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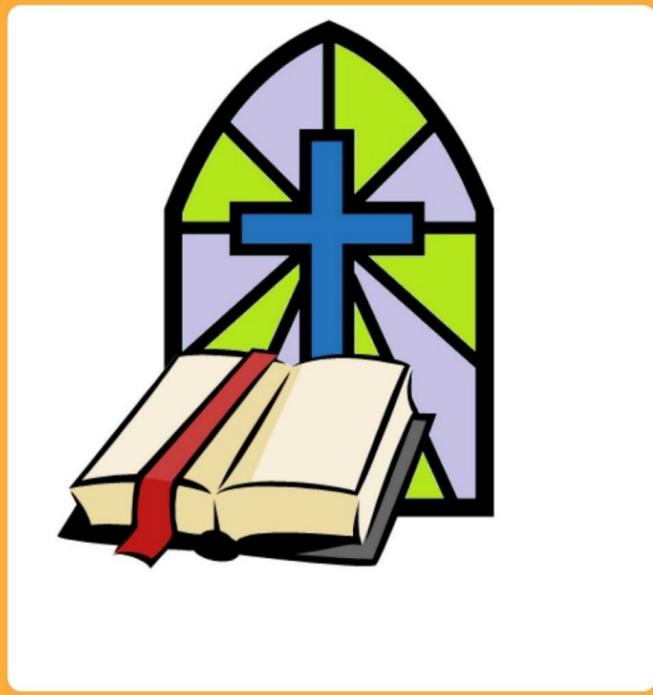
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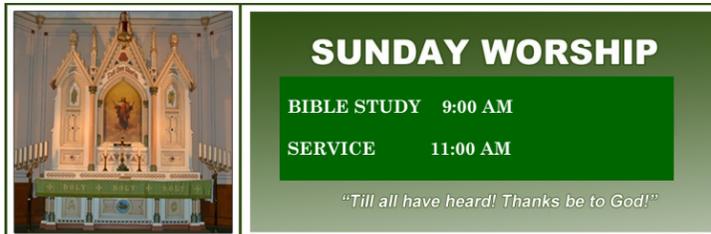


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The Five Solas

1. Sola Scriptura (by scripture alone)
2. Sola Fide (by faith alone)
3. Sola Gratia (by grace alone)
4. Solus Christus (Christ alone)
5. Soli Deo Gloria (glory to God alone)



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 (Suspended)

OUR WEBSITE ADDRESS:

www.firststjohns.org

WELCOME

Our calling is for all to know Jesus as Lord and be an effective magnet involving lives for Jesus Christ. Worship should always be focused on God, the time honored traditions of worship are observed here, we want worship to be glorifying to God, honoring to God and reminding us of the greatness and glory of God. People say that they have truly worshipped after our Sunday morning service.

We are a very welcoming church and we want to help you to know Jesus.

Contact Us

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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.



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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STEWARDSHIP - OCTOBER 2020

We celebrate the Reformation at the end of each October. The Reformation began on All Saints' Eve in 1517, which was when Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. So, let's hear from Luther himself on the topic of giving and stewardship.

In the Small Catechism under the Table of Duties, Martin Luther gives specific Bible passages to help Christians know their duty in their various vocations as members of their family, society at large, and in God's family, the Church. Under the heading "What Hearers Owe Their Pastors," Luther lists five passages from the Bible, three of which have to do with giving to your local congregation. They are these:

"The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel." (1 Cor. 9:14)

"Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows." (Gal. 6:6-7)

"The elders [presbyters, i.e., pastors] who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, 'Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,' and 'The worker deserves his wages.'" (1 Tim. 5:17-18)

Luther comments on these passages in his 1535 Lectures on Galatians. He wrote:

"When Paul says 'all good things,' this is not to be taken to mean that everyone should share all his possessions with his preacher. No, it means that he should provide for him liberally, giving him as much as is needed to support his life in comfort. ... The apostle is so serious in advocating this topic of support for preachers that he adds a threat to his denunciation and exhortation, saying: 'God is not mocked.' ... All this pertains to the topic of support for ministers. I do not like to interpret such passages; for they seem to commend us, as in fact they do. In addition, it gives the appearance of greed if one emphasizes these things diligently to one's hearers. Nevertheless, people should be taught also about this matter, in order that they may know that they owe both respect and support to their preachers. Christ teaches the same thing in Luke 10:7: 'Eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages'; and Paul says elsewhere (1 Cor. 9:13-14): '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.' It is important for us who are in the ministry to know this, so that we do not have a bad conscience about accepting for our work wages ... it happens when those who proclaim the glory of God and faithfully instruct the youth derive their livelihood from them. It is impossible that one man should be devoted to household duties day and night for his support and at the same time pay attention to the study of Sacred Scripture, as the teaching ministry requires. Since God has commanded and instituted this, we should know that we may with a good conscience enjoy what is provided for the comfortable support of our lives from church properties to enable us to devote ourselves to our office." (LW 27:125-126)

Stewardship

is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.



