



ST. JOHN'S EPISTLE

October 2016

Volume 21 *To sing the Praises of God, to Live the Grace of Jesus, to Share the Gift of the Spirit.* Issue 8

Fall Schedule

A Message from Pastor Kristin



OCTOBER At A Glance

Friday, October 7
7:00—10:00 p.m.

Youth Group Chill@Church

Friday, October 14—Saturday,
October 15

8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Annual Fall Yard, Rummage & Bake
Sales

Sunday, October 16
10:30 a.m.

Contemporary Worship Kickoff

Monday, October 17
November Newsletter Input Due

Saturday, October 29
4:00—7:00 p.m.

1st Annual Fall Festival & Chili
Cook-off
Fun for all ages!

Friday, October 28
6:30 p.m.

Christian Singles Halloween Party

Sunday, October 30
Reformation Sunday—Wear Red

Hebrews 12:1-2

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

I share this reading because on October 15, I will run my first full marathon, 26.2 miles, at the Baltimore Marathon. I've been training for 20 weeks for this long race. My goal is to complete the race without injury. I've spent a lot of time running and thinking about running to prepare for this race.

Just as I spent hours and hours training for this running race we, too, train, as followers of Jesus, for the "race" of life. We want to be properly trained with God's word, prayer, and a community of faith as we go throughout life. Running with God is not just a "quick fix" for the problems in our life and in the life of the world, but it includes holding onto the promise that God is with us through the difficult and complex and complicated situations in life.

Join us on Sundays for worship and education for training in the race of life. Invite your family and friends to join us.

On October 16 at 10:30 a.m., we run in a new direction as we introduce our new monthly (3rd Sunday of the month) contemporary service. Come and check it out!

God's Peace,

Pastor Kristin Dubsky
Pastor Kristin Dubsky

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HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH

The Sunshine Circle will hold its **105th Anniversary dinner at 6:30pm on Wednesday, October 5th**. It will be a covered dish dinner, and drinks, dessert and rolls will be provided. All ladies and their guests are welcome. Della Dell will be in charge of devotions, Nancy Dean will present the program and Gloria Kniss will be the hostess. Special offering is shampoo. For more information call Audrey Byrd at 410-848-1995.

The Sunshine Circle. Mark your calendars now. The Sunshine Circle will be hosting the annual Thank Offering service on November 13, 2016, at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services. This year, we will have Doug Phebus and his band, Southern Valley, who will perform country gospel music. Please come out and join us for these services.

The Westminster Cluster Women's Organization will hold its fall meeting on Saturday, October 29, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Taneytown. Here are the details:

9:30 a.m. – Registration and light refreshments

10:00 a.m. – Devotions

10:15 a.m. – Program: Christian Spa Day

Come and learn about head/scalp massage, essential oil therapy and Christian prayer meditation.



CHRISTIAN SINGLES: Christian Singles will meet on Friday, October 28, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for their annual Halloween Celebration. Wear your favorite costume or come in your regular attire. Bring your favorite snack, dessert or drink. All Singles are invited to join the group for an evening of fun and games.

The American Red Cross annual fall blood drive is



**American
Red Cross**

November 5, 2016, from 7:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the fellowship Hall. Details will be upcoming. PLEASE HELP GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE. Thank you.

I NEED HELP!

The Women's Group will be constructing Mission Quilts and Fleece Quilts for Lutheran World Relief. The date is set for October 18th at 9:00 – 12:00 am at the church. All you have to be able to do is tie a knot! Bring scissors, 12 or 6 inch ruler and a thimble if you have one. The Mission Quilts are sewn, we just have to put the filler in and backing and then knot them together!

The Fleece blankets are a different story since I have never made one. If anyone can show me or come to the sew day, that would be greatly appreciated! We have 5 Mission Quilts and 5 Fleece Blankets to put together, so if you have a free day (or even an hour or two), please come out and help us. Questions? Contact Gloria Kniss: (717) 359-7681, home or (717) 644-8803, cell.

HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH



1st Annual Fall Festival and Chili Cook-off Fun for All Ages!

Chili Cook-off – people can vote for their favorite by bringing in a food item in exchange for tickets. Tickets can also be purchased for a small fee. All proceeds will benefit Carroll County Food Sunday.

Where: St. John's Lutheran Church

When: Saturday, October 29, 4:00—7:00 p.m. (Please note date change.)

