

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

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**Pastor Rev. James A. Driskell**Website: [www.firststjohns.com](http://www.firststjohns.com)**REFORMATION 500****RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED****DATED MATERIAL**

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Be together at First St. John's - Your Community Church and Your Family in JESUS

Monthly  
**Newsletter****VOLUME 50 ISSUE 6**Website: [www.firststjohns.com](http://www.firststjohns.com)**JUNE 2018**

We thank Pastor James Driskell and his wife Marge for their ministry in our midst and for their many years of Service to the Lord in His Church. Pastor Jim received and accepted a call from Trinity Lutheran Church in Maryland.

We pray that God will continue to bless them as they move forward to serve in their new church.







## SUNDAY WORSHIP

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 9:00 AM  
SERVICE 10:30 AM

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

### REGULAR CHURCH EVENTS AND WORSHIP

- Sunday -** Christian Education 9:00 AM  
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM  
1:30 PM - Prayer Meeting
- Monday -** PANERA BREAD DISTRIBUTION 9:30-11:00 AM
- Tuesday -** 6:30-8:00 PM - Kickboxing  
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** 6:30-8:00 PM - Kickboxing  
6:30 PM - Narcotics Anonymous Meeting
- Saturday** 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.

### Contact Us

Phone 717.843.8597

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

10:30 AM Morning Service

Communion services are held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month,

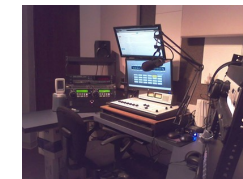
We print bulletins in English (small and large print), and Chinese for morning worship. Please contact us in advance if you need a Spanish bulletin.

PHONE: (717) 843-8597



Community 106.1 FM  
WYGO LP FM

YORK COUNTY'S FIRST NON-COMMERCIAL PUBLIC RADIO STATION  
140 West King Street, York, PA 17401 [community106.1@gmail.com](mailto:community106.1@gmail.com) (717) 848-5010



106.1 FM  
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

**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. 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 being ordered. Please consider making this your regular coffee source for really good coffee and to support really good causes.



### FROM OUR RADIO STATION MANAGERS, GORDON AND JOYCE MOUL:

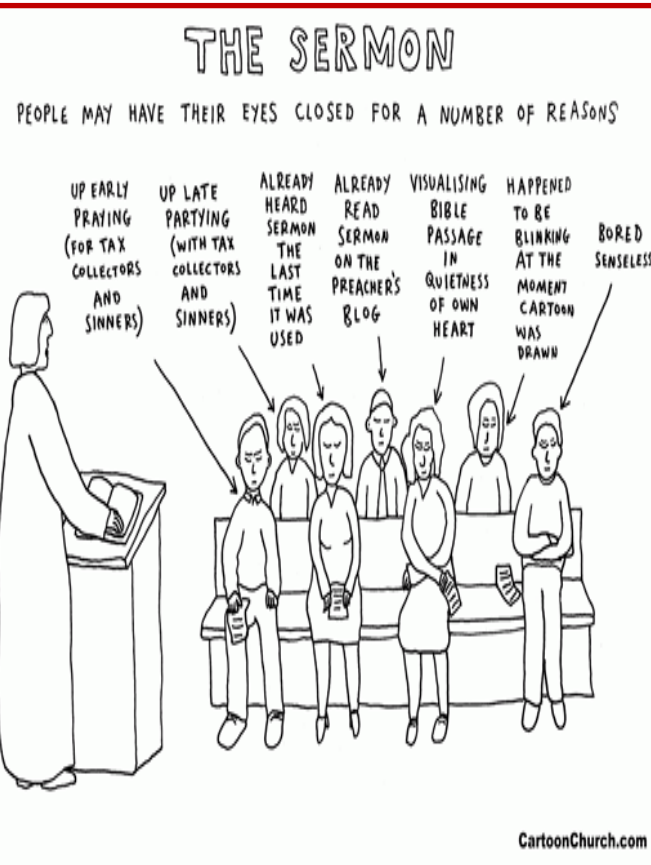
Gordon and I were shopping and bumped into a woman who was from the church neighborhood way back when we used to run Monday Night at the Movies. She had several young kids at that time and an alcoholic husband. The kids and she attended faithfully and enjoyed the Christian kids movies, the homework help, snacks and Bible lessons. It might well have been the only church they knew.

We asked about the kids (now grown) and she said they and her grandkids attend church regularly and her eldest daughter even initiates programs at her church.

Planting the seed in even the smallest way can make such a huge difference in lives now lived for Christ and lives now sowing seeds.

