



ST. JOHN'S EPISTLE

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A Message from Pastor Kristin



June At A Glance

Sunday, June 5

Honor our Graduates
Last Day of Sunday
School—All Ages Kick Ball
Game

Saturday, June 11

3:30-8:00 p.m.
Strawberry Festival

Sunday June 12— Summer Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m.-Inside
9:30 a.m.-Chapel In The
Woods
(thru September 4)

June 20—24

9:00 a.m.-Noon
Vacation Bible School

Friday, June 24

6:30 p.m.
VBS Closing Program

June 26—July 2

High School Work Camp in
VA Beach

Hot off the Presses - Thanks to the work of our Music Search Committee, as of July 1, we have a new Director of Music. His name is Wayne Grauel and you will find out more about Wayne in our next newsletter! We are excited for Wayne to join us at St. John's.

Thank you to Maggie Langdon and Dennis Kniss who have served so graciously as our interim organist and choir director. We are so fortunate to have such talented and willing musicians to serve us in this way.

Thank you to Linda Sterner and Bonnie Kosen – Two of our committee chairs who are officially stepping down from their roles as chairs for the Outreach committee and Christian education and Youth Committee. Thank you for your continued commitment at St. John's.

Thank you to everyone who has prayed and contributed to our 2016 Workcamp trip. We leave for Virginia Beach on June 26 and return on July 2. Please pray for our group as we travel, work, pray and play. Jack, Lily and Tate Gavin, Derek and Dietrich Kosen, Christopher Short, Emma Findeisen, Olivia Leister, Ashley and Austin Leister, Spencer Goodson, Mary West, and adults Matt West, Jimmy Bean, Genny Resch and Pastor Kristin.

Thank you to Sunday School teachers. Thank you to VBS teachers and helpers. Thank you to strawberry festival volunteers. Thank you for your faithful service to God at St. John's.

God's Peace –

Pastor Kristin Dubsky
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St. John's 2016

VBS

Monday, June 20
Through
Friday, June 24
9:00 a.m.—Noon

Register at
stjohnswestminster.org

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HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH



SHEPHERD'S STAFF NEWSLETTER. *The Shepherd's Staff* Newsletter Team will meet to assemble *The Shepherd's Staff* newsletter starting **Monday, June 27 from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 29th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and Thursday, June 30th (if needed) from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** Lunch will be provided. Please join us for fun and fellowship while we work!

St. John's Soup Kitchen Committee will work at **The Shepherd's Table** on Friday, June 10th, 10:30 a.m. at Westminster United Methodist Church. We are always looking for volunteers to help us serve a free meal to God's people in need. If you would like to volunteer to help with this meal, please contact Lisa Gavin 410-857-1499 or Jackie Leister 410-857-0505.



SUNSHINE CIRCLE. The Sunshine Circle will hold their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, June 1 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Audrey Byrd has the devotions, Dolly Long is in charge of the program, Lavena Basler is the hostess. Special offering is paper towels. All ladies of the church are invited. For more information call Audrey Byrd at 410-848-1995.

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL



Saturday, June 11, 2016

3:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Rain or Shine!



Music by

Never Too Late Band 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Alesia Band 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Games for Children

The menu for the Festival includes turkey corn soup, turkey salad sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, barbeque, strawberries and ice cream, strawberry shortcake and a variety of baked goods.

"Thank you" to those who have already signed up to help at the Strawberry Festival. Additional help is needed in the Pavilion and as waitresses and waiters. This is an excellent opportunity for those who need community service hours. Contact Nancy Dean (410-848-2140) if you can help in the Pavilion or as a waitress or waiter.

Invite your friends and neighbors to come for an evening of good food, music and fellowship. Bring your lawn chairs so that you can sit back and relax as you enjoy the Strawberry Festival!

Let's "KICK" Summer Off with an All-Ages Kickball Game!

