



# ST. JOHN'S EPISTLE

## September 2016

Volume 21 *To sing the Praises of God, to Live the Grace of Jesus, to Share the Gift of the Spirit.* Issue 7

Fall Schedule

A Message from Pastor Kristin

### Sunday, September 4

8:00 a.m. Inside Worship

9:30 a.m. Outside Chapel in the Woods

### FALL SCHEDULE RETURNS

### Sunday, September 11

Fall Worship Schedule Begins

**8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**

Worship Services

**9:15 a.m.**

“God’s Work, Our Hands”

Service Projects for all ages.

### Sunday, September 25

Work Camp Sharing Sunday

**8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**

Worship Services

Youth Group Leads Service

Musicians “Chris & Jenna” Lead Our Music

**9:15 a.m.**

“Thank You” Breakfast for the Congregation

*<sup>5</sup>Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. <sup>6</sup>In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6*

As we begin a new programmatic year at St. John’s we are reminded to “trust” in God before all else. God is with us and will guide and direct us.

This summer we welcomed our new Director of Music, Wayne Grauel, to St. John’s. We are so excited to have him and his many talents (musical and many others as well) here at St. John’s. Remember – there are lots of us and only one of him so please continue to welcome him and tell him your name. It’s a lot to remember. (We are going to wear name tags in September and October for Wayne and for those of us who may need a little reminder or would like to learn some more names.)

Our fall schedule returns on Sunday, September 11 with worship at 8:00am and 10:30am and a service projects for all ages at 9:15! See page 3 of the newsletter for more details.

Please take the time to think of and invite 3 people to St. John’s in September. Maybe it’s someone you haven’t seen here for awhile or a neighbor or friend. They may just be waiting for you to ask them to join you for a visit to our church.

God’s Peace,

Pastor Kristin Dubsy

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# HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH



**St. John's Soup Kitchen Committee** will work at **The Shepherd's Table** on Friday, September 2, at 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.



**THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF NEWSLETTER TEAM** will assemble the newsletter on the following dates: Monday, September 26, from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 27 and, if needed, Wednesday, September 28, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

The Sunshine Circle will hold their monthly meeting Wednesday Sept. 7, 2016 in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm. Gloria Kniss is in charge of devotions, Lois Bankert has program and Leona Dell is the hostess. This month's special offering is toothpaste. All ladies of the church are invited. Please call Audrey Byrd for questions at 410-848-1995.

**CHRISTIAN SINGLES:** Christian Singles will meet at Greenmount Station for dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, September 16. If you would like to carpool, meet at the Church at 6:00 p.m. It's a "Game Night" for Christian Singles on Friday, September 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack, dessert or drink, your favorite game and a friend for an evening of Christian fellowship and fun.

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 10<sup>th</sup> thru Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 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. 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](mailto:dennisrkniss@gmail.com). Please contact us as early as possible.

**NOTE:** If you are already cleaning and gathering and have no place to store your goods, please contact us now and we may be able to help at this time. Storage space becomes available immediately following the Peach Festival.

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

## God's Work. Our Hands.

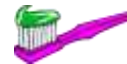
Sunday, September 11, 2016 - 9:15am-10:15am

On Sunday, September 11, St. John's will work together to share our gifts with our neighbors near and far. All ages are welcome to join us as we prepare "Personal Care Kits" and "School Kits" for Lutheran World Relief, write thank you cards to our local first responders, and make cards for our shut-in members.

**We need your help in gathering the supplies for the "Personal Care Kits" and "School Kits." Please bring in your choice of the following items by Sunday, September 4.**



### Personal Care Kits



- \*light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- \*bath size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9oz. (any brand, original packaging)
- \*Adult-size toothbrush (in original packaging)
- \*Sturdy comb (no packaging needed)
- \*Metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

### School Kits

- \*70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper (no loose leaf)
- \*30 centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- \*Pencil sharpener
- \*Blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- \*Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- \*Black or blue ball point pens (no gel ink)
- \*Box of 16 or 24 crayons
- \*2 1/2" eraser
- \*Sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14"-17" with shoulder straps (no backpacks) (You can find these at the dollar store.)



Sponsored by the Christian Education & Youth and Christian Outreach Committees.

## 1st Annual Fall Festival

### and Chili Cook-off



**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 22, 3:00—8:00 p.m.

**Activities:**

Pumpkin carving Bobbing for apples Face painting Crafts

Mark your calendars! More details coming soon.



# FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

**Music at St. John's:** Our regular choir rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 7 @7:30pm. Rehearsal will be "informal". I'd like to be prepared to sing for our kickoff on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September. Any teens (including middle school students) who sing, especially in school choirs, are encouraged to join in. I understand busy schedules and school events. If you're one of those in the chorus, please see me. I can get you the music and arrange for you to sing.

Pastor and I have been busy planning some special worship events this year. We're targeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in October to kick things off. I'll be changing hats and going back to my Rock and Pop music era. I've been busy in my studio working on music that will be current so this will appeal especially to those who listen to Christian radio stations.

I'm looking forward to forming a worship "band" with our youth groups. My family typically calls me "the one-man band" whenever I've done this because I'm in the studio till all hours playing and recording all of the parts with computer. Then I can play it all back live. Hopefully, we will add some additional live musicians if the Lord has that in the plans. Until then, there's not much we can't do without technology filling in the blanks. All we need to add are some singers and some enthusiasm. For those who prefer to sing standard hymns, we'll make sure the 8am service stays true to tradition.



Some of the songs I'm working on are:

- Let it Rise – Paul Baloche
- You are Holy (Prince of Peace) - Michael W Smith
- Agnus Dei (Worthy is the Lamb) - Michael W Smith
- He Reigns - Newboys
- In Christ Alone - Stuart Townend & Keith Getty
- All over the World - Matt Redman
- 10,000 Reasons - Matt Redman
- Ancient of Days – Gary Sadler & Jamie Harvill
- Shine Jesus Shine (ELW)

Look for handouts on the 11<sup>th</sup> during our fall kickoff.

Hello  
my name is

## Nametags in September and

**October**– We have a new Director of Music...so let's wear name tags during September and 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 worship at St. John's on All Saints' Sunday, November 6. During the Sunday School hour he will lead a Question and Answer time.

# MEN OF THE CONGREGATION

## News from the Men of the Congregation

The September meeting of the Men of the Congregation is scheduled for Saturday, September 10, at 8:00 AM. It will be held at the Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren, unless otherwise announced. All are welcome to join for breakfast, fellowship and devotions.

The Fall Meeting of the Men of the Westminster Conference will be held in October. Detailed information about the event will be coming soon, and will be published in the October newsletter, Friday e-messages, and the Bulletin

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.

## — Pastoral Acts —

### Wedding

Nikolette Breanna Koons & Lucas Wayne Huber—June 18, 2016

### Baptisms

Allison Leigh Griffin—July 24, 2016

Scott Edward Miller —July 31, 2016

Anna Linn Coppersmith—August 14, 2016

William Martin Durm—August 28, 2016

### Funeral

Bobbi Corun—July 31, 2016

Robert Stanley Mozdzen Sr.—August 1, 2016

# 2016 Council Members

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# 2016 Committee Chairs

Cemetery..... Ken Seitz

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Youth..... Julia Wolfe

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Fellowship..... Karen Siegman

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Property..... Michael Grothe

Worship & Music..... Dennis Kniss

Christian Outreach..... OPEN

Finance..... Janet Gross

John Bucacink



## Evangelism Team

**“God’s gift to us is LIFE. What we do with LIFE is our gift to Him.”**

To our congregational family, thank you for using your helping hands to help out wherever you could these last few months. **“Many hands make light work” is a Pennsylvania saying, and it is true. Teamwork is a blessing, and we see that around St. John’s. Now the autumn season is here. A new school year is starting; we are setting new goals and beginning new adventures.** When you are praying and then listening for signs of answers, what is it you can do in LIFE to serve the Lord, using your God given talents. Discuss this with your family, and set some goals for the family. Could you be a greeter, lector, choir member, bake a dessert, join a **committee, and the list goes on. If you don’t set a goal, it probably won’t get accomplished. Be creative! Give! We are the Evangelism Committee. We’d love to have you join us and encourage visitors to feel welcome and want to return.**

Eyeglass Collection: Yes, we met our goal and recycled 108 pairs of used eyewear. As you are FALL cleaning, please save old used glasses for our collection. Since 2006, we have collected 1837 glasses to recycle. Please help us meet our goal for 2016. Place them in the box in the Fellowship Hall.

