

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

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**JULY 2018**

**COVER ARTICLE**

**During the pastoral vacancy, the leadership of First Saint John's will take turns writing the cover article that Pastor Driskell usually wrote.**

As I thought about the events that have occurred during the last several months, I recalled a paper my aunt / God-mother shared with me as I left to begin my first call as teacher and music director at St John, York, PA. I want to share that page with you as I believe it is pertinent to the present world we are living in.

**YOUR CHURCH GARDEN**

First, plant five rows of peas: presence, promptness, preparation, purity, and perseverance.

Next to these plant three rows of squash: squash gossip, squash criticism, squash indifference.

Then plant five rows of lettuce: let us be faithful to God, let us be loyal and unselfish, let us be true to our obligations, let us obey our Lord's mandates, and let us love one another.

No garden is complete, of course, without turnips: turn up for meetings, turn up with a smile, turn up with new ideas, and turn up with determination to make everything count for something worthwhile and God-pleasing.

As you can see, there are many worthwhile suggestions in what my aunt shared with me. I would like to add that we remember to put God first in all we do and to pray for guidance.

I remember what was shared from the pulpit recently. The proclaimer of the word for the day quoted a verse from the hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." Verse two of the hymn was the quotation: "With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected; But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected. Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is, Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God; He holds the field forever."

Considering the words of the "garden list", remembering to put God first, and the promise from the hymn verse, we can "persevere."

May our Lord and Savior bless you during the days of this month.

Ken Sanders



## SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERVICE 8:15 AM  
(New time until the end of August).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 9:30 AM

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

### REGULAR CHURCH EVENTS AND WORSHIP

<b>Sunday -</b>	8:15 AM Sunday Worship
	9:45 AM Christian Education
<b>Monday -</b>	<b>PANERA BREAD DISTRIBUTION 9:30-11:00 AM</b>
<b>Tuesday -</b>	6:30-8:00 PM - Kickboxing
	6:00-8:00 PM Young Lives (Begins again in fall)
	6:30 PM - Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 PM - Adult Choir (Begins again in September)
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30-8:00 PM - Kickboxing
	6:30 PM - Narcotics Anonymous Meeting
<b>Saturday</b>	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

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.

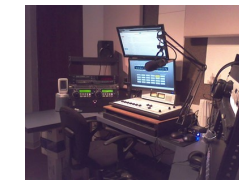
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106.1 FM  
COMMUNITY RADIO

### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup> MARK YOUR CALENDAR GAMES PRIZES and GOOD FOOD



A celebration picnic is planned for church members and all radio volunteers.

### EVERYONE IS INVITED.

The radio station will reach its' third year of broadcasting the Gospel in Word, music and community outreach 24/7.

We plan to hold the picnic at the church located at 140 West King Street 11AM till 3PM.

Please RSVP to Lois Hollinger or call the station phone number (717) 848-5010 or you may e-mail [community106.1@gmail.com](mailto:community106.1@gmail.com). Please leave your name and phone number.

Come and help us celebrate 3 years of spreading the Gospel via radio in York, PA.



### OPEN LETTER TO ALL FIRST ST. JOHN'S MEMBERS

Joyce and Gordon Moul have announced that they will retire from radio on or about September 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The radio station will have reached three years of continuous operation under the same ownership. This milestone will open new possibilities for the future of WYCO LP. under the terms of its' license. It has been an honor and privilege to work for F.S.J. as your leaders of the all-volunteer radio station and great group of volunteers.

From the first thought that a new radio station could be built in York, the plan "A" was to join hands with our sister congregations in a common cause of spreading Jesus's Gospel and that the radio station would be common ground for all LCMS members. Plan "A" has been our hope for the past 5 years, but this hasn't happened.

When we leave we have plan "B" to place the license in the stewardship of the members of F.S.J. and go off the air. The license can be held safely for up to a year while remaining off the air, and this time may allow for re-organization as the license and all systems and equipment are to be secured so if anyone wants to restore the Gospel to 106.1 it will be possible to return to the air.

We want to thank everyone who has listened to 106.1 FM and our appreciation to all who offered encouragement and support. Your time and financial gifts helped achieve 3 years of ministry.

