



ST. JOHN'S EPISTLE

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A Message from Pastor Kristin

It's Back! The 40 Day New Testament Challenge Returns this Lent!

Join me in reading the New Testament in 40 days. You will find the reading plan on page 8 of this newsletter and you can also pick a copy up at church. Sign up on the chart in the narthex or the fellowship hall that you are taking the challenge to read through the New Testament this Lent.

Join us for worship on Ash Wednesday as we begin the season of lent reflecting on our mortality and God's gift of grace.

Join us on the following Wednesdays in Lent as we worship with "Holden Evening Prayer" and will take time to reflect on a passage we've read in our 40 day challenge. Our series is called "**New Testament Reflections: Cruising 40 mph through the New Testament.**" The passage and a few questions will be shared in the Sunday bulletin announcements and Friday emails. Join us in taking time for God's word this Lent.

Follow up to February article: Thank you to everyone who responded to the informal survey about who reads the newsletter. I received 28 responses. Half of the people only want the paper copy and half could do paper or online. As I said in my article last month – nothing is changing at this time. It was simply to see if anyone reads the newsletter – and I found out some people do!

God's Peace
Pastor Kristin Dubsky
Pastor Kristin Dubsky



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March At-A-Glance

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, March 6

12:00 noon Spoken Service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes

6:30 pm: Soup and Sandwich Supper

7:15 pm: Service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes

Join Us Every Wednesday During Lent
March 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10

6:30 pm: Soup and Sandwich Supper

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



THE SEASON OF LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 6

12:00 noon Spoken Service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes

6:30 pm Turkey Corn Soup and Turkey Sandwiches in the Fellowship Hall provided by the Fellowship Committee.

7:15 pm Service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes with Music and Choir

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 (watch the Sunday bulletin and Friday e-letters for details on each week).

March 13

Assorted soups with hot dogs provided by the Evangelism Committee

March 20

Potato soup with hot dogs provided by the Konsen family and Friends

March 27

Vegetable soup with sandwiches provided by the Adult Choir

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

ASH WEDNESDAY

On March 6, we gather to worship and observe "Ash Wednesday." Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our 40 day journey to Easter called Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads, reminding us of our mortality. "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Holy Week and Easter

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

Good Friday — April 19 — 7:15 p.m. 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

March 6 (Ash Wednesday): Community of St. Dysmas – prison ministry of Delaware-Maryland Synod.

March 13 (Wednesday Lenten Service): Access Carroll – provides health assistance for those in need, an outreach program of Carroll Hospital Center.

March 20 (Wednesday Lenten Service): Carroll County Habitat for Humanity— non-profit group of volunteers who build new homes or repair existing homes for the less fortunate.

March 27 (Wednesday Lenten Service): Haitian Timoun Foundation— We are a very high impact, clearly focused, grassroots movement that has been bringing hope, sustainability, and dignity to the children and people of Haiti for more than 10 years. We believe in education, economic development, community engagement, and local leadership.

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.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE CHURCH



The Christian Singles Group will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a covered dish dinner on Friday, March 15, at **5:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Wear green and bring a covered dish, a friend and your favorite St. Patrick's Day story, poem or joke to share. All Adult Singles are invited for an evening of good food, fun and Christian fellowship.

All Day Scrapbooking

Join us on March 2 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 March 7 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Nancy Dean will lead devotions and act as the hostess. Carol Blubaugh will lead the program (St. Patrick's Day favors). Special offering is toothpaste. 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 March 8 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

Celebrate National Quilting Day!

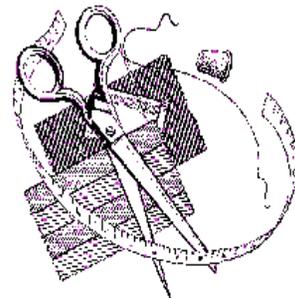
"Those who sleep under a quilt, sleep under a blanket of love." March 16, 2019, is National Quilt Day. Now I may be biased, but I believe we in the Lutheran tradition have a lot to celebrate!

For nearly 70 years, compassionate people just like you have put their faith into action and made quilts for people in need around the world. And not just a few quilts - hundreds of thousands of quilts every year. These gifts of love make life brighter, softer and a bit more comfortable for our neighbors around the world struggling with displacement, chronic poverty, illness, natural disaster or conflict.