Crafts / Family Activities:

Pumpkin painting Face painting Crafts Games Hay Rides

Mark your calendars! Contact Genny Resch to let her know if you'll be entering the Chili Cook-Off contest by calling 443-789-3913.



Annual Fall Yard, Rummage and Bake Sales are Approaching!



The end of a long, hot summer and the beginning of school signal that time is rapidly approaching for the Annual Fall Yard, Rummage, and Bake Sales sponsored by the Adult Bible Class. The dates will be Friday, October 14th and Saturday, October 15th. Put these **dates on your calendar and come out to check out our “treasures”**.

We will be accepting donated items at the Church from Monday, October 10th thru Wednesday, October 12th from 9AM to 7 PM daily. Collections on Thursday will be from 9AM until 3 PM. Drop-offs early in the week are encouraged for set up purposes.

We accept clothes, yard sale items, flea market items, household goods, even furniture. NO TELEVISIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. If you need us to pick up your items, contact Gloria or Dennis Kniss at 717-359-7681, 443-605-4963, (and leave a message, please) or by e-mail at dennisrkniss@gmail.com. Please contact us as early as possible.

We welcome any volunteers for set-up, the sale itself, and clean-up. Youth may also assist and may earn service learning hours for their time.

HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH

Special Congregation Meeting – Sunday, November 13, 2016, following the 10:30am worship service. Agenda items will include: 2017 Budget

ATTENTION Committee Chairpersons and Council Liasons: All 2017 budget requests are due into Janet Gross by Sunday, October 16. If you have any questions, please talk to Genny Resch or Janet Gross.

Nametags in October– We will continue to wear name tags in October to help Wayne learn our names and, let's be honest, some of us can use these reminders as well! You might think everyone knows your name, but, probably not. Let's all learn a few more names this fall!

The Bishop is coming... Bishop Bill Gohl will be leading both worship services at St. John's on All Saints' Sunday, November 6. During the 9:15 education hour, he will lead a Question and Answer time.

"Let it rise..."

3rd Sunday of the Month - Contemporary Worship Service!

Join us on October 16 at 10:30am as we begin our monthly "Contemporary" Worship Service!

MEN OF THE CONGREGATION

News from the Men of the Congregation

The October meeting of the Men of the Congregation is scheduled for Saturday, October 8, at 8:00 AM. It will be held at the Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren. All are welcome to join for breakfast, fellowship and devotions.

The Fall Meeting of the Men of the Westminster Conference will be held October 24. Detailed information about the event is included in the article below. If planning to attend, please contact Dennis Kniss, John Bucacink or Dale Miller by October 9.

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.

Fall Dinner meeting of the Westminster Conference Lutheran Men

The Lutheran Church Men of the Westminster Conference will hold their Fall Dinner Meeting, Monday, October 24, 2016, at St. Luke, **(Winter's) Lutheran Church**, near New Windsor. The ladies of the church will be serving a family-style Roast Beef dinner at 6:30 PM. As has been customary, a free-will offering will be received for the meal, with at least \$12.00 expected.

Following dinner a short devotion and hymn sing will be led by the Rev. Virgil Cain, pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Smithsburg. He is a son of the congregation of Mt. Union Lutheran, near Middleburg. A special offering will be taken once again to benefit the scholarship fund of Carroll Lutheran School.

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH

Workcamp 2017! All current in 8th-12th grade youth are encouraged to sign up for Workcamp 2017 in Erie, PA. The dates are June 25-July 1. Reserve your spot today with a \$50 deposit! Give it to Ms. Genny or Pastor Kristin by October 16.

Chill @ Church! All 6th-12th grade youth (& early college age is welcome, too) are invited to spend Friday, October 7 from 7-10 p.m. "chillin" at church. You are welcome to bring a friend. Please bring a snack or drink to share and \$5 for pizza.



Youth Group Clean Up Morning - Wednesday, October 12 (no school) from 9am - 12noon. Spend the morning at church helping to do a few projects around the church. Talk to Pastor Kristin, Mr. Steve, or Ms. Pam for more details. Pizza will be served at noon!