We are planning a celebration of this success on Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup> and invite all with interest to join us for a picnic lunch with games and prizes 11 AM until 3PM at 140 West King Street in York. RSVP please to Lois Hollinger or message 717 848 5010 or e-mail [community106.1@gmail.com](mailto:community106.1@gmail.com).

Gordon and Joyce plan to remain available if needed and willing to do what we can in an advisory capacity.

Again thank you for the opportunity to be part of God's plan for F.S.J.

★ THANK YOU!

# Music Notes

I am changing the focus of my article. I am going to begin discussing worship and what the different parts mean.

The Lutheran Church is justly proud of its liturgical heritage. Its historic liturgy is a channel of spiritual communication between God and the worshiper, an interplay between God's approach through Word and Sacrament and the worshiper's response through prayer, praise, and song. The Lutheran liturgy is dignified and reverent, coherent and objective, Scripture-rooted and Christ-centered.

It follows, therefore, that Lutheran worshipers should both understand and appreciate the liturgy of their church. Only in this way will they be able to participate meaningfully in the public worship and derive real benefit from such worship.

In the up-coming weeks we will be studying our worship which in many ways is a study of God's word. We will also be learning about God's house and the different parts of the sanctuary. We will discuss what the pastor does during the church service and why he does it. We will also learn about Christian symbols as they are used to enrich worship.

*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  
**JULY**  
American Bible Society



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**



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 program will resume in October.**

## JULY 2018 PARISH VISITOR

**AUGUST DEADLINE**

**Articles Due July 20th - Friday**

**Mail Date July 26th - Thursday**



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**WHY DON'T YOU STOP WONDERING WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE WORLD AND READ THE MANUAL**

## MEETINGS IN JULY

**Worship Committee  
Church Council**

**Sunday 1st-12:00 Noon \*  
Thursday 12th- 5:30 PM**

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



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**OPPORTUNITIES TO KNOW JESUS**  
 Sunday Worship 8:15 AM  
 Christian Education 9:45 AM  
 For the months of July and August

First St. John's Lutheran Church  
 140 West King Street, York, PA 17401 / 843-8597  
 For updates refer to Website calendar at

**CHURCH OFFICE**  
 Phone Number 717-843-8597

**JULY 2018**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 6th Sunday after Pentecost WORSHIP COMM. MTG. - 12:00 Noon 1st Sunday of the month C/ Green	<b>2</b> Panera Bread 9:30-11:00 am	<b>3</b> A.A. Meeting 6:30 pm Kickboxing 6:30-8:00 PM	<b>4</b> INDEPENDENCE DAY Church Office Closed	<b>5</b> Kickboxing 6:30-8:00 PM N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Martial Arts 1:00 PM
<b>8</b> 7th Sunday after Pentecost NC/ Green	<b>9</b> Panera Bread 9:30-11:00 am	<b>10</b> A.A. Meeting 6:30 pm Kickboxing 6:30-8:00 PM	<b>11</b> Summer Program with Lincoln School 9:00 AM-3:00 PM	<b>12</b> Kickboxing 6:30-8:00 PM Church Council Mtg. 5:30 PM N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Martial Arts 1:00 PM
<b>15</b> 8th Sunday after Pentecost C/ Green	<b>16</b> Panera Bread 9:30-11:00 am	<b>17</b> A.A. Meeting 6:30 pm Kickboxing 6:30-8:00 PM	<b>18</b> Summer Program with Lincoln School 9:00 AM-3:00 PM	<b>19</b> Kickboxing 6:30-8:00 PM N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Martial Arts 1:00 PM
<b>22</b> 9th Sunday after Pentecost NC/ Green	<b>23</b> Panera Bread 9:30-11:00 am	<b>24</b> A.A. Mtg. 6:30pm Kickboxing 6:30-8:00 PM	<b>25</b> Summer Program with Lincoln School 9:00 AM-3:00 PM	<b>26</b> Kickboxing 6:30-8:00 PM N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Martial Arts 1:00 PM
<b>29</b> 10th Sunday after Pentecost NC/ Green	<b>30</b> Panera Bread 9:30-11:00 am	<b>31</b> A.A. Mtg. 6:30pm Kickboxing 6:30-8:00 PM				
Morning Worship starts at 8:15 am. Bible Study 9:45 am.		<b>LAY READER:</b> Hans Abendschoen Geoff Abendschoen	<b>USHERS</b> Hans Abendschoen Geoff Abendschoen		<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b> Carla Allison	<b>SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERINGS</b> <b>JULY</b> American Bible Society

**THE FUTURE OF FIRST ST. JOHN'S COMMITTEE FOUND AN ARTICLE ON LINE INCLUDED ARE 6 POINTS FOR A CHURCH IN TRANSITION.** The Article was written by Pastor Ben Simpson.

