



ST. JOHN'S EPISTLE

July—August 2017

Volume 22 *To sing the Praises of God, to Live the Grace of Jesus, to Share the Gift of the Spirit.* Issue 6



A Message from Pastor Kristin

July and August At A Glance

July 5 at 6:30 p.m.
Sunshine Circle

**July 7 & August 25 at
10:30 a.m.**
Soup Kitchen

**July 10—14
9:00 a.m.—Noon**
Vacation Bible School

July 14 at 7:00 p.m.
VBS Closing Program

July 21 at 6:30 p.m.
Christian Singles
Patriotic evening

August 2 at 6:30 p.m.
Sunshine Circle Annual
Picnic

August 17 at 6:00 p.m.
Church Council Picnic

August 19 at 6:30 p.m.
Christian Singles

August 22
Cleanup for Peach
Festival

August 26 at 3:30 p.m.
Peach Festival

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say Rejoice!” Philippians 4:4

It’s summer and for many of us summer means a change in the routine. At St. John’s we offer plenty to change your routine this summer:

Join us for outdoor worship in our Chapel in the Woods – each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Invite your family and friends to join us for our “Christmas in July” Vacation Bible School, directed by Sandi West. We are looking for volunteers, food and craft donations (see inside.) You may not be able to give your time, but perhaps you can support VBS in a different way this summer.

We serve at the soup kitchen two times this summer. Maybe this is a way for you to change your routine this summer.

We are collecting food for Carroll Food Sunday this summer. Bring some non-perishable food to church with you and serve our neighbors in that way.

In August, it will be Peach Festival time – again, we can use lots of volunteers, but also help in spreading the word about this fun, family event.

Let’s “Rejoice in the Lord always” as we share the good news of God’s love with our neighbors near and far.

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say Rejoice!” Philippians 4:4

God’s Peace –

Pastor Kristin Dubsky

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HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH

St. John's Lutheran Church's VBS



Theme is **Christmas In July**

July 10-14, 2017

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Ages 3 years - 5th grade

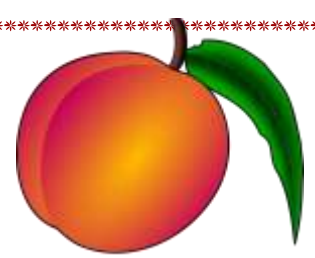
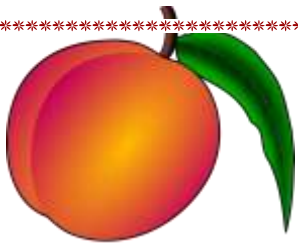
Want to be a part of this great adventure? We are looking for volunteers to help during the week and for donations of food and craft items. To volunteer to work with us during the week go to www.stjohnswestminster.org to register or contact Sandi West at sandrajwest44@gmail.com or 443-929-2105.

Donating food; contact Pam Goodson (410-751-6446) and/or Jackie Leister (410-857-0505)

For donating craft supplies, we are looking for the following items:

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| Colored tissue paper (no black or white) | Big popsicle sticks (tong depressors) |
| Gold pipe cleaners | Tempera paints (white, green, brown and yellow) |
| Clothes pins | Construction paper (black, brown, green, blue, and yellow) |
| Glitter glue | Card Stock (off white) |
| Googly eyes | Contact paper (clear) |
| White paper plates (9 inch) | Burlap |
| Rinestones | Colored felt (no black or dark blue) |

Thank you in advance for your support and assistance, please join us Friday, July 14, 2017 at 7 p.m. for our Closing Program. Hear what the children have learned throughout the week, see their wonderful crafts and have some light snacks.



ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL PEACH FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 26, 2017

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

Rain or Shine!

MUSIC BY

NEVER TOO LATE BAND - 3:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

ALESIA BAND - 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Games for children! Good food! Music! Fellowship!

The menu includes: turkey corn soup, turkey salad sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, barbecue, pulled pork barbecue, veggie snacks, peaches and ice cream, peach cobbler and a variety of baked goods.

A portion of the profit from this Festival will be given to NESAP and to Access Carroll.