Music & Worship Notes



The month of October brings a few celebrations. The main one that happens each year is Reformation. This year we will celebrate Reformation on Sunday, October 25. I will have a trumpeter to play that day.

There are other minor festivals that take place during the month, but we do not celebrate them unless the date falls on a Sunday and the pastor wishes to focus on them. For October, we remember St. Luke on the 18th; St. James, Jesus brother, on the 23rd; and Sts. Simon and Jude on the 28th.

This year, we will have a special worship service on Sunday, October 11 at 10:00 A.M. It will be a call service in which we will discuss the three pastoral candidates and then vote on one. St. Paul's from Columbia will be joining us for that service. It is not normally a communion Sunday, but we will celebrate the Lord's Supper after the voting has completed.



**Ken Sanders,
Minister of Music**



THE ADULT CHOIR:

Karen Hildebrand, Lois Hollinger, Lois Stambaugh, Dave Stambaugh, Wally Smith, Ding Wang,



SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH



Galatians 2:16-21

¹⁶ yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. ¹⁷But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. ¹⁹For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. ²⁰I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

In Memoriam

William S. Hildebrand, entered his eternal rest on Saturday, September 12, 2020. We commend his family and friends to the comfort and care of our Lord and Savior, who is the Resurrection and the Life.



Bible Study

9:00 AM

OCTOBER 2020 PARISH VISITOR

NOVEMBER 2020 DEADLINE

Articles Due

October 16th-Friday

Mail Date

October 22nd -Thursday

Newsletter

MEETINGS IN OCTOBER

Worship Committee

To be announced

Church Council

8th at 6:00 PM

Future Committee

1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month



UPCOMING OCTOBER 2020 SERVICES

October 4th, Communion (18th Sunday after Pentecost)

October 11th, Communion (19th Sunday after Pentecost) Call Service starts at 10:00 am

October 18th, Communion (20th Sunday after Pentecost)

October 25th, Non-Communion (Reformation Day)



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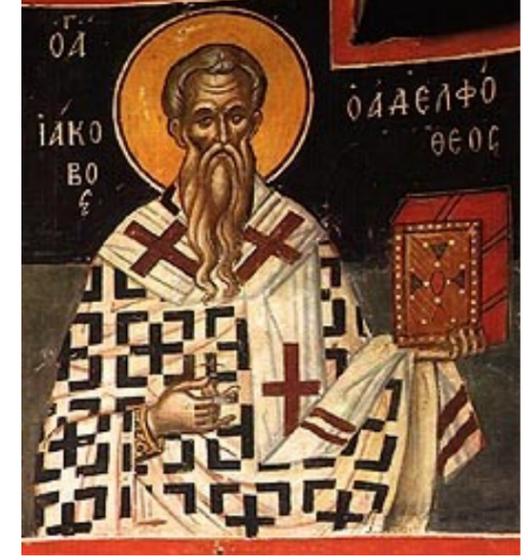
OPPORTUNITIES TO KNOW JESUS
Bible Study 9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Service 11:00 AM

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OCTOBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 18th Sunday after Pentecost C/ Green	5 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	6	7 Future Committee Meeting	8 CHURCH COUNCIL MTG. 6:00 PM	9	10
11 19th Sunday after Pentecost Call Sunday Church Service starts at 10:00 AM C/ Green	12 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	13	14	15	16	17
18 20th Sunday after Pentecost C/ Green	19 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	20	21 Future Committee Meeting	22	23	24
25 Reformation Sunday NC/ Red	26 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	27 <u>LAY READER</u> Geoff Abendschoen	28 <u>USHER</u>	29 <u>ALTAR GUILD</u> Nancy Hildebrand	30	31

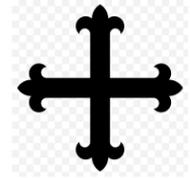
APOSTLE JAMES, THE BROTHER OF THE LORD



Commemorated on October 23

Holy Apostle James, the Brother of God (Adelphotheos) was the son of Righteous Joseph the Betrothed of the Most Holy Theotokos (December 26). From his early years James was a Nazarene, a man especially dedicated to God. The Nazarenes vowed to preserve their virginity, to abstain from wine, to refrain from eating meat, and not to cut their hair. The vow of the Nazarenes symbolized a life of holiness and purity, commanded formerly by the Lord for all Israel. When the Savior began to teach the nation about the Kingdom of God, Saint James believed in Christ and became His apostle. He was chosen as the first Bishop of Jerusalem.