So on National Quilt Day, Lutheran World Relief wants to celebrate you! We want to lift up your ministries and show others the phenomenal work you do. Hop on to the LWR Quilters & Kit Makers Community Facebook group ([facebook.com/groups/lwrquilters](https://www.facebook.com/groups/lwrquilters)) to watch live video feeds from LWR National Quilt Day events happening across the country.

Thank you to all quilters, supporters of quilters, packers, drivers and cheerleaders of quilters! Your faithfulness in sharing your gifts and time weave the Holy Spirit into each and every quilt sent around the world. We at Lutheran World Relief thank God for you every day!

The next Sew Day for quilts is March 18, 2019 at 9:00 am. See Gloria Kniss for questions - 717-259-7681. Hope to see everyone there!



Charitable Giving and New Tax Laws after Retirement

With the new tax laws many people will find that they will no longer be itemizing their deductions and therefore will not be getting a tax benefit for their charitable giving. For individuals age 70 and ½ and older there is a way that you can still get a tax benefit. This will work for donations to the church or any qualified 501c(3) organization.

If you are taking an RMD (required minimum distributions) from an IRA, you can elect to have some of this sent directly to charities. This will count as part of your RMD but you will not be taxed on the amount sent directly to the charities. Therefore, you will be reducing your taxable income by these donations.

As an example: If your RMD is \$10,000 and you elect to have \$5,000 sent directly to charities. Your taxable RMD will be \$5,000.

If you have questions or would like to hear more about this there will be a short coffee hour after church on March 10th where Janet Gross will answer questions. Of course, you should check with your tax advisor to see if this might work for your situation.

LOOKING AHEAD



Tuesday March 5 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 5:30 - 7:00 pm.

Wednesday March 6 - Ash Wednesday. Schedule is located on page 2.

Sunday March 10 - The Audit Committee should complete the audits reports and have them turned in to the office. All Committee chairs should have their written reports turned into Deb.

Sunday March 10 - Discussion with Janet Gross about new Charitable Giving Laws.

Sunday March 31 - The Annual Meeting will take place following the 10:30am service. This is also the deadline for ordering Easter Flowers and/or Chicks.

COUNCIL NOTES

2019 Council Members

2019 Committee Chairs

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Notes from the Council

- ✦ The audit committee should complete the audits by March 10.
- ✦ All committee reports should have written reports to the secretary's office by Sunday March 10.
- ✦ An updated service opportunity pamphlet is being completed. Any suggested additions/changes can be shared with the Council.
- ✦ The Annual Meeting is Sunday March 31 following the 10:30am service.

Pastoral Acts:

Funeral – Patricia Lipscomb,
February 25, 2019

Baptism - John Theodore
Register, February 17, 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

March Meeting: March's meeting will be on Saturday, March 9 at 8:00 AM. The meeting will be held at the Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren.

Upcoming Events:

April 13: Breakfast, 8 AM at Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren

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).



LENT CHALLENGE

Lent Challenge! Read the New Testament in 40 Days

WEEK ONE

Wednesday, March 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	Matthew 1 - 7
Thursday, March 7	<input type="checkbox"/>	Matthew 8 - 12
Friday, March 8	<input type="checkbox"/>	Matthew 13 - 18
Saturday, March 9	<input type="checkbox"/>	Matthew 19 - 24

WEEK TWO

Monday, March 11	<input type="checkbox"/>	Matthew 25 - end
Tuesday, March 12	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark 1 - 5
Wednesday, March 13	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark 6 - 11
Thursday, March 14	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark 12 - end
Friday, March 15	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke 1 - 4
Saturday, March 16	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke 5 - 8

WEEK THREE

Monday, March 18	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke 9 - 12
Tuesday, March 19	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke 13 - 19
Wednesday, March 20	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke 20 - end
Thursday, March 21	<input type="checkbox"/>	John 1 - 5
Friday, March 22	<input type="checkbox"/>	John 6 - 9
Saturday, March 23	<input type="checkbox"/>	John 10 - 14

