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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)

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, 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



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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JUST BEING NEIGHBORLY

EASY
Solution on page 23

ACROSS

1. Electric guitarist's need
4. One of two who "passed by on the other side" in [25-Across + 52-Across]
10. One way to serve coffee
14. Ingredient in jelly beans and M&M's
15. "Therefore, just as sin entered the world through _____, and death through sin..." (Romans 5:12a NIV)
16. "The greatest of these", per 1 Corinthians 13:13
17. Setting for a biblical "couples cruise"?
18. Checked (out)
19. Didn't just guess
20. Fitting and suitable
22. 2013 American League Championship Series winner, on scoreboards
24. Weep
25. With 52-Across, Jesus' reply to an "expert in the law" who asked Him, "And who is my neighbor?"
29. Gently, sweetly: Musical direction (anagram of O SAVE)
30. "Able was _____ saw Elba" (famous palindrome about Napoleon's exile)
33. Diplomatic official: Abbr.
36. Keep the beat, in a way
38. Bert's pal on "Sesame Street"
39. "In reply Jesus said: 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to _____, when he was attacked by...'"
42. "..._____. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.'" (Luke 10:30 NIV)
44. "Doesn't this strike you _____?"
45. 1960's draft deferment classification
47. 2013 American League Championship Series loser, on scoreboards
48. Hank of the 1950's New York Yankees, or agent Jack of the TV show "24"
49. Lyndon Johnson or George W. Bush
52. See 25-Across
58. Reaction to fireworks
60. "The A-Team" actor with a mohawk
61. Smartphone feature
62. Chooses (with "for")
64. Granola treat
67. Calligrapher's tool
68. Greek letter that seems like it should come last, but it's the sixth one
69. Princess Leia's last name, in "Star Wars"
70. Where 52-Across took care of the injured man, paying for it out of his own pocket
71. MBA pre-requisite: Abbr.
72. One of two who "passed by on the other side" in [25-Across + 52-Across]
73. On the seventh one, God rested

DOWN

1. Show flexibility
2. One of the gifts of the magi
3. Tea type
4. Get beaten by
5. Horn in (on)
6. Spanish for "I see"
7. Little troublemaker
8. 1990's exercise fad, created by martial artist Billy Blanks
9. _____ an era
10. Sort
11. Desiring to help, moved to compassion [what 4-Across and 72-Across were not; and what 52-Across definitely was]
12. At any time
13. Wet, like morning grass
21. Letter add-ons: Abbr.
23. Seven-time All-Star Dave, of the 1980's-90's Toronto Blue Jays
26. Place where you might buy a Winnebago
27. Vote in favor
28. Parsley, sage, rosemary or thyme
31. Dublin's land, to natives
32. Superlative suffix for an adjective ending in -y
33. Take _____ at (criticize)
34. Painted Desert feature
35. Transported or carried — as 52-Across did for the injured man, to the 70-Across
37. Introduction or preamble (anagram of REMOP)
40. Prefix for -logical, meaning "thought"
41. Format for old computer games
43. Residents of a southern Mexico state, or its capital city
46. Sports grp. founded by Billie Jean King
50. Mountain where 17-Across came to rest, per Genesis 8:4
51. Logic game with matchsticks (anagram of MIN)
53. Start to wilt
54. Ringo who sang "Yellow Submarine"
55. Lukewarm
56. Ice show setting
57. Mary Poppins, for one
58. Exude, as charm
59. Grp. that includes Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, but not Qatar
63. _____ Andreas Fault
65. _____ Fridays (restaurant chain)
66. Slangy "sweetie" (anagram of ABE)

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**BIBLE PUZZLE
FOR AUGUST**



Answers for July Puzzle on page 3.

The Season of Pentecost

Color: green (the color of growth of the church and maturity of faith)



From Greek 'pentekoste' meaning fiftieth day.

The day of **Pentecost** (red – the color of power) is the day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles. The season lasts until Advent and includes Trinity Sunday, **Reformation** and All Saints Days, and Thanksgiving.

ANSWER TO JULY PUZZLE

"BE" ATTITUDES

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Bible Study
9:00 AM

**AUGUST 2023
PARISH VISITOR
SEPTEMBER 2023 DEADLINE**

Articles Due **Friday, August 18th**
Send Date **Thursday, August 24th**

Newsletter

MEETINGS IN AUGUST

Worship Committee To be announced
Church Council – Tuesday, August 15th at 6:00 pm.
(Meeting moved to the 15th for this month)



UPCOMING AUGUST SERVICES

- August 6th-Communion (10th Sunday after Pentecost).
- August 13th-Non-Communion (11th Sunday after Pentecost).
- August 20th-Communion (12th Sunday after Pentecost).
- August 27th-Non-Communion (13th Sunday after Pentecost).