Please notify our committee if there is a family you think we should visit or help in any way. We will continue our homebound visitations, taking goody bags and cheer up prayers to these visits. If you know a shut in who would appreciate a visit, contact the church Office Manager, Frances, at 410-848-6402. We will continue to add pages to our historian scrap book with senior citizens aged about 80 years young. Please nominate any **senior you’d enjoy reading about in the Epistle.**

Continue to pass the peace of the Lord, and be positive in all you think, say and do.

Loretta Basler 443-289-8938

## THANK YOU

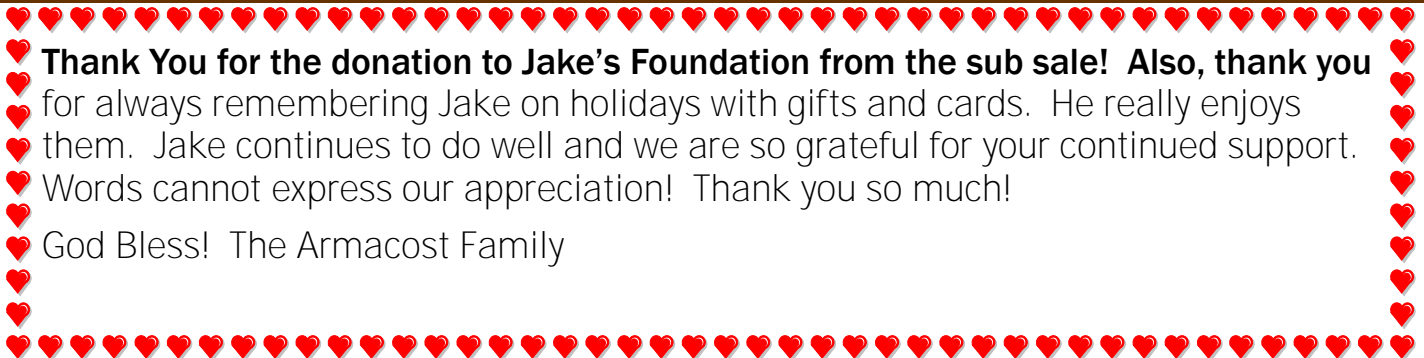
"THANK YOU" to ALL who helped to make the Peach Festival a success. St. John's is blessed by your continued help and support each year! "Well done, my good and faithful servant".

Nancy Dean

### Festival Benches Thank You

Festival goers and Vacation Bible School participants have noted the twenty new oak benches made available for their use. These benches have replaced the pine and poplar benches that were used for many years. The new benches are sturdier and much easier to handle than their predecessors.

The first ten benches were made in 2012 by Ron Menchey. This year, Jim Menchey and Carl Rebert completed the task of making the second set of ten. Much time and effort has gone into the making of the festivals more comfortable and safer for our festival goers and VBS participants. Many thanks are extended to Ron, Jim and Carl for their ability and willingness to make such improvements possible. Dennis Kniss

**Thank You for the donation to Jake’s Foundation from the sub sale! Also, thank you**  
for always remembering Jake on holidays with gifts and cards. He really enjoys  
them. Jake continues to do well and we are so grateful for your continued support.  
Words cannot express our appreciation! Thank you so much!  
God Bless! The Armacost Family

SENIOR PROFILE — Robert Blauvelt



Robert Edwin Blauvelt was born December 13, 1936 near Westminster, Maryland, the son of Walter and Zepha Eutha Keyser Blauvelt. Having 12 siblings, he learned how to share at an early age.

During his teenage years, Bob helped local farmers in their fields with harvesting of crops as well as doing general farm work.

He and his brothers and sisters attended Sunday School, confirmation classes and Bob joined **St. John's Lutheran church. As the years went by, he served 3 terms on the church council.**

Along with his wife, he served as church Cemetery Secretary for 27 years, a position which included such duties as selling of burial lots, marking off of grave sites, maintaining thorough records for all cemetery activities and transactions, deeds and general record keeping.

He attended Westminster High School and was active in the Maryland National Guard for 3 years (Bob is the man on the right). In 1961, Bob met a pretty girl from Reisterstown named Elsie Patricia Wilson. They were married, December, 1964. Eventually, they built a new home on what is now called Friese Lane. As time went on, a family came along—first Matthew, then Jason and **Shawnee followed. Now the Blauvelt's focus was on church** activities, school events and much participation in 4-H.