The radio advisory board and steering committee will meet on June 12th at 6:30 pm at 140 West King St. and all. First St. John's members, especially church leaders, are invited. Please join us for a short meeting to steer the direction of your radio station.

106.1 FM  
COMMUNITY RADIO



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# Music Notes

A big thank you goes out to the adult choir for all their hard work in providing special music for worship and in being leaders of worship on special days. (Advent "Lessons and Carols" and "Good Friday Tenebrae")

There is still time to hand in your favorite songs and hymns for use in the summer worship services. They will be incorporated into the services during the months of June, July, and August.

For this month, I would like to focus on the song: "Father Welcomes" found in our hymnal on page 605. The information concerning the writer and composer of this hymn was taken from his web site: robinmann.com.

He has written his own bio which I share with you here.

"Born and bred in southern Australia, I've lived in Adelaide most of my life. Making music is my main occupation but I've also been a schoolteacher (briefly) and worked for churches.

I was going to be a minister, a preacher. Maybe I had the wrong kind of name. Perhaps my brain, or my personality didn't fit the bill. Anyway, I liked songs, playing the guitar, singing harmonies to the radio.

I write **Australian Christian Songs**, perform them, lead people in singing, put song collections together — of my own songs, and lots of other people's too — record songs, and try to spread them around, especially songs that Christians can sing together.

My songs have been sung by lots of people for a long time, mostly by people in **churches** and **church schools**. I've written a host of songs for **Christians** to sing. More than a hundred of these have been published in various collections. The biggest number have appeared in the 7 **All Together Songbooks** produced between 1980 and 2014. (1-5 by Openbook Publishers, 6 & 7 self-published - business name, Curly Music) 8 are in the current **Australian Hymnbook, Together In Song**. A lot more have appeared in the songbooks of the biennial NCYC (National Christian Youth Convention)."

## Father Welcomes

Refrain: Father welcomes all His children to His family through His Son.

Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.

Verses: 1. Little children, come to Me, for My kingdom is of these.

Life and love I have to give, mercy for your sin.

2. In the water, in the Word, in His promise, be assured:

Those who are baptized and believe shall be born again.

3. Let us daily die to sin; let us daily rise with Him,

Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, live in the peace of God.

*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 IN SEPTEMBER**



The special offering for the month of

**JUNE**

Lutheran Mission Society



TO HEAR PAST SERMONS FROM

PASTOR DRISKELL



GO TO [www.Soundcloud.com/jim-driskell](http://www.Soundcloud.com/jim-driskell).

IF YOU ARE  
INTERESTED IN GIVING  
ELECTRONICALLY  
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

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- 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)



## JUNE 2018 PARISH VISITOR

**JULY DEADLINE**

Articles Due June 22nd - Friday

Mail Date June 28th - 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**.

**THERE WILL BE NO SUMMER PROGRAM THIS YEAR.**

**The last meal will be served on Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.**

## MEETINGS IN JUNE

**Worship Committee**

**Radio Advisory Bd. Mtg.**

**Church Council**

**Sunday 1st-12:00 Noon \***

**Tuesday 12th**

**Thursday 14th- 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 Worship 10:30 AM

First St. John's Lutheran Church

140 West King Street, York, PA 17401 / 843-8597

For updates refer to Website calendar at

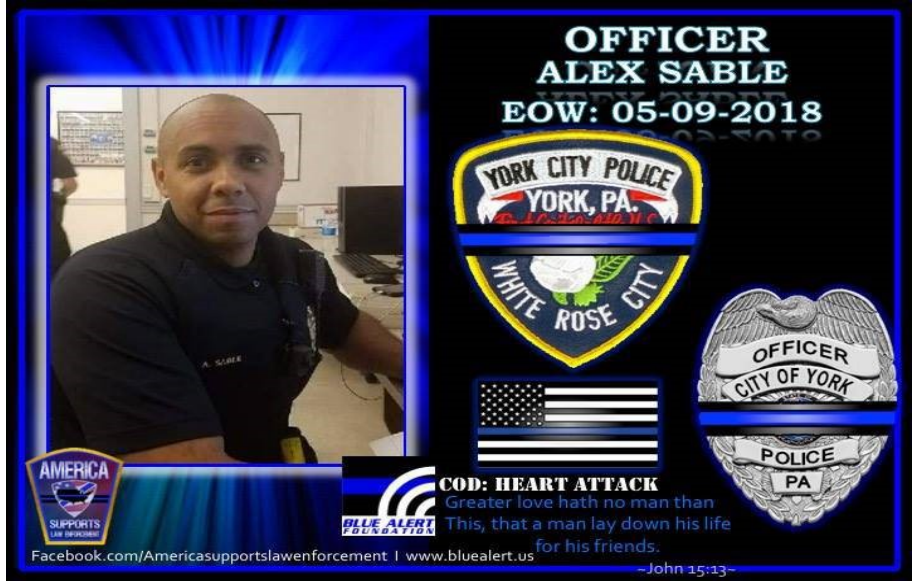
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CHURCH OFFICE

