

**FIRST ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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



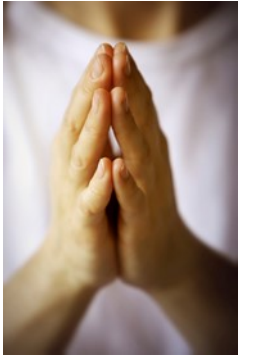
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Here is a poem to consider as you think about your prayer life.

### **In Holy Conversation**



**In holy conversation We speak to God in prayer,  
 And at His invitation Our deepest thoughts we share.**

**We come, His will obeying, As children bringing  
 needs;**

**And to support our praying, His Spirit intercedes.**

**These holy conversations Begin in childlike ways;**

**We bring our supplications And words of thanks and praise.**

**With care our Father listens To ev'ry thought expressed,**

**Then answers our petitions In ways He knows are best.**

**As holy conversation, In silence or by word,**

**In ev'ry situation Through Jesus, we are heard.**

**So let us pray securely, Expressing hopes and fears**

**With confidence that surely Our Father ever hears.**





## SUNDAY WORSHIP

BIBLE STUDY 9:00 AM

SERVICE 11:00 AM

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

### REGULAR CHURCH EVENTS AND WORSHIP

**Sunday -** 9:00 AM Bible Study  
11:00 AM Sunday Worship

**Monday -** PANERA BREAD DISTRIBUTION 9:00-11:00 AM

**Wednesday** 6:30 PM - Adult Choir (September through May/June)

**Thursday** 6:30 PM - Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

OUR WEBSITE ADDRESS:

[www.firststjohns.com](http://www.firststjohns.com)

### 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

Phone 717.843.8597

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HIGH SECURITY KEY-LOCKS WERE INSTALLED ON THE FRONT AND BACK ENTRANCE DOORS OF THE CHURCH.

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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GET IN TOUCH

# If Jesus Came to Your House

If Jesus came to your house to spend a day or two,  
If He came unexpectedly, I wonder what you'd do.

Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room to such an honored Guest,  
And all the food you'd serve to Him would be the very best.

And you would keep assuring Him you're glad to have Him there,  
That serving Him in your home is joy beyond compare!

But when you saw Him coming, would you meet Him at the door,  
With arms outstretched in welcome to your Heavenly Visitor?

Or would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in,  
Or hide some magazines and put the Bible where they'd been?

Would you turn off the radio and hope He hadn't heard-  
And wish you hadn't uttered that last, loud, hasty word?

Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymn books out?  
Could you let Jesus walk right in, or would you rush about?

And I wonder- if the Saviour spent a day or two with you-  
Would you go right on doing the things you always do?

Would you keep right on saying the things you always say?  
Would life for you continue as it does from day to day?

Would your family conversation keep up its usual pace?  
And would you find it hard each meal to say a table grace?

Would you sing the songs you always sing and read the books you read,  
And let Him know the things on which your mind and spirit feed?

Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you'd planned to go,  
Or would you, maybe change your plans for just a day or so?

Would you be glad to have Him meet your very closest friends,  
Or would you hope they'd stay away until His visit ends?

Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on,  
Or would you sigh with great relief when He at last was gone?

It might be interesting to know the things that you would do  
If Jesus came in person to spend the holidays with you.



## Music & Worship Notes



The church year has other festivals that are not part of the life of Jesus Christ. Two of those festivals are Reformation and All Saints' Day. The older of the two is All Saints' Day which dates to the seventh century.

**Reformation** The festival of the Reformation is the only one that is peculiar to the Lutheran Church. It is the anniversary of All Hallow's Eve 1517, when Luther, then an Augustinian and professor at the University of Wittenberg, nailed his 95 statements on the sale of indulgences to the door of the church. He knew they would be seen by many, for All Saints' Day was a holy day of obligation and all the faithful would be in church the next morning. He did not know that he was initiating the Protestant Reformation.

The outbreak of the Thirty Years' War, which found the Roman princes engaged in a final attempt to wipe out north European Protestantism, created a renewed anti-Roman spirit typified in the Swedish Lutheran "Lion of the North," Gustavus Adolphus, who, though he lost his life in the Battle of Lutzen (1632) saved the Protestant cause. In 1667, John George II, Elector of Saxony, ordered a Festival of the Reformation to be celebrated on October 31. It has since become known as Reformation Day.

**All Saints' Day** As early as the third century, the primitive church provided a celebration for all martyrs. In the next century we know that the date of the festival was May 13. This date formally adopted in 610, when the Roman Pantheon was rebuilt.

A century later Pope Gregory III (734-741) dedicated a chapel in St. Peter's to "all the apostles, martyrs, confessors and all the just and perfect who are at rest." The date remained on May 13 until 835 when Pope Gregory IV (827-844) shifted it to November 1. One reason for the change is believed to have been the popularity of the festival, which attracted large numbers of pilgrims. The food supply in Rome in May was insufficient to care for them.

