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April

A Message from Pastor Kristin



**April
At-A-Glance**

Join Us Wednesday
April 3 and 10

6:30pm: Soup and
Sandwich Supper

**7:15pm: Holden
Evening Prayer with
New Testament
Reflections:
Cruising 40 mph
through the New
Testament**

**April 18 - Maundy
Thursday**
6:30pm Worship with
Dinner

**April 19 - Good
Friday**
7:15pm Worship in
Words and Music

**April 20 - Children's
Easter Program**
10:00am - noon

April 21 - Easter
6:30am Sunrise
Service
8:00am & 10:30am
Festive Easter

"Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen
Indeed! Alleluia!"

John 20:18 "Mary Magdalene went and
announced to the disciples, "I have seen the
Lord"

On Easter morning we gather to celebrate the
gift of love, new life and forgiveness we receive
in Jesus' death and resurrection. We read how
Mary Magdalene has seen the Lord. We think
of the ways we have seen the Lord!

Have you seen the Lord? Have you
experienced God's loving presence in your life?
And have you ever shared that with someone?

Take time to invite family, friends, and
neighbors to join us as we gather for Holy Week
Worship and Easter morning so that others
might see the Lord as well.

May we be bold like Mary Magdalene to share
the ways we see the Lord in our life!

"Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen
Indeed! Alleluia!"

God's Peace,

Pastor Kristin Dubsky

**May
At-A-Glance**

**May 3 & 4 - Spring Yard
& Rummage Sale**
9:00am - 2:00pm

**May 14 -
Mother/Daughter
Banquet 6:30pm**

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THE SEASON OF LENT



Maundy Thursday — April 18 — 6:30 pm.
Worship with dinner, Holy Communion and
the Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday — April 19 — 7:15 pm. The
Seven Last Words of Christ in Word and Music

Children's Event — Saturday, April 20
Children's Easter Program, 10:00 am - 12:00
noon

Easter Sunday — April 21
6:30 am Sunrise Service in the Chapel in the
Woods
8:00 am & 10:30 am Festive Easter Worship
No Sunday School Classes

*Easter Breakfast served between 7:00 am -
10:00 am (Free-will offering will be collected
for our youth headed for West Virginia with the
Appalachian Service Project this summer)*

2018 Lent & Easter
Special Offerings

THE SEASON OF LENT

April 3 (Wednesday Lenten Service): Mosaic, Inc. – Helps those who are suffering from mental illness.

April 10 (Wednesday Lenten Service): Fisher House – A network of comfort homes where military and veterans' families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment. These homes are located at major military and VA medical centers nationwide.

April 18 (Maundy Thursday): Carroll Hospice – Helps families who have members who are terminally ill, providing medical care and spiritual care, another outreach program of Carroll Hospital Center.

April 19 (Good Friday): Tender Care Pregnancy Center – A faith-based, non-profit organization dedicated to helping women with pregnancy related concerns. Provides pregnancy testing and verifications, limited to first and second trimester ultrasounds, counseling, community referrals, parenting classes, and material assistance to anyone in need.

April 21 (Easter): Lutheran Disaster Response & Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service. **Lutheran Disaster Response** brings God's love, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, they stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. **Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service** – Works diligently with government and service partners to care for Central American children and families fleeing to the US for refuge. LIRS is playing a national advocacy role as well as a service role during this current emergency. LIRS provides service to unaccompanied migrant children, which upholds their best interests and recognizes their vulnerabilities to exploitation and abuse.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

6:30 pm Soup & Sandwich Supper
7:15 pm Holden Evening Prayer with New
Testament Reflections: Cruising
40 mph through the New Testament

April 3

*Ham and bean soup with ham sandwiches
provided by the Sunshine Circle and Friends*