Bob was employed by B&D Woodworking for 12 years and by Westinghouse, which became **Northrop Grumman, for 31 ½ years. He retired in February, 1999.**

**When Pat's health declined, they made the decision to move to Carroll Lutheran Village into** a nice 2-bedroom apartment with a beautiful view. Unfortunately, Pat passed away January, 2008, and Bob was forced to begin a new chapter in his life. He became very busy helping his niece and her husband install wood-burning stoves in homes. This also involved climbing on the high, steep roofs and cleaning chimneys.

Today, he still remains very busy with his large garden, growing vegetables and sharing them with his very appreciative neighbors. He enjoys reading good books and magazines, watching the Orioles and Ravens faithfully, listening to country and Gospel music and helping anyone who needs assistance. He loves to cook, and the members of our Christian Singles Group look forward to his delicious covered dishes. Quite often he has to share his new recipes.

If you approach any person at Carroll Lutheran Village who knows him, he or she will soon tell you—**"Like a good neighbor, Bob is always there!"**

We are so blessed to have Bob as a member of our church family.

Submitted by Dale H. Miller

# ST. JOHN'S YOUTH

Take me out to the ball game, Take me out with the crowd! Buy me some peanuts and crackerjacks, I don't care if I never get back!

Let me root, root, root for the home team. If they don't win it's a shame! Aahh. For it's one, two, three strikes you're out At the old ball game!



**PUTTING THE  
"FUN"  
IN FUNDRAISER!**

## **2017 Work Camp Fundraiser:**

### **Orioles Game**

**—Sunday, September 18th—**

**Orioles vs. Tampa Bay @ 1:35 p.m.**

*Our Work Camp youth and adult leaders will be heading to Erie, PA, from June 25 — July 1.*

**Tickets:** \$17 per person (Upper Level Section 316)

If you have any additional questions or wish to purchase your tickets, please contact Genny Resch @ 443-789-3913 or gresch@mghus.com.

***The last day to purchase baseball tickets is  
Sunday, September 11th.***

**Workcamp 2017!** All current in 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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.

Our 2016 Workcamp Crew says,  
**"Thank you"**

Workcamp Sharing Sunday – On Sunday, September 25 at both services our youth who spent a week of their summer serving God in Virginia Beach, VA will share their experiences. Musicians Chris and Jenna will be here to lead the music. A light breakfast to thank the congregation will be shared in the fellowship hall during the Sunday School hour. Thank you for your generous support of our youth.

## SOLVE THIS PUZZLE



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	



# LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE GULF COAST FLOODING

AUGUST 2016

[www.ELCA.org/disaster](http://www.ELCA.org/disaster)

At least eleven people have been killed, tens of thousands have been rescued and even more have been evacuated as floodwaters sweep across southern Louisiana. Massive search and rescue operations are taking place as flooding continues to affect communication, overwhelm streets and highways, and damage or destroy homes. This flood comes on the heels of several other floods that have hit the Gulf Coast region, starting earlier this spring. With more rain in the forecast, the full scope of this disaster has yet to be realized.

Through congregations, synods and our disaster-affiliate organizations, Lutheran Disaster Response is assisting those who have been affected by the

floodwaters. Lutheran Disaster Response's coordinators are actively present, collaborating with community leaders and officials to plan the proper responses, particularly the long-term recovery efforts. The road to recovery will be long, and Lutheran Disaster Response will be there to accompany those affected through every phase of this disaster. Your gifts are needed to launch recovery efforts.

**Gifts designated for "Gulf Coast Flooding" will be used to assist those affected by the floodwaters, until the response is complete.** Because of your generous offerings of prayer and financial support, the ELCA walks alongside disaster survivors. Thank you for your prayers, your partnership.

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**Yes, I want to help!**

- Lutheran Disaster Response: *Gulf Coast Flooding*      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DDG0085  
 Lutheran Disaster Response: *Where needed most*      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DDG0010

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Give through your congregation or make your check out to  
Lutheran Disaster Response and send to:  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center  
P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Write "Gulf Coast Flooding" or "Lutheran Disaster Response, U.S." on your check's memo line.