St John's Lutheran Church

VBS

VBS 2017 will be held in July (dates to be announced)

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Articles for the November newsletter should be submitted no later than Monday, October 17, 2016! Please email the articles to Frances, the office manager, at office@stjohnswestminster.org or place them in her mailbox. **Thank you!**

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THANK YOU

The combined profit for the Strawberry Festival and the Peach Festival is \$5537.78. This profit was made possible by the many volunteers, donors and customers who supported the Festivals with their time, talents and financial resources. That support is greatly appreciated! Thank You. Nancy Dean

God's Work. Our Hands. Update – Thank you to everyone who contributed items for our service day and for everyone who helped put together school kits and personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief and write cards to our shut-in members and local EMS personnel.



"Thank you to all who donated food items to Carroll County Food Sunday during our recent Peach Festival. We delivered these items, with a check from St. John's, as part of our Thriver Action Team activity. Living generously starts with a choice and St. John's congregation continues to make this choice, to reach out to others. May God continue to guide us in this way. In His name, Pat and Donald Heath"

Senior Profiles — Phil and Lois Short



PHIL:

I was born on 20 May 1935 in Port Clinton, Ohio. I had four sisters and one older brother. Lester and Verna Short were our parents. My father was smart and would listen to my problems. At seven years old, my job was to carry in coal for the stove. I complained to Dad that it was too heavy. He filled the pail and carried it into the house. He said, "You're right, it is too heavy! So only fill it half full!" I attended Port Clinton High School, the University of Kentucky and the University of Maryland. I met Lois Ann LaCumsky, the freshman year of high school. We dated all four years.

We were married Saturday evening on 28 August, 1954. We chose evening, so the families could do their milking. I was raised on a farm, serviced and repaired cars and served 20 years in the United States Army. I served three hardship tours, that's one year each without family, worked 10 years for the defense contractors, then volunteered to teach 3rd and 4th graders computer programming and robotics for 3 years. We moved a lot, living in Port Clinton, Ohio, Ft. Knox, Kentucky, Germany, Ft. Lewis, Washington, Vietnam, Aberdeen, Maryland and Hampstead, Maryland. Year-long separations necessary in military life is hard on the family. A strong, loving wife is priceless. Our children were born several different places. Cindy was born in Port Clinton, OH. Shirley was born in Ft Knox, KY. Robert was born in Port Clinton, OH while I was in Vietnam. He was nine months old when I saw him for the first time. Debbie was born in Aberdeen, MD. We have five grandchildren: David Short, Allison Short and Christopher Short, all born in Baltimore. Haley and Rachel Menzel were born in Lake Elmo, Minnesota. We are active in the church family, we enjoy camping and our Young at Heart Seniors Group. We are members of St. John's Lutheran Church. Special Mention: We have met many wonderful people in the service. We keep in touch with many friends. We were welcomed into the church family here at St. John's and again met many wonderful people and made many special friends.

LOIS:

Birth Date: April 23, 1935 **Birth Place:** Port Clinton, Ohio

Parents: Norman and Margaret LaCumsky

Childhood Memories: Active in 4-H for 10 years, 4-H leader for five years, played the violin, worked on the farm with my father

School Plus: Port Clinton High School. Met my husband during the freshman year.

Marriage: Philip Wayne Short on August 28, 1954

Careers: Worked for Kroger Grocery Store, House wife / mother for 20 years while Phil was in the army, worked for 20 years at school lunch.

Residences Over Time: Port Clinton, OH, Fort Knox, KY, Germany (two times), Fort Lewis, WA, Abdereen, MD, Randallstown, MD and Hampstead, MD.

Activities: Camping, Church Altar, Folding St. John's Epistle, Strawberry & Peach Festivals, Rummage Sale, Young at Heart Seniors Group.

Special Mention: We came to St. John's in 2000. Leaving St. Paul's in Randallstown, MD. We left many friends, but we have made many friends here.

Submitted by Loretta Basler



In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

*The Synod Council of the Delaware-Maryland Synod
invites your prayers and presence for the
Celebration of the Installation of a Synod Bishop*

William Jenkins Gohl Jr.

will be installed to the Office of Bishop on

Sunday, October 9, 2016 at 4 p.m.

Prelude Music begins at 3:30 p.m.

a reception follows the liturgy

*Rostered Leaders, Ecumenical Clergy guests and
OSSD Deacons are invited to vest and process
the color of the day is red*

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Calendar of Events

Confirmation Weekend

November 18-20

All are invited - learn more with our [flyer!](#)

Advent Family Gathering

Sunday, Dec. 4

1-4 pm

Crafts, snacks, bonfire and more!

