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## PASTOR’S CORNER

As announced at the Church Council meeting on April 19 and at the April 22 worship, I will be taking a new call and leaving First Saint Johns. As soon as the timing has been set it will be announced.

From the beginning, eight years ago, it was determined that this was not going to be an ordinary call. It seemed many people thought that this was just going to be another “program”, that was not a serious attempt. The efforts on my part, Marge’s, the Southeast District’s, our circuit counselor Jim Banach, it should be obvious that a momentous effort was made to implement renewal of this ministry.

The problem arises when people refuse to accept the need for change, that doing things the same that have been done for the last 40 years, with continued decline, lack of visibility and lack of effectiveness will not turn a ministry around. I made my strongest efforts to change how the church was conducting its ministry. I can honestly say that it has made a difference. But while we tried to build, others were tearing down. Christian ministry is not maintaining the status quo, being a social service agency, or being a club. It’s about doing active and effective ministry. Certainly part of that is reaching out in service. That is done First Saint Johns: Food Bank, Panera Bread, Food voucher with Good Shepherd, Employment Support Group. Space for groups: York County’s Family Group Decision Making, Young Lives, AA and NA groups. Grief share groups, certainly WYCO radio. Our Fitness center, stage and instruments that groups have used, fitness programs, prayer room. Afternoon meal program for children, and other programs we worked with Harvest of Blessings on, as well as Men’s Network with Lutheran Hour Ministries. Nothing like these were being done before I started and despite the numbers First Saint Johns is still active and energetic. However, despite what some say, they seem to want to undermine and end these programs at First Saint Johns. Marge and I, with others, have done a great deal to start these programs and maintain them, but always in the Name of Jesus and making ministry and forming disciples in Jesus the most important priority. That is what a Christian Church and especially one in the Lutheran Church /Missouri Synod is always about, despite a small number of people’s attempts to undermine that.

I can’t say what will happen to the ministry here in the long-term. I would assume that there will be some kind of interim pastoral arrangement, although that is not a given. A large part of the problem in maintaining a ministry will be how to deal with those who continue to try and undermine the ministry here. It is desperately necessary that it is recognized that doing business the old way, or deciding not to cooperate when things are done to the specific likes/dislike of an individual, trying to discourage others from worship, these can no longer continue. These are grounds for excommunication, Bearing false witness the 9<sup>th</sup> commandment, Exodus 10:16 and the sin of division. Conducting covert whispering campaigns, mail campaigns is simply abusive and attempts at bullying, which I understand have gone on long before I arrived at First St Johns. These two items could well justify the closing of First Saint Johns, There is no point in appointing a pastor to have his ministry undermined. This has been the reputation of First Saint Johns. In our present worldly environment, that can no longer be condoned. I do not have any input with how this will be determined either at the church or with the Southeast District, which will make the final determination. But if there is a will to maintain a ministry at First Saint Johns these issues and people involved need to be resolved.

I leave feeling that much has been accomplished and much more would have been done if there had not been such inappropriate actions on the part of a very few people. It is time for me to move on, I can attest to the fact that in eight years I have given my best effort, accomplished much and done so under seriously inequitable circumstances. I have more than lived up to my part of the Christian ministry at First Saint Johns. I have learned a great deal and intend to apply that in my Doctoral work and maybe a continued ministry in the LCMS for church renewal and urban ministry. Marge and I have invested eight years at First Saint Johns that has been a time that has seen many positive and effective efforts that have profoundly served and impacted our Christian ministry and the York Community as a whole. There are so many people that I am so thankful to God for. I can’t name them all but Ken Sanders, Wayne Hildebrand, Ed, Hans, Geoff Abend-schoen, Dave Stambaugh, Karl and Anna vanDyk, Lois Hollinger, Bill Lupp, Delores Rehmeier, Barb Klahold, Karen Hildebrand and yes many others. Margie and I will cherish our time here, and we regret that others chose to try and negatively impact the ministry here.

**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>Monday -</b>	<b>PASTOR'S DAY OFF</b>
<b>Tuesday -</b> the month)	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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**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.

