

ST. JOHN'S EPISTLE

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June At-A-Glance

Sunday, June 2
8:00 am Worship
9:15 am Last Day of Education Hour
10:30 am Honor our Graduates and New Members
11:45 am Reception

Saturday, June 8
3:30 - 8:00 pm Strawberry Festival

Sunday June 9
Summer Worship Schedule
8:00 am - Inside Chapel
9:30 am - Outside Chapel In The Woods (thru September 1)

June 23 — July 29
High School Appalachia Service Project in Clay County, WV

Wed June 26
Newsletter Assembly

A Message from Pastor Kristin

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say rejoice" Philippians 4:4

I am rejoicing in the Lord as we begin the month of June! There is much to be rejoicing about. On Sunday, June 2 we celebrate our graduates at our 10:30am service and we welcome Diane and Roy Vest as new members! Congratulations and welcome! Join us following the 10:30am service for a reception.

I am rejoicing as we gather together for food in fellowship at our Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 8, 3:30-8:00pm. Thank you to all of our faithful volunteers and all who will join us for a wonderful day.

I am rejoicing because our faithful youth and adults will be traveling to Clay County, West Virginia to serve our neighbors there with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) June 23 – 29. Thank you to everyone who is praying for us and has contributed to our fundraisers this year. Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare for this week of service and in our travels. Our group includes, Mary West, Megan Martindale, Tate Gavin, Olivia Leister, Spencer Goodson, Lara Findeisen, Matthew West, Melanie and Jason Martindale and myself. (Sarah and Joseph Dubsky, Laurie Logue-Ruckman from Messiah Lutheran).

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God's Peace,

Pastor Kristin Dubsky

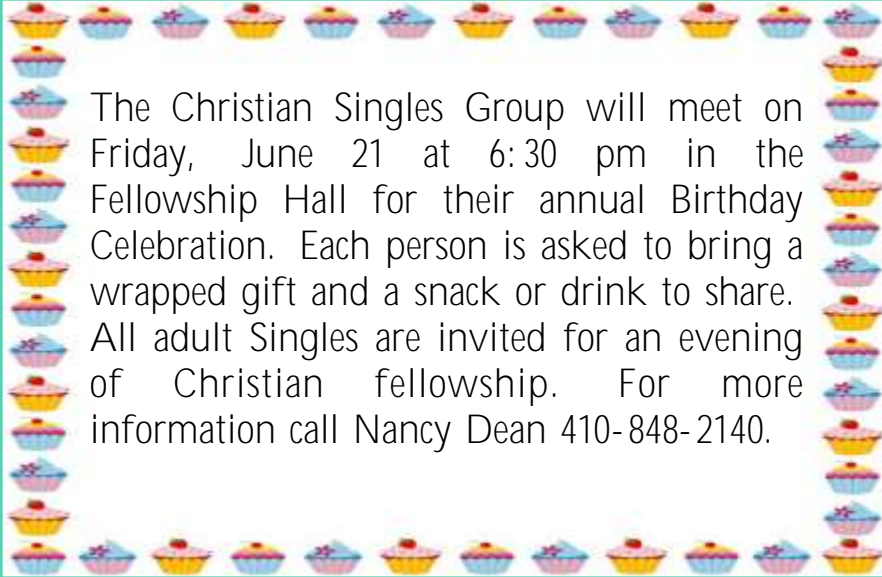
Announcing Westminster Conference Day Camp!
July 29 - August 2, 2019 at Carroll Lutheran School.
Vacation Bible School for Campers ages 3 - 5, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Mobile Mar-Lu Ridge Day Camp for Campers ages 6 - 13, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

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HAPPENINGS AROUND THE CHURCH



The Christian Singles Group will meet on Friday, June 21 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for their annual Birthday Celebration. Each person is asked to bring a wrapped gift and a snack or drink to share. All adult Singles are invited for an evening of Christian fellowship. For more information call Nancy Dean 410-848-2140.

All Day Scrapbooking

Join us on Saturday June 1 for a day 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 Wednesday, June 5 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Gloria Kniss will lead devotions, Sarah LeDuc will lead the program and Lavena Basler will be the hostess. The special offering is paper towels. All ladies of the church are invited. For more information, call Audrey Byrd at 410-848-1995.