LMS BENEFIT
GOLF
TOURNAMENT

Sponsored by
Trinity Lutheran Church in Bowie

Glenn Dale Golf Club
Monday, October 10, 2016

Registration: 8:00 AM
Shot Gun Start: 9:00 AM
Four Man Scramble

Cost: \$100 per Player
Included in Package: Range Balls,
Beverage Cart on Course,
Award Ceremony, Door Prizes,
Food Donated by
Outback Steak House,
Fifty-Fifty Raffle

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For printable brochure:
www.lutheranmissionsociety.org.
Click on "Events."



Indoor
WELCA Yard/Bake Sale

Friday, September 30

Saturday, October 1

7 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Something for everyone!

St. Benjamin's Lutheran Church
700 Krider's Cemetery Road
Off Krider's Church Road
Rt. 97, North of Westminster
For more information, call 410-848-3311

OCTOBER 2016 WORSHIP LEADER CALENDAR

DATE	SERVICE	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR	ACOLYTE	GREETERS	NURSERY	USHERS/ OFFERING (10:30)	COUNT TEAM
10/02	8:00am	Carl Rebert	Carl Rebert		George Nelson		Nancy & Bill Squires	Joan Phillips Jean Seitz Ken Seitz
	10:30am	Pat Heath	Teresa McCulloh	Christopher Gillman	Gloria Barnes Jean Seitz			
10/09	8:00am	Tracey Sanford	Tracey Sanford		Nancy & Tom Tracey		Genny Resch	Maggie Langdon Muriel Sabo Carl Rebert
	10:30am	John Bucacink	Nancy Dean	Spencer Goodson	Nancy Dean Stephanie Dean			
10/16	8:00am	Maggie Langdon	Maggie Langdon		Carol Lynn & Ken Siegman		Gloria Kniss	Wanda Siegman Holly Grothe Stewart Sterner
	10:30am	Donald Heath	Dolly Long	Tate Gavin	Dan & Dolly Long			
10/23	8:00am	Donna Yeager	Donna Yeager		Bonnie Wilson		Nancy & Bill Squires	Genny Resch Pat Heath Donald Heath
	10:30am	Doris Zepp	Austin Leister	Ashley Leister	Wanda Little Melanie Martindale			
10/30	8:00am	Jimmy Bean	Jimmy Bean		Stacy & Larry Huber		Brian Leister	Teresa McCulloh Donna Yeager Bryan Yeager
	10:30am	Julia Wolfe	Teresa McCulloh	Olivia Leister	Lavena Basler Teresa McCulloh			

For the month of May, the Altar Guild is Lois Bankert & Dale Miller (8:00 a.m.) and Barbara & Richard Smith (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, Nancy Boone, Charles & Zadie Brehm, Pat Brehm, Shirley Daniels, Beverly Dutterer, Donald & Pat Heath, Jeanne Joiner, Nancy and Harry Jones, Betty Knisley, Kirstyn Konsen, Jim Langdon, Sarah LeDuc, Edith Linthicum, Yvonne Mathias, Claire Null, Muriel Sabo, Adelaide Sies, Richard Smith, Emily Van Horn, Lorrie Wilson, Milton Zepp and Charles Zincon.




FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN'S: Carole Arrieto, Rita Bauhof, Ronald Boone, the Boone Family, the Bordenski Family, Congregations of the Delaware/Maryland Synod, The Family of Austin Carey, Chad Carey Family, Jim Coolsen, Kathy Cornell, Ashley and Andrew Davis, Jerry Day, Alexis DeBruyn, Sarah Egan, The Family of Craig Feaser, Nancy Ferster, Jenn Freed and Family, Deb Freeland, Barbara Gaffney, George Gaffney, Teddy Goff, Seth Goldsmith, Matthew Gordon, Jen Granek, Gary & Lee Gray, Sue Graybill & Family, The Family of Daniel Greeley, Chuck Gyory, Marilyn Habicht, Mark Habicht, Natalie Halpin, Jeremiah Harlan, Ron Harris, Ellwood Hawes, Sr., Governor Larry Hogan, The Family of Una Holland, Nancy Hollingsworth, Paula Holmes, Eila Howe, Amelia James, Precious Johnson, The Family of Gerry Kadonoff, Gary & Dennis Keirle, Catherine Keller, Gabriel Knepp, Rhoda Kniss, Family and Fiends of Woody Kocher, Mamie Koontz, The Jim Kroneberger Family, Dave & Rachel Lal, Lazarus UCC Church, Richard LeDuc, Jeannie Leister, Gerry Long, Don & Charlotte Ludwig, Charlie Malbrough, Dashiell Malbrough, Don Malbrough, Maria Malbrough, Phil Malbrough, Paula Martin, Sue Mencer, Wyatt Miller, Robyn Moses-Harney, Jeanne Mueller, Erin Murphy & the Haitian Timoun Foundation, June Murphy, Kay Murphy, Donald and May Nelson, Harold Nelson, Jackie Nelson, Mark Nelson, Troy Petty, Sally Preble, The Pyle Family, Fred & Kathi Polanco, Eric Redilius, Irma Register, Beverly & Jack Rose, Sue Schildwachter, Connor Schlude, Wilda Simpson, Elijah, Joshua, David, & Debbie Smith, Madelyn Smith, Finley Smith, Wendy Steil, Roger J. Stewart, Bikiltu Wakgari Wakjira, Eileen West, Sarah and Jake Woodward, Paul Yeager.

