



ST. JOHN'S EPISTLE

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A Message from Pastor Kristin



May At A Glance

Sunday, May 1

Celebrating the Ascension
of our Lord

Sunday May 8

Happy Mother's Day!

Tuesday, May 10

Mother and Daughter
Banquet

Sunday, May 15

Pentecost—Wear Red!
Confirmation—10:30

Sunday, May 22

Holy Trinity Sunday

Pentecost Sunday – May 15

The color of the day is red so wear red! Our 10:30am service will include confirmation!

“You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?”

R: I do and I ask God to help and guide me. (ELW
“Affirmation of Baptism” pg. 236)

On Sunday, May 15 at our 10:30am worship service six of our young people will affirm their faith with these words from the “Affirmation of Baptism” service, the confirmation service.

Tate Gavin, Spencer Goodson, Ashley Leister, Austin Leister, Olivia Leister, and Mary West will stand in front of the congregation and make public affirmation of their faith. They will commit with God's help to continue the journey that began for each of them at baptism. This is an exciting day for our confirmands and their families, but also for the whole people of God! This is a lifelong journey of faith for all of us.

This is a good day to affirm your baptism and to be reminded that in the waters of baptism you were called to faith. God promises to be with us throughout our lives, in faith, in doubt, in joy, in sorrow, and everything in between.

Please join with us on Sunday, May 15th as we celebrate Pentecost with a festive service of confirmation.

God's Peace –

Pastor Kristin Dubsy
Pastor Kristin Dubsy

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



The annual Mother and Daughter Banquet will be held Tuesday May 10, 2016 in the Fellowship Hall, beginning at 6:30 pm. A fried chicken and ham dinner with all the trimmings will be served. Price is \$10.00 for each adult, \$5.00 for ages 6-12, and under 6 free. All reservations are due by May 3 and checks should be made out to "ST. JOHN'S WOMEN OF THE ELCA". Please contact Lois Bankert 410-374-4996, Della Dell 410-984-7805 or Carol Blubaugh 410-848-1163 to place your reservations. We have a special program planned that will feature some four-legged friends from the FOUR PAWED FREEDOM GROUP OF THE SEEING EYES DOGS. The theme for the evening is "EVERYTHING HAS A PURPOSE". Please come join us for an evening of food, fun and fellowship. Remember every one may not be a mother but everyone is a daughter.



The Sunshine Circle, along with the Christian Outreach Committee, will be collecting items for the Shepherd's Staff Blessings Closet during the month of May. There are marked containers

in the Fellowship Hall and in the narthex where you can place your donations. Suggested items are bars of soap, shampoo (22-30 oz. size), hair conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toilet paper, feminine supplies, disposable diapers (adults and infant), paper towels, powdered laundry detergent, dish soap, trash bags, Kleenex, combs/brushes, toothbrushes etc. Please help those less fortunate.



The Strawberry Festival will be held on Saturday, June 11, from 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Many volunteers are needed for the Festival.

Clipboards with a list of volunteer opportunities will be passed around prior to the Worship Services on May 1 and May 8. Volunteer sign-up sheets will also be located on the buffet table in the Fellowship Hall. Your help will be greatly appreciated!



Christian Singles will meet on Friday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The evening will begin with a covered dish dinner followed by a time of sharing. Each person is asked to bring a covered dish, a friend and something to share with the Group. All adult Singles are invited to attend for an evening of fun and Christian fellowship.

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>

HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH

MEN OF THE CONGREGATION

News from the Men of the Congregation

April Recap:

1. The April breakfast meeting was held at the Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren on April 9. The topic of the day focused on John 3:16.
2. The Westminster Conference held its Spring Dinner Meeting at Messiah Lutheran Church, Sykesville, on Monday, April 25. Eleven men of our congregation attended the gathering.
3. The next District Dinner meeting will in October. More details will be available later.

May Meeting:

May's meeting will be on Saturday, May 14 at 8:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren. All are invited to attend.

Upcoming Events:

June 7: Cleaning of the Pavilion, 6:00 p.m., in preparation for the Strawberry Festival

June 9: Rain date for cleaning pavilion

June 11: Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. at Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren followed by final preparations of the Pavilion for the Strawberry Festival

**No scheduled meeting during the month of July*

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!

— Pastoral Acts —

Baptism

Miles Henry Slegel—April 10, 2016

Our office manager will be out of the office beginning May 10 and returning May 23. Call the office with your needs and concerns and, if no one answers, please leave a message.