April 10

*Chili with grilled cheese sandwiches
Provided by the Adult Bible class*

Children's Easter Program

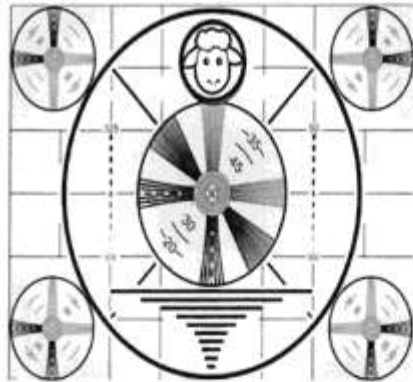


See our notice below. The entire family is welcome to attend! Registration is required! Register at <http://www.stjohnswestminster.org/>. If you are unable to register online, or if you are interested in volunteering, contact Genny Resch at 443-789-3913 or email Genny at gresch@mghus.com. Note: Be sure to arrive by 10:00 - the egg hunts are divided by age groups and are tightly scheduled. There is no cost to attend this event, but you will be asked to donate a food item for lunch. Free will donations are most helpful and welcome. If you wish to donate hard boiled eggs for dyeing or wrapped candy for stuffing eggs, there will be a signup sheet on the bulletin boards in the Fellowship Hall and Narthex.

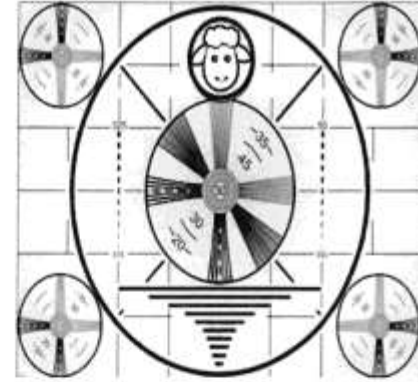
St. John's Lutheran Church 827 Leister's Church Rd. / Westminster, MD
Children's Easter Program
Saturday, April 20, 2019
10 am - Noon
Children through age 11
Older kids/teens/adults are encouraged to volunteer
The entire family is welcome!
Registration is required!
To register, go to www.stjohnswestminster.org
Be sure to arrive by 10 am - the egg hunts are divided by age groups and are tightly scheduled.

- Easter crafts
- Story time
- Dyeing eggs
- Easter egg hunt (bring your baskets)
- Lunch provided

No cost to attend, but you will be asked to donate a food item for lunch.
Free will donations are welcome



**We interrupt your
bulletin reading for
an emergency
announcement!**



**St. John's Lutheran has been informed that it is in the
middle of the sheep migratory path!**

**What does this mean for you?
You may wake up to a flock of
sheep on your lawn!**

**What can you do?
Proactive: Purchase flock insurance for
\$25 to make sure the flock doesn't
find its way to your home.**

**Reactive: Contact The St John's Lutheran Youth
Group Shepherds to relocate the flock.**

**Would you like to move the flock
(or more than one flock) to a specific address?
We can do that too! Prices range from \$20 - \$65.**

**For more information: See Mary, Olivia, Spencer, Megan,
Tate, Lara, Melanie, Matt, Pastor Kristin or Sandi.**

**Proceeds to benefit the
Youth Group of St. John's Lutheran Church
heading to the Appalachia Project.**

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE CHURCH



The Christian Singles Group will meet for Breakfast at Plum Crazy on Saturday, April 27, at 9:00 a.m. That date is a week later than we usually meet because the prior Saturday is part of Easter weekend. All adult Singles are invited for a breakfast featuring Christian fellowship. For more information call Nancy Dean at 410-848-2140.

Christian Singles will meet again on Friday, May 17, at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The evening will begin with a covered dish dinner followed by a time of sharing. Each person is asked to bring a covered dish, a friend and something to share with the Group. All adult Singles are invited to attend for an evening of fun and Christian fellowship.

All Day Scrapbooking

Join us on April 6 and May 18 for days of scrapbooking. Please contact Kristy Lea Dean at buyabasket@kristydean.com or Genny Resch at gresch@mghus.com for more information.



Sunshine Circle

The Sunshine Circle will meet on April 4 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Lois Bankert will lead devotions and lead the program. Lois Short will be the hostess. The offering will be deodorant. The Sunshine Circle will meet again on May 1 at 6:30. Della Dell will lead devotions and be the hostess. The program leader will be Lavena Basler. The special offering is liquid or dry soap. All ladies of the church are invited. For more information, call Audrey Byrd at 410-848-



The Soup Kitchen Committee would like to say THANKS to all who have answered the call for plastic containers. They have reached their limit and ask that everyone hold off on bringing any more containers, for now. In a few months when their supply dwindles (and their space increases) they will once again call out to everyone. We appreciate one and all!