Last Day of Sunday School – Sunday, June 5 – 9:15 a.m. Sunday, June 5 is our last day of Sunday School for the summer. Bring some lawn chairs (if you want) and join us up in the field for a big game of kick ball at 9:15 a.m.! All ages are welcome and wanted for this summer kickoff!

— Pastoral Acts —

Baptism

Adelina Wren Sabo—May 15, 2016

MEN OF THE CONGREGATION

News from the Men of the Congregation

May Recap:

The May meeting of the Men of the Congregation was held on Saturday, May 14. A presentation regarding the legacy of Carroll County centered on the once thriving wormseed business.

Upcoming Events:

June 7: Cleaning of the Pavilion, 6:00PM, in preparation for the Strawberry Festival

June 9: Rain date for cleaning pavilion

June 11: Breakfast, 8 AM at Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren followed by final preparations of the Pavilion for the Strawberry Festival.

July: No meeting in July!

August 27: Breakfast (continental style) at 8:00 AM at the church followed by final preparations to the pavilion for the Peach Festival.

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH

STOCK FUNDRAISER-- The Work Camp Stock Fundraiser has begun. Stock can be purchased at \$10/share or you may consider making a donation for a different amount. Please complete the stock fundraiser form below.

**Youth Missionary Stock Program
Support St. John's 2016 Summer Youth Trip
Work Camp in Virginia Beach, VA
June 26th – July 2nd**

Please consider purchasing stock or making a donation to our 2016 Youth Mission trip. We have 16 youth and adults attending our summer mission trip this summer. Your money and prayers are a way to support the team and be part of our mission. Purchase stock or make a donation and effect change in the hearts of a community.

I would like to purchase stock in St. John's Youth Summer Mission Trip.

My purchase is _____ shares at \$10/share for a gift of \$_____.

Or

My donation to St. John's Summer Youth Mission Trip is \$_____.
_____ check _____ cash

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Please place the top portion with your check or cash in the attached envelope and place in the offering plate. Keep this portion for your records.

I/we donated money or purchased stock worth \$_____ on _____/_____/16 for the 2016 St. John's Youth Summer Mission Trip.

Thank you for supporting St. John's Youth!

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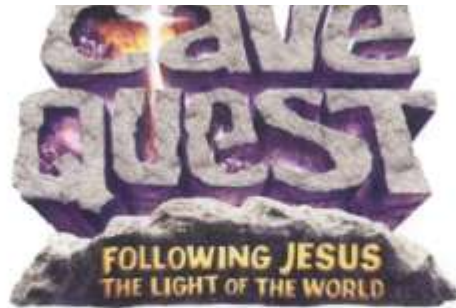
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Property.....	Michael Grothe
Worship & Music.....	Dennis Kniss
Christian Outreach	OPEN
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	John Bucacink

HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH



Dear Parents:

Send your kids on an over-the-top underground adventure!

At Cave Quest VBS, kids explore the rock-solid foundation of Jesus' love. Cave Quest VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes.) Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear *that* phrase a lot!

Your kids will also participate in a hands-on mission project, through a program called Operation Kid-to-Kid™, that will let the kids in our community show God's mighty love to needy kids in the United States.

Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to join us at Cave Quest Closing for each day at _____ 11:45am _____ a daily exploration of Jesus—the light of the world!

So mark these dates on your calendar: _____ June 20th thru June 24th _____

The fun starts at _____ 9:00am _____ and will end at _____ 12:00pm _____

Call this number _____ 202-652-9041 _____ to register your children for this life-changing adventure! Or use VBS P.R.O.® to register online!

Sincerely,


Your Cave Quest VBS Director

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CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDS



Tate Gavin

My name is Tate Gavin. I'm in the 8th grade at East Middle School. Next year I will be going to Winters Mill High School. I enjoy playing baseball, basketball, and hanging out with friends. Confirmation has been important to me because it taught me to learn God's word in different ways. God has helped me get through some hard times in my family.