Saint James presided over the Council of Jerusalem and his word was decisive (Acts 15). In his thirty years as bishop, Saint James converted many of the Jews to Christianity. Annoyed by this, the Pharisees and the Scribes plotted together to kill Saint James. They led the saint up on the pinnacle of the Jerusalem Temple and asked what he thought of Jesus. The holy Apostle began to bear witness that Christ is the Messiah, which was not the response the Pharisees were expecting. Greatly angered, the Jewish teachers threw him off the roof. The saint did not die immediately, but gathering his final strength, he prayed to the Lord for his enemies while they were stoning him. Saint James' martyrdom occurred about 63 A.D.



LUKE THE EVANGELIST



Feast Day: October 18

Luke was an Evangelist, the writer of the third Gospel. He never met Christ in person, but in his Gospel he says that he came to know about Jesus by talking to eyewitnesses to the events of Jesus' life, death, and Resurrection. Hearing those stories helped Luke to become a believer, and he wrote his Gospel so that others would come to know and love Jesus.

Luke was a doctor and he traveled with Saint Paul on his second missionary journey. In fact, Paul calls Luke his "beloved physician" (Colossians 4:14). Because he cared for the bodily needs of others, Luke is the patron saint of doctors. He is also the patron saint of artists because it is believed that he painted a famous portrait of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

In his Gospel, Luke helps us to know how concerned Jesus was for the sick, the poor, and anyone in need of help, mercy, and forgiveness. Luke tells us that Jesus came to save all people. Through Luke's Gospel, we learn how compassionate and caring Jesus was. Some of the most famous stories Jesus told are found in Luke's Gospel: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37) and the Lost Son (Luke 15:11-42).

The symbol for Luke's Gospel is an ox, an animal that was often sacrificed as an offering to God in ancient times. In his writings about Jesus, Luke reminds us of the great sacrifice Jesus made to save all people through his death on the cross and his Resurrection.

Luke is also the author of the Acts of the Apostles. In Acts, we learn about the coming of the Holy Spirit; the work of the Apostles, especially Saint Paul; and how the Church grew in the world. He was the one person who was said to have remained with Saint Paul during his imprisonment and until his death.

We celebrate Saint Luke's service to the Church each year on October 18. We remember that his Gospel continues to help us know and love Jesus. Luke's Gospel also reminds us to look for ways to imitate Jesus by reaching out to help our brothers and sisters in need.

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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.

PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS





PRAYERS

Ruthetta Fogle
 Christians especially in the Middle East- persecuted
 Prayer Warriors—Spirit is moving
 Becky Lupp
 Angie Linebaugh
 Helen Wu-Husband in nursing home
 Marianne DeModena-Cancer
 Patti Tripp-COPD
 Julia
 Nancy Hildebrand
 Kathy Butts Oster-Health issues
 Shannon Schwartzman-Health issues
 Joyce Devan-Health issues
 Aimee Walton-Health Issues
 Ruth Strathmeyer-Health issues
 Karl & Anna vanDyk
 Linda Mumford Harman-Surgery reovery
 Wally and Beth Smith-Health concerns
 Carla Allison
 Hadley Schumacher-illness (President John Denninger's-Granddaughter)
 Dawn Yenez-Health issues (Aunt of Wally Smith)
 Kim Thompson-Health Issues

FIRST TIME REQUESTS

Family of William Hildebrand who went to be with the Lord.

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Bonnie Abendschoen Dawn Frey Joyce Devan
 Ruth Hermann

LEADERS

Church Pastor, Minister of Music Ken Sanders, Lay Leaders, Pastor Cosgrove, Pastor Nzinski, Pastor Zimmerman, Pastor Brasso, Pastor Seifferlein (Replaced Adam 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

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 - Cruz Rogue
- 4th - Donna D'Andrea
- 5th - Beth Smith
- 10th - Jose Montalvo
- 21st - Calvin Taylor
- 27th - Anna vanDyk

Please Note - On the 1st Sunday service of the month the birthdays for the month will be read. The Birthdays for the current month will be posted on the bulletin board

Early November Birthdays

- 3rd - David Myers, Jr.
- 6th - Chase Abendschoen
- 6th - Graham Abendschoen
- 7th - Wayne Hildebrand III

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



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