Our next Soup Kitchen will be on April 19 and May 31 at 10:30 am. If you would help us that morning or would like to make or donate a dessert for this please contact Lisa Gavin 410-857-1499 or Jackie Leister 410-259-5535. Your support is much appreciated as we serve our community.



The Evangelism Committee continues to collect used eyeglasses. Please put them in the bin in the Caring Corner.



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE CHURCH

The Evangelism Committee will have its next meeting on April 7 following the 10:30 am Worship in Fellowship Hall. We will have a brief meeting and also assemble goody-bags for our shut-ins. Audrey Byrd will be contacting members for donations for these bags.

The Delaware - Maryland Synodical Women will hold its annual convention April 27 at Augsburg Lutheran Home, 6811 Campfield Road, Gwynn Oak, MD. Continental breakfast and registration are from 8:00 - 9:00 am. Please contact Gloria Kniss 717-359-7681 or Peggy Green 410-868-5188 for more information.



During the month of May the **Sunshine Circle** will sponsor "Fill the Blessings Closet" which is part of Shepherd's Staff Services. There will be a bin in the Narthex and in the Caring Corner in Fellowship Hall. Needed items are: bars of soap, shampoo, hair conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, toilet paper, feminine supplies, paper towels, dish soap, just to mention a few items that are needed. Please help us serve the less

The next **Sew Day** for quilts is May 6 at 9:00 am. See Gloria Kniss for questions - 717-259-7681. Hope to see everyone there! If you have an interest in making quilts for Lutheran World Relief, please feel free to come. All are welcome!



Mother/Daughter Banquet



The Annual Mother and Daughter Banquet will be held on Tuesday May 14th at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. The menu will be fried chicken and ham and all the trimmings. Adults are \$10.00 per person, children ages 6 - 12 are \$5.00 and under 6 years of age are free. Please see Carol Blubaugh 410-848-1163, Nancy Tracey 410-857-5321 or Audrey Byrd 410-848-1995 for more information and reservations. No reservations will be accepted after May 5, 2019. Checks should be made out to St. John's Women of the ELCA.

LOOKING AHEAD



April 24 - The Festivals Committee will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday April 24 at 6:30 pm to plan for the Strawberry Festival on June 8. If you have new ideas for the Festival or would like to help make plans for the Festival, plan to attend this meeting.

June 8 - The Strawberry Festival will be held on Saturday, June 8, from 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Many volunteers are needed for the Festival. Clipboards with a list of volunteer opportunities will be passed around prior to the Worship Services on May 5 and May 12. Volunteer sign-up sheets will also be located on the buffet table in the Fellowship Hall. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

COUNCIL NOTES

2019 Council Members

2019 Committee Chairs

<p>Dennis Kniss - President 717-359-7681 dennisrkniss@gmail.com</p> <p>Lori Bucacink - Vice President (410) 857-5339 lisj@comcast.net</p> <p>Carl Rebert - Treasurer 443-253-1573 cjrebert@comcast.net</p> <p>Carol Nevin - Secretary 410-876-2589 fburgman@aol.com</p> <p>Steve Findeisen 410-848-6069 stevefindeisen@verizon.net</p>	<p>Melanie Martindale 443-789-4592 mmartindale23@gmail.com</p> <p>Sharon Minor 443-789-3019 ssisminor@hotmail.com</p> <p>Matthew West 410-848-4414 camelotwest@comcast.net</p> <p>Mick Zechman 443-398-4299 mzechman@westgov.com</p> <p>Pastor Kristin Dubsy 410-299-4853 pastor@stjohnswestminster.org</p>	<p>CemeteryKen Seitz</p> <p>Christian Education & YouthGenny Resch</p> <p>Evangelism Audrey Byrd</p> <p>FellowshipKaren Siegman</p> <p>StewardshipCarl Rebert</p> <p>Property Open</p> <p>Worship & MusicDennis Kniss</p> <p>Christian OutreachRoxanne Malbrough</p> <p>FinanceJanet Cross</p>
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Notes from the Council