Phone Number 717-843-8597

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WORSHIP COMM. MTG. - 12:00 Noon 1st Sunday of the month					1	2 Marital Arts 1:00 PM
3 2nd Sunday after Pentecost NC/ Green	4 Panera Bread 9:30-11:00 am	5 A.A. Meeting 6:30 pm Kickboxing 6:30-8:00 PM	6	7 Kickboxing 6:30-8:00 PM N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	8	9 Marital Arts 1:00 PM
10 3rd Sunday after Pentecost C/ Green	11 Panera Bread 9:30-11:00 am	12 A.A. Meeting 6:30 pm Kickboxing 6:30-8:00 PM	13	14 Church Council Mtg. 5:30 PM Kickboxing 6:30-8:00 PM N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	15	16 Marital Arts 1:00 PM
17 4th Sunday after Pentecost NC/ Green	18 Panera Bread 9:30-11:00 am	19 A.A. Mtg. 6:30pm Kickboxing 6:30-8:00 PM	20	21 Kickboxing 6:30-8:00 PM N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	22	23 Marital Arts 1:00 PM
24 5th Sunday after Pentecost C/ Green	25 Panera Bread 9:30-11:00 am	26 A.A. Mtg. 6:30pm Kickboxing 6:30-8:00 PM	27 Summer Program with Lincoln School 9:00 AM	28 Kickboxing 6:30-8:00 PM N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	29	30
Harvest of Blessings, Young Lives and the Adult Choir will resume at the end of summer or early fall.		LAY READER:	USHERS Wally Smith	Other Thursday Events Kickboxing 3:30-5:00PM Private Confession 5-7 N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm If not listed	ALTAR GUILD: Lois Stambaugh	SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERINGS JUNE Lutheran Mission Society

IN MEMORIAM ALEX SABLE



The congregation of First St. John's Lutheran Church extends our condolences and prayers to the family of York City Police Officer Alex Sable who went to be with the Lord after a SWAT training exercise.

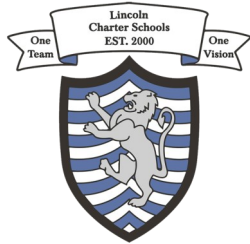
We pray that God would sustain his family during this time of mourning. .

First St. John's is again sponsoring a summer children's program with Lincoln Charter School. The dates for the program are June 27th, July 11th, July 18th, and July 25th. The time will be from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The children will spend 2 weeks learning to make chocolate chip cookies, and 2 weeks for making salsa.

**Volunteers are needed to help.** If you are available for any of the dates, please contact Lois Hollinger and let her know what date/s you are available. Her phone number is (717) 266-2225.

Also needed is financial assistance to support this project. If you find any good prices for pint canning jars, please let Lois know as this as well.



## STEWARDSHIP: JUNE 2018

"There are three conversions necessary to every man: the head, the heart, and the purse." Attributed to Luther, though yet to be located in his vast writings, this statement echoes what Jesus taught about hearts and treasures. He said, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21; Luke 12:34).

But which conversion comes first? I submit that the order is this: first the head, then the purse, then the heart. Let me explain.

Our Lord Jesus Christ dwelt among us to save us. He took on our flesh, fulfilled the demands of the law in our place, became sin for us, and suffered torture and death on our behalf, in order that we would be free from sin, death, and hell. He gives us what He accomplished through Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord's Supper.

And so, He doesn't just do it for us but gives it to us, makes what He did ours by making us His. Thus, we are called by His name: Christians. We have a new life in Him.

Through the preaching of Law and Gospel, God grants us repentance, a changing of our minds. It is a conversion of the mind. We are called to turn away from our sins and turn toward Him for forgiveness, life, and salvation. For when God calls us away from something, He is, at the same time, calling us to something.

And thus, He calls us to a new life, with new deeds. This is the conversion of the purse. Jesus said that "it is easier for a camel to enter through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God" (Matthew 19:24). "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Notice that our hearts follow our treasures, not the other way around. As Christians, God calls us to invest our treasures in His Kingdom to ensure that the gospel is preached and the sacraments are administered. He calls us to share all good things with the one who teaches us the doctrines of Christ. He calls us to be generous in giving to the church, for it is more blessed to give than to receive.