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

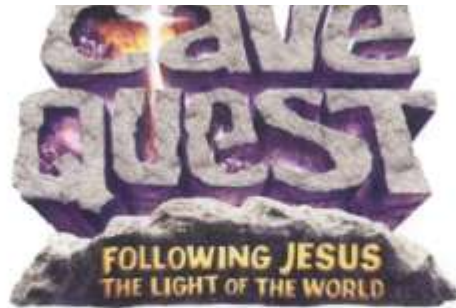
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Articles for the June newsletter should be submitted no later than Friday, May 13, 2016! Please send the articles to Frances, the Office manager, at office@stjohnswestminster.org or place them in her mailbox. Thanks!

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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HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH

Save the Date:

- Sunday, June 5—Last day of Sunday School, 9:15 a.m. All Ages Kick Ball Game
- Sunday, June 5, 10:30 a.m.—Honor our Graduates
- Strawberry Festival – Saturday, June 11, 3:30-8:00pm
- Sunday, June 12 – Summer Worship Schedule Begins
 1. 8:00 a.m. – Inside
 2. 9:30 a.m. – Outside – Chapel in the Woods
- Monday through Friday, June 20 through 24—Vacation Bible School

Council Highlights—

April 26 – 10:00 a.m.. The youth of the church will be cleaning up our Chapel in the Woods area and spreading mulch. **We'll be ready to go in June!**

May 15 – Confirmation will be held at the 10:30 a.m. service. We will have 6 confirmands this year: Tate Gavin, Spencer Goodson, Ashley Leister, Austin Leister, Olivia Leister and Mary West.

THANKS THANKS THANKS

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the spring blood drive a success. We obtained 33 units of blood which has the potential to save 99 lives. Special thanks to Dale Miller for opening the church and Barb and Whitey Smith for staffing the canteen. **THANKS FOR GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE . See you in November.**

Dear Caring Church Family,

We feel very blessed to have you as our extended family! Your very kind gestures will be remembered forever. Whether you sent prayers, visited us, gave us a smile, provided food or transportation to doctors , came to the hospital, called us or sent us cards, it all helped comfort us in our time of need! We appreciate what you did! We love our church and church family! We miss worshipping and fellowship with you! We wish each of you God's blessings!

Dave & Loretta

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Adult Bible Class Rummage Sale held on April 22 and 23, 2016.

For all of those who:

- Donated items - baked goods - THEIR TIME!!!
- Helped to set up tables, racks and unload the shed on Sunday before the sale.
- Priced and put out items for display during the week.
- Made monetary donations to help with grocery purchases - including the matching funds from Thrivent.
- Helped to wait on our Rummage Sale customers, helped to prepare and serve the food.
- Helped to clean up on Saturday after the sale and for loading up items in their vehicles to take items to distribute to others in need.

The Rummage Sale could not be held if it were not for the "many hands" that come to make the job easier! An hour to help unload boxes is such a big help and greatly appreciated! A special thanks to David Ogg for making calls and getting the kitchen stove working on Friday! Without the support of the entire congregation, this event could not be held. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Profit - \$4,640.50

See you in the Fall - October 21 and 22, 2016!

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Fellowship.....	Karen Siegman
Stewardship.....	Carl Rebert
Property.....	Michael Grothe
Worship & Music.....	Dennis Kniss
Christian Outreach	OPEN
Finance.....	Janet Gross
	John Bucacink



There are many opportunities to spend quality time with your family this summer. Join us for Family Camp, Adult Camp or Grand Adventure!

[Family Camp](#) will be held at the Ridge Inn June 22-25 and in the Cabin area July 27-30. Relax with your children, play games, sing around the campfire and explore camp. A family is made up of anyone who is special to you - all are welcome!

[Adult Camp](#) is for campers ages 18 and older. We will stay at the Ridge Inn June 19-22 and be spoiled by our kitchen staff with delicious treats! A field trip involving ice cream is a given, and our Bible studies are always interesting.

NEW in 2016** [Grand Adventure](#) camp is for grandparents and grandkids - a wonderful chance to create special bonds over a roaring campfire, through hikes in the woods, and by enjoying special activities. July 31-Aug 2 at the Ridge Inn.

All information is available on our website via the flyers linked above. We are happy to help you plan a memorable get-away as a family.

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. Reservations are needed by May 20. Checks should be made payable to: CWU in Carroll County. To make a reservation or for additional information, call Mary Jane Graf at 410-374-4478.