In the Anglican and many Lutheran calendars, All Saints' Day was ranked as a minor, rather than a major, festival. All Saints' Day, and the service for the day, is a commemoration of the faithful departed, who have received their "crown of glory."



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

## AUGUST

LAMP-Lutheran Association of Missionaries  
& Pilots



## Bible Study

9:00 AM

### AUGUST 2019 PARISH VISITOR



**SEPTEMBER 2019 DEADLINE**

**Articles Due August 16th-Friday**

**Mail Date August 22nd-Thursday**

**Newsletter**

### MEETINGS IN AUGUST

**Worship Committee**

**Church Council**

**Future Committee**

**To be announced**

**8th-Thursday-5:30 pm**

**Wednesday-9:00 am**



### UPCOMING AUGUST SERVICES

August 4th, Communion (8th Sunday after Pentecost)

August 11th, Non-Communion (9th Sunday after Pentecost)

August 18th, Communion (10th Sunday after Pentecost)

August 25th, Non-Communion (11th Sunday after Pentecost)

Communion and Non-Communion services order may change this month.

**AUGUST**

**Sunday<sup>+</sup>  
Services**

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

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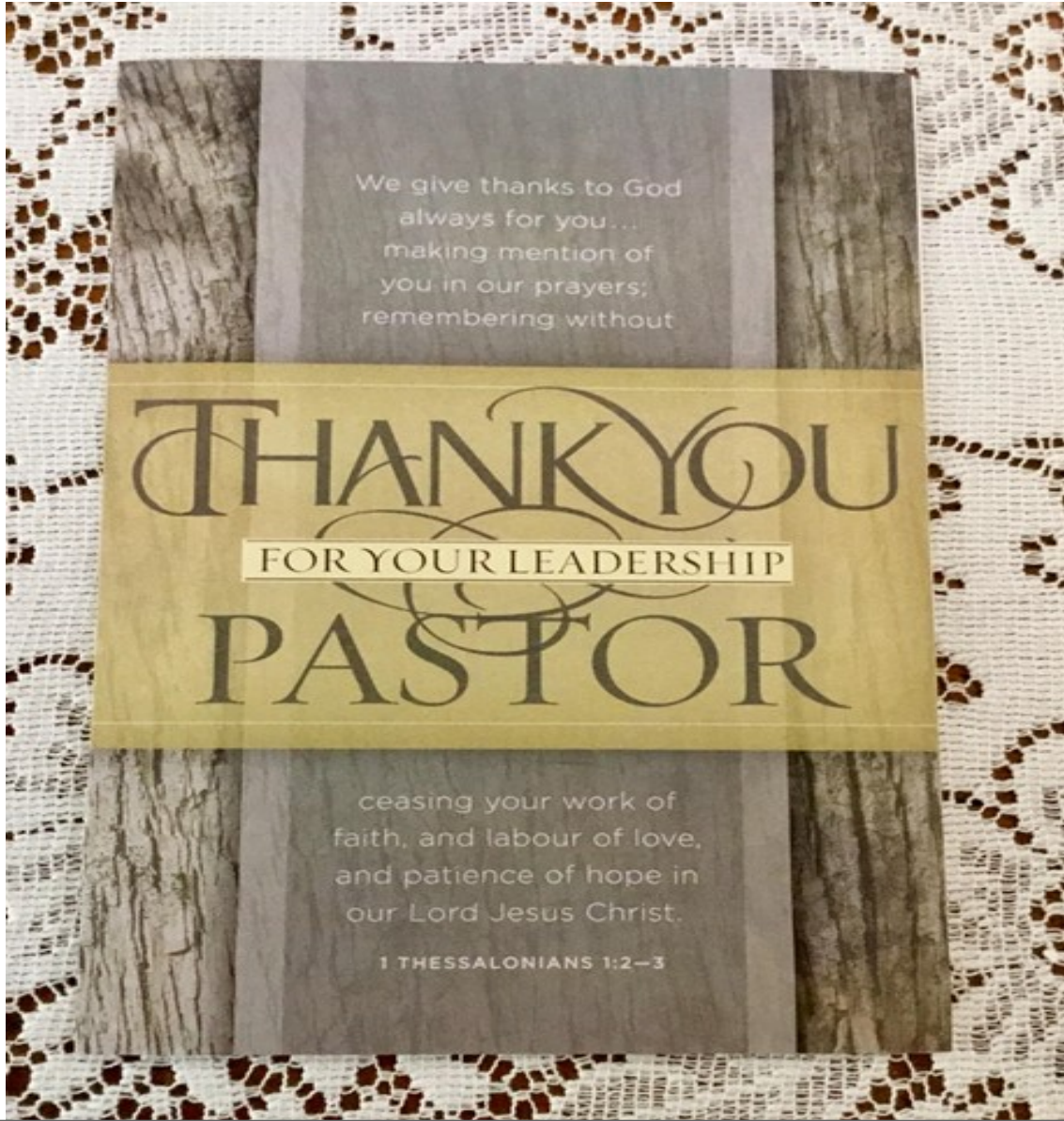
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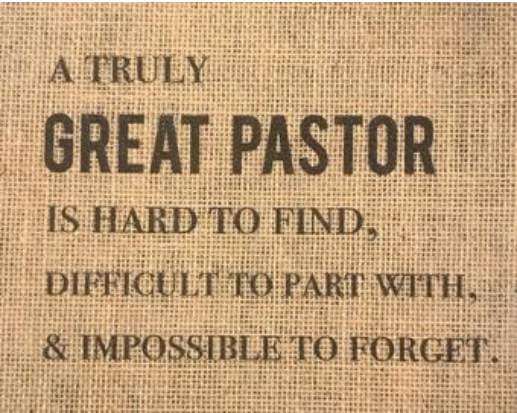
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Bible Study- 9:00 am. Morning Worship-11:00 am. The fifth Sunday of the month (months with five Sundays), will be a Prayer and Preaching Service.				1 N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	2	3
4 8th Sunday after Pentecost C/ Green	5 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	6	7	8 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 5:30 PM N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	9	10
11 9th Sunday after Pentecost NC/ Green	12 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	13	14	15 N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	16	17
18 10th Sunday after Pentecost Matins C/ Green	19 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	20	21	22 N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	23	24
25 11th Sunday after Pentecost NC/ Green	26 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	27	28	29 N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	30	31
		LAY READER	USHER	ALTAR GUILD Barb Klahold		SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERINGS AUGUST LAMP-Luthern Assoc. of Missionaries & Pilots