Somewhere right now a church is losing its lead pastor. For whatever reason, this man is leaving, the church has moved into a time of transition. If your church is in this scenario, I simply want to hearten you with six biblical truths.

**1. God will be with this church at all times.**

You are not forsaken. God is with your congregation. "I will never leave you or forsake you," (Heb 13:5). Pastors will come and go. Only God will never leave us. And the presence of God is more vital to the life of the church.

**2. God is in control.**

God "works all things according to the counsel of His will" (Eph. 1:11). Do you believe that? This pastoral transition is not happening outside of the will of God. God is working this according to the counsel of his will. So the question is not, "Who is in control?" God is in control. The question is, "Will you rest in him by trusting him?"

**3. God plans good out of this transition.**

It might not feel good right now, but God has promised that he works all things together for the good of his people (Rom 8:28). Is your church part of his people? If so, this transition is included in "all things"? Therefore, you can rest assured that good will come from it. That's how awesome God is: even those things that don't feel good are used for good. It might not be the good you have in mind, but it is good. Therefore, walk forward in faith.

**4. It's okay to weep.**

While good will come out this pastoral transition, that doesn't remove the deep sadness. Losing your pastor hurts. I'm reminded of how the Ephesian elders wept at Paul's goodbye: "And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship" (Acts 20:36-38).

I believe the Ephesians knew that God would be with them, that he was in control, and that he was going to bring good out of this transition. Nevertheless, they wept. And it's okay to weep. It's actually a way of saying thank you to both God and your pastor.

**5. Ministry must go on.**

Notice what the Great Commission does not say, "Go therefore and make disciples . . . if you have a pastor."



One church that I used to work with lost their pastor. When I'd call their lay leaders about a ministry opportunity, their answer was always, "Well, you see, we just don't have a pastor right now." They had forgotten that ministry must continue in the interim. The Great Commission doesn't include any conditionals.

Does ministry become a bit harder without a pastor leading? Probably so, but if he was a good pastor, he will have obeyed Ephesians 4:11-12 by equipping the saints for the work of the ministry. In the interim, you and the lay leadership of the church must make sure ministry continues. Get to work!

**6. The church must not scatter.**

Jesus promised the flock would scatter at his crucifixion (Mat 26:31). For a season, that's exactly what happened. The same often happens in churches during pastoral transition. Because "their" pastor is no longer there or ministry begins to lag, folks trickle out. Some reasons for going might be legitimate, but this may also be the time in which the congregation should most strongly gather together for support and encouragement. Recognize the temptation to scatter and work more diligently to stay bound together in unity and love. This will be a season of testing for you. I know you didn't ask for it, but with God's help, you'll endure it. For churches currently in this situation: May the interim bring blessings you never expected, and I pray that God provides a new pastor for your church soon.

**FEAR NOT, FOR I AM WITH YOU; BE NOT DISMAYED, FOR I AM YOUR GOD; I WILL STRENGTHEN YOU, I WILL HELP YOU, I WILL UPHOLD YOU WITH MY RIGHTEOUS RIGHT HAND.**



## STEWARDSHIP: JULY 2018

**“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (Gal. 5:1).**

We celebrate this month because of the freedoms and liberties our country has afforded us. We are right to do this. We should be thankful for these liberties: the freedom to gather together to worship and to live out what we believe in our daily lives.

But freedom and liberty in our age has devolved. It has become a freedom from duty instead of a freedom for it. Indeed, freedom and liberty in our age has turned into licentiousness: a license to do what we want, when we want.

This license is a submission, again, to a yoke of slavery. For freedom as license to do what we desire when we desire it means we are slaves to our desires, slaves to our passions.

Christ died to set us free from our sinful desires. In Holy Baptism, our Old Adam is drowned and put to death along with all sin and evil desires so that a new man may arise and live before God in righteousness and purity.