The May Friendship Day Celebration sponsored by Church Women United in Carroll County will be held on Friday, May 20, at St. Benjamin's Lutheran Church. The theme is "Finding Grace at the Table".

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by the program at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$7. Two offerings will be taken during the Program: the regular offering and the special offering of pennies for the Fellowship of the Least Coin. To register for the meeting or for additional information, call Audrey Byrd at 410-848-1995) by May 15.



Church & Village: Partners in Ministry
May 2016

May Lifelong Learning Courses Now Forming

Register now for the following Lifelong Learning opportunities. Courses are open to all older adults in the community. Come join us!

Zumba – Sara Casas brings her energy to get the body moving in this fast-paced dance-based exercise class. Class meets Thursdays May 5 through June 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Cost is \$40 per adult.

Art History Series: Emily Carr - Susan Williamson from the Carroll Arts Center is the presenter. Tuesday, May 10 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 pm. in the Carroll Lutheran Village Wellness Center. Cost is \$8 for CLV residents and Arts Council members and \$10 for all others.

Swimming Lessons for Older Adults – Learn the basics in Carroll Lutheran Village’s indoor saltwater pool. Class meets Fridays, May 6 through June 10 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$35 per adult.

Emergency Department or Urgent Care – Where Should I Go? – Experts from Carroll Hospital provide informative guidance on when Class meets Friday, May 13 at 1:30 p.m. in Krug Chapel. There is no charge for this session.

Please register in advance for all Lifelong Learning opportunities by calling 443-605-1070. To see the full list of Lifelong Learning opportunities visit www.clvillage.org/lifelong-learning.

Ribbon Cutting for The Lutheran Village at MILLER’S GRANT

The Lutheran Village at MILLER’S GRANT in Ellicott City held a ribbon cutting ceremony on April 15. MILLER’S GRANT is an expansion community owned and operated by Carroll Lutheran Village. The community is located at 9531 Frederick Rd. in Ellicott City. Construction will continue and residents will continue moving in through late fall.

Happy Mother's Day!

God's Helpers

God could not be in every place
With loving hands to help erase
The teardrops from each baby's face,
And so He thought of mother.

He could not send us here alone
And leave us to a fate unknown;
Without providing for His own,
The outstretched arms of mother.

God could not watch us night and day
And kneel beside our crib to pray,
Or kiss our little aches away;
And so He sent us mother.

And when our childhood days began,
He simply could not take command.
That's why He placed our tiny hand
Securely into mother's.

The days of youth slipped quickly by,
Life's sun rose higher in the sky.
Full grown were we, yet ever nigh
To love us still, was mother.

And when life's span of years shall end,
I know that God will gladly send,
To welcome home her child again,
That ever-faithful mother.

George W. Wiseman

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FAMOUS MOTHER'S DAY QUOTES



Your arms were always open when I needed a hug. Your heart understood when I needed a friend. Your gentle eyes were stern when I needed a lesson. Your strength and love has guided me and gave me wings to fly.

-Sarah Malin

God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers.

- Jewish Proverb

"All that I am or ever hope to be,
I owe to my angel Mother."

- Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)

When you are a mother, you are never really alone in your thoughts. A mother always has to think twice, once for herself and once for her child.

- Sophia Loren

My mother had a great deal of trouble with me, but I think she enjoyed it.




- Mark Twain

Her children rise up and bless her.

- Proverbs 31:28



M A Y

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Ascension of Our Lord (celebration)</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Altar Flowers: Carol Blubaugh</p> <p>1:30 p.m. 4-H 50th Anniversary Dinner</p>	2	3	4	5 Ascension of our Lord	6	7
<p>8 Mother's Day</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Altar Flowers: Genny Resch</p> 	9	6:30 p.m. Mother and Daughter Banquet	7:30 p.m. Choir	12 7:00—9:00 p.m. FPU	13 7:05 p. m. Orioles Baseball Game	14 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast—Meadow Branch ALL DAY Scrapbooking
<p>15 Day of Pentecost—Wear Red</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship w/Confirmation 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Reception Altar Flowers: Pastor Kristin</p>	16 6:30 p.m. Coin Club Banquet	17	18 7:30 p.m. Choir	19 7:00—9:00 p.m. FPU	20 6:30 p.m. Christian Singles	21
<p>22 The Holy Trinity</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Altar Flowers: Doris Zepp</p>	23 6:00 p.m. Coin Club	24	25	26 7:00—9:00 p.m. FPU	27	28
<p>29</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Altar Flowers: Audrey Byrd</p>	30 MEMORIAL DAY 	31				