Invite your friends and neighbors! Bring your lawn chairs so that you can sit back and relax as you enjoy the Peach Festival!

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Articles for the September newsletter should be submitted no later than Monday, August 14! Please send the articles to Frances, the Office manager, at office@stjohnswestminster.org or place them in her mailbox. **Thanks!**

HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH



St. John's Soup Kitchen Committee will work at **The Shepherd's Table** on Friday, July 7 and Friday, August 25, 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 Sunshine Circle will hold their monthly meeting on **July 5th, 2017** at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pat Heath is in charge of devotions, Audrey Byrd has the program and Nancy Tracey is the hostess. July's special offering is laundry detergent. All ladies of the church are invited to attend. Please call Audrey Byrd at 410-848-1995 for questions.



The Sunshine Circle will hold it's annual picnic on **August 9th, 2017**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a covered dish dinner with the meat, rolls and drinks being provided. This is open to all ladies and their family and friends. Please join us for an evening of food, fun and fellowship. For more information call Audrey Byrd at 410-848-1995.

 **Christian Singles.** A patriotic evening is planned for the Christian Singles Group on **Friday, July 21**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a covered dish, a food item for Carroll County Food Sunday and a friend. All adult Singles are invited to join the Group for an evening of fun and Christian fellowship.



Christian Singles will meet on **Friday, August 18**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Nancy Dean at 410-848-2140.



Annual Fall Yard and Rummage Sales. The Adult Bible Class is making plans to coordinate the Fall Yard and Rummage Sales to be held on **October 20th and 21st**. 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.



As you do your summer cleaning and have leftovers from yard sales, keep us in mind. We can "officially" begin to collect items following the Peach Festival on August 26th. However, if you must remove items from your home prior to that date, please contact Dennis or Gloria Kniss so that arrangements can be made for either pick up or storage or both. We can be of help because you help others!

The Spring sales were very successful and with your continued help, we will have another successful effort this fall. 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.

Some people have asked what we do with the "leftovers" from the sale. The following are places that benefitted from the "leftovers":

- Blue jeans saved for the SOLE HOPE Project
- The Pregnancy Center in Westminster
- Books to Westminster High School Band Boosters for their book sale
- Community Aid
- Goodwill
- Operation Christmas Child
- Westminster Rescue Mission

Also, some unsold items were sold at auction (the auctioneer did not charge any fees). The proceeds from the auction were added to the amount realized at our sale.

Have a relaxing summer! See you in the fall!

MEN OF THE CONGREGATION

News from the Men of the Congregation

June Meeting:

The June meeting of the Men of the Congregation was held on Saturday, June 10. A presentation **RELATED TO THE MCDONALD'S CORPORATION WAS MADE** as a preview to the Strawberry Festival.

Upcoming Events:

- July: No meeting in July!
- August 22: Cleaning of the pavilion for Peach Festival, 6:00 PM.
- August 24: Rain Date for cleaning of the pavilion for Peach Festival, 6:00 PM.
- August 26: Breakfast (continental style) at 8:00 AM at the church in the Fellowship Hall followed by final preparations to the pavilion for the Peach Festival.

June Council Highlights (June 6, 2017)

Listed are brief highlights from the June Council meeting:

- ⇒ April minutes approved. Treasurer's report approved
- ⇒ Recognized Chayse Michael Hunter as the newest member, and the passing of Harry Jones
- ⇒ Heard a proposal to restore a painting previously adorning the sanctuary.
- ⇒ Reviewed the Maundy Thursday Dinner
- ⇒ A property task force report was shared and will be given to the Property Committee for action.
- ⇒ Received updates on water leaks, kitchen stove, chapel refurbishing, unused graves.
- ⇒ Vacation Bible School will be July 10 thru 14.

Respectfully submitted by Dennis Kniss.