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 July 12 at 10:30 a.m.. 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



Did you miss our last Knot and Tie Day? That is okay!! We had six people attend and were able to get 9 quilts completed. We could use your help at the next Knot and Tie Day. Are you available on Monday, June 17th - from 9:00 till noon? If so - come join us. Even if it is for only a short time. Notice I did not put sew day. You don't have to sew - that is all done before hand. Any questions please call Gloria Kniss at 717-359-7681. Hope to see you there!!

News from the Outreach Committee

The Christian Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to "First Food Sunday." Food was delivered to: "Little Free Pantry", "Sparrows Nest Pantry" and "Carroll County Foods."



IT'S ALMOST FESTIVAL TIME



June 8 - Baked goods - fruit pies, cakes, cookies, fudge, bread and such are needed for the **Strawberry Festival**. All baked goods should be in Fellowship Hall by 2:00 pm on June 8. Please include your name, telephone number and a list of ingredients that were used in the item you are donating.

June 11 - The Festivals Committee will meet on Tuesday June 11 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall to evaluate the Strawberry Festival and to begin planning for the **Peach Festival**. Anyone who is interested in evaluating the Strawberry Festival or planning for the Peach Festival is invited to attend.



LOOKING AHEAD

The Christian Outreach Committee will be collecting items for the Cold Weather Shelter during the summer months. We will be collecting the following items: toothpaste/toothbrushes (travel size), toiletries and amenities (given in the hotel/motel rooms) and snack foods. Please bring you donations and place in the narthex (basket marked Cold Weather Shelter) or in bins in the "Caring Corner" (Fellowship Hall).

June 8 - Strawberry Festival. Volunteers are need as well as some bakers!

August 24 - Peach Festival. Put this date on your calendar and share with friends and family. The more the merrier!

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

Spring District Dinner Meeting Recap

On April 29th, nine men from our congregation attended the Spring Dinner Meeting of the Westminster Conference. The evening featured a delicious meal prepared by the **ladies at St. Luke's (Winters) Lutheran Church**. **Pastor Richard Michael presented a** very moving recap of his 46 years of his ministry at St. James Lutheran Church in Union Bridge. The offering for the evening was sent to Pastor Jimmy Swartz to assist in defraying some expenses due to his prolonged hospitalization and rehabilitation for an auto accident earlier this year. The fall dinner meeting will be held at our church on October 28th.

June Meeting:

The June meeting will be on Saturday, June 8, at 8:00 am. The meeting will be held at the Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren. The meeting includes food, devotion and fellowship. Following the meeting, those who are available are asked to return to the church for the final set up for the Strawberry Festival.

Upcoming Events:

June 4: Cleaning of the Pavilion, 6:30 pm, in preparation for the Strawberry Festival

June 6: Rain date for cleaning pavilion

June 8: Breakfast, 8:00 am at Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren followed by final preparations of the Pavilion for the Strawberry Festival

July: No scheduled meeting!

August 20: Cleaning of the pavilion, 6:30 pm in preparation for the Peach Festival.

August 22: Rain date for cleaning pavilion.

August 24: Continental breakfast in the Church Fellowship Hall followed by final preparations for the Peach Festival.

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).

COUNCIL NOTES

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Christian Outreach.....Roxanne Malbrough
Finance.....Janet Gross
John Bucacink

Notes from the Council

Notes from the May 7th Council Meeting:

- Council will request a special congregational meeting for May 26th to approve a contract for re-paving the parking lot.
- Council approved a contract from Stansbury Tree Service for \$2,060 to remove two tree stumps and prune oak trees while on site to remove trees for the parking lot paving project.
- A committee has been formed to obtain and review quotes for sound system improvements in the sanctuary. Members will be Sharon Minor, Matt West, Dennis Kniss and Pastor Kristen Dubsy.
- Approval was given for the next rummage sale to be held at the church the second week in October .
- The council was advised the youth group "Flocking" fundraiser was a success, raising \$1,700 of funds for their summer mission trip.

Thank you,
Carol Nevin

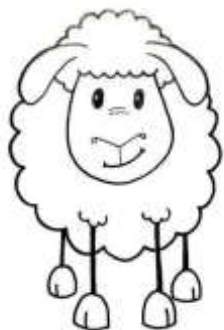
Parking Lot To Be Completed

On Sunday, May 26 the congregation approved a bid to re-do and re-blacktop the church parking areas and driveway. Work will start following the strawberry festival. All services will be held as scheduled. Be aware of construction and equipment if you visit the church or cemetery between June 20 - July 1. Thank you for your patience.



NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Thank ewe



The St. John's Youth and Adults who will be traveling to Clay County, West Virginia this June to work with the Appalachia Project want to thank the congregation for helping them raise over a thousand dollars for their trip. We truly appreciate your to overwhelming participation in our "Flocking" fundraiser. Over 30 flocks of sheep moved around Carroll County and part of Baltimore County and nine insurance policies were written. We had a ton of fun and look forward to the next migration.



Thank you to everyone who helped to organize and prepare the Soup and Sandwich meals during the Lenten Season. Thanks to Carol Blubaugh for contacting and lining up each group.

To the following: Fellowship Committee, Evangelism Committee, Konsen Family and Friends, Adult Choir Members, Sunshine Circle and Friends, and the Adult Bible Class - thank you for preparing and providing the meals. Many of you donated the food items as well - thank you for your generous donations! Each Wednesday night brought a time of fellowship over a delicious meal. THANK YOU EVERYONE!

Karen

MORE NOTES OF APPRECIATION



SPRING YARD AND RUMMAGE SALE - WE SOLD OUT!

Well -- almost!! We did sell a lot of your "treasures", but we still had to find homes for a number of items. Some of our leftovers were sent to:

The Westminster Rescue Mission,
A group that makes Port Pillows,
The North Carroll Senior Center,
The Humane Society of Carroll County
The homeless shelter,
Louise Cain who is collecting items for Haiti,
Benefit a Dime Toss game at a local fire company carnival.
Community Aid.

Thanks to all who were involved in any way in this effort! We realized a profit of \$4570.25 thanks to a lot of help from you! And just a reminder, the Fall Yard and Rummage Sale will be held on October 11 and 12. Please keep that date in mind as you do your summer cleaning.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The Adult Bible Class would like to express a huge "Thank You!" to all who help in any way in making the Spring Yard and Rummage Sale successful. We would like to thank everyone who:

Contributed items for sale
Brought items from the pavilion into the fellowship hall
Came out to help unpack, price and place items on display for sale
Prepared lunch for the daily workers
Went to homes to collect items
Worked at home to make food and baked goods
Came out and purchased lunch
Purchased many, many items that were offered for sale
Helped in the kitchen, on the 'sales floor', or outside
Came out on Saturday afternoon to sort, pack and transport leftover "treasures" and set up materials to storage areas
Prayed for the sale's success so funds could be given to various charities.
Thanks, also to Lavena Basler for sharing her garage for storage of items.

Without the help of so many, the sale would not be nearly as financially successful. Again, just a big THANK YOU to everyone!



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How Your
“Gifts of Hope”

Helped The Shepherd's Staff Serve Others!

JANUARY 2018 – DECEMBER 2018

Total Households Helped - 3,494

Total Individuals Helped - 9,378

New Carroll County Households Served - 316 (including 28 veterans)

Emergency Financial Assistance - 531 Households

Rx Financial Assistance - 112 Individuals

Back-To-School Program & Year-Round Essentials - 1,350 Students

Blessings Closet Items - 2,549 Households

Haircuts - 251 Individuals

Call for Coats - 3,606 Individuals

Spiritual Easter Baskets - 1,127 Children

Take-A-Book Project - Over 4,000 Individuals

The Shepherd's Table Noon Meal - Over 4,000 Meals

Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner - 325 Meals

Annual 4th of July Cookout - 275 Individuals

Summer Food & Fellowship (incl fresh produce) - 1,500 Individuals

Christmas Stockings / Senior Sacks - 961 Distributed

Bath Facility/Laundry Facility - 218 Individuals

Mail Service - 256 Individuals

Pet Food - 189 Pets Helped

(A portion of Pet Food donated is through CFCC and distributed through The Shepherd's Staff)

Hundreds of Other Requests Were Granted For:

Emergency Lite Meals & Hospitality

Telephone and Daily Newspaper Use

Baby, Career, and Year Round Clothing & Household Items

Grocery Coupons

Religious Literature

Referrals, Advocacy, and Compassionate Listening

Our Deepest Appreciation To All!

The Shepherd's Staff is the recipient of the 2017 Sylvia Canon Humanitarian Award,

2016 McDaniel College featured Nonprofit Award,

the 2016 Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Nonprofit Partner in Business Award,

the 2014 Wm Donald Schaefer People Helping People Award and the 2008 Nonprofit Philanthropist of the Year Award.