WEEK FOUR

Monday, March 25	<input type="checkbox"/>	John 15 - end
Tuesday, March 26	<input type="checkbox"/>	Acts 1 - 6
Wednesday, March 27	<input type="checkbox"/>	Acts 7 - 11
Thursday, March 28	<input type="checkbox"/>	Acts 12 - 17
Friday, March 29	<input type="checkbox"/>	Acts 18 - 23
Saturday, March 30	<input type="checkbox"/>	Acts 24 - end

WEEK FIVE

Monday, April 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Romans 1 - 8
Tuesday, April 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Romans 9 - end
Wednesday, April 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Corinthians 1 - 8
Thursday, April 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Corinthians 9 - 16
Friday, April 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Corinthians 1 - end
Saturday, April 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	Galatians 1 - end

WEEK SIX

Monday, April 8	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ephesians 1 - end
Tuesday, April 9	<input type="checkbox"/>	Philippians & Colossians
Wednesday, April 10	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Thessalonians & 2 Thessalonians
Thursday, April 11	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Timothy & 2 Timothy
Friday, April 12	<input type="checkbox"/>	Titus & Philemon & Hebrews 1 - 7
Saturday, April 13	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hebrews 8 - end

WEEK SEVEN

Monday, April 15	<input type="checkbox"/>	James
Tuesday, April 16	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Peter & 2 Peter
Wednesday, April 17	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 John & 2 John & 3 John & Jude
Thursday, April 18	<input type="checkbox"/>	Revelation 1 - 7
Friday, April 19	<input type="checkbox"/>	Revelation 8 - 16
Saturday, April 20	<input type="checkbox"/>	Revelation 17 - end

THANK YOU!

St. John's Lutheran Church Family & Friends,
Thank you for your thoughts and prayers and your kind gesture of the floral arrangement in our time of need.

Kevin & Debbie and families

Dear St. John's, St., John's members are so thoughtful and kind. Trying to name each one of you is difficult but please know that your remembrance is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Doris Rebert

I want to thank the members of St. John's Church for the beautiful birthday cards I received in January for my 90th birthday. It was good to hear from my friends at St. John's.

Sincerely,
Yvonne Mathias



Time to
Spring Ahead

March 10 - Remember to move those clocks ahead and check your smoke detectors!