**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

Communion services are held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, (The third Sunday service is a Matins Service).

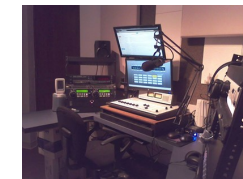
Our healing service is on the second Sunday of the month (after the morning service).

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



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 COMMUNITY RADIO

News from the York County Area Agency on Aging April 2018



### Announcing the 2018 York County Senior Games!



This year's Senior Games will take place from Monday, June 18 through Friday, June 22.

The mission of the Senior Games is to promote healthy lifestyles and fitness for York County men and women aged 50 and older.

Events will include annual favorites such as bocce, horseshoes, shuffleboard, throws, basketball hot shots, poker, triathlon, Wii bowling and many more!

Any York County resident 50 years of age or older as of December 31, 2018 may participate.

There is a \$15 registration fee for an unlimited number of events. Registration deadline is Monday, June 11. All registrations must be postmarked by June 11.

For more information or to register for the Games, please click on the link below.



[LEARN MORE](#)

### 2018 Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program



The York County Area Agency on Aging, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, will again distribute fruit and vegetable vouchers to qualifying seniors. This program provides \$20.00 in vouchers to eligible York County seniors to buy fresh fruit and vegetables from participating local farm markets.

York County residents who are 60 years of age or older by December 31, 2018, and have a total gross annual 2018 household income at or below **\$22,459** for a single person, or **\$30,451** for a 2 person household, are eligible to participate. All income is included when calculating total gross income.

Follow the link below for more information and distribution schedule.

[READ MORE](#)

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF'S COFFEE** We are continuing our efforts to support this program.

LWR buys coffee from farmers in Latin America and Africa which gives them a higher price for their crop than they would get in their local markets. First Saint Johns also benefits from a small part of the proceeds. People have told me that they really like the coffee, it is a little higher, \$11 for a 12oz bag, but it is going to support good causes, including First Saint Johns, chose from:

**Dark Roast Drip Grind or Whole Bean**

**Medium Roast Drip Grind or whole bean**

**Decaf Drip Grind or Whole Bean**

They are very good about shipping, our first shipment was received in two days after I ordered. Please consider making this your regular coffee source for really good coffee and to support really good causes. Pastor James Driskell.



### Do You Have Concerns About Falling?



**A MATTER OF BALANCE**

MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

The York County Area Agency on Aging will host free classes for people to learn how to manage the risk of falling and increase activity levels. These free classes are part of an award-winning series called "A Matter of Balance."

A Matter of Balance is meant for people who have concerns about falling, have fallen in the past, have restricted their activities because of falling concerns, or are interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength.

### EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP

The Employment Workshop at First St. Johns Lutheran Church, 140 W. King St, York provides valuable working knowledge of the current job market and how to get through it. The classes are free and provide job leads, resume help, cover letter help, free use of a computer after the class, help with job applications and emotional and spiritual support in a faith based atmosphere.. Weekly meetings are held on Thursday at 11 AM.

No pre-registration necessary. Call 717-843-8597 with any questions.







Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! This goes out to the Adult Choir who did a fabulous job during this past Lent and Easter season.

This also goes out to the trumpeter, Bruce Tittel, who played on Easter Day. Also, thank you to Tim and James Driskell for their help with the various special services.

This month you will have the opportunity to select your favorite hymns to sing during the months of June, July, and August. Please use the form attached to this newsletter or the ones that are in the blue tray in the back of the church. You may use any of the hymns found in our hymnal, LSB, or any other hymnal. I will start using your selections on Sunday, June 3rd.

There are two special services this month. The first one, Ascension Day, is on Thursday, May 10, at 7:00 P.M. The second one is on Sunday, May 13. This is the Pentecost Day worship. The worship committee is requesting that everyone try to wear **RED** that Sunday.

One of the hymns that can be sung on Pentecost is: "Holy Spirit, Light Divine." The information for this hymn comes from the booklet, Stories of the Christian Hymns.