SPOTLIGHT ON EASTER SUNDAY

Below: Taken at Sunrise Service at The Chapel in the Woods



CELEBRATING EASTER AT ST. JOHN'S



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CONGRATULATIONS — CLASS OF 2019!

Here are biographies and pictures of some of our graduates:



Jonathan Bean, graduated from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a minor in Criminal Justice.



Derek Kosen, son of Bonnie and Thomas Kosen, grandchild of Milton & Doris Zepp and sibling of Dietrich and Kirstyn, is graduating from Keiser University with an Associate of Science in Culinary Arts. I am currently working at Maggie's restaurant in Westminster. My future plans are to become a head chef at a restaurant or for a sports team. I enjoy cooking, camping, playing and watching sports, and spending time with my friends and family. The next item on my bucket list would be to travel to Europe! I would like to thank everyone at church who supported me through out the years, I am very blessed.



Laura Schaefer, daughter of Deb and Mike Schaefer and grandchild of Adelaide Sies and Dixie Schaefer, sister to Julia and Adam Wolfe and proud aunt of Brooklyn Wolfe will graduate with a Masters of Education in Early Childhood Education from the American College of Education. I work as a special educator with the Birth to Kindergarten

program and I look forward to using my degree in my career in any capacity that is needed. Eventually, I would enjoy being a kindergarten or Pre-K teacher. When I have free time, I enjoy spending time with my niece, Brooklynn as well as with my family. During the summer, I enjoy swimming in the pool as well as relaxing when I can. Reading and crocheting (thanks to Granny) also occupy my time. On my bucket list are enjoying a cruise, going to Hawaii, and enjoying all the sights that I see wherever I may go. I also look forward to seeing where my journey goes in life and I know that those that support me will be with me along the way, supporting every step I take.



Mary Elizabeth West, daughter of Matthew and Sandra West, Sister to Jonathan West will be graduating from Winters Mill High School with a certification in Music Therapy. Mary is excited to be attending Marywood University in Scranton, Pa. this September 2019. With her current knowledge of seven different instruments and previous dance training, her future plans are to get her degree in Music Therapy and then return to Carroll County and bring Music Therapy into the school system.

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS



Roy and Diane Vest are becoming members of St. John's on June 2. They moved to Westminster last year from their long-time home in the Baltimore area. Roy is a carpenter, retired from Howard County government where he worked on historic properties and Diane is a retired journalist who primarily wrote human interest stories for a central Maryland publication. She still does some freelance writing.

They have two children, Susan who lives in Westminster with husband Travis and children, Kathleen, 17, and Laura, 11, and son Kevin who lives in Pasadena with wife Tracey and children Jake, 7 and Kailey, 6. (Their grandson Jake is autistic, but making progress via newer therapies. If anyone needs information about these therapies or has information to share regarding autism therapies, etc. please contact Diane. She also has info on pending Maryland legislation that may impact the autistic.)

CONGRATULATIONS — CLASS OF 2019!

On June 2 we honor our graduates:

Jonathan Bean - University of Alabama

Keri Gillman - University of Maryland

Derek Konsen - Keiser University

Austin Leister - Manchester Valley High School

Laura Schaefer - American College of Education (ACE) - Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Early Childhood Education.

Mary West - Winters Mill High School



THANK YOU!

Dear St. John Lutheran Church, What a gift you've given! Thank you for your recent gift of \$120.00 to Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) ministries through ELCA Good Gifts. Your Good Gift is a very good gift, indeed, With resources like seedlings and seminary courses, vaccinations and vegetable gardens, Bibles and blankets, you're equipping God's people - around the world and around the corner - with what they need to live abundant lives. Thank you for your support of the vital ministries that we do together - and for your very good gift.

In God's abundant grace,
Christina Jackson-Skelton
Executive Director, Mission Advancement

Dear Churches of the Westminster Conference: On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the Staff and the Families of CLS, we want to take a moment to send our thanks to all that participated in CLS Sunday this year. Our shared missions are aligned throughout the year and CLS is so grateful that you were able to take as day and share the good news of CLS with your congregation. Our cooperation in serving the families in our conference is nothing short of amazing. As we proceed in our mission and work to bring an absolutely exceptional education to each student at CLS we ask that you continue to support our school even after CLS Sunday. Any help you or your members can give in volunteering, sharing word of the school with others or providing a donation to help continue the growth of CLS is always appreciated and encouraged. Even small actions help to give CLS students a great learning experience and an environment in which to grow in faith and knowledge.

