much deeper, it gives to God who gives back to me. Yea, well we want to cut out the middle-man and, as always, gimme, gimme. If we would really stop and listen we might realize how much more comforting and strengthening liturgy is, how it reaches down to your soul, because it's the Holy Spirit who is reaching. We can stay with the shallow/superficial or we can really build that relationship with God the way that man has been doing it, which would date back to at least the time of King David, King Solomon and Solomon's Temple.

Now, I will concede this. Because liturgical worship is difficult, and for those who lead worship and really don't get it, they will do a lousy job. Sure there are many young pastors who can do it, but they really don't get it and after awhile it does seem to be going through the motions. For me, who is much less talented, but who has gotten it and is better able to articulate it, but still no talent, you know what, have a little patience with me and my lack of talent won't matter. What will matter is the depth of emotion and love that we convey to the Father in the liturgy. If you just go through the motions meaning will not come out and again, there are too many who should do it well, but just don't get it. Sorry, but seems there are far too many of the following mindsets: "Here I am going through the motions, I don't really know what I'm doing or how I'm doing it or why and, frankly, don't really care. Right, wrong or indifferent and, frankly, I don't even think there's a "right"."

Well yea, there is a "right" and let's talk about it.

I have opined before, that the difference between "happy-clappy" and real worship is the emotional content. God the Holy Spirit has finally helped me to articulate the case for the liturgy much better.

Liturgical worship is about agape love. I give to You (God), I lift You up, I know it's all about You (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). It's only through You and because of You that I even exist, no less have any meaning at all. It is all about You, when I acknowledge that and praise You, You make it all about me. You make me something I could never be, Your child! You give me something that I could never get - everlasting eternal life in the resurrection. Real worship is always about completing that connection. Not me just sitting back and just taking, again that adolescent attitude.

**Pastor's corner in Spanish on page 9**



## SUNDAY WORSHIP

**MATINS 8:30 AM**  
**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 9:00 AM**  
**SERVICE 10:30 AM**

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

### REGULAR CHURCH EVENTS AND WORSHIP

<b>Sunday -</b>	Christian Education 9:00 AM Sunday Worship 10:30 AM 1:30 PM - Prayer Meeting <b>Spanish Service</b> 5:00-6:00 PM Bible Study 6:00-6:30 PM Dinner 6:30-8:30 PM Service
<b>Monday -</b>	<b>PASTOR'S DAY OFF</b>
<b>Tuesday -</b>	9:00 AM - Vicar Montalvo Prayer 8:30 AM - Prayer Breakfast - First St. John's (Last Tuesday of the month) 3:30-5:00 PM - Kickboxing 6:00-8:00 PM Young Lives (every other Tuesday) 6:30 PM - Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM - Morning Bible Study at Church 6:30 PM - Adult Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 AM Matins 11:00 AM - Employment Support Group 3:30-5:00 PM - Kickboxing 5:30-6:00 PM - Private Confession in sanctuary 6:30 PM - Narcotics Anonymous Meeting
<b>Saturday</b>	Kickboxing 11:30 AM / 1:00 PM - Martial Arts

OUR WEBSITE ADDRESS: [www.firststjohns.com](http://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. Come in and talk to Pastor Jim and become part of the Body of Christ here at First St Johns Church.

#### Contact Us

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**Don't forget - Big, hot prayer breakfast at the church. the last Tuesday of the month. Neighbors are invited. Breakfast is at 8:30 AM. We will have prayer following the breakfast.**



### SUNDAY SERVICES

8:30 AM Matins  
10:30 AM Morning Service

#### SPANISH SERVICE

5:00-6:00 PM Bible Study  
6:00-6:30 PM Dinner  
6:30-8:30 PM Service

Communion services are held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, and the 5th Sunday of those months with 5 Sundays.

(The third Sunday service is a Matins Service).

Our healing service is on the second Sunday of the month (after the morning service).

We print bulletins in English (small and large print), Spanish and Chinese for morning worship.

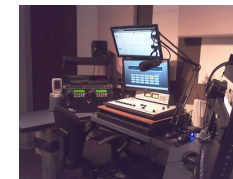


**Pastor Jim conducts a Bible study** and coffee break each Wednesday at 10 AM, at the Green Bean Roasting Company. Members of the business community and the general public are invited to take a break and stop by. Free parking for the duration of the study may be had on the church's parking lot. For more information, phone 717-843-8597.