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

This prayer list was updated on September 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).

OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Altar Flowers: Blythe Zechman	3 6:30 p.m. 4-H	4 6:30 p.m. Council	5 6:30 p.m. Sunshine Circle 7:30 p.m. Choir	6	7 7:00-10:00 p.m. Chill@Church (Youth)	8 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast-Meadow Branch All Day Fellowship Hall Scrapbooking
9 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Altar Flowers: Tracey Sanford & Carl Rebert	10 ← ANNUAL	11 FALL	12 9AM-Noon Youth Cleanup 7:30 p.m. Choir	13 SALE	14 8 a.m.—2 p.m. Rummage & Bake Sale	15 → 8 a.m.—2 p.m. Rummage & Bake Sale
16 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Kickoff Altar Flowers: Audrey Byrd 2017 Budget Requests Due	17 Nov. Epistle Input Due 6:30 p.m. 4-H?	18 9:00 a.m.-Noon Quilts	19 7:30 p.m. Choir	20	21 3:00—6:30 p.m. 4-H Sub Sales	22
23 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Altar Flowers: Lois Bankert	24 6:00 p.m. Coin Club 6:30p.m. Westminister Men's Dinner, St. Lukes New Windsor	25 6:30 p.m. Finance	26 7:30 p.m. Choir	27	28 6:30 p.m. Christian Singles—Halloween Party	29 4:00—7:00 p.m. 1st Annual Fall Festival & Chili Cookoff
30 REFORMATION Sunday—Wear Red 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Altar Flowers: Melanie Martindale	31 The Reformation Halloween					

October Birthdays



Gloria Barnes..... 10/02
 Patricia Heath 10/02
 Douglas Scherbarth 10/02
 Michael Brittingham..... 10/04
 Pam Goodson 10/06
 Keith Brehm..... 10/08
 Lily Blubaugh..... 10/09
 Nicholas Over, III..... 10/09
 Peggy Reed..... 10/09
 Mittie Coppersmith..... 10/10
 Jonathan Williams 10/11
 Ronald Dutterer 10/13
 Barbara Smith..... 10/13

Olivia Leister 10/14
 Tracey Sanford 10/14
 Jennifer Armacost..... 10/15
 John Boone 10/16
 Shirley Daniels 10/17
 Howard Kramer 10/17
 Lynne Scherbarth..... 10/19
 Emma Findeisen 10/21
 Kenneth Siegman..... 10/24
 Matthew Gross..... 10/25
 Mary Brehm..... 10/26
 Vickie Guentner..... 10/27
 Austin Leister 10/29

Sarah Seitz 10/29
 Shirley Coe..... 10/30
 Lillian Gavin..... 10/30
 Larry Bankert 10/31

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, by 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.

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 - JULY 2016	
Total Income	\$104,067.00
Total Expense	\$115,618.00
Net Income (Deficit)	\$-11,551.00
Improvement Fund Income	\$ 3,708.00
Improvement Fund Expenses	\$ 2,959.00
Benevolence Income	\$ 7,695.00
Thankoffering Income	\$ 2,277.00