1. The Council approved the Youth Group's various fundraising requests for to raise money for their 2019 summer mission trip. They include the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner, Easter breakfast, and a sheep flocking fundraiser.
2. Lori Bucacink and Mick Zechman will be attending the Synod Assembly with Pastor Kristin Dubsy in Hunt Valley, MD Mar 30 - June 1, 2019.
3. Members of the 2019 nomination committee were selected and approved - Dennis Kniss, Steve Findeisen, Genny Resch and Tracy Sanford.
4. The council approved a proposal from Stansbury Tree Service, Inc. to remove the trees necessary to resurface the church parking lot for \$5,000.

Pastoral Acts:

Baptism - Aubree Elizabeth Glaeser,
March 24, 2019

The Brethren Home Community of the Cross Keys Village in New Oxford, PA has a group that collect used stamps. The group processes them and sells them to buy items needed for the residents of that facility. With the money they have received, they have purchased wheelchairs, ride on scales, recliner chairs, defibrillators, geriatric chairs and shampoo recliners just to name a few. You can help in this ministry by saving your used stamps. Simply cut the envelope in half to eliminate the address or cut around the stamp by 1/2 inch and bring it to the bin in the Caring Corner in Fellowship Hall marked Stamps. Thank you for helping the residents of this community. For questions contact Audrey Byrd at 4120-848-1995.

MEN OF THE CONGREGATION

All men of the church are cordially invited to attend and participate in all of the activities of the Men of the Congregation.

News from the Men of the Congregation

The March meeting was held on Saturday, March 9. The meeting was highlighted by a presentation of the lion and the lamb, in Biblical and weather-related terms. Nine men attended the breakfast.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 13: Breakfast, 8 AM at Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren. Steve Nauman will be sharing information with us about his work over a 10-year period in China.

April 29: Westminster District Men's Dinner meeting (See more information below).

May 11: Breakfast, 8 AM at Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren

June 4: Cleaning of the Pavilion, 6:00PM, in preparation for the Strawberry Festival

June 6: Rain date for cleaning pavilion

June 8: Breakfast, 8 AM at Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren followed by final preparations of the Pavilion for the Strawberry Festival

All are welcome to join in this fellowship! The Men of the Congregation generally meet on the second Saturday of each month unless otherwise announced. Further information about the group can be obtained by contacting Dennis Kniss or John Bucacink.

Any changes in the schedule will be placed in the Sunday bulletin, the Epistle on Friday, or via direct email to those on the email list. For more specific information contact Dennis Kniss (717-359-7681) or email dennisrkniss@gmail.com; or John Bucacink (410-857-5339).

April 29: The Lutheran Church Men of the Westminster Conference will hold their Spring Dinner Meeting at 6:30pm on Monday, April 29th at **St. Luke's (Winter's) Lutheran Church**, 701 Green Valley Road, New Windsor, Maryland, 21776. The ladies of the church will be serving a family style Fried Chicken and Ham dinner. A free-will offering will be received for the meal with at least \$12.00 expected.

These semi-annual dinners have become a wonderful opportunity for the men of our conference churches to socialize and renew friendships. We look forward to welcoming a large group of men and the pastor from your church. Please notify John Bucacink, Dale Miller or Dennis Kniss if you plan to attend by Sunday, April 14th. Late reservations will not be accepted after Easter Sunday (April 21).



SPRING YARD AND RUMMAGE SALE IS JUST WEEKS AWAY!

As we look at the calendar, we see that spring is just around the corner. That means that it is time for the ANNUAL SPRING YARD and RUMMAGE SALE! **This year's sale will** be held on Friday, MAY 3 and Saturday, MAY 4. This is an excellent time to help rid yourself of unwanted items, clean out the closet, and assist various charities at the same time.

Collecting Time Chart (In the Fellowship Hall)

Monday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 2 from 9 a.m. until noon to facilitate final set up.

Drop-offs early in the week are encouraged for set-up purposes. If the times listed are not convenient for you and you need items picked up, please call Dennis or Gloria Kniss, 443-605-4963 (cell), or 717-359-7681 (home), and leave a message.