Spencer Goodson

My name is Spencer Goodson. I'm 14 years old and I attend East Middle School. Next year I will go to Winters Mill High School. I enjoy running, Netflix, and relaxing. Confirmation has not only been important because it brought me closer to God but it also brought me closer with my fellow confirmands. I have met people that I will hopefully know for the rest of my life. We've made so many good memories, from fun confirmation classes to the best retreats ever! Before confirmation I was the kid who didn't want to come to church, but now I couldn't imagine not coming to church. These last 3 years have been the best years and I thank our church for all the support.

Ashley Leister

My name is Ashley Leister, and I am in 8th grade at North Carroll Middle School. Next year I will attend Manchester Valley High School. I play the piano, electric guitar, and like to draw. I have created a lot of memories during confirmation in the past three years, like going to Mar-Lu-Ridge and "Chill @ Church." I've learned a lot about God's word in addition to growing my faith, as I plan to in the years to come.

Austin Leister

My name is Austin Leister, and I am currently going to Manchester Valley High School. I am a 9th grader, but school is still surprisingly easy. The sports I play include basketball and track and field. Confirmation has been important to me, and I learned more about what being a Christian means. My favorite memories have come from Mar-Lu-Ridge. Confirmation has shaped me as a better person, and it has prepared me to live a happier and more Christian life.

Olivia Leister

My name is Olivia Leister. I am 14 years old, and I go to East Middle school. Next year I will be attending Winters Mill High School. I enjoy playing soccer and basketball, and running. These past 3 years of confirmation have been important to me because I have been able to get closer to God, and strengthen my faith. I have learned to be able to trust God and know that he is always there by my side. I also have made so many great friends that I hope to know for the rest of my life, and so many memories from Mar-lu-ridge, Youth Quake and our classes. I'm so glad to have been able to have the best 3 years of confirmation and I will definitely miss it. I would like to thank Pastor Kristin and Mr. John Gavin for making these years such a great experience, and the congregation for all of your support!

Mary West

Hello my name is Mary West. I am in 9th grade at Winters Mill High School. I love to dance and learn new instruments. My favorite part of confirmation class was getting to spend it with so many amazing people and we got to learn about the love of God together. I loved being in confirmation class with some many great people.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2016

HIGH SCHOOL GRADS



Jack Gavin
Winters Mill High School

Jack Gavin is the son of Lisa & John Gavin. He is a life-long, faithful member of St. John's. He graduates this year from Winters Mill High School in Westminster. Jack has two sisters, older sister Tess and younger sister Lily, and a younger brother Tate. He enjoys hanging out with his parents and siblings.

Jack has a passion for music. In school, he plays the tuba. He is a member of the Marching Band, Jazz Band and the Wind Ensemble. Jack loves guitars and is currently building his own original guitar. Rock Out, Jack! In the drama department at school, Jack has been a participant on the production crew and stage manager. Jack is a good student and members of the National Honor Society. He attended the engineering program at Career Technology. Baseball is his favorite sport. He is a fan of the Baltimore Orioles.

A loyal church and Sunday School attendee, he was baptized, confirmed, attended Vacation Bible School. He serves as an acolyte, an active youth group participant and a 5-year member of Work Camp. He loves the feeling of giving back to others and helping make their lives more enjoyable. It is fun to spread God's word and love.

Jack works at Arby's. This fall he plans to attend Drexel University to major in mechanical engineering.

May God continue to lead you on a positive pathway with new adventures and opportunities to learn and grow. Your church family will be supportive of you, pray for you and be hopeful you come home to worship and fellowship with us. God Bless You, Jack. Set a goal, go for it! We believe in you!

Submitted by Loretta L Basler

Jonathan Williams
Westminster High School

Jonathan Williams will graduate on June 9, 2016.



COLLEGE GRADS

Jeremy Williams
Pennsylvania College of
Technology

Jeremy Williams graduated with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Diesel Technology .