Kathleen Blum has moved. Here is her new address:
867 York Rd
Gettysburg PA 17325

— Pastoral Acts —

Funeral

Harry Jones—May 26, 2017

2017 Council Members

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Evangelism.....Loretta Basler
Fellowship.....Karen Siegman
Stewardship.....Carl Rebert
Property.....Michael Grothe
Worship & Music.....Dennis Kniss
Christian Outreach.....Roxanne Mal
brough
Finance.....Janet Gross
John Bucacink

HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH

Quilting News Update

The Quilt Group and the Rip, Strip and Roll Group are making progress! We took 30 quilts (17 Mission Blankets and 13 Fleece Blankets) to Lutheran World Relief at the New Windsor Service Center in June. We also mailed 112 rolled bandages to the Global Mission Society.



We are still actively working, so you can still join us! We have 73 bandages ready to be shipped, and we are planning on another sew/roll day. The next sew/roll day will be **August 10th at 9:00 a.m.** or whatever time you can come. We generally finish by noon.



Sue Shaffer and Marion Fleming are getting sheets from some local motels so we are really getting into the rolling spirit. Sue and I are ripping the sheets, and we have several people that are stripping and rolling (the bandages, I mean!) at home. If you can help us in any way, just let me know – you can strip and roll at home, cut fleece blankets at home or sew/cut squares for the mission quilts.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped so far on our sew days (men included) and all those people who have donated material, sewed squares, stripped and rolled bandages, donated money for our project and Nancy Jones, who donated a sewing machine when mine gave out and would not sew anymore!

For all you school aged young people – come out and help us on August 10th and earn some community service hours!

Hope to see you on August 10th or hear from you if you want to work at home!!

Gloria Kniss 717-359-7681



AN UPDATE FROM BIKILTU! The Sunshine Circle's ADOPT A CHILD PROJECT has received an update from their sponsored child, Bikiltu. Here are the highlights from her letter:

“Hi, it's Bikiltu Wakgari. I am now 16 years old. In the morning when I wake up, I wash my face, get dressed and eat my breakfast. I often eat bread with tea. I do my chores, which include making tea.

I'm in the 9th grade at school, which is near my home. In the afternoon, I usually read, study or play with friends. When I play, I enjoy jumping. I do my afternoon chores,

which include making lunch, and my favorite food is traditional / injera (a sourdough-risen flatbread) with sauce.

In the evening, I get ready for bed when I say my prayers.

Another thing I'd like you to know about me is that this year, God has blessed us with crop production!

I would like to know, what is your favorite food?”

Bikiltu's letter includes a drawing of a flower that she found in her front yard. Her letter, in her native language, translated into English by Asrab, can be found on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall near the Caring Corner.

Please take the time to check it out and see how this beautiful child is flourishing.



MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S: George & Theo Amoss, Jacob Armacost, Dave & Loretta Basler, Amber Blubaugh, Lily Blubaugh, Kathleen Blum, John & Betty Boone, Charles & Zadie Brehm, Pat Brehm, Grover Conrad, Mittie Coppersmith, Beverly Dutterer, Donald & Pat Heath, Marc Hoyer, Jeanne Joiner, The Jones Family, Betty Knisley, Edith Linthicum, Harry Maempel, Yvonne Mathias, Bonnie Null, Claire Null, Muriel Sabo, Tracey Sanford, Ken Seitz, Adelaide Sies, Richard Smith, Emily Van Horn, Matthew West, Lorrie Wilson and Charles Zincon.

FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN'S: The family of Steve Albersheim, Ann Alexander, Rita Bauhof, Dawn Bitzel, Ronald Boone, the Bordenski Family, Congregations of the Delaware/Maryland Synod, Patty & Jim Coolsen, Ashley and Andrew Davis, Jerry Day, Mark Reshnet & Pam Dempsey, The Family of Barry Durm Sr, Sarah Egan, Jerry Farver, Christian Filipov, Jenn Freed and Family, Deb Freeland, Jenny Gallagher, Lily Glennon, Seth Goldsmith, Ginni Gordon and the Family of Len Gordon, Matthew Gordon, Jen Granek, Chuck Gyory, Marilyn Habicht, Mark Habicht, Debbie Haggerty & Family, Natalie Halpin, Jeremiah Harlan, Ron Harris, Ellwood Hawes, Sr., Diane Heil, Governor Larry Hogan, Nancy Hollingsworth, Paula Holmes, Norma Hooks, Eila Howe, Ameilia James, Precious Johnson, Gary & Dennis Keirle, Gabriel Knepp, Rhoda Kniss, Family and Friends of Woody Kocher, Mamie Koontz, The Jim Kroneberger Family, Sara & Nick Lacasse & Gage, Cole & Nathaniel, Dave & Rachel Lal, Lazarus UCC Church, Richard LeDuc, The Family of Shirley Leisner, Edward Leister, Jeannie Leister, Gerry Long, Don & Charlotte Ludwig, Paula Martin, Sue Mencer, Elizabeth Mesick, Katie Miller, Wyatt Miller, Debbie Morrish, Robyn Moses-Harney, Jeanne Mueller, Erin Murphy & the Haitian Timoun Foundation, Kay Murphy, Christina (Fletcher) Muth, Donald and May Nelson, Harold Nelson, Jackie Nelson, Mark Nelson, The Family & Friends of Richard Nelson Sr., Troy Petty, The Pyle Family, Fred & Kathi Polanco, Eric Redilius, Ronald Resch, Hal Roche, Beverly & Jack Rose, Doug Sanford, Sue Schildwachter, Connor Schlude, Ms. Wilda Simpson, Joshua, David, & Debbie Smith, Finley Smith, Madelyn Smith, Gene Sines, Wendy Steil, Roger J. Stewart, Nick Tasker, Courtney Topolski, Bikiltu Wakgari Wakjira, Eileen West, Paul Yeager.

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

This prayer list was updated on June 28, 2017.

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 YOU



Save the Date!

**Reformation 500 – Westminster Conference Worship Service –
Sunday, October 29, 2017 – 3:30pm – Big Baker Chapel at
McDaniel College**

Mark your calendars now for an exciting worship experience sponsored by the Westminster conference Lutheran churches to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Our goal is to fill Big Baker with 500 people.

The preacher will be The Rev. Dr. Mark Oldenburg of Gettysburg Seminary. The music will be coordinated by Ted Dix, Organist/Choirmaster at Grace Lutheran Church, assisted by Dr. Margaret Boudreaux, professor music at McDaniel College and director of the Masterworks Chorale. The Masterworks Chorale and the College Choir will provide special music and they, along with a joint choir of our conference churches' choirs will support the singing during the service.

More information will be coming soon!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM



A Community Service Project

Providing Free School Essentials to Carroll County Students in Need

Pre-Kindergarten through High School



THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

A Christian Outreach and Support Center
P.O. Box 127 Westminster, MD 21158 (410) 857-5944

www.shepstaff.org shepstaff@comcast.net

- 2016 Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Non Profit Partner in Business Award
- 2016 McDaniel College Nonprofit Partner
- 2014 Wm Donald Schaefer Helping People Award
- 2008 Non-Profit Philanthropist of the Year Award

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Registration Dates

JUNE 19 thru JULY 14, 2017

M-T-F 10am - 2pm & Th 3-7pm Closed Wednesday

THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF OFFICE

30 Carroll Street, Westminster, MD
(across from Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church)

Registration Requirements

- Due to the Increasing Need ONLY Registered Students Will Be Served*
- NO PHONE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED
 - All Students Must Be Registered In Person by Parent/Guardian (no phone registrations)
 - School Name Required for Each Student
- When you register you will be given an appointment to pick up school supplies in August

BACK-TO-SCHOOL DONATIONS NEEDED

SUPPLIES

DONATE SUPPLIES or DOLLARS TO CREATE A KIT

K/1-2 GRADE

- 2 composition books
- 1 box crayons (24 max)
- 3 glue sticks
- 2 yellow highlighters
- 1 pair of blunt scissors
- 4 pocket folders / brads
- 5 pencils
- 1 pencil bag (not hard case)
- 1 block eraser
- 1 pack dry erase markers