Also, if you need items picked up in advance due to storage problems, give us a call and we can help. We can store your donated items now!

Items that should not be donated for sale:

Older style TVs. Flat screens are fine.

Infant car seats (they are dated and do expire)

Older infant cribs, high chairs or strollers as they are not approved.

Food and Bake Sale

Baked goods for Saturday's Bake Sale are greatly appreciated!

Lunch will be served Friday and Saturday at 11 AM.

Volunteers!

We welcome any volunteers for set up, assisting during the sale, and clean up following the sale. Come out and offer a hand for any length of time. More hands make the task easier for all.

Remember that monies raised from this sale will go toward various charities. *Thrivent Financial* also provides monetary assistance from their Action Team projects fund.



Seafarers International House



Left: SIH volunteer visitors at the Elizabeth Detention Center bringing hope to imprisoned asylum seekers. Right: Seafarers with Christmas-At-Sea satchels.

Dear Friends of *Seafarers International House*:

We are grateful for all of you who make our mission to seafarers and immigrants possible. With your help, here is what we accomplished in 2018:

33,985 immigrants and seafarers directly benefited from SIH services

1,853 seafarers, regardless of faith, received Christmas-at-Sea satchels (prepared by volunteers) filled with warm clothing and holiday greetings

28 new Americans found their first home in the US in our guesthouse, staying a total of 1,182 nights

66 volunteer visitors brought hope to 26 asylum seekers, who were locked up in detention centers

57 survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking and local disasters were accommodated

3 advocacy events drew attention to the plight of asylum seekers

You may read the [full report online as PDF](#).

Please help us make 2019 even better for lonely seafarers and distressed asylum seekers by making a contribution today. Just click the button below or call Henry at (212) 677-4800 ext. 1203 or send an email to henryk@sihnyc.org.

Announcing Westminster Conference Day Camp!

Westminster Conference DAY CAMP

July 29– August 2, 2019

Carroll Lutheran School



Vacation Bible School for Campers ages 3-5

9:00 am—12:00 pm with Before and After Care available for an additional cost



Mobile Mar-Lu Ridge Day Camp for Campers ages 6-13

9:00 am—3 :00 pm with Before and After Care available for an additional cost

Cost:

Early Bird Registration by April 14, 2019: \$25

Regular Registration by June 1, 2019: \$40

Before and After Care: (8:00-9:00 am for all Campers and 12:00-6:00 pm for VBS Campers or 3:00-6:00 pm for Day Camp Students): Additional \$25

Register online at: <http://www.myvbs.org/mobilemlr/>





MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S: George & Theo Amoss, Jacob Armacost, Dave Basler, Lavena Basler, Lily Blubaugh, John & Betty Boone, Charles Brehm, Pat Brehm, Mittie Coppersmith, Beverly Dutterer, The Family of Ron Dutterer, Janet Gross, Donald Heath, The Family of Pat Heath, Jeanne Joiner, The Family of Nancy Jones, Betty Knisley, Kenzie Kovacs, The Family of Pat Lipscomb, Yvonne Mathias, Bonnie Null, Claire Null, Melanie Ogg, Stanley Parks, Muriel Sabo, Tracey Sanford, Anna Rae Siegman, Richard & Barb Smith, Emily Van Horn, The West Family, Lorrie Wilson, Jean Yeakel, Gloria Yingling, The Family of Charles Zincon, Pastor Michael Dubsky and Chaplain Jimmie Schwartz.

FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN'S: Karen Aldridge, Helen Armacost, Ed Arnold, Taylor Barnes, Marcia Batista, Family & Friends of Rita Bauhof, The Family and Friends of Kelsey Berry, Dawn Bitzel, The Bordenski Family, Beth Anne Basler Busch, Amber Blubaugh, The Bogden Family, Ronald Boone, Joann and Lou Bradich, Scott Cronkite, Tammy Crosby, Jerry Day, Demetrius, Lindsey Durm, Ella Edwards, Robin Ehrenfeld, Jackie Farver, Christian Filipov, Morley Frado, Red and Carol Fundanish, Debby Gilbert, Marg Goodlin, Ginni Gordon, Family and Friends of Laurel Greeley, The Family of Burnell Grogg, Pat and Jerry Grofely, **Andrew ("Will") Hacke**, Natalie Halpin, Elwood Hawes, Sr., Tom Hocktra, Eila Howe, Linda Basler Holland and Ken Holland, Sherry Honeycutt, Lisa and Kevin Jones, Pastor Bob Kidd, The Knepp Family, The Family of Lorraine Kopp, Ed Langdon, The Family of Jeannie Leister, Don & Charlotte Ludwig, Nick and Darlene Majorczak, The Family of Maria Malbrough, The McGuire Family, Joe McLaughlin, The Family of Nevin Meck, The Mesick Family, Pastor Richard Michael and Eva Michael, Wyatt Miller, Jeanne Mueller, Erin Murphy & Haitian Timoun Foundation, Kay Murphy, The Family and Friends of Harold Nelson, The Family and Friends of Ron Orendi, Kim Piet, Tim Riddle, Hal Roche, Beverly & Jack Rose, Jessica Runnels, Scott Sensency, Jerry Shea, Zella Sherman, Haylee Shifflett, Ms. Wilda Simpson, Anne Smith, David & Debbie Smith, Ridgely Spence, Aileen Stroebel, Margot & Yesica Villanueva, Elizabeth Watson, Hal Waxter, Bladen Wheatley and Tammy Williams.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Keith Blizzard, Marshall Brown, Barry Durm, Michael & Lucia Gaffney, Katie & Brian Fenstemaker.

This prayer list was updated on March 27, 2019

April





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30 pm 4-H	2 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:30 pm Church Council Mtg	3 Lent 6:30 pm Soup & Sandwich 7:15 pm Service Choir Immediately following service	4 6:30 pm Sunshine Circle	5	6 9:00 am All Day Scrapbooking
7 Lent 5 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Education Hour 10:30 am Worship 5:00 pm Chill @ The Church Altar Flowers: Dale Miller	8	9 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal	10 Lent 6:30 pm Soup & Sandwich 7:15 pm Service Choir Immediately following service	11	12	13 8:00 am Men's Breakfast at Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Fellowship Hall In Use
14 Palm Sunday 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Education Hour 10:30 am Worship Altar Flowers: Bonnie Wilson	15	16 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal	17 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	18 Maudy Thursday 6:30 pm Worship and Dinner	19 Good Friday 10:30 am Soup Kitchen 7:15 pm Worship with Music	20 Children's Easter Program 10:00 am - noon
21 Easter 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Education Hour 10:30 am Worship Altar Flowers: Matthew West	22 7:00 pm Coin Club	23 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal	24 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	25	26	27 9:00 am Christian Singles breakfast at Plum Crazy
28 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Education Hour 10:30 am Worship Altar Flowers: Tracey Sanford & Carl Rebert	29	30				

April Worship Leaders

DATE	SERVICE	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR	ALTAR GUILD	ACOLYTE	USHERS/ OFFERING (10:30)	GREETERS	COUNTING TEAM
4/7	8:00am	Tracey Sanford	Tracey Sanford	Lois Bankert Dale Miller	XXXXX	XXXXX	Audrey Byrd	Dennis Kniss Gloria Kniss
	10:30am	John Bucacink	Nancy Dean	Carol Blubaugh	Olivia Leister	Brian Leister and Family	Nancy & Bill Squires	Darry Gross
4/14 Palm Sunday	8:00am	Ellen Lichtfuss	Ellen Lichtfuss	Lois Bankert Dale Miller	XXXXX	XXXXXX	Carol Lynn & Ken Siegman	Genny Resch Maggie Langdon
	10:30am	Carl Rebert	Lori Bucacink	Carol Blubaugh	Spencer Goodson	Genny Resch Roxanne Malbrough	The Findeisen Family	Muriel Sabo
4/21 Easter Sunday	8:00am	Tracey Sanford	Tracey Sanford	Lois Bankert Dale Miller	XXXXX	XXXXXX	Carol Nevin & Family	Sarah LeDuc Paul LeDuc
	10:30am	Doris Zepp	Sarah LeDuc	Nancy and Bill Squires	TBD	Gary Leister	Melanie Martindale Wanda Little	Carl Rebert
4/28	8:00am	Dennis Kniss	Dennis Kniss	Lois Bankert Dale Miller	XXXXX	XXXXXX	Linda and Stewart Sterner	Tracey Sanford Carl Rebert
	10:30am	Roseann Kleinschmidt	Stephanie Dean	Nancy and Bill Squires	Grace Kleinschmidt	David Ogg	The West Family	Dave Bollinger