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INTRODUCING

From Farmer To You

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**FARMERS MARKET COFFEE**

LWR FARMERS MARKET COFFEE is a new line of coffee sourced directly from farmers participating in Lutheran World Relief projects.

Every delicious cup helps transform poor communities that depend on their coffee crop to feed their families. Farmers get a strong up-front price for their coffee beans and a portion of the profit. With LWR Farmers Market Coffee, farmers aren't just suppliers of coffee beans, they are partners

Our church will be selling coffee to help support Vicar Montalvo and the Lutheran World Relief farmers. The church obtained a Thrivent action grant to purchase the coffee. Orders are now being taken for the coffee Please help support Jose and the farmers.

Contact Gordon Moul at (717) 266-4212 for more information.

### STEWARDSHIP: FEBRUARY 2018

"I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:8-9).

Without commands or even arm-twisting, St. Paul encourages, even challenges, the Church in Corinth to demonstrate the sincerity of their faith by their generosity in giving. He does this because giving generously is a gift of the Spirit given to us through the Gospel.

St. Paul wrote: "But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving" (2 Corinthians 8:7). In other words, just as we grow in faith and speech and knowledge of eternal things by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God, so also do we grow in giving from the same Spirit through the same Word.

The problem is that the grace of generosity often grows cold in us. It's not so much that we stop giving, but we don't put it first. We treat it like all the other bills that must be paid. It becomes a chore, just one more thing to check off a list of things to do. That empties it of its spiritual power and robs us of the joy that Christ and the Scriptures assign to it.

On top of that, since this generosity is linked to faith and knowledge of divine things, a lack of excelling in giving is a sure sign that our faith and knowledge of God are under attack as well.

Thus St. Paul points to the foundation of generosity: the generosity of Christ Himself. Even though He was rich, He became poor so that we who are poor might become rich. Thus, the incarnation, suffering, and death of our Lord on the cross is the reason, source, and driving force for our generosity in giving to the church.

And since Christ who was rich became poor so that we might be rich in His grace—of which generous giving is part—so we also who are rich in His grace can excel in pressing His grace into service toward the gracious work of the church.

Pay attention to what you give to the church so that you may excel at it. And if you find that your heart has grown cold or indifferent toward it, immerse yourself in God's Word. Read it at home. Attend Bible Class. Hear and listen to it preached in the Divine Service.

Be reminded of what Christ has done for you in His incarnation, suffering, and death. For this will strengthen your faith and knowledge. And where that excels, so will the grace of giving excel also.







## Music Notes



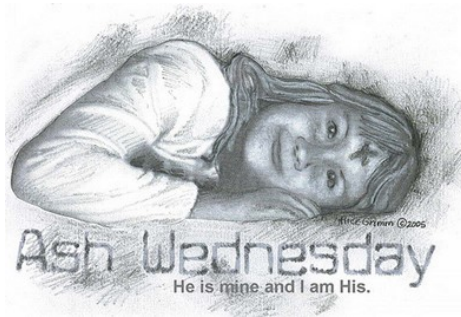
Can you believe that we will soon be in the season of Lent? We just finished our worship of the birth of Jesus and now we are going to be learning of his suffering and death. But there is a light at the end of the tunnel – Easter!

The music for the Lenten season is more subdued and reflective. Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, February 14, which happens to be "Valentine's Day". How appropriate knowing that the greatest love shared with us is Jesus Himself. Because of His love, our sins are paid for and we can be with him in heaven. I will be using the organ for that midweek service. The rest of the Wednesdays in Lent I will be using the piano in the Bible class / fellowship room, as that is where the services will take place. A light meal will precede the services. There are five (5) meals that will need to be prepared. The dates are: February 21, 28, March 7, 14, and 21. If you would like to prepare one of the meals, please let Ken Sanders, Marge Driskell, or The church office know. Thank you for your consideration.

The theme for the mid-week services will be: "This is Love / acts of the Savior." The series will help us to prepare for Easter.