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

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

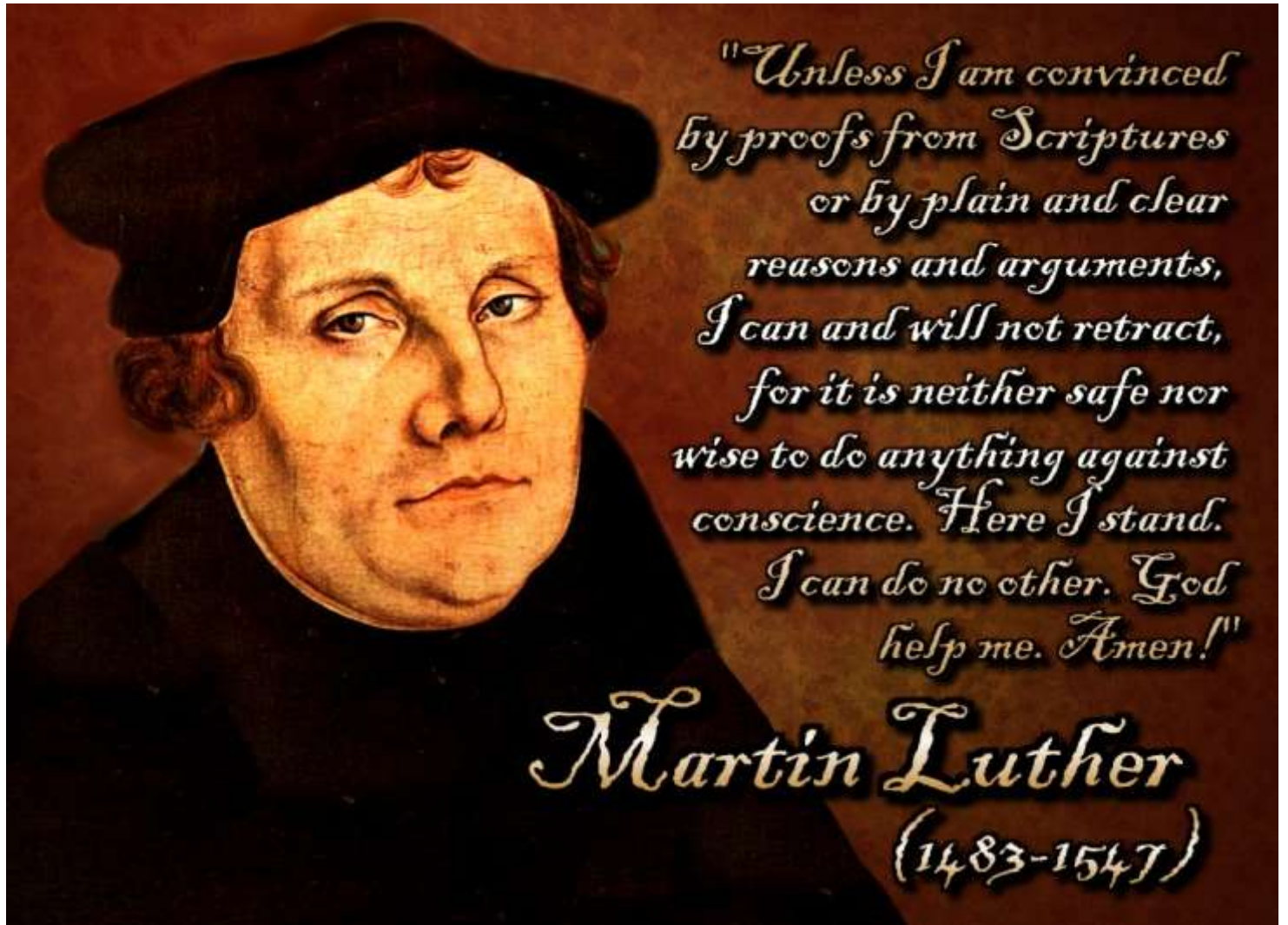
1. All 2017 Budget requests are due to Janet Gross by Sunday, October 16.
2. A special Congregational meeting will be held on November 13, 2016.
3. 130 new chairs have been purchased for our downstairs area and were delivered to the church on September 12.

Submitted by Sylvia Moklak

— Pastoral Acts —

Baptisms

Alaina Elizabeth Leary—October 2, 2016



*"Unless I am convinced
by proofs from Scriptures
or by plain and clear
reasons and arguments,
I can and will not retract,
for it is neither safe nor
wise to do anything against
conscience. Here I stand.
I can do no other. God
help me. Amen!"*

*Martin Luther
(1483-1547)*

WORK CAMP 2016



MISSION TEAM SUNDAY 2016



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Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship Service

9:15 a.m. Education Hour (Ages 3—Adult)

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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