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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 10th Sunday after Pentecost C / Green	7 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	8	9	10	11	12
13 11th Sunday after Pentecost NC / Green	14 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	15 CHURCH COUNCIL MTG. 6:00 PM-Meeting date changed for this month.	16	17	18	19
20 12th Sunday after Pentecost C / Green	21 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	22	23	24	25	26
27 13th Sunday after Pentecost NC / Green	28 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	29 <u>LAY READER</u>	30 <u>USHERS</u> Dave Stambaugh Bill Lupp	31 <u>ALTAR GUILD</u> Carla Allison		

Backpack Giveaway

Saturday, August 12th between 12-3 pm
Location at First St Johns Lutheran Church
140 West King St. York, PA 17401

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BACK to **School**

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ITEMS NEEDED

PENCILS, PAPER, PENS, CRAYONS, MARKERS, COLORED PENCILS, NOTEBOOKS, FOLDERS, BINDERS, TAPE, GLUE, ERASERS, STAPLERS, CALCULATORS, BACKPACKS, CLOROX WIPES, DRY ERASE MARKERS, HIGHLIGHTERS, ETC.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

COLLECTION DATES: JULY 1-31

Harvest of Blessing (MAIN SITE)
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York, PA

For more information contact:
Chris (410-979-7466)
Mandy (717-654-6077)

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Bonnie Abendschoen 138 Crown Pointe Drive York, PA 17402	Kim Thompson 30 South Beaver Street York, PA 17401	<p><i>If you are aware of any changes with those on the list please contact the church office.</i></p> <p>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.</p>
Dawn Frey Pleasant Acres Nursing & Rehabilitation Center 118 Pleasant Acres Rd York, PA 17401	Becky Lupp 1180 Ruxton Rd York, PA 17403	
Joyce Devan 2408 Lovegren Court York, PA 17404	Marguerite Beck 285 Hillside Terrace York, PA 17408	

God's Words For August

I HAVE CALLED YOU I HAVE REDEEMED YOU

YOU ARE MINE YOU ARE PRECIOUS IN MY EYES

I WILL BE WITH YOU THEY SHALL NOT OVERWHELM YOU

YOUR SAVIOR I CREATED FOR MY GLORY

I LOVE YOU

alms	3rd Quarter Alms will go to Veterans Helping Hands.
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PRAYERS

Christians especially in the Middle East- persecuted
Prayer Warriors—Spirit is moving
Helen Wu-Husband in nursing home
Joyce Devan-Health issues
Kim Thompson-Health issues
Susan vanDyk-Baum
Jeanne Noll-Health issue
Ed Abendschoen-Health issues
Bonnie Abendschoen-Health issues
David-Health issues (friend of Ed & Bonnie Abendschoen)
Fran Shoff-Health issues
Tom Gibson-Health issues
Bonita Bollinger-Undergoing treatment for breast cancer
Mark Parent-Husband of Candy Parent (Bill Lupp's niece)-
Heart transplant
Anna vanDyk-Health issue
Vicar Geoff Abendschoen-Health issue
Karl vanDyk-Health issue
Lois Stambaugh-Health issue
Dave Stambaugh-Health issue
Candy Parent-In hospital with cancer (Bill Lupp's niece)
Dawn Frey-Health Issues
Pierre-Paul Rodriguez
George Card-Health issues

FIRST TIME REQUESTS

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Bonnie Abendschoen
Joyce Devan
Dawn Frey
Kim Thompson
Becky Lupp
Marguerite Beck

LEADERS

Vicar Geoff Abendschoen, Minister of Music Ken Sanders, Lay Leaders, Pastor Cosgrove, Pastor Zimmerman, Pastor Brasso, Pastor Seifferlein, Pastor Merrell, Pastor Banach, Pastor Robertson, Pastor Schaefer. Sally Hiller, David Maack. District President Bill Harmon

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

For all of God's Gifts

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



- 1st - Christina Lin**
- 9th - Marguerite Beck**
- 23rd - Edward Abendschoen III**
- 25th - Tyler Fogle**
- 26th - Jeanne Noll**
- 27th - Idarae Lauer-Olinger**



Early September Birthdays

- 13th - Helen Wu**

PRAYER LIST (cont.)