In Christ, we are a new creation. We are set free from the passions of the flesh so that we are free to do our duty and bear fruits of the Spirit.

Our duty is what God calls us to do as members of a family, society, and the church.

God calls us to believe in His Word and gladly hear and learn it. He calls us to pray for all people. He calls us to live in faith toward Him and in fervent love for our neighbor. He calls us to put the gifts He gives to us in His service. God calls parents to provide for their children and raise them in the fear and admonition of the Lord. And God calls children to honor their parents and provide and care for them when they are no longer able to do so themselves.

God calls the government to punish those who do evil and to reward those who do good. He calls citizens to pay their taxes and honor the governing officials as God’s servants. He calls pastors to preach and teach the Gospel as well as repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And He calls hearers to support those who teach them with every good thing.

Christ died to set us free from the works of our selfish flesh, giving us the freedom and liberty to do our duty. Stand firm, then, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.



## Dear Members and Friends of First St. John's Lutheran Church,

During our last Church Council meeting a committee was approved to look into various areas of concern at First St. John's.

Those that make up that committee met on Wednesday, 20 June. We plan to meet weekly, or more often, as progress dictates.

Those present for the meeting follow:

- Bill Lupp
- Ken Sanders
- Karl vanDyk
- Susan Peregoy
- Ed Abendschoen



The Committee identified five areas of concern. They follow below:

- Congregational Growth
- Worship
- Improvement, repair, and maintenance of our church building and "grounds"
- Church Policy and Church Office concerns
- WYCO Radio

As *examples*, some items listed under the above categories include: Overall cleaning of the Church, individual and organizational non-member use of our facilities, hymnal use, every member canvass, non-monetary donations, website revisions, and repairs. As *said*, these items are *examples*, they are not the entire list.

**First St. John's needs your help.** If you have any thoughts, suggestions, information, whatever, that has been a concern of yours that you believe would benefit the present and the future of this congregation PLEASE, email, send a letter, or write a note, to Bill Lupp at the church office. Please do not "tell" someone on the committee or "tell" Bill ... Put it in print and send or give it to Bill so that it is not forgotten.

*All correspondence will be discussed and answered.*

This is the first of monthly planned reports to be shared with the congregation on the progress, needs, and accomplishments, of this committee. Please, take this endeavor seriously ... It concerns the future of your Church. Do we move boldly forward, or drift into the fog of apathy. With God's help we can forge ahead and be about his truth and sharing that truth effectively ...

Domine dirige nos Ed Abendschoen

First St. John's is again sponsoring a summer children's program with Lincoln Charter School. The remaining dates for the program are 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.



**PRAYERS**

Ruthetta Fogle  
 Christians especially in the Middle East– persecuted  
 Prayer Warriors—Spirit is moving  
 Becky Lupp-illness  
 Angie Linebaugh-Illness  
 Susan Null-Cancer  
 Faith Bentz  
 Helen Wu-Husband in nursing home  
 Nancy Hildebrand  
 Beth Smith  
 Marianne DeModena-Cancer  
 Graham Abendschoen-Protection  
 Patti Tripp-COPD  
 Christine Neal (Bonnie Abendschoen’s cousin)-Flu.  
 Bill Stockwell-Radio Host WYCO-Heart Procedure  
 Frank Fogle (Norma Null’s brother)-In hospital  
 Brenton Allen-Kidney failure



**FIRST TIME REQUESTS**

Olivia Stankiewicz-Healing

**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 Nzinski, 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  
 Jeff Rehmyer (Step-Son of Delores Rehmyer)  
 Carl Roth  
 Crystal Myers  
 Quitao Zhang  
 Wally Smith

**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 - Nancy Hildebrand
- 2nd - Terry Harrison
- 9th - Linda Billet
- 12th - David Myers
- 20th – Ernesto Mercado
- 23rd - Carla Allison
- 28th - Alvin (Fred) Markey II
- 30th - Kristin Summers



**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 August**

- 1st - Christina Lin
- 1st - Breana Wilson
- 6th - Norma Null
- 9th - Marguerite Beck

**PRAYERS (cont.)**

**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.
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**

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 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**

July 8, 22, 29

August 5, 19, 26

All Sundays in September, November, December.

October 7th, 21st, 28th.



**THE GYM IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**



**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