3-4-5 GRADE/MIDDLE/HIGH

- 3-ring binder (1 1/2")
- 3-ring binder paper (wide ruled)
- 1 set tabbed dividers
- 4 pocket folders / brads
- 5 pencils and 5 blue/black pens
- 1 pencil bag (not hard case)
- 2 yellow highlighters
- 1 box colored pencils (12 count)
- 1 pack index cards (3 X 5- white)
- 1 earbud style headphones
- 1 pack sticky notes
- 1 flash drive
- 1 pack dry erase markets

HEAD START / PRE-K

- 2 composition books
- 3 glue sticks
- 2 pocket folders
- 1 pair of blunt scissors
- 1 pencil bag (not hard case)

- Especially Needed*
- 1 box of fat crayons (\$ per box)
 - 2 fat pencils

BACKPACKS

MONETARY DONATION or DONATE A NEW BACKPACK to distribute to all registered students (No Wheels Please)

SHOES

MONETARY DONATION To Buy New Shoes for Head Start, Pre-K through HS

CLOTHING

NEW or GENTLY USED CLOTHING Sizes and current styles suitable for Head Start, Pre-K through HS

BOOKS

NEW or USED BOOKS in good condition Appropriate for Head Start, Pre-K thru HS

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DROP-OFF DONATIONS BEGINNING JUNE 19

TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL STUDENTS - DROP OFF DONATIONS BY JULY 24th

The Shepherd's Staff
30 Carroll St, Westminster, MD
(across from Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church)
M-T-F 10am-2pm & Thu 3-7pm Closed Wednesday
Distribution in August

FILL OUT COUPON AND RETURN

___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ \$150 ___ Other

Checks payable to The Shepherd's Staff ___ Cash ___ Check ___ Amount

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone: _____

Funds in excess of the need for this program may be used for other Shepherd's Staff programs at the discretion of the Board of Directors

Mail: The Shepherd's Staff, P.O. Box 127, Westminster, MD 21158
Drop Off: 30 Carroll St., Westminster, MD (opposite Grace Lutheran Church)

THANK YOU

"Thank You" to all who helped to make the Strawberry Festival a success! Thanks for the generous donations of food items and money and for being willing to share your time and talents to get ready for the Festival and on the day of the Festival. Thanks, too, to all who supported the Festival by their attendance and the purchase of the food and drink items that were for sale. St. John's continues to be blessed in so many ways by your support. May God bless each of you!

Nancy Dean

Thanks to everyone, \$150 was raised to purchase the pizza gift cards for the three local police departments. They were very appreciative and really enjoyed getting the thank you cards. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.

The Christian Outreach Committee
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Dear Friends of St. John's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the thoughtful \$50 Papa John's gift card presented to this Department.

We greatly appreciate your generous gift and that you took the time to recognize the dedicated men and women of the Westminster Police Department. I am certain that I speak for all the members of our staff in expressing our thanks.

We wish you a safe and fun summer.

Jeffrey Spaulding
Chief of Police
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Dear Pastor Kristin and St. John's,

Thank you so much for my card, book and reception. I really appreciate it.

Thanks again,
Alannah Van Horn
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St. John's family and friends - Thank you for all of your prayer and financial support of our Workcamp 2017 Mission Trip Team! Our team includes: Tate and Lily Gavin, Derek and Dietrich Kosen, Christopher Short, Emma Findeisen, Mary West, Ashley and Austin Leister, Olivia Leister, Spencer Goodson, Genny Resch, Matt West, Jimmy Bean, Pastor Kristin and from Messiah Lutheran Church, Sarah Dubsy and Laurie Logue-Ruckman.

Pastor Kristin
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Dear St. John's Family, On behalf of our mother, Mittie Coppersmith, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of you for your cards, flowers, visits and well wishes following her hip surgery and rehabilitation. A special thanks to Pastor Kristin for her visits. At 91 years of age, she has totally amazed the doctors and caregivers with how quickly she is recovering. We are truly blessed to have such a caring church family! God Bless each and every one of you!