We thank you for your ministry,  
Your guidance and your care.  
His greatest blessings for your life  
Is our most humble prayer.

When we thank God for our pastor,  
We must give Him thanks for two.  
For when your husband came to us,  
God also sent us you.



First St. John's was very blessed this year by Pastor Schafer and his wife Julie. Albeit, this side of heaven, all good things must end. The Schafer's are starting another chapter in their lives and are moving back to Pastor Stephen's home state of Florida. We will miss their presence at Sunday worship. We pray for God's blessings, and offer a profound thank you for their service to our congregation.



**STEWARDSHIP: AUGUST 2019**

Have you ever noticed the subtle ceremony of receiving the offerings during the Divine Service? The offerings are collected in plates or baskets, and they are brought forward and given to the pastor or an assistant. The pastor turns toward the altar, and, as he slightly bows his head, the offerings are raised slightly to the Lord and placed on the altar or an adjacent table.

Why do we have this ceremony? And what does it teach us? For that is what ceremony does – it teaches, as the Augsburg Confession tells us what we need to know about Christ (AC XXIV, 1–3).

Originally, this ceremony included more than simply bringing forward what was collected in the offering plates. The elements for the Holy Communion – the bread and the wine – were brought forward with the offerings. The offerings and elements were lifted toward the Lord and placed upon the altar. The altar, now made a table, would be set for the Lord's Supper.

Gifts brought to the altar come from the sweat of His people's brow. They are the bread and wine, the fruits of His people's labor in this fallen world. After six days of labor and toil, the people are to bring a generous proportion for the Lord's work. Gifts set upon the altar are offered to the Lord for Him to take up and press into service for His gracious work.

For what is offered to the Lord from the sweat of His people's brow – the bread of anxious toil – comes back to us as the bread of life. The bread comes down from heaven that whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup will receive life through the forgiveness of their sins.

This is not unlike what the Lord did for His people in the Old Testament:

“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. And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire – oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household.” (Deut. 14:22-26)

What a blessing! God provides for us in all things. He provides bread from the sweat of our brows. He receives this from us in the first-fruits offerings we give to Him in thanksgiving and praise, and He turns these into spiritual bread. He gives this heavenly bread – the bread of eternal life – back to us so we might have joy.

So, the next time you are in the Divine Service, watch this ceremony in wonder. The offerings we have given to Him, the Lord gives back to us in His supper so that we may rejoice in the salvation He won for us upon the cross.

**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  
1801 Gladfelter Circle  
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 VOTER'S MEETING**

A special Voter's Meeting to vote to transfer the Radio Station 106.1 license will be held immediately after church on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.





**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

**FIRST TIME REQUESTS**

Joyce Devan-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:**



**1st - Christina Lin**  
**1st - Breana Wilson**  
**6th - Norma Null**  
**9th - Marguerite Beck**  
**15th - Alexis Stover**  
**16th - Delores Rehmyer**  
**18th - Kay Markel**  
**23rd - Edward Abendschoen III**  
**24th - Chrystal Myers**  
**25th - Tyler Fogle**  
**26th - Daniel Montanez**  
**26th - Jeanne Noll**  
**27th - Idarae Lauer-Olinger**



**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 September Birthdays**

**7th - Deborah Stover**  
**9th - Adette Brady**

**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**  
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**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?*

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**formerly Pregnancy & Family Resource Center**

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