"The Reverend Samuel Longfellow Shared the distinguished talent of poet with his famous brother Henry W. Longfellow. An ardent theist and devoted pastor, he spent his life in active service to others. Ill health was the reason for his early retirement from the ministry, as well as his desire to write the life of his beloved brother. Earnest devotional emotion is evidenced in his hymn "Holy Spirit, Light Divine," which was published in the year 1864. Deep mysticism pervades in every stanza of this great hymn and opens the channels towards God for our prayers."

*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 special offering for the month of

**MAY**

Armed Forces Ministry LCMS



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# 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.



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**JUNE DEADLINE**

Articles Due May 18th - Friday

Mail Date May 24th - 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 MAY

**Worship Committee** Sunday 1st-12:00 Noon \*  
**Church Council** Thursday 17th- 5:30 PM

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



OPPORTUNITIES TO KNOW JESUS

Christian Education	9:00 AM
Sunday School	9:15 AM
Sunday Worship	10:30 AM
Mid week Bible Study	10:00 AM (Weds)

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For updates refer to Website calendar at

MAY 2018

Pastor

Reverend James A. Driskell

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>WORSHIP COMM. MTG. - 12:00 Noon</b> 1st Sunday of the month		<b>1</b> <b>A.A. Meeting 6:30 pm</b> Young Lives 6-8 pm <b>Kickboxing 6:00-7:00 PM</b> <b>Young Lives 6-8 pm</b> Harvest of Blessing 3:00-4:30 PM	<b>2</b> 10 AM Bible Study at Green Bean Roasting Co. <b>Adult Choir 6:30 PM</b> Harvest of Blessing 3:00-4:30 PM	<b>3</b> 9:00 AM MATINS Emp. Supp. Group 11am <b>Kickboxing 6:00-7:00 PM</b> <b>N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm</b> Harvest of Blessing 3:00-4:30 PM	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Martial Arts 1:00 PM</b> <b>Kickboxing 11:30 PM</b>
<b>6</b> 6th Sunday of Easter  NC White	<b>7</b> <b>Pastor's Family Day</b> <b>Panera Bread 9:30-11:00 am</b>  Harvest of Blessing 3:00-4:30 PM	<b>8</b> <b>A.A. Meeting 6:30 pm</b>  <b>Kickboxing 6:00-7:00 PM</b>  Harvest of Blessing 3:00-4:30 PM	<b>9</b> 10 AM Bible Study at Green Bean Roasting Co. <b>Adult Choir 6:30 PM</b> Harvest of Blessing 3:00-4:30 PM	<b>10</b> 9:00 AM MATINS Emp. Supp. Group 11am <b>N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm</b> <b>Ascension Service 7 pm</b> Harvest of Blessing 3:00-4:30 PM	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Martial Arts 1:00 PM</b> <b>Kickboxing 11:30 PM</b>
<b>13</b> 7th Sunday of Easter  C/Matins White	<b>14</b> <b>Pastor's Family Day</b> <b>Panera Bread 9:30-11:00 am</b>  Harvest of Blessing 3:00-4:30 PM	<b>15</b> <b>A.A. Meeting 6:30 pm</b> <b>Kickboxing 6:00-7:00 PM</b>  Young Lives 6-8 pm Harvest of Blessing 3:00-4:30 PM	<b>16</b> 10 AM Bible Study at Green Bean Roasting Co. <b>Adult Choir 6:30 PM</b> Harvest of Blessing 3:00-4:30 PM	<b>17</b> 9:00 AM MATINS Emp. Supp. Group 11am <b>Church Council Mtg. 5:30 PM</b> <b>Kickboxing 6:00-7:00 PM</b> <b>N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm</b> Harvest of Blessing 3:00-4:30 PM	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Martial Arts 1:00 PM</b> <b>Kickboxing 11:30 PM</b>
<b>20</b> <b>Day of Pentecost</b>  <b>NC/Matins Red</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Pastor's Family Day</b> <b>Panera Bread 9:30-11:00 am</b>  Harvest of Blessing 3:00-4:30 PM	<b>22</b> <b>A.A. Mtg. 6:30pm</b> <b>8:30 Prayer Breakfast</b> <b>Young Lives 6-8 pm</b> <b>Kickboxing 6:00-7:00 PM</b> Harvest of Blessing 3:00-4:30 PM	<b>23</b> 10 AM Bible Study at Green Bean Roasting Co. <b>Adult Choir 6:30 PM</b> Harvest of Blessing 3:00-4:30 PM	<b>24</b> 9:00 AM MATINS Emp. Supp. Group 11am <b>Kickboxing 6:00-7:00 PM</b> <b>N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm</b> Harvest of Blessing 3:00-4:30 PM	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Martial Arts 1:00 PM</b> <b>Kickboxing 11:30 PM</b>
<b>27</b> The Holy Trinity  C White	<b>28</b> <b>Pastor's Family Day</b> <b>Panera Bread 9:30-11:00 am</b> <b>Memorial Day *</b> Harvest of Blessing 3:00-4:30 PM	<b>29</b> <b>A.A. Mtg. 6:30pm</b> <b>8:30 Prayer Breakfast</b> <b>Young Lives 6-8 pm</b> <b>Kickboxing 6:00-7:00 PM</b> Harvest of Blessing 3:00-4:30 PM	<b>30</b> 10 AM Bible Study at Green Bean Roasting Co. <b>Food Vouchers 2:00 PM</b> <b>Adult Choir summer break starts</b> Harvest of Blessing 3:00-4:30 PM	<b>31</b> 9:00 AM MATINS Emp. Supp. Group 11am <b>Kickboxing 6:00-7:00 PM</b> <b>N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm</b> Harvest of Blessing 3:00-4:30 PM		
Healing Service after the morning Service on the 2nd Sunday of the month.	*Memorial Day- church office closed.	<u>LAY READER:</u>	<u>USHERS</u> Hans Abendschoen Geoff Abendschoen	<u>Other Thursday Events</u> <b>Kickboxing 3:30-5:00PM</b> <i>Private Confession 5-7</i> <b>N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm</b> <b>If not listed</b>	<u>ALTAR GUILD:</u> Delores Rehmeyer	<b>SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERINGS</b> <b>MAY</b> Armed Forces Ministry LCMS