SPIRITUAL NEEDS

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



MILITARY



POLICE

Jonathan



VICAR REPORT

Vicar Report

July 2023

The SMP Program summer course: "Teaching the Faith" is now in week five. The focus has been on living the Christian faith in our daily lives. The course remains heavily focused on Catechesis. We are moving from being taught as the Catechumen into the role of Catechist for the remaining portion of our class to help prepare us for using it during Bible Studies, Confirmation, and Sunday School classes.

School tuition is paid to date and current. Medical benefits are paid through August 2023, and all personal expenses for books, etc., have been reimbursed to date as well. 😊

Pastor C. and I continue to connect on Thursday mornings to reflect on the current coursework. In addition, we share in a devotional group every other Thursday at 6:30 am focusing on the book of Matthew.

The next Winkel meeting will occur in the fall of 2023 at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Parkton, Md.

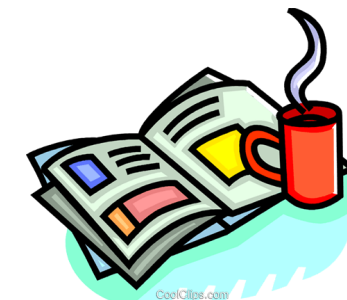
Jane and I visited with Joyce Devan Thursday, 7/6/23, and had a delightful visit. It was a joy to "go down memory lane" with her and catch up on her health and updates on her children and grandchildren.

Nancy and I looked at the condition of the Albs and inventory of Stolls here at FSJ. We settled on a couple to have tailored for proper fitting.

As a reminder, I will be away on the Sundays of August 27 and September 3 - coverage TBD. (Based on the summer semester structure, my last Sunday off is yet to be decided).

The worship committee met recently to discuss the 9-11 service in Columbia and the ordination/installation service. See Ken's notes.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicar Geoff Abendschoen



Define Your Life by How You Give

Winston Churchill reportedly said that “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” According to Churchill, our lives are defined not by what we have gotten, but by what we give away.

Our Lord’s life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God’s Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserved for our sins. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death and hell. And so it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got for Himself us, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it also is for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. For giving softens our hearts and frees us from the grip which the worries of this world and making a living has on us. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get. That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives — our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers, and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking the question, “How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor and servant to others,” to asking the question, “What have they done for me lately?” We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But when we give, we do not have less, we do not become less; rather, we have more and become more. When we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the divine nature. As Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).



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Music & Worship Notes

I know that it is just August, but it is time to start thinking about September and the programs that will begin again.

Choir is one of those programs that begins early in September. This year, rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 6, at 6:30 pm. As in the past, we will be meeting in the Bible Study classroom.

All are welcome to join and lift you voice in praise of our Lord and Savior while helping to lead the congregation in worship.

There is the special worship service to remember 9/11 coming up at the beginning of September. This has become a time when we, First Saint John's congregation join with Saint Paul's congregation to remember the lives lost. We especially remember the first responders. The service also honors the first responders currently in service to our communities.

The service is held in the Locust Street Park in Columbia. That morning there is no Bible class or worship at First Saint John's. This year 9/11 falls on Sunday, September 10 at 10:00 am. More information can be found in another article in this newsletter.

Looking ahead for the fall, there are some other special events that will take place. One of those will be the LWML fund raising concert. Since the pandemic, the concert was moved from December and a Christmas theme to the Fall. It is no longer named "The Holly and Ivy" concert. It now goes by the name, "The Colors of Fall." The concert will be on Sunday, November 5 at 4:00 P.M. and will incorporate music associated with Fall and Thanksgiving.

**Ken Sanders,
MINISTER OF MUSIC**

**ADULT
CHOIR**

**Lois Hollinger, Lois Stambaugh,
Dave Stambaugh, Beverly Card,
Ding Wang, Zihong (Andy) Su.**



9/11 REMEMBRANCE AND HONOR SERVICE

This year's service will be on Sunday, September 10, at 10:00 A.M. in the Locust Street Park, Columbia, PA.

First St. John's, as they have done in the last couple of years, will join with St. Paul's of Columbia to remember the first responders who unselfishly gave of themselves to save the people from the attacks on the World Trade Center in NYC, the Pentagon in Washington DC, and in Shanksville, PA. We will also honor the first responders and the armed forces that are presently serving and keeping us safe.

Pastor Brian Rossenketter will give the message that day. Our own Vicar, Geoff Abendschoen will lead the worship. Bruce Tittel will be the trumpeter and Robert Barclay will be playing the bagpipes. Beverly Card will be singing a solo that morning.

If it should happen to rain that morning, the service will be held inside St. Paul's Church.

There will be a picnic lunch served after the service.

No Bible Class or worship at First St. John's that morning.