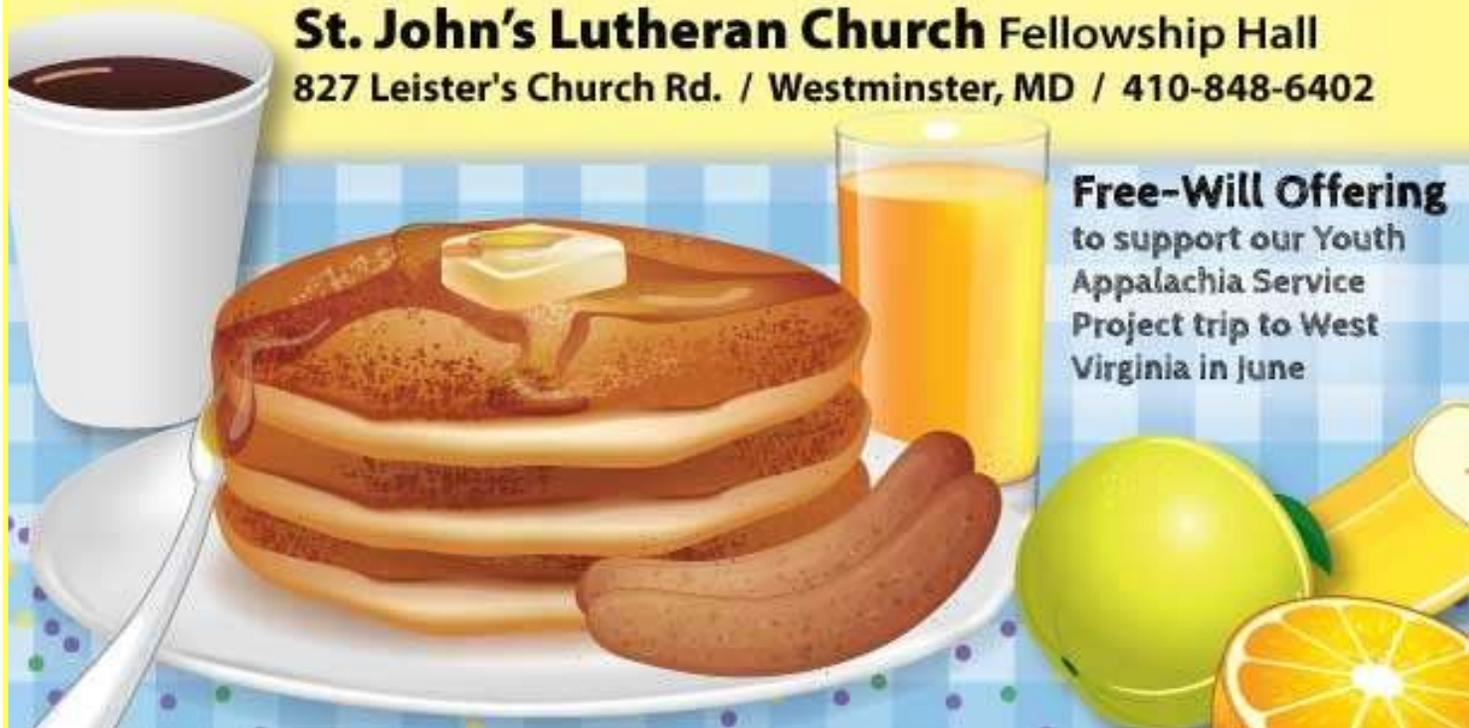
HAPPENINGS AROUND THE CHURCH

PANCAKES FOR DINNER

SHROVE TUESDAY / March 5, 2019 / 5:30 – 7 pm

St. John's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

827 Leister's Church Rd. / Westminster, MD / 410-848-6402



Free-Will Offering
to support our Youth
Appalachia Service
Project trip to West
Virginia in June

SPRING YARD AND RUMMAGE SALES ON THE HORIZON!!



The Adult Bible Class is making plans to coordinate the Spring Yard and Rummage Sales to be held on May 3rd and 4th. As in the past the sales will be from 8 am until 2 pm both days. A bake sale and turkey corn soup sale will be held on Saturday. Order forms for the soup and sandwiches will be in the next newsletter and in the bulletin.

As you do your spring cleaning and/or have some unwanted items, keep us in mind. We are currently collecting if you need to move items now (Small items only at this point). Contact Dennis or Gloria Kniss if you need items picked up for the sale. We can be of help because you help others!

The Fall sales were very successful and with your continued help, we will have another successful effort this spring. Several charitable organizations have benefitted by your generosity and with your continued support we hope to continue that outreach with the proceeds that are realized. More next month!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

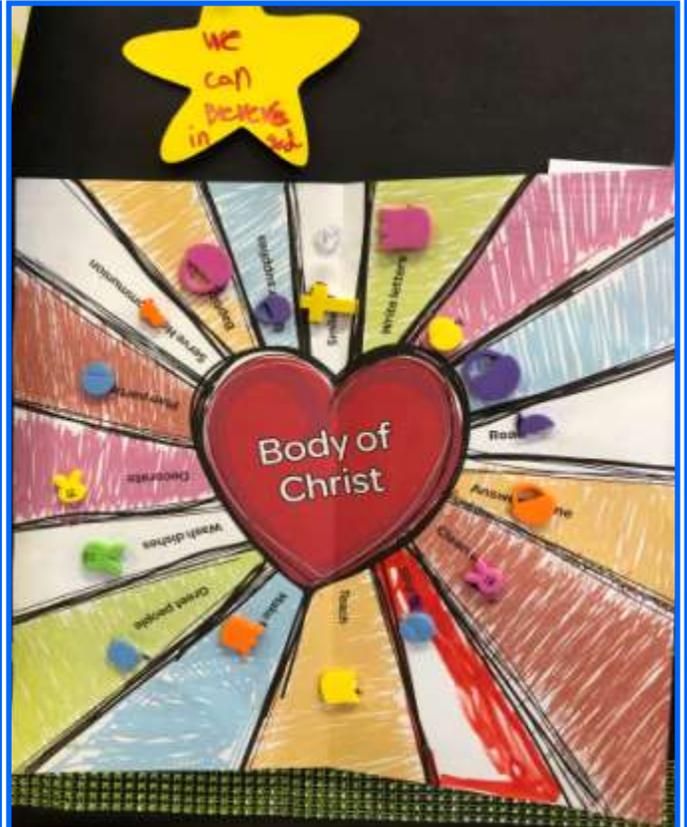
St. John's Sunday School Class has been very busy during the season of Epiphany learning how God brings light to all areas of the world. We're learning about Jesus and how he calls us to be disciples! We played a game where we fished for people and read about Jeremiah and Elijah being called by God to deliver His messages.