May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 pm Sunshine Circle 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	2	3 9:00 am—2:00 pm Spring Yard & Rummage Sale	4 9:00 am—2:00 pm Spring Yard & Rummage Sale 
Set Up for Yard & Rummage Sale →						
5  8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Education Hour 10:30 am Worship 5:00 pm Chill @ The Church Altar Flowers: Audrey Byrd	6 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Sew, Roll & Knot Day 6:30 pm 4 - H	7 6:15 pm Handbell rehearsal	8 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	9	10 Deadline for submissions for June Newsletter	11 8:00 am Men's Breakfast at Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren
12  8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Education Hour 10:30 am Worship Altar Flowers: Carol Blubaugh	13	14 6:15 pm Handbell rehearsal 6:30 pm Mother/Daughter Banquet	15 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	16	17 5:00 pm Christian Singles	18 9:00 am All Day Scrapbooking
19 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Education Hour 10:30 am Worship 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Fellowship Hall In Use Altar Flowers: Doris Zepp	20 7:00 pm Coin Club	21 6:15 pm Handbell rehearsal	22 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	23	24	25
26 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Education Hour 10:30 am Worship Altar Flowers: The Kleinschmidts	27 Memorial Day	28	29 10:00 am Assemble the Newsletter	30	31 10:30 Soup Kitchen 	

May Worship Leaders

DATE	SERVICE	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR	ALTAR GUILD	ACOLYTE	USHERS/ OFFERING (10:30)	GREETERS	COUNTING TEAM
5/5	8:00am	Paul LeDuc	Paul LeDuc	Lois Bankert Dale Miller	XXXXX	XXXXX	Stacey and Larry Huber	Deb Schaefer Mike Schaefer
	10:30am	Andy Kleinschmidt	Spencer Goodson	Lynne Scherbarth Dale Miller	Tate Gavin	Barb and Richard Smith	Gloria Kniss Sharon Minor	Dale Miller
5/12	8:00am	Tracey Sanford	Tracey Sanford	Lois Bankert Dale Miller	XXXXX	XXXXXX	Bonnie Wilson	Joan Phillips Jean Seitz
	10:30am	John Bucacink	Mia Hoyer	Lynne Scherbarth Dale Miller	Mary West	Ken & Jean Seitz	Blythe & Mick Zechman	Ken Seitz
5/19	8:00am	Ellen Lichtfuss	Ellen Lichtfuss	Lois Bankert Dale Miller	XXXXX	XXXXXX	Sue Shaffer	TBA
	10:30am	Doris Zepp	Carl Rebert	Lynne Scherbarth Dale Miller	Mason Dean	David Ogg	Bonnie Konsen Milton Zepp	
5/26	8:00am	Dennis Kniss	Dennis Kniss	Lois Bankert Dale Miller	XXXXX	XXXXXX	Nancy Boone	Audrey Byrd Drew Dean
	10:30am	Carl Rebert	Stephanie Dean	Lynne Scherbarth Dale Miller	Lara Findeisen	The Leister Family	The Findeisen Family	Stewart Sterner