*Ken Sanders  
Minister of Music*



**THE ADULT CHOIR:** Sharon Hennig, Karen Hildebrand, Lois Hollinger,  
Lois Stambaugh, Dave Stambaugh, Wally Smith



The special offering for the month of  
**FEBRUARY**  
Joy El Ministries



TO HEAR PAST SERMONS FROM  
**PASTOR DRISKELL**



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THE SIMPLY GIVING  
PROGRAM WILL ALLOW YOU  
TO DO THAT.

Please contact the church  
office for the form to do  
electronic transfer.



### For More Information

- Call Vanco Payment Solutions at 800-675-7430.
- Individuals may contact the organization benefiting from their giving.
- Call Thrivent Federal Credit Union at 800-688-6032.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 let the pastor know.

The church phone number is: 717-843-8597 OR

**EMAIL:** [firststjohns@verizon.net](mailto:firststjohns@verizon.net)



**Griefshare** is a very important ministry to comfort those who have lost loved ones with the peace and comfort of Jesus. Tammy Bosley has been doing a great job with this ministry

She needs help to maintain this group. Please let Tammy know you will help her. No special training required, just a desire to serve others in Jesus. Thank you for your consideration and God bless you.

For more information call 717-968-0690.



## FEBRUARY 2018 PARISH VISITOR

**MARCH DEADLINE**

Articles Due February 16th - Friday

Mail Date February 22nd - Thursday



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).



### 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**.



### MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY

**Worship Committee** Sunday 4th-12:00 Noon \*

**Church Council** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 PM

\*Worship Committee will meet at 12:00 Noon on the 1st Sunday of every Month





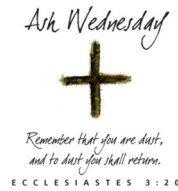


## LENT AND EASTER SERVICES 2018

### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, February 14th

12:00 and 7:00 PM



### WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERVICES

*Begin by having a light supper at 6:00 PM in the fellowship room. Then join in a special series of sermons for Lent at 7:00 PM.*

February 21st, 28th

March 7th, 14th, and 21st



### PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday, March 25th.

10:30 AM Morning Service

### MAUNDY THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE

Thursday, March 29th

7:00 PM



### GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

Friday, March 30th

12:00 and 7:00 PM



*The evening worship will be a choral Tenebrae service. The "Seven Words From the Cross" will be the focus.*

### EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday, April 1st

7:00 AM Sunrise Service

10:30 AM Morning Service

*A light breakfast will follow the early service*

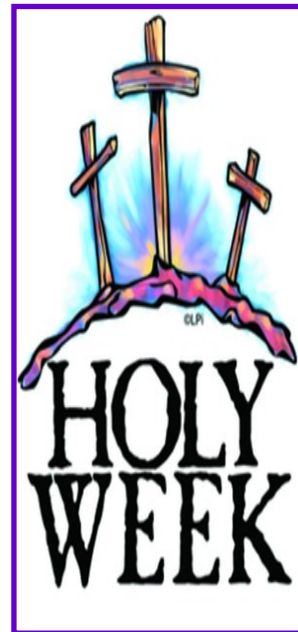
### GERMAN EASTER SERVICE

Sunday, April 8th

4:00 PM Afternoon Service

*Light refreshments with a German theme will follow the service.*

### Deutsch Ostern Service



## EASTER LILIES 2018

For Easter this year we will adorn the church with Easter lilies. Members desiring to place a lily in *memory of* or *in honor of* in the church for the Easter are asked to fill in this notice. Additional forms are available in the church narthex or church office.

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

GIVEN BY \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

GIVEN BY \_\_\_\_\_

AND/OR

IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

GIVEN BY \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

GIVEN BY \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete the form, write your name on the envelope, (Please make checks payable: First Saint John's Lutheran Church), enclose cost of the plant (\$9.00 each) along with form, seal and hand to Nancy Hildebrand, one of the ushers, or send to the church at the address below.**

First St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
140 West King Street,  
York, PA 17401-1307

**1 Plant \$9.00 2 Plants \$18.00 3 Plants \$27.00 4 Plants \$36.00**

**PLEASE NOTE: Forms are also available at the church**

Plants may be removed following the Easter Worship on April 1st.