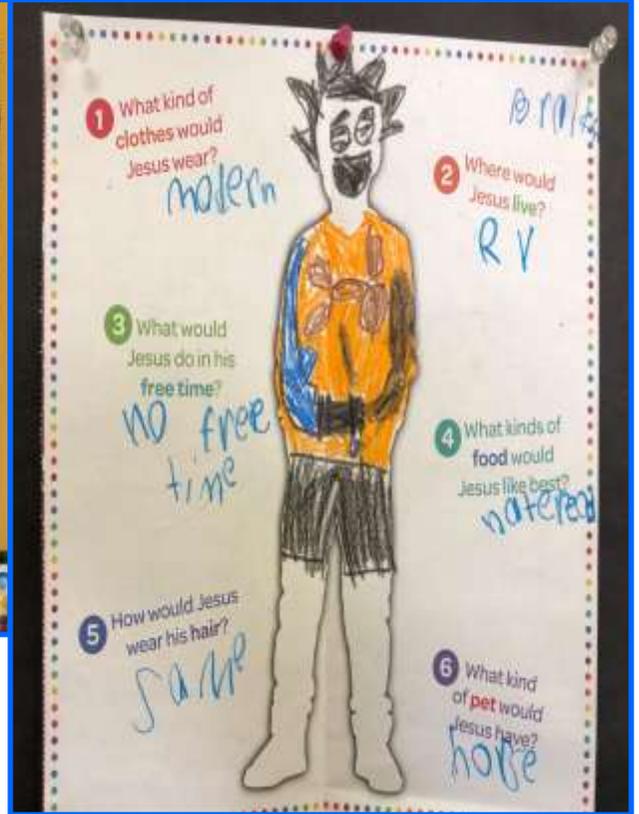
We know God has given us all special individual talents and strengths. No one is unimportant to Him and He wants us to work together share His love and to always trust in Him.

We would like to thank the Church Committees for recommending that we start a library in our classroom! We love taking home books to share with the rest of our family and friends! We also want to thank Mr. Dennis and Mrs. Gloria for the big box of Goldfish crackers!

Ms. Genny & Ms. Lisa



MORE FROM THE YOUTH



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - Tuesday, March 5, 5:30-7:00pm - All are welcome to join us for pancakes and sausage. A free-will offering will be collected for our Youth Group's trip to West Virginia this summer with the Appalachian Service Project. We are still looking for help at this supper. Yes we are aware that this conflicts with some sports schedules, but any assistance would be appreciated.

Just Chillin



All 6th-12th Grade Youth are invited to Chill @ Church nights - Sunday, March 3 and Sunday, March 17, 5:00-7:00pm. Bring a snack or drink to share. (On Sunday, March 3 - wear clothes that you don't care if they get stinky or dirty-think "ash").

Whirl

Sunday School Attendance 2018 - 2019

	1/6	1/13	1/20	1/27	2/3	2/10	2/17	2/24	3/3	3/10	3/17	3/24	3/31	4/7	4/14	4/21
Brayden																
Carleigh																
Addie																
Braiden																
Gracie																
Chayse																
Brooke																
Jillian																
Langdon																
Maggie																
Tanner																
Kinsley																
Veronica																
Verity																
Marius																
Ms Lisa																
Ms Gerny																
WEEKLY TOTALS	9	7	5	10	8											

SPOTLIGHT ON SCRAP-



Annual BASKET & BINGO

Door Prizes & Raffles
including 50/50



Generously Filled
Bags & Baskets

SATURDAY, March 30, 2019

11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Games Begin at 1:00 p.m.