Yours in Christ,
Mandy Gilbert
Principal, CLS

To the Evangelism Committee, Thank you for the bag of goodies and pretty signed card given to me from the Evangelism Committee, having contained quite an assortment. It was a nice surprise and we have some good cookie makers in our congregation. Also, thanks to Jean and Joan for a nice visit and taking time to deliver.

Truly,
Lavena

St. John's Lutheran Church, Thank you for your donation to Jake's Foundation! Jake is doing well and has been happy and healthy! We will use the money to continue the therapies that help him so much. We greatly appreciate and are so grateful for your generosity!

Donna, Doug, Jake and family

MORE NOTES OF APPRECIATION

To the ladies of the Evangelism Committee, I want to thank the Evangelism Committee of St. John's for the bag of "goodies" they delivered to my apartment last week. Those ladies sure do make good "homemade" cookies. I don't get many visitors so I really enjoyed having them stay and talk for a while.

Sincerely,
Yvonne Mathis

The Easter worship at 10:30 a.m. was inspiring and truly celebratory. Thanks to the choirs, Dennis and Maggie for the beautiful music. The procession of bells was extremely impressive.

It was very nice to see the almost-filled sanctuary.

- Shirley Daniels

"THANK YOU" to the men who helped to make the Mother-Daughter Banquet a success. The members of the Sunshine Circle are very grateful for your help.

I would like to thank my "Friday ladies" for all they do each and every week. They are here to work on publications no matter what. And kudos to the "Notorious Newsletter" crew. They join in the fun when we are assembling the Epistle. If you are lucky, entertainment is usually provided by Phil Short! On another note, thank you to all who provided support during my last hospital stay - the prayers are working. I would also like to thank St. John's for the Administrative Assistant's Day acknowledgements - they are **very** appreciated. All in all, thanks go out to my adopted church family!

- Deb Priestler

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



Dorothy Bauer	06/01
Benjamin Crowl	06/01
Richard Smith	06/02
Douglas Dell	06/03
Jackie Leister	06/04
Kathryn Nevin	06/04
Chuck LeDuc	06/05
Benjamin Yeager	06/05
Bonnie Brittingham	06/07
Rylee Peregoy	06/09

Robin Findeisen	06/11
Ashley Leister	06/11
Heather Lang	06/11
Dale Miller	06/11
Janet Gross	06/14
Justin Powell	06/18
La Rue Crowl	06/19
Emily McDonald	06/21
Norman Wilson	06/21
Drew Dean	06/22
Emily Bollinger Miller	06/22
Melanie Martindale	06/23
David Coppersmith Sr	06/27
Gary Leister	06/27
Roxanne Sabo	06/28
Tamara Anderson	06/28
Daniel Amoss	06/29
Jeanne Joiner	06/29
Pamela Sisler	06/29



ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL



**Saturday, June 8, 2019
3:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Rain or Shine!**

**Music By:
Never Too Late Band – 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Alesia Band – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Games for children! Good food! Music! Fellowship!**

The menu includes: Turkey Corn Soup, Turkey Salad Sandwiches, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Hamburger Barbecue, Pulled Pork Barbecue, Strawberry Shortcake, Strawberry Pie, Ice Cream and a variety of baked goods.

Many volunteers are needed for the Strawberry Festival. Please see Nancy Dean if you are willing to help.



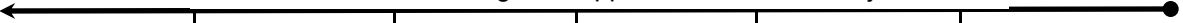
Cakes, cookies, muffins, candy and fruit pies are needed for the Bake Table. According to Carroll County Health Department regulations, all baked items must include a list of ingredients and the name of the person who made the item.

Help is needed to clean the Pavilion on Tuesday, June 4, at 6:30 pm. The rain date for the cleanup is Thursday, June 6, at 6:30 pm.

Invite your friends and neighbors! Bring your lawn chairs so that you can sit back and relax as you enjoy the Strawberry Festival!



JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 All Day Scrapbooking
2 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Last Day of Education Hour 10:30 am Worship - Honor our Graduates and New Members 11:45 am Reception Altar Flowers: Della Dell	3 6:30 pm 4-H	4 6:30 pm Clean Pavilion 7:30 pm Church Council Mtg	5 6:30 pm Sunshine Circle 	6 6:30 pm Rain date for Cleaning Pavilion	7 9 am - 8 pm Set-up for Strawberry Festival	8 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 3:30 pm - 8:00 pm Strawberry Festival 
9 Summer Schedule Begins 8:00 am Worship 9:30 am Worship at Chapel In The Woods 12:30 - 3:30 pm Fellowship Hall In Use Altar Flowers: Audrey Byrd	10 Deadline for submissions to July/August Newsletter	11 6:30 pm Festivals Committee Mtg	12	13	14 FLAG DAY	15
16 8:00 am Worship 9:30 am Worship at Chapel in the Woods Altar Flowers: Roxanne Malbrough	17 9:00 am - noon Tie & Knot Day 	18	19	20	21 6:30 pm Christian Singles Birthday Celebration 	22
23 8:00 am Worship 9:30 am Worship at Chapel in the Woods 12:00 - 5:00 pm Fellowship Hall In Use Altar Flowers: Dale Miller	24 6:30 pm Coin Club	25	26 10:00 am Assembly of July/August Newsletter	27	28	29
Youth to West Virginia - Appalachian Service Project 						
30 8:00 am Worship 9:30 am Worship at Chapel in the Woods Altar Flowers: Wanda Little						

June 2019 Worship Leaders

DATE	SERVICE	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR	ACOLYTE	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS/ OFFERING (9:30)	GREETERS	COUNTING TEAM
6/02	8:00am	Paul LeDuc	Paul LeDuc		Lois Bankert Dale Miller	*****	Carol Lynn and Ken Siegman	Gloria Kniss Dennis Kniss
	10:30am	Andy Kleinschmidt	Pam Goodson	Spencer Goodson	Carol Blubaugh	David Ogg	Nancy Dean Stephanie Dean	Darry Gross
6/09	8:00am	Dennis Kniss	Dennis Kniss		Lois Bankert Dale Miller	*****	Della and Greg Dell	Tracey Sanford Dave Bollinger
	9:30am	Carl Rebert	Carl Rebert	N/A	Carol Blubaugh	Lori & John Bucacink	The Findeisen Family	Carl Rebert
6/16	8:00am	Tracey Sanford	Tracey Sanford		Lois Bankert Dale Miller	*****	Nancy and Tom Tracey	Genny Resch Maggie Langdon
	9:30am	John Bucacink	John Bucacink	N/A	Carol Blubaugh	Barbara & Richard Smith	Genny Resch Roxanne Malbrough	
6/23	8:00am	Carl Rebert	Carl Rebert		Lois Bankert Dale Miller	*****	Linda and Stewart Sterner	Deb Schaefer Michael Schaefer
	9:30am	Doris Zepp	Doris Zepp	N/A	Carol Blubaugh	The Leister family	Jean & Ken Seitz Joan Phillips	Dale Miller
6/30	8:00am	Tracey Sanford	Tracey Sanford		Lois Bankert Dale Miller	*****	Sharon & Dave Bollinger	Donna Yeager Bryan Yeager
	9:30am	Roseanne Kleinschmidt	Roseanne Kleinschmidt	N/A	Carol Blubaugh	The Findeisen Family	The Kleinschmidt Family	Teresa McCulloh



MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S: George & Theo Amoss, Jacob Armacost, Dave Basler, Lavena Basler, Carol Blubaugh, Lily Blubaugh, John & Betty Boone, Charles Brehm, Pat Brehm, Audrey Byrd, Mittie Coppersmith, Beverly Dutterer, The Family of Ron Dutterer, Marion Fleming, Janet Gross, Donald Heath, The Family of Pat Heath, Jeanne Joiner, The Family of Nancy Jones, Betty Knisley, The Family of Pat Lipscomb, Yvonne Mathias, Phyllis Menchey, Bonnie Null, Claire Null, Melanie Ogg, Stanley Parks, Doris Rebert, 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 Dubsy and Chaplain Jimmie Schwartz.

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

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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THRIVENT MEMBERS: Update On Action Teams and Direct Choice Dollars

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.

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Articles for the July/August newsletter should be submitted no later than June 10, 2019! Please send the articles to Deb, the Office Manager, at office@stjohnswestminster.org or place them in her mailbox.

Thank you!

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Worship Schedule

June 9 - September 1, 2019

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Worship at The Chapel In The Woods

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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