**Lutheran Disaster Response**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

# SEPTEMBER 2016 WORSHIP LEADER CALENDAR

DATE	SERVICE	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR	ACOLYTE	GREETERS	NURSERY	USHERS/ OFFERING (9:30)	COUNT TEAM
09/04	8:00 a.m.	Julia Wolfe	Julia Wolfe		Linda & Stewart Sterner		Pat & Donald Heath	Genny Resch, Pat Heath, Donald Heath
	9:30 a.m.	Doris Zepp	Doris Zepp		Joan Phillips & Jean Seitz			
09/11	8:00 a.m.	Jack Joiner	Jack Joiner		Marion & George Fleming		Barbara & Richard Smith	Deb Schaefer, Michael Schaefer, Dale Miller
	10:30 a.m.	Jeanne Joiner	Dolly Long	Tate Gavin	Dolly & Dan Long	Melanie Martindale		
09/18	8:00 a.m.	Donna Yeager	Donna Yeager		Helen Harris		Brian Leister	Sylvia Moklak, Dave Bollinger, Dennis Kniss
	10:30 a.m.	Dennis Kniss	Gloria Kniss	Lara Findeisen	Nancy Dean Stephanie Dean	Bonnie Konsen		
09/25	8:00 a.m.	Jimmy Bean	Work Camp	Work Camp	Work Camp		Work Camp	Christine Brehm, Pat Brehm, Drew Dean
	10:30 a.m.	Jimmy Bean	Work Camp	Work Camp	Work Camp			

*For the month of September, the Altar Guild is Lois Bankert & Dale Miller (8:00 a.m.) and Gloria Kniss & Sharon Minor (9:30 / 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, 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, 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, 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 Fenstermaker, 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 August 24, 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).**

# SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 10:30 a.m. Soup Kitchen	3
4 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship 10:30 a.m. Christian Education & Youth Committee Altar Flowers: Blubaugh family	5 Labor Day — Office Closed 	6 7:30 p.m. Council	7 6:30 p.m. Sunshine Circle 7:30 p.m. Choir	8	9	10 8:00 a.m. Men's breakfast -Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren
11 <i>Fall Schedule Returns</i> 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. God's Work, Our Hands—Service Projects for All Ages 10:30 a.m. Worship Altar Flowers: Amber Blubaugh	12 6:30 p.m. 4-H	13	14 7:30 p.m. Choir	15	16 6:30 p.m. Christian Singles—Greenmount Station	17 ALL DAY Scrapbooking
18 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Altar Flowers: Frances DeBruyn Afternoon: Jones 60th Anniversary Celebration 1:35 p.m. Orioles Game	19	20	21 7:30 p.m. Choir	22	23	24
25 <i>Workcamp Sharing Sunday-Chris &amp; Jenna</i> 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:45 a.m. Christian Education & Youth Committee Altar Flowers: John & Lori Bucacink	26 Shepherd's Staff Newsletter Assembly ← → 9:30-2:00 p.m.	27 9:00-2:00 p.m.	28 9:00-2:00 p.m. (if needed) 7:30 p.m. Choir	29	30 6:30 p.m. Christian Singles Game Night	

## September Birthdays



1 Xander LeDuc	12 Amber Blubaugh	21 Caroline Schindler	27 Pamela Dodson
2 Seth Moklak	12 Della Dell	21 Sarah Weisse	29 Tate Gavin
3 Karen Reinhold	12 Rose Frebertshauser	22 Stephanie Dean	30 Bradley Maempel
5 Donald Heath	16 Pastor Joe Lettrich	22 Charles Zincon	
8 Victoria Barber	20 Daniel Over, Jr.	22 Robert Bitzel	
8 Rebecca Sisler	20 Keith Reed, Jr.	25 Bonnie Konsen	
10 Zadie Brehm	21 Kevin Mapp	25 Matthew Leister	
11 Steven Parsley	21 Robert Mapp	26 Leeann Brothers	
11 Steve Findeisen	21 Craig Peregoy	26 Britney Brothers	



# AROUND TOWN



## Upcoming Carroll Lutheran Village Events

Harvest the Savings – September 15 or 29  
from 10am-2pm

Join us for a Chef-prepared meal featuring farm-fresh seasonal produce. Be among the first to see our two newly furnished model apartments and learn how you can harvest robust savings on select apartments. Seating is limited for these events. Please call 410-848-8922 for more information or to RSVP.

**SAVE THE DATE** for the Annual Meeting of the Corporation of Carroll Lutheran Village on Tuesday, September 27 at 6:00 p.m. in Krug Chapel Auditorium. Dinner will be served.

Details will be sent in early September with an official invitation.

Thank you for planning to attend this very important meeting and for participating in the life and ministry of Carroll Lutheran Village.