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Articles for the July/August newsletter should be submitted no later than Friday, June 10, 2016!

*Please email the articles to Frances, the office manager, at office@stjohnswestminster.org or place them in her mailbox. **Thanks!***



The News:

[Family Camp](#) session 1: June 22-25 has space for a few more families! Join us for an adventure filled with family time, campfires, ice cream and treats, pool time, Bible lessons for all ages, and time to explore the mountain.

[Grand Adventure](#): July 31-August 2 is an opportunity for just the grandkids and their grandparents to create special memories together!

We will be supporting the work of [Lutheran Outdoor Ministries](#) with our special offering this summer. If you wish to donate your leftover store money or give a gift of your own, these gifts will help create an emergency fund for camps across the country. ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton describes the importance of camps:

Our Lutheran Outdoor Ministries provide places to engage people of all ages with the beauty of God's creation and programs that enrich faith formation." By supporting the work of LOM we help ensure the future of camps and retreat centers like Mar-Lu-Ridge all around the country - places where campers and guests are free to be themselves and grow in their relationship with Christ.

[Spring Appeal](#): We are so excited to update our community on the progress of our Spring Appeal! As of today, we have surpassed the \$10,000 match given by Divinity Lutheran Church in Towson, MD. We will continue to accept gifts until June 15, and all gifts will directly benefit our Campership Fund and summer camp programming.

Your gift will change a camper's life for the better!

Donations can be made [online](#) or by mail: 3200 Mar Lu Ridge Rd Jefferson MD 21755

Thank you so much for your generous spirit!



Upcoming Carroll Lutheran Village Events

The Dollars and Sense of Life at Carroll Lutheran Village – June 7 at 10am - Learn about the costs of living at Carroll Lutheran Village, the financial implications of life in a continuing care retirement community and how to compare the cost of staying at home vs. living at CLV.

Block Party – June 9 from 2-4pm – Join us for a pre-summer block party in the St. Matthew Court neighborhood featuring wine & cheese, hors d'oeuvres and delectable desserts plus open-house tours of available cottages nestled in a tranquil location that is perfect for pets and enjoying the outdoors.

Seating is limited for these events. Please call 410-848-8922 for more information or to register.

Church Women United

CWU in Carroll County is sponsoring a bus trip to see "Samson" at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster on Tuesday, June 28. The cost is \$95 per person which includes the cost of the show, the luncheon and the bus. The tip for the bus driver is not included in the cost. The show is at 11:00 a.m. and will be followed by lunch at the Hershey Farms Restaurant. The bus will leave at 8:15 a.m from the parking lot at Shepherd's Staff in Westminster and then pick up at the Lineboro Day Care Center in Lineboro at 8:40 a.m.



Senior Profile—Betty Blauvelt

Betty Blauvelt was born November 5, 1935 at Maryland General Hospital in Baltimore, the only child of Garfield and Alverta Shipley Baublitz. She had a special relationship with her maternal grandparents, Grover and Mary Shipley of Gamber, and as a result, lived part-time with her parents and part-time with her grandparents.

In the 7th grade, she entered Westminster Senior High School (now East Middle School) and graduated in 1953. She attended Grace Lutheran Church. Betty always wanted to be a nurse but never received the formal training. Nevertheless, she so lovingly cared for several people and family members over the years.

Betty worked at the Westminster Coat Factory for 5 years, a short time at Black & Decker, 10 years at the office of B.P. Shriver Canning Company and finished her employment with 31 years at Carroll County Bank & Trust, retiring in 1998.

During part of her adult working years, she and her mother boarded with Bud and Rosalee King on Bond St. in Westminster and then moved to 296 E Main St. where Romaine Rhoten Seipp and her husband Francis lived on the second floor. **Betty began spending lots of time at Romaine's family home on Old Manchester Road, where she met Joanne Rhoten and the two became quick friends.**

Next door to the Rhoten's lived a man named Walter (Pete) Blauvelt. In 1963, Betty and Pete were married and lived for 12 years on a farm in Hampstead. They then bought a house on Clearview Ave. in Hampstead which was previously owned by Robert and Yvonne Mathias.