CARROLL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

1738 Old Taneytown Road
Westminster, MD 21158



Bring a non-perishable food item to be entered to win a special prize

 Food and Refreshments Available  Family Friendly

Tickets

Advanced ticket price: \$15
(available until March 29, 2019)

Tickets at the door: \$20

For more information or to purchase tickets, email bingo@clsedu.org or call 443-286-6556 or 717-468-1607

Admission
by Ticket
Only



1738 Old Taneytown Road
Westminster, MD 21158

410-848-1050 www.clsedu.org

All Proceeds benefit Carroll Lutheran School

For more information, you can visit: <https://clsedu.org/community/basket-bingo-2019/>
And can contact me for tickets, Kristy Dean at 410-984-6107 or buyabasket@kristydean.com

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



		H. Wright	03/12
		Gracie Kleinschmidt	03/13
		Darius Gross	03/14
		Jessie Martindale	03/14
		Dave Basler	03/15
		Eric Scherbarth	03/17
		Thomas Tracey	03/17
		Harry Maempel	03/21
		William Tasker	03/23
		Brett Barber	03/24
		Donald Lipscomb	03/24
		David Guenthner	03/25
		Alannah Van Horn	03/26
		Patrick Brehm	03/27
		Rose Haller	03/27
		Daniel Schindler	03/29
		Bonnie Wilson	03/29
		David Ogg	03/30
Richard Sies	03/01		
Lois Bankert	03/03		
Crystal Dell	03/04		
Richard Daniels	03/05		
Glenn Monroe	03/05		
George Nelson	03/05		
Pat Kramer	03/06		
Margaret Parsley	03/08		
Sheila Menchey	03/09		
Donald Dell	03/11		
Jennifer Holbrook	03/12		

Evangelism Committee Update

On Saturday February 2, 2019 16 members of the Evangelism committee and friends met at the church to make subs for our annual super bowl sub sale. A total of 294 subs were assembled under the leadership of David Ogg. A profit of \$988.88 was made with half going to the Jacob Armacost fund and half going to our Youth Group for their work camp projects. Many thanks to everyone who helped in making subs, making calls or purchasing subs to support this project. Because of the great turnout of help and the awesome teamwork, we also completed assembling the monthly newsletter. In addition, valentines were signed and completed for our shut-ins and 85 pairs of eye glasses were counted and delivered to the Lion's Club project. Please pass the word to everyone that the Evangelism committee continues to collect used eyeglasses and they can be placed in the bin in the caring center in Fellowship Hall. Our next meeting and project will be on April 7 following the 10:30 am worship service. Goodie bags will be made for our shut-ins. Audrey will be in contact closer to the day. To all members of the congregation, please notify the church office of current phone numbers, addresses and emails of anyone living in your household. This is very important so that we can update our membership roster. If anyone has any questions or would like to join our committee please contact Audrey Byrd at 410-848-1995.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Deadline: March 31, 2019

Cost: \$11.00 for each container of flowers

Payment: Cash or check (made payable to St. John's Lutheran Church with "Easter Flowers" written in the memo line)

Return to: The offering plates or the Office manager's mailbox.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM:

IMPORTANT: *The Information you fill in BELOW is what will appear in the special Easter Sunday bulletin insert.*

Please print clearly.

YOUR NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Number of Lilies _____ at \$11.00 per plant

Number of Tulips _____ at \$11.00 per plant

TOTAL Number of plants: _____ at \$11.00 per plant

Total Due: \$ _____

The Easter Plant purchase(s) is (are) given:

_____ in memory of: _____

_____ in honor of: _____

_____ to the glory of God

_____ Give my flowers to a shut-in.

BY: _____ (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

You may pick up your flowers after any service.

CHICKS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Purchase paper chicks to remember or honor a loved one this Easter!

Deadline: March 31, 2019

Cost: \$10.00 for each paper chick

Payment: Cash or check (made payable to St. John's Lutheran Church with "Easter Chicks" written in the memo line)

Return to: The offering plates or the Office manager's mailbox.

EASTER CHICKS ORDER FORM

IMPORTANT: *The Information you fill in BELOW is what will appear in the special Easter Sunday bulletin insert.*

Please print clearly.