Mittie's New Address:

c/o Morning Breeze Assisted Living
2455 Baltimore Blvd Apt. #4
Finksburg MD 21048

With gratitude,
Mittie's Children—
Carole, David and Joan
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Next Summer 2018

Attention All 8th-12th Grade Youth

“This Changes Everything”

The ELCA National Youth Gathering

June 27-July 1, 2018

Houston, TX

Watch your inbox and the announcements for more information! **You won't want to miss this amazing experience of God's grace and love with 30,000 other Lutheran youth from around the country and the world!**

God's love and grace does change everything!

(Registration begins in September)

#ELCAYG2018

FOR IT IS BY **GRACE** YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED. THROUGH FAITH—
AND THIS IS NOT FROM YOURSELVES. IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD. —EPHESIANS 2:8



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



2017 STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL



JULY 2017 WORSHIP LEADER CALENDAR

DATE	SERVICE	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR	GREETERS	USHERS/ OFFERING (9:30)	COUNT TEAM
07/02	8:00 a.m.	Carl Rebert	Carl Rebert	Helen Harris	The Brian Leister Family	Jean Seitz Ken Seitz Joan Phillips
	9:30 a.m.	Pat Heath	Pat Heath	Jean Seitz & Joan Phillips		
07/09	8:00 a.m.	Dennis Kniss	Dennis Kniss	Carol Lynn & Ken Siegman	Lori & John Bucacink	Sarah LeDuc Paul LeDuc Dave Bollinger
	9:30 a.m.	Julia Wolfe	Julia Wolfe	The Findeisen Family		
07/16	8:00 a.m.	Dennis Kniss	Dennis Kniss	Nancy & Tom Tracey	The Gavin Family	Pat Heath Donald Heath Genny Resch
	9:30 a.m.	John Bucacink	John Bucacink	Genny Resch		
07/23	8:00 a.m.	Jack Joiner	Jack Joiner	Lois & Phil Short	Lori & John Bucacink	Maggie Langdon Muriel Sabo Carl Rebert
	9:30 a.m.	John Bucacink	John Bucacink	Barbara & Richard Smith		
07/30	8:00 a.m.	Jimmy Bean	Jimmy Bean	Sue Shaffer	The Brian Leister Family	Donna Yeager Bryan Yeager Teresa McCulloh
	9:30 a.m.	Donna Yeager	Donna Yeager	Barbara & Richard Smith		

For the month of July, the Altar Guild is Lois Bankert and Dale Miller (8:00 a.m.) and Nancy & Bill Squires (9:30 a.m.).

AUGUST 2017 WORSHIP LEADER CALENDAR

DATE	SERVICE	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR	GREETERS	USHERS/ OFFERING (9:30)	COUNT TEAM
08/06	8:00am	Tracey Sanford	Tracey Sanford	George Nelson	Jean Seitz & Joan Phillips	Gloria Kniss Dennis Kniss Darry Gross
	9:30am	Pat Heath	Pat Heath	Gloria & Dennis Kniss		
08/13	8:00am	Carl Rebert	Carl Rebert	Linda & Stewart Sterner	Barbara & Richard Smith	Stewart Sterner Drew Dean Audrey Byrd
	9:30am	Julia Wolfe	Julia Wolfe	The Konsen Family		
08/20	8:00am	Jack Joiner	Jack Joiner	Audrey Byrd	The Findeisen Family	Dale Miller Deb Schaefer Michael Schaefer
	9:30am	John Bucacink	John Bucacink	The Brian Leister Family		
08/27	8:00am	Dennis Kniss	Dennis Kniss	Bonnie Wilson	Lori & John Bucacink	Sara LeDuc Paul LeDuc Dave Bollinger
	9:30am	Doris Zepp	Doris Zepp	Sarah & Paul LeDuc		

For the month of August, the Altar Guild is Lois Bankert and Dale Miller (8:00 a.m.) and Lynne Scherbarth and Dale Miller (9:30 a.m.).