So where is your treasure? If it is not invested in the kingdom of God, then the only response is repentance—a conversion of the heart—and to begin doing just that. And as our Lord promised, where your treasure is there your heart will be also.

This is not to say that you earn your way into heaven. It is simply to say that as Christians, those who have been made to be temples of the Holy Spirit, who have been given a new life in Christ, who are dead to sin and now alive in Him, we are, actually, to live — think (conversion of the mind), do (conversion of the purse), and be (conversion of the heart) — a new life in Him.

And when you fail, know that God in Christ loves and forgives you and still calls you away from that and to Himself.



## First St. John's Lutheran Church

### Treasurer's Report Summary April 2018

GENERAL FUND - INCOME	
Cash and checks	\$ 5,554
Auto. Dep. In Checking Account	\$ 555
Trust Funds	\$ -
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 6,109</b>

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES	
Checking account (Fulton Bank)	\$ 76,086
Investments (LCEF Notes)	\$ 56,546
Thrivent Accounts (bal. 3/31/16)	\$ -
<b>TOTAL BANK ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 132,632</b>

OTHER ASSETS	
Insurance policies (cash value)	\$ 36,733

GENERAL FUND - EXPENSES	
Staff Salaries and Benefits	\$ 8,856
Ministry Allowance & Mileage	\$ -
Conferences (Pastor and Lay)	\$ -
Christian Worship	\$ -
Church Supplies	\$ 337
Administration	\$ 947
Church Property	\$ 5,001
Christian Growth	\$ 144
Christian Witness	\$ 13
Stewardship	\$ -
Utilities	\$ 1,002
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 16,300</b>

<b>INCOME - LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ (10,191)</b>
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DEDICATED ACCOUNTS				
	Beginning	Income	Expenses	Balance
Building Fund	\$ 2,864	\$ 40	\$ 0	\$ 2,904
Organ Fund	\$ 55,460	\$ 0	\$ 4400	\$ 51,060
Youth Group	\$ 1,162	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,162
Outreach Ministry	\$ 1,748	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,748
Alms Gifts	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ -
Southeastern District - LCMS	\$ -	\$ 90	\$ 90	\$ -
Mission of the Month		\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ -
	<b>\$ 61,234</b>			<b>\$ 56,874</b>

**TOTAL BANK ASSETS less Dedicated Accounts = \$ 75,758 General Fund balance**



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  
Larry Stevens  
Chris Bowman  
James Mitchell  
Marianne DeModena-Cancer  
Graham Abendschoen-Protection  
Betty Brillhart-Open heart surgery soon (Joyce Moul’s aunt)  
Kyle Pitts-York City Police Officer wounded in the line of duty  
Michelle Williams  
Kimberly Thompson  
Tiffany Dickson-Automobile Accident  
Patti Tripp-COPD  
Billy Monahan  
York Firefighters, Erik Swanson, and Greg Altland,  
Christine Neal (Bonnie Abendschoen’s cousin)-Hospital with the Flu.  
Bill Stockwell-Radio Host WYCO-Heart Procedure  
Frank Fogle (Norma Null’s brother)-In hospital  
Wally Smith-Surgical procedure  
Brenton Allen-Kidney failure  
Mark Diano-Diabetes  
Mary Bowers-For first child  
Mary Andrae

FIRST TIME REQUESTS

Family of Nicie Mesmeringer (Mother of Jane Abendschoen), who went to be with the Lord.

The congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, WI-devastating fire

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

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

LEADERS

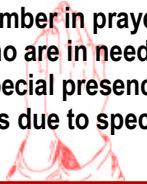
Church Pastor, Minister of Music Ken Sanders, Lay Leaders, Pastor Cosgrove, Pastor Nzingi, Pastor Zimmerman, Pastor Reichel, Pastor Brasso, Pastor Koontz, Pastor Merrell, Pastor Banach, Pastor Robertson, Pastor Schaefer. Sally Hiller, David Maack. District President John Denninger

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

For our Community Radio Station  
For 140 years  
For all of God’s Gifts  
Carol Clark  
James Driskell-Pulmonary Embolism  
Roy Bose-Heart Issues



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



4th - Willard Starner, Sr.  
10th - Jaime Rohrbaugh  
25th - Joyce Moul



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 July

1st - Nancy Hildebrand  
2nd - Terry Harrison  
9th - Linda Billet

PRAYERS (cont.)

Jeff Rehmer-Heart Issues	Carl Roth-Heart & Eye problems
Crystal Myers	Jessica Driskell
Quitao Zhang	

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 Kuhn	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



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 June, July, August, September, November, December.

October 7th, 21st, 28th.



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