YOUR NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Number of paper chicks _____ at \$10.00 per paper chick (buys TEN live chicks)

Total Due: \$ _____

The Easter Chick purchase(s) is (are) given:

_____ in memory of: _____

_____ in honor of: _____

_____ to the glory of God

BY: _____ (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MARCH COMES IN LIKE A LION, AND GOES OUT LIKE A LAMB.					1	2 9:00 am All Day Scrapbooking
3 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Education Hour 10:30 am Worship 5:00 pm Youth - Chill at Church Altar Flowers: Bonnie Wilson	4 6:30 pm 4-H	5 Shrove Tuesday  SHROVE TUESDAY 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Pancake Supper 6:15 pm Handbell rehearsal 7:30 pm Church Council Mtg	6  ASH WEDNESDAY 12:00 noon Service 6:30 pm Soup & Sandwich 7:15 pm Service Choir Immediately following service	7 6:30 pm Sunshine Circle	8 10:30 am Soup Kitchen	9 8:00 am Men's Breakfast at Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren
10 Lent 1  8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Education Hour 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Coffee Hour with Janet Gross Altar Flowers: Melanie Martindale	11 Deadline for submissions for April/May Newsletter	12 6:15 pm Handbell rehearsal	13 Lent 6:30 pm Soup & Sandwich 7:15 pm Service Choir Immediately following service	14	15 6:30 pm Christian Singles	16
17 Lent 2  8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Education Hour 10:30 am Worship 5:00 pm Youth - Chill at Church Altar Flowers: Lois Bankert	18 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Sew, Roll & Knot Day	19 6:15 pm Handbell rehearsal	20 Lent 6:30 pm Soup & Sandwich 7:15 pm Service Choir Immediately following service 	21	22	23 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm Fellowship Hall In Use
24 Lent 3 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Education Hour 10:30 am Worship Altar Flowers: Lori & John Bucacink	25 7:00 pm Coin Club	26 6:15 pm Handbell rehearsal	27 Lent 6:30 pm Soup & Sandwich 7:15 pm Service Choir Immediately following service	28	29	30
31 Lent 4 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Education Hour 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Annual Meeting Last day to order Flowers and/or Chicks						<i>The Season of Lent</i> 

March Worship Leaders

DATE	SERVICE	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR	ALTAR GUILD	ACOLYTE	USHERS/ OFFERING (10:30)	GREETERS	COUNTING TEAM
3/3	8:00am	Tracey Sanford	Tracey Sanford	Lois Bankert Dale Miller	XXXXX	XXXXX	Stacey and Larry Huber	Tracey Sanford Carl Rebert
	10:30am	Doris Zepp	Lori Bucacink	Nancy and Bill Squires	Spencer Goodson	David Ogg	The Findeisen Family	Dave Bollinger
3/10	8:00am	Ellen Lichtfuss	Ellen Lichtfuss	Lois Bankert Dale Miller	XXXXX	XXXXXX	Bonnie Wilson	Joan Phillips Jean Seitz
	10:30am	Roseann Kleinschmidt	Pam Goodson	Nancy and Bill Squires	Grace Kleinschmidt	Barbara and Richard Smith	The West Family	Ken Seitz
3/17	8:00am	Tracey Sanford	Tracey Sanford	Lois Bankert Dale Miller	XXXXX	XXXXXX	Nancy Boone	Teresa McCulloh
	10:30am	Donna Yeager	Teresa McCulloh	Nancy and Bill Squires	Olivia Leister	Brian Leister and Gary Leister	Melanie Martindale Wanda Little	Donna Yeager Bryan Yeager
3/24	8:00am	Dennis Kniss	Dennis Kniss	Lois Bankert Dale Miller	XXXXX	XXXXXX	Lois and Larry Bankert	Audrey Byrd Drew Dean
	10:30am	Carl Rebert	Mia Hoyer	Nancy and Bill Squires	Mason Dean	Genny Resch	Carol Blubaugh Gloria Kniss	Stewart Sterner
3/31	8:00am	Ellen Lichtfuss	Ellen Lichtfuss	Lois Bankert Dale Miller	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	Sharon and Dave Bollinger	Deb Schaefer Michael Schaefer
	10:30am	Andy Kleinschmidt	Austin Leister	Nancy and Bill Squires	Lara Findeisen	Gloria Kniss	Bonnie Null Claire Null	Dale Miller



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S: MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S: George & Theo Amoss, Jacob Armacost, Dave Basler, Lavena Basler, Lily Blubaugh, John & Betty Boone, Nancy 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, The Family of Pat Lipscomb, Yvonne Mathias, Bonnie Null, Claire Null, 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 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.

This prayer list was updated on February 26, 2019

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.

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.

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

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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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