For many years, weekends were spent with Joanne Rhoten at her trailer in Harper's Ferry, and in 1981, Betty and Pete bought a trailer near Joanne's, where the Rhotens and the Blauvelts did lots of entertaining. In 1986, Betty and Pete joined St. John's Lutheran Church, where Pastor Mark Crispell served the congregation.

Pete passed away in 1987. Joanne Rhoten and her sister, Romaine Seipp, bought the family home on Old Manchester Rd.. They asked Betty to move in with them and another lady, Sarah Zentgraf. Betty **accepted the offer, and the four ladies became known as "The Golden Girls"!** They loved to travel, and one of the most memorable vacations was a cruise to Bermuda in 1997. Joanne and Betty also owned time shares in Massanutten, VA. Our dear Joanne passed away on January 30, 2016.

In April, 2016, Betty moved to Carroll Lutheran Village where she feels right at home. Her close neighbors are Bob Blauvelt and Dale Miller. She has given up cooking, has met former classmates and enjoys going to the library.

Betty is a member of Christian Singles at St. John's, helps with newsletters for the Shepherd's Staff, as well as mailings for Carroll Hospice. She enjoys attending the Strawberry Festivals and Peach Festivals.

We are blessed to have her as one of our senior members here at St. **John's.**

Submitted by Audrey Byrd and Dale Miller



JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 p.m. Sunshine Circle	2 7:00 p.m. Financial Peace University	3	4 ALL DAY Scrapbooking
5 Third Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Last Day of Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Altar Flowers: Leona Dell	6 6:00 p.m. Carrolltown 4-H 6:00 p.m. VBS Station Leader Training 7:00 p.m. VBS Volunteer Training	7 6:00 p.m. Clean for Strawberry Festival 7:30 p.m. Council	8	9 6:00 p.m. Rain Date for Strawberry Festival Cleaning 7:00 p.m. Financial Peace University	10 10:30 a.m. Soup Kitchen 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Strawberry Festival Workday	11 8:00 a.m. Men's Group Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren 3:30p.m.-8:00p.m. Strawberry Festival 
12 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Chapel in the Woods Begins Altar Flowers: Audrey Byrd 10:45a.m. VBS Volunteer Training Leister Reunion	13	14  Flag Day	15	16	17 5:30p.m. Huber Wedding Rehearsal 6:30p.m. Christian Singles	18 4:00p.m. Huber Wedding
19 Happy Father's Day 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Chapel in the Woods Altar Flowers: Roxanne Malbrough 10:45 a.m. Ireland Family-Fellowship Hall	20 9:00a.m.-Noon VBS 6:00 p.m. Carrollton 4-H	21 9:00a.m.-Noon VBS V	22 9:00a.m.-Noon VBS B	23 9:00a.m.-Noon VBS 7:00 p.m. Festivals Committee Mtg. S	24 9:00a.m.-Noon VBS 6:30p.m. VBS Closing	25
26 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Chapel in the Woods Altar Flowers: Dale Miller 12:00-5:00p.m. Basler Family Reunion	27 WORK 9:30—2:00p.m. Shepherd's Staff Newsletter 6:00 p.m. Coin Club	28 CAMP	29 VIRGINIA 9:00—2:00p.m. Shepherd's Staff Newsletter	30 BEACH 9:00—2:00p.m.(if needed) Shepherd's Staff Newsletter		