## ESQUINA DEL PASTOR-MAY 2018

Como se anunció en la reunión del Consejo de la Iglesia el 19 de abril y en el culto el 22 de abril, voy a estar tomando una nueva llamada y dejando en primer lugar Saint Johns. Tan pronto como se ha establecido la sincronización será anunciado.

Desde el principio, hace ocho años, se determinó que este no iba a ser una llamada ordinaria. Parecía que muchas personas pensaban que esto era sólo va a ser otro "programa", que no fue un intento serio. Los esfuerzos de mi parte, Marge's, al sureste del Distrito, nuestro circuito consejero Jim Banach, debería ser obvio que se hizo un importante esfuerzo para implementar la renovación de este ministerio.

El problema surge cuando las personas se niegan a aceptar la necesidad de cambio, que haciendo las cosas de la misma que se han hecho en los últimos 40 años, con disminución constante, la falta de visibilidad y la falta de eficacia no girará en torno a un ministerio. He hecho mis mejores esfuerzos para cambiar la forma en que la Iglesia está llevando a cabo su ministerio. Honestamente puedo decir que ha hecho una diferencia. Pero mientras intentamos construir, otros estaban destruyendo. El ministerio cristiano no es mantener el status quo, es una agencia de servicios sociales, o ser un club. Se trata de hacer ministerio activo y eficaz. Sin duda parte de que está alcanzando en servicio. Que se realiza primero Saint Johns: Banco de Alimentos, Panera Bread, vale de comida con el Buen Pastor, el Grupo de Apoyo al Empleo. Espacio para grupos: grupo familiar del Condado de York en la toma de decisiones, las vidas de los jóvenes, los grupos de AA y NA. Duelo compartir grupos, ciertamente WYCO radio. Nuestro centro de fitness, el escenario y los instrumentos que los grupos han utilizado, programas de fitness, sala de oración. Programa de merienda para los niños, y otros programas que hemos trabajado con la cosecha de las bendiciones, así como también la Red de hombres con ministerios de la hora luterana. Nada como estos se llevaban a cabo antes de empezar y a pesar de los números del primer Saint Johns está todavía activa y enérgica. Sin embargo, a pesar de lo que algunos dicen, que parece que quieren socavar y al final estos programas en primera Saint Johns. Marge y yo, junto con otros, han hecho mucho para iniciar estos programas y mantenerlos, pero siempre en el nombre de Jesús y haciendo ministerio y formar discípulos de Jesús la prioridad más importante. Eso es lo que una iglesia cristiana y especialmente en la Iglesia Luterana Sínodo de Missouri /siempre está cerca, a pesar de un pequeño número de personas en sus intentos por socavar esa.