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Kimberly Barber	04/01	Doris Rebert	04/23
Kenneth Seitz Jr	04/01	Lois Short	04/23
Kenneth Williams	04/02	Deborah Bean	04/25
Heidi Grothe	04/06	Marion Fleming	04/25
Donald Freberthausen	04/09	Terry Mapp	04/25
Daniel Long	04/09	Joy Seymer	04/25
Sharon Minor	04/11	Rachael Bollinger	04/26
Jason Leister	04/12	Sean Weisse	04/26
Jesse Wilson	04/13	Jacob Sisler	04/27
Levi Blubaugh	04/14	Lawrence Blauvelt	04/28
Janet Siegman	04/14	Katie Bollinger	04/28
Deborah Braman	04/15	Kenneth Seitz	04/28
Carol Nevin	04/17	Justin Williamson	04/30
Tiffany Braman	04/18		
Brian Resch	04/18		
Wendi Button	04/19		
Patricia Crawl	04/19		
Robert Robbins	04/19		
Roseann Kleinschmidt	04/20		
Mia Hoyer	04/22		



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Charlotte Bitzel	05/01	Jack Gavin	05/17	Emily Van Horn	05/26
Shirley Frederick	05/01	James Menchey	05/17	Daryl Blubaugh	05/29
John Joiner	05/02	Ethan Dell	05/18	Jade Sabo	05/30
Gregory Dell	05/04	Emily Ogg	05/18	Tess Gavin	05/31
Lauren Dean	05/05	Janet Amoss	05/19		
Christopher Gillman	05/05	Gary Dell	05/19		
Kelly Gross	05/05	Allison Short	05/19		
Ashley Brothers	05/06	Erik Gillman	05/20		
Robert Bean	05/07	Philip Short	05/20		
Brian Leister	05/07	George Amoss	05/22		
Lisa Maempel	05/07	Deborah Bean	05/22		
Riley Dell	05/08	Phyllis Menchey	05/22		
Michelle Jefferson	05/08	Milton Zepp	05/23		
Jessica Freberthausen	05/09	Claire Null	05/24		
Sara Coppersmith	05/13	Marjorie Williamson	05/24		
Nicholas Monroe	05/13	Sara Bucacink	05/26		
Lavena Basler	05/17	Denise Menchey	05/26		



THANK OFFERING FUND

Our Thank Offering Fund continues to be a significant resource for our congregation. On behalf of St. John's we are very happy and thankful for the congregation's response and offerings to this date. We all hope this fund can help our church mission go forward without many of the financial problems and needs that confront other congregations. Remember the creation of this fund is being used in the future to help balance a yearly budget or for other missions of the church that the Finance Committee and Church Council approve.

Below are several ways that a member can make a donation to the fund. This will be an ongoing fund to which a member can contribute at any time writing their request through church envelopes, E-giving or any of the other options suggested.

Ways that you can contribute to the ongoing spirit of Christ in our church! Donation Cash or Check; Appreciated Securities; Real Estate; Bequests (Wills & Trusts); Life Insurance; Qualified Retirement Plans.



Electronic Giving is Easy!

As a way to automate your weekly or one-time offerings, Electronic Giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Electronic Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your **checking or savings account to the church's bank account. This can be done in one of two ways:** 1) Fill out an Authorization Form (found outside the church office) and send it to the church office, or 2) Go to the church website (www.stjohnswestminster.org) and click the green **"Online Giving" button at any time to set up an automatic donation plan,** change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.

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Congratulations! Eligible Thrivent members utilized \$5,250 last year for church related activities and mission projects. There were 21 action team projects in all! Thank you for taking the time to apply and utilize Action Team money. If you did not apply for your Action Team money, the money was put back into **Thrivent's account.**

January 1 began a new year for Action Team funds! Hopefully, this year we can use even more of the allotted Thrivent Action Team Money for projects. If you are a Thrivent Insurance holder, you may be eligible for Action Team Money. I have a list of projects that you can pick from if you are not sure of where to put your Action Team Money. Talk with me or call me if you need ideas and are willing to use the Action Team Money (\$250.00). I can assist you in the paper work and ideas for the money.

Also, anyone eligible for Direct Dollars from Thrivent must allocate this money before March 29. If you are not sure how to proceed with this, please contact me, also.

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Thank you!

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Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship Service

9:15 a.m. Education Hour

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Worship Service

Please contact the church office....

... if you move to a new address or your telephone number or email address changes.

... if you or a member of your family is admitted to the hospital so the pastor may schedule a hospital visit.

... when a member of your family leaves home for college.

... when your committee or group plans a meeting or an activity—the date needs to be cleared and the church calendar noted.

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