	Benjamin Crowl 06/01	Robin Findeisen 06/11	Drew Dean 06/22
	Dorothy Bauer 06/01	Heather Lang 06/11	Emily Bollinger Miller 06/22
	Richard Smith 06/02	Ashley Leister 06/11	Melanie Martindale 06/23
	Douglas Dell 06/03	Dale Miller 06/11	David Coppersmith Sr. 06/27
	Jackie Leister 06/04	Janet Gross 06/14	Tamara Anderson 06/28
	Kathryn Nevin 06/04	Justin Powell 06/18	Roxanne Sabo 06/28
	Chuck LeDuc 06/05	La Rue Crowl 06/19	Daniel Amoss 06/29
	Benjamin Yeager 06/05	Emily McDonald 06/21	Jeanne Joiner 06/29
	Bonnie Brittingham 06/07	Norman Wilson 06/21	Pamela Sisler 06/29

If you know of a St. John's member whose birthday we missed above, please let us know at the office!

JUNE 2016 WORSHIP LEADER CALENDAR

DATE	SERVICE	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR	ACOLYTE	GREETERS	NURSERY	USHERS/ OFFERING (10:30)/(9:30)	COUNT TEAM
06/05	8:00am	Carl Rebert	Carl Rebert		Lois & Phil Short		Barbara & Richard Smith	Deb & Michael Schaefer, Dave Bollinger
	10:30am	Jack Joiner	Nancy Dean		Sharon Minor & Gloria Kniss			
06/12	8:00am	Donna Yeager	Donna Yeager		Lois & Larry Bankert		Jean & Ken Seitz	Joan Phillips Jean Seitz Ken Seitz
	9:30am	Donald Heath	Donald Heath		Nancy & Bill Squires			
06/19	8:00am	Julia Wolfe	Julia Wolfe		Della & Greg Dell		Jean & Ken Seitz	Maggie Langdon Muriel Sabo Pat Heath
	9:30am	Doris Zepp	Doris Zepp		Pam & Spencer Goodson			
06/26	8:00am	Jeanne Joiner	Jeanne Joiner		George Nelson		Barbara & Richard Smith	Wanda Siegman Holly Grothe Stewart Sterner
	9:30am	Pat Heath	Pat Heath		Gloria Barnes & Joan Phillips			

For the month of May, the Altar Guild is Dale Miller and Lois Bankert (8:00 a.m.) and Carol Blubaugh (10:30 a.m./9:30 a.m.).



MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S: Jacob Armacost, Gloria Barnes, Dave & Loretta Basler, Bob Blauvelt, Frank Blauvelt, Amber Blubaugh, John & Betty Boone, Bob Braman, Charles & Zadie Brehm, Pat Brehm, Bobbi Corun, Shirley Daniels, Beverly Dutterer, Eileen Gill, Donald & Pat Heath, Nancy and Harry Jones, Betty Knisley, Kirstyn Konsen, Edith Linthicum, Claire Null, Nancy Reichlin, Muriel Sabo, Adelaide Sies, Richard Smith, Emily Van Horn, Lorrie Wilson, Milton Zepp and Charles Zincon.

FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN'S: Family and friends of Brandon Alexander, Carole Arrieto, The family of John Beilfuss, Ronald Boone, the Boone family, the Bordenski family, Congregations of the Delaware/Maryland Synod, Chad Carey family, Jim Coolsen, Ashley and Andrew Davis, Jerry Day, Sarah Egan, the family of Craig Feaser, Nancy Ferster, Jenn Freed and family, Deb Freeland, Peggy Forbes, Seth Goldsmith, Matthew Gordon, Gary & Lee Gray, Sue Graybill & family, Family of Daniel GreeleyCarole Grille, Chuck Gyory, Marilyn Habicht, Mark Habicht, Natalie Halpin, Jeremiah Harlan, Ron Harris, Ellwood Hawes, Sr., Governor Larry Hogan, Nancy Hollingsworth, Paula Holmes, Eila Howe, Precious Johnson, Family of Gerry Kadonoff, Gary & Dennis Keirle, Catherine Keller, Rhoda Kniss, Woody Kocher, Mamie Koontz, the Jim Kroneberger Family, Dave & Rachel Lal, Family and Friends of Tommy Lambert and Tom Lambert, Lazarus UCC Church, Richard LeDuc, Jeannie Leister, Gerry Long, Don & Charlotte Ludwig, Charlie Malbrough, Dashiell Malbrough, Don Malbrough, Maria Malbrough, Phil Malbrough, Paula Martin, Phillip McGregor, Marge Messersmith, Sue Mencer, Wyatt Miller, Robyn Moses-Harney, Jeanne Mueller, Erin Murphy & the Haitian Timoun Foundation, June Murphy, Kay Murphy, Donald and May Nelson, Jackie Nelson, Mark Nelson, Albert Parrish, Troy Petty, Sally Preble, the Pyle family, Fred & Kathi Polanco, Eric Redilius, Beverly & Jack Rose, Sue Schildwachter, Connor Schlude, Wilda Simpson, Elijah, Joshua, David, & Debbie Smith, Nora Grace Smith, Finley Smith, Roger J. Stewart, Bikiltu Wakgari Wakjira, Eileen West, Paul Yeager.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Shane Anderson, Keith Blizzard, Marshall Brown, Barry Durm, PFC Cory Farver, Col. Michael & Lucia Gaffney, Private Joshua Gaske, Katie & Brian Fenstemaker, Scott & Lisa Hourin and family, Brian Malbrough, Hannah Sisler, Capt. Corey S. Squires, Heidi Scherbarth Tompkins and Will Yingling.

This prayer list was updated on May 26, 2016. Please help keep this list current and accurate. Contact the office at 410-848-6402 or office@stjohnswestminster.org with changes (changes include updates, corrections, deletions, new names).

THANK OFFERING FUND

Our Thank Offering Fund has had a great kick-off. 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 that a member can contribute to 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.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Keeping You Current

We would like to keep everyone current on our Spending Plan. Every Sunday in the bulletin, we publish the prior week's offering. Here is the update of the progress of our Spending Plan. The average weekly current offerings needed to meet our 2016 Spending Plan are \$3,950 per week and the average weekly benevolence offering needs to be \$380.00.



JANUARY - APRIL 2016	
Total Income	55,394
Total Expense	66,630
Net Income (Deficit)	-11,236
Improvement Fund Income	1,986
Improvement Fund Expenses	782
Benevolence Income	4,315
Thankoffering Income	1,269



STRENGTHEN YOUR COMMUNITY

Make an impact with a Thrivent Action Team

If you're a Thrivent Financial member, you can lead a **Thrivent Action Team** to bring people together for a one-time project to help others be wise with money and live generously.

You can:

- Coordinate an educational event.
- Conduct a service activity.
- Organize a fundraiser.

Thrivent will provide:

- Resources to help you plan the event.
- Promotional items, including Thrivent T-shirts.
- Community Impact Card with \$250 of seed money. (2 per year)

Learn more at Thrivent.com/actionteam and apply online.

Not a member of Thrivent? Share your service idea with me. Together, we can make a difference.

Contact me for more information:

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Golfer Positions and 50/50 Raffle Tickets Available for 19th Annual Golf Tournament

There are still a few golfer positions available for the Carroll Lutheran Village Golf Tournament on Friday, June 3 at The Links at Gettysburg. Cost per golfer is \$200 and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, breakfast, lunch and awards banquet. Raffle tickets are three for \$25. Proceeds benefit the Ministry of Caring Fund to assist residents who have outlived their financial resources and other initiatives that benefit older adults in our community. Tickets and golf registration are available online at www.clvillage.org/golf-tournament or contact Monica at 443-605-1068.

Narthex Dedication Pictures! You can view, download and order prints from our Narthex Dedication at the following website. If you do not have a way to access them, please contact Jackie Leister and she will order them for you.

<https://stjohnsdedicationnov2015.shutterfly.com>

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Summer Worship Schedule — June 12 — September 4

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Chapel in the Woods

Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion

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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