No puedo decir qué va a suceder con el ministerio aquí en el largo plazo. Supongo que habrá algún tipo de arreglo pastoral provisional, que aunque no es un hecho. Una gran parte del problema en el mantenimiento de un ministerio será cómo tratar con aquellos que siguen para intentar socavar el ministerio aquí. Es muy necesario que se reconoce que los negocios de la manera antigua, o decidir no cooperar cuando las cosas se hacen a los gustos específicos/aversión de un individuo, tratando de disuadir a otros países de culto, estos ya no puede continuar. Estos son motivos de excomunión, levantar falso testimonio el noveno mandamiento, Éxodo 10:16 y el pecado de la división. La realización de campañas de whispering encubierta, campañas de correo es simplemente abusivo e intentos de intimidación, que entiendo que han pasado mucho antes de que yo llegara a primera St Johns. Estos dos elementos bien podría justificar el cierre de primera Saint Johns, no hay ningún punto en el nombramiento de un pastor que han socavado su ministerio. Esta ha sido la reputación de primera Saint Johns. En nuestro actual ambiente mundano, que ya no puede ser tolerado. No tengo ninguna entrada con cómo esto será determinado en la iglesia o con el sudeste de distrito, que tomará la decisión final. Pero si existe la voluntad de mantener un ministerio en primera Saint Johns estas cuestiones y personas implicadas deben ser resueltas.

Me deja la sensación de que se ha logrado mucho y mucho más se habría realizado si no ha habido tales acciones inapropiadas por parte de muy pocas personas. Es el momento para mí para pasar, puedo atestiguar el hecho de que en ocho años he dado mi mejor esfuerzo logrado mucho y hecho bajo circunstancias gravemente injusto. He vivido hasta más de mi parte del ministerio cristiano en primer Saint Johns. He aprendido mucho y que tiene la intención de aplicar en mi trabajo de doctorado y quizá un ministerio continuó en el LCMS, para la renovación de la iglesia y la pastoral urbana. Marge y yo hemos invertido ocho años en primera Saint Johns, que ha sido un tiempo que ha visto muchas iniciativas positivas y eficaces que han servido y profundamente impactado nuestro ministerio cristiano y la comunidad de York como un todo. Hay tantas personas que estoy tan agradecida a Dios. No puedo nombrarlos a todos, pero Ken Sanders, Wayne Hildebrand, Ed, Hans, Geoff Abendschoen, Dave Stambaugh, Karl y Anna vanDyk, Lois Hollinger, Bill Lupp, Delores Rehmeyer, la púa Klahold, Karen Hildebrand y sí muchas otras. Ana y yo acariciaremos nuestro tiempo aquí, y lamentamos que otros optaron por probar y repercutir negativamente en el ministerio aquí.





## STEWARDSHIP: MAY 2018

St. Paul teaches, “Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches” (Galatians 6:6).

And again, he says, “Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel” (1 Corinthians 9:13–14).

In other words, ministers of the gospel are supported by the offerings of those who are served by them. And this is how the Church lives even now. It is standard practice.

But this deserves closer examination. For it instructs us not *just* that we are to give but also *what* we are to give. And it does so with four little words: “In the same way ...”