**DEADLINE FOR ORDERS; SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH (PALM SUNDAY)**

Doug Skinner-Heart  
Larry Stevens  
Chris Bowman  
James Mitchell  
Jessica Driskell-Broken Hip

**PRAYERS**

Ruthetta Fogle  
Christians especially in the Middle East— persecuted  
Prayer Warriors—Spirit is moving  
Becky Lupp-illness  
Angie Linebaugh-Illness  
Joseph Roth-Cancer  
Patricia Kesselring  
Thomas Rojahn  
Edward (Nancy Hildebrand's brother)  
Susan Null-Cancer  
Christina  
Jake Mokris (son of Kathy Mokris)-Israel  
Don Daugherty-Failing liver and kidneys  
Faith Bentz  
Helen Wu-Husband in nursing home  
Susan Peregoy  
Paul and Cathy Weaver  
Bob Fitz-Liver failure  
Keith Fogle-Cancer  
Charles Rausher  
Nancy Hildebrand  
Jerry Allison-In hospital  
Beth Smith  
For those in Puerto Rico, Florida and Texas  
Eddie Rivera  
James Dowdy  
Leslie Warren  
Crystal Myers  
Marianne DeModena-Cancer  
Graham Abendschoen-Protection  
Betty Brillhart-Open heart surgery (Joynce Moul's Aunt)

**FIRST TIME REQUESTS**

Family of Deputy Marshall Christopher Hill who was killed in the line of duty.  
Kyle Pitts-York City Police Officer wounded in the line of duty.

**SHUT-IN MEMBERS**

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

**LEADERS**

Church Pastor, Vicar Montalvo, 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.

**PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING**

For our Community Radio Station  
For 140 years  
For all of God's Gifts  
Carol Clark  
James Driskell II-Pulmonary Embolism  
Roy Bose-Heart issues  
Jeff Rehmeier (Step-son of Delores Rehmeier)-Heart Issues  
Carl Roth-Heart & Eye problems  
Marge Driskell-Recovering from surgery



**1st – Matt Lauer**

**2nd - Michelle Taylor**

**5th - Edward Abendschoen IV**

**11th - Sylvia Barclay**

**11th - Ruth Hermann**

**12th - Michael Beck**

**15th - Lois Stambaugh**

**20th - Joyce Devan**

**28th - Ruth Strathmeyer**

**29th - Bryan Santini**



**Please Note - On the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 March**

**6th - Scott Dennis**

**7th - Jerry Allison**

**PRAYERS (cont.)**

**SPIRITUAL NEEDS**

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

**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 Kohn	U.S.C.G.
Lindsay Wood	U.S.A.F.
Jonathan Driskell	Massachusetts State Police
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



**FOOD PANTRY 2018**

**The food pantry is in need of food items.** We will need more items than before due to opening the food pantry to the public. The food distribution will be on the dates listed Canned meats, toilet paper, shelf storable milk (not dry milk), and paper towels are in the highest demand. There is also a need for adult diapers.

**Please, make certain that the dates on products have not expired. Also, do not donate dented cans or items that have been opened (unless the contents are individually wrapped). Thank you for all you give!**

**AS AVAILABILITY  
OF FOOD PERMITS**



**NORMALLY TWO MONDAYS PER MONTH**

**FEBRUARY- FOOD PANTRY CLOSED**

**PRAYER 9:00 AM (VOLUNTARY) EVERY WEEK**

**FOOD DISTRIBUTION 9:30-10:30 AM**

**PANERA BREAD 9:30-11:00 AM**



**Feeding the  
Community**

**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 am through 11:00 pm - Pickup at the church**



**CHECK OUT THE EXERCISE  
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FLOOR OF THE PARISH HALL!  
IT'S FREE AND OPEN FOR  
USE BY CHURCH MEMBERS  
AND THE COMMUNITY.**



**THURSDAY**

**3:30-5:00 PM**

**NO COST**



**Pregnancy & Family  
Resource Center®**

**The Pregnancy and Family  
Resource Center at 1049 N  
Hartley St., York PA 17404**

this is a pro-life group that  
could use your help in time  
and resources, see Pastor Jim  
for details