**MARYLAND STATE POLICE  
WESTMINSTER BARRACK—OPEN HOUSE**  
1100 Baltimore Boulevard  
Westminster, Maryland

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2016  
10:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.**

Displays by Various Units  
**FOOD AVAILABLE**

**BARRACK TOURS**  
11:00 A.M., 12 NOON and 1:00 P.M.

**HELP MARYLAND STATE POLICE  
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STUFF A TRUCK  
FOR THE MARYLAND FOOD BANK**

DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED DURING THE EVENT  
SUGGESTED ITEMS:  
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## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**Articles for the October newsletter should be submitted no later than Wednesday, September 14, 2016! Please email the articles to Frances, the office manager, at [office@stjohnswestminster.org](mailto:office@stjohnswestminster.org) or place them in her mailbox. Thank you!**

# AROUND TOWN

Please spread the word about the faith-based childcare which has opened at St. Benjamin's! This is an awesome ministry, led by one of our very capable St. Ben's members, Debbie Davis. Childcare is available all day, infant to preschool, licensed by state of Maryland.



\* Child care center is a separate entity from St. Benjamin's church.

Thanks so much!

DAVID S. SCHAFER

Pastor, St. Benjamin's  
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## LMS Benefit Golf Tournament Oct. 10th



**What better way to spend the Columbus Day holiday than by being out on the links for a good cause? Join us on Monday, October 10th at the Glenn Dale Golf Club for a benefit golf tournament to benefit the Lutheran Mission Society. The event, sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church in Bowie, will feature:**

- Range Balls
- Beverage Cart on Course
- Awards Ceremony
- Door Prizes
- Food by Outback Steakhouse
- Fifty-Fifty Raffle

Cost is \$100 per player, and remember -- proceeds will benefit the **Lutheran Mission Society** ministries. So sign up now for a day of fun and fellowship by going to the following link: <http://lmsmission.org/event/lms-benefit-golf-tournament-sponsored-by-trinity-lutheran-church-bowie/>

## Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp & Retreat Center Newsletter

web: [www.mar-lu-ridge.org](http://www.mar-lu-ridge.org) 410.874.5545 Email: [info@mar-lu-ridge.org](mailto:info@mar-lu-ridge.org) Inverton, Maryland

### Calendar of Events

#### Walkathon

September 25

1 pm registration

1:30 pm Walk

3:30 pm light meal and worship

#### 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!

### The Installation Service for Delaware/Maryland Synod Bishop Elect Bill Gohl will

be on Sunday, October 9 at 4:00pm at Frederick Evangelical Lutheran Church at 35 E Church St, Frederick, MD 21701. All are welcome to this celebration which will be followed by a reception.



## 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.

## 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 - JUNE 2016	
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 82,610
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ 95,600
<b>Net Income (Deficit)</b>	\$-12,990
Improvement Fund Income	\$ 3,094
Improvement Fund Expenses	\$ 3,217
Benevolence Income	\$ 6,437
Thankoffering Income	\$ 1,941



### 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.

Learn more at [Thrivent.com/actionteam](http://Thrivent.com/actionteam) and apply online. (2 per year)

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

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### Helping You Retire Ready *The Thrivent Way*

When you think about money as a tool, not a goal, it can help you prepare for the future in a whole new way. Because saving for retirement isn't just about your finances. It's about your values, too.

At Thrivent Financial, we help you make wise choices about your money. So you can retire – ready to live and give back – the way you'd like to.

#### 4 retirement questions to ask yourself

Whether money is tight right now, you're saving later than you hoped or you're off to a good start, it's important to ask questions like these along the way:

#### **Am I saving enough?**

We'll help you determine how much you need to save for retirement based on things like inflation, interest rates, and how you want to live and give back.

#### **Will my savings last?**

You need to make sure your savings last. But you also want to enjoy retirement. It doesn't have to be either/or. We'll develop a strategy to help make sure you won't run out of money.