St. Paul is building his case for supporting the preachers of the Gospel with the sacrificial giving of individual members on the example of the Old Testament people who supported the Levites with their offerings and sacrifices.

We’re to support the Gospel ministry “in the same way.” But how did the Old Testament people support the Levites?

Moses records this: “You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always” (Deuteronomy 14:22–23).

The Levites were supported by the tithe, 10 percent of all the yearly yield of that which was harvested.

Does that seem like a lot? Does it surprise you that St. Paul instructs us that we are to support the New Testament Gospel ministry “in the same way?”

If it does, ask yourself: is the Church’s job in the New Testament bigger or smaller than the Levites’ job in the Old Testament? Back then there was one Temple, and the ministry was almost exclusively located in one nation among the descendants of Abraham.

Jesus calls us to teach and baptize all nations (Matt. 28). And there are churches and ministries all around the world. How could we support this new Gospel ministry with anything less than the Israelites supported the Old Testament ministry?

Of course, we are free to give more, for we have received more than those in the Old Testament. We have received the fullness of God’s revelation, the fullness of His salvation, the fulfillment of everything that God promised to do.

For we have received Christ, God’s own Son, in the flesh, who took upon himself our sins and in exchange gave us his righteousness. The Father claimed us as his own in Holy Baptism.

He gathers us together in the place where his name dwells to feast on the first fruits of the resurrection, the risen and living body and blood of his Son, our Lord, Jesus. He reminds us that we are His, that all things are ours because we belong to Him. He blesses us here in time with physical and spiritual gifts.

In the same way, and in response to his fatherly divine goodness and mercy, we gladly give to those who proclaim to us “the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light.”

For once we were not a people, but now we are God’s people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have indeed (1 Peter 2:9–10).



The congregation of First St. John’s Lutheran Church extends our condolences and prayers to the families of Firefighters, Zachary Anthony and Ivan Flanscha, who were lost while fighting a massive fire in York.



The congregation also extends their prayers to firefighters Erik Swanson and Greg Altland, as they recover from injuries suffered in the same fire.

We pray that God would sustain their families during this time of mourning and healing.



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  
Edward (Nancy Hildebrand’s brother  
Susan Null-Cancer  
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  
Beth Smith  
For those in Puerto Rico  
Eddie Rivera  
James Dowdy  
Leslie Warren  
Doug Skinner-Heart  
Larry Stevens  
Chris Bowman  
James Mitchell  
Marianne DeModena-Cancer  
Graham Abendschoen-Protection  
Betty Brillhart-Open heart surgery (Joyce Moul’s Aunt)  
Kyle Pitts-York City Police Officer-wounded in the line of duty  
Michelle Williams  
Kimberly Thompson  
John Pfeiffer, Sr.- At HealthSouth Rehab, injured in fall  
Billy Monahan  
Nicie Mesmeringer (Mother of Jane Abendschoen), in hospital-Heart  
Christine Neal (Bonnie Abendschoen’s cousin)-Hospital with the Flu.

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



FIRST TIME REQUESTS

Families of firefighters Ivan Flanscha and Zachary Anthony who went home to be with the Lord while fighting a major fire in York.  
York Firefighters, Erik Swanson, and Greg Altland, who were injured while fighting the same fire that cost the lives of their fellow firefighters.  
Bill Stockwell-Radio Host-Heart Procedure  
Frank Fogle-In hospital  
Brenton Allen-Kidney failure

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 Nzynski, 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  
Tiffany Dickson



1st - Daniel Stambaugh  
10th - Rodney Billet  
29th - Rebecca Taylor



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 June

4th - Willard Starner, Sr.

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



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NOTICE  
Permanently closed

THE FOOD PANTRY CLOSED PERMANENTLY ON APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>

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



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. Contact Pastor Driskell at (717) 386-3698 or leave a message on the church phone-(717) 843-8597.

Coffee cups are \$6.00

Deer tracks are \$12.00.



CHECK OUT THE EXERCISE AREA ON THE SECOND 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

PFRC 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