1 Charlotte Bitzel	7 Lisa Maempel	18 Emily Ogg	24 Claire Null
1 Shirley Frederick	8 Riley Dell	19 Janet Amoss	24 Marjorie Williamson
2 John Joiner	8 Michelle Jefferson	19 Gary Dell	26 Sara Bucacink
4 Gregory Dell	9 Jessica Frebertshauser	19 Allison Short	26 Denise Menchey
5 Lauren Dean	13 Sara Coppersmith	20 Erik Gillman	26 Emily Van Horn
5 Christopher Gillman	13 Nicholas Monroe	20 Phillip Short	29 Daryl Blubaugh
5 Kelly Gross	17 Lavena Basler	22 George Amoss	30 Jade Sabo
6 Ashley Brothers	17 Jack Gavin	22 Deborah Bean	31 Tess Gavin
7 Robert Bean	17 James Menchey	22 Phyllis Menchey	
7 Brian Leister	18 Ethan Dell	23 Milton Zepp	

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

MAY 2016 WORSHIP LEADER CALENDAR

DATE	SERVICE	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR	ACOLYTE	GREETERS	NURSERY	USHERS/ OFFERING (10:30)	COUNT TEAM
05/01	8:00am	Donna Yeager	Donna Yeager		Carol Nevin		Nancy & Bill Squires	Janet Gross Carl Rebert Darry Gross
	10:30am	Doris Zepp	Lori Bucacink	Olivia Leister	Wanda Little Melanie Martindale			
05/08	8:00am	Julia Wolfe	Julia Wolfe		Teresa McCulloh		Brian Leister	Teresa McCulloh Donna Yeager Bryan Yeager
	10:30am	Carl Rebert	Teresa McCulloh	Mary West	The Konsen Family	Melanie & Megan Martindale		
05/15	8:00am	Jimmy Bean	Jimmy Bean		Stacy & Larry Huber		Genny Resch	Genny Resch Gloria Kniss Dennis Kniss
	10:30am	Jeanne Joiner	Austin Leister	Christopher Gillman	Lavena Basler Teresa McCulloh	The Konsen Family		
05/22	8:00am	Tracey Sanford	Tracey Sanford		Dave & Emily Bollinger		Barbara & Richard Smith	Christine Brehm Pat Brehm Dale Miller
	10:30am	John Bucacink	Pam Goodson	Spencer Goodson	Bill & Nancy Squires	Jackie & Olivia Leister		
05/29	8:00am	Paul LeDuc	Paul LeDuc		Henry Yox		Bill & Nancy Squires	Paul LeDuc Sarah LeDuc Drew Dean
	10:30am	Pat Heath	Sarah LeDuc	Tate Gavin	Dolly & Dan Long			

For the month of May, the Altar Guild is Dale Miller and Lois Bankert (8:00 a.m.) and Dale Miller and Lynne Scherbarth (10:30 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, Edith Linthicum, Claire Null, William Register, 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, Marian Babylon, The family of John Beifuss, 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, Family of Audrey Johnson, 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, The family of JoAnn Rhoten, Beverly & Jack Rose, Sue Schildwachter, Connor Schlude, Wilda Simpson, Elijah, Joshua, David, & Debbie Smith, Finley Smith, Roger J. Stewart, Bikiltu Wakgari Wakjira, Eileen West, Richard Wilson and 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 April 27, 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.



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.

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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



JANUARY - MARCH 2016	
Total Income	43,033
Total Expense	48,776
Net Income (Deficit)	-5,743
Improvement Fund Income	1,561
Improvement Fund Expenses	583
Benevolence Income	3,521
Thankoffering Income	1,020

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.

Village Volunteer Receives Lay Ministry Award

Long-time Carroll Lutheran Village volunteer Connie Browning was one of 13 lay leaders honored on April 17 at the Celebrate Lay Ministry dinner hosted by the DE-MD Synod and held at the Village on May 3. Connie is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Reisterstown but spends much of her time volunteering at Carroll Lutheran Village.

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Tuesday - Friday, 9:00-3:00



Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship Service

9:15 a.m. Sunday School (All are Welcome)

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Worship Service

Please contact the church office....

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

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

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

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

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