#### **Are my assets protected?**

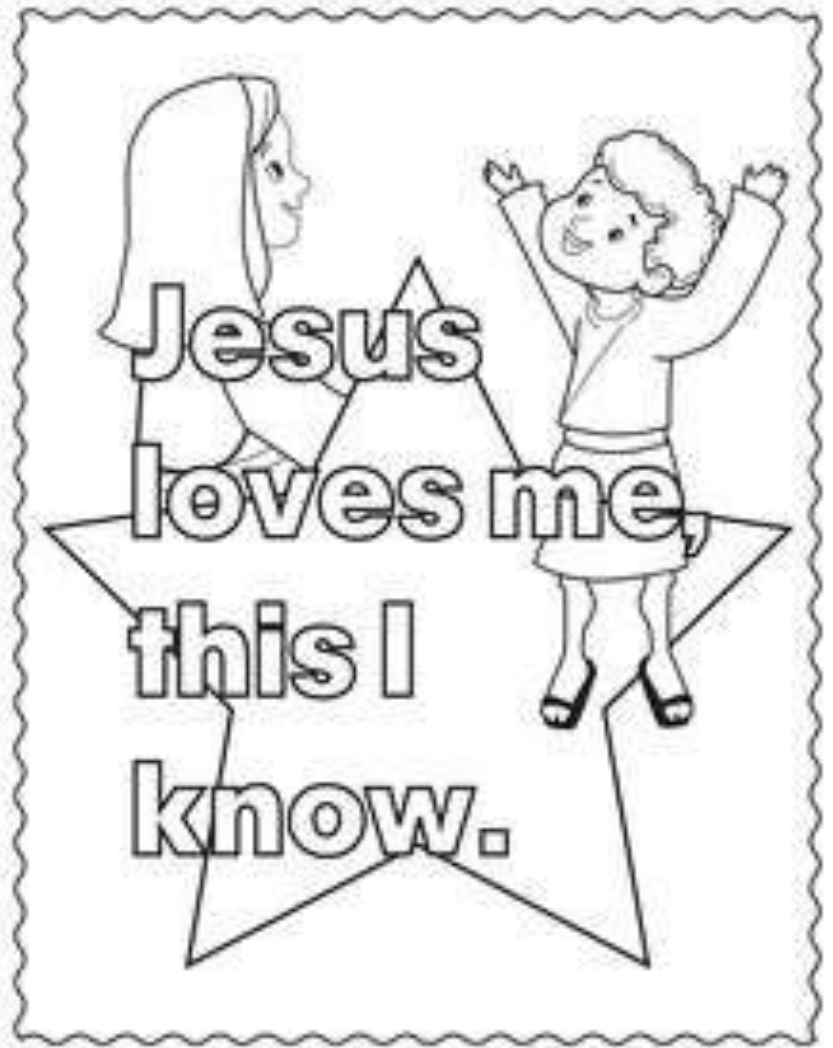
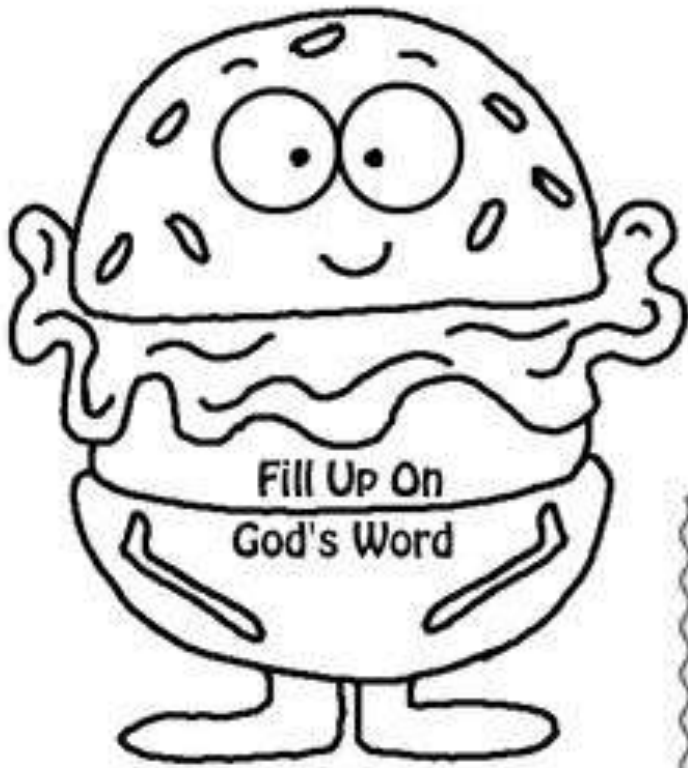
Market volatility can take its toll on retirement assets – if they're not protected. We'll help you balance protection with growth.

#### **How can I pass on my legacy?**

We'll help you take steps to leave a legacy in a tax-wise way – and pass on your values, too.

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# Coloring Fun!



We Are All



God's Children

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Tuesday - Friday, 9:00-3:00



## Worship Schedule (Starting September 11)

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship Service

9:15 a.m. Sunday School (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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