JULY

Sun

Mon

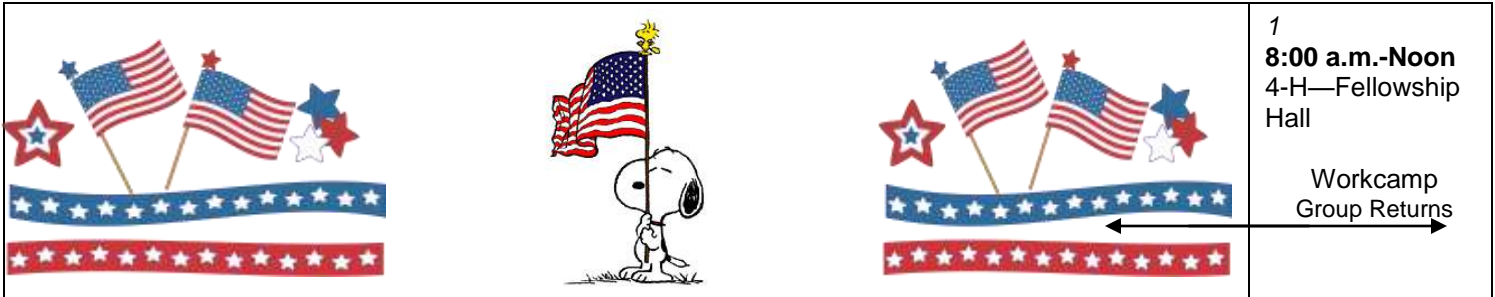
Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



<p>2 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship <i>Altar Flowers: Jean Seitz</i></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Independence Day Office Closed</p>	<p>5 6:30 p.m. Sunshine Circle</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 10:30 a.m. Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>1 8:00 a.m.-Noon 4-H—Fellowship Hall</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Workcamp Group Returns</p>																																																								
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6 8:00am Worship 9:30am Outdoor Worship Altar Flowers: Larry Schlude	7	8	9 6:30pm Sunshine Circle Annual Family Picnic	10 10:00 a.m. Sew/Roll Day	11 Scherbarth Wedding Rehearsal	12 3:30 p.m. Scherbarth Wedding
13 8:00am Worship 9:30am Outdoor Worship Altar Flowers: Wanda Little	14 September Newsletter Input Due	15	16	17 6:00 p.m. Church Council Picnic	18 6:30 p.m. Christian Singles	19 All Day Scrapbooking, Fellowship Hall
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	Garrett Barber	08/02	Carolyn Leister	08/15	Kim Griffin	08/25
	Nicholas Over, Jr.	08/02	Carol Lettrich	08/15	Patricia Lipscomb, Sr.	08/25
	Bethany Scherbarth	08/03	David Short	08/15	Megan Powell	08/25
	Stacey Huber	08/04	Dorothy Bean	08/16	Jacqueline Sorrells	08/25
	Darren Minor	08/04	Amy Lacock	08/16	Carrroll Reed	08/26
	Donna Yeager	08/06	Michael Cox	08/18	Heather Weisse	08/26
	Bryant Gillman	08/07	Danielle Peregoy	08/20	Anna Rae Siegman	08/27
	Kirstyn Konsen	08/07	Audrey Byrd	08/21	Jeffery Eyler	08/28
	Joshua McCulloh	08/08	Annie Dell	08/21	Morgan Monroe	08/28
	James Bean, Jr.	08/09	Grant Dell	08/21	Melanie Ogg	08/28
	Keith Reed	08/09	Spencer Goodson	08/21	Michele Over	08/30
	Verity Tompkins	08/09	Jessica Schindler	08/23	April Powell	08/30
	Gloria Yingling	08/09	Jackie Tasker	08/22	Linda Sterner	08/30
	Trent Barber	08/11	Joseph McCulloh	08/24		



STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING ENVELOPES 101

Many types of contributions are needed by our church to go forward with our mission. We depend on many volunteers who donate countless hours of their time and expertise. We depend on the continued prayers of our congregation and community. We must also depend on monetary contributions to continue our ministry. Again, there are several options of where your money can be given. The following are the options that you have on the church envelopes on a weekly basis:

Current Fund - This is the fund that is used to pay all current expenses such as salaries, building operating expenses, office expenses and expenses to fund our committees and missions such as Christian Education.

Benevolence - This is the money that goes directly to the Delaware Maryland Synod. This money is used for the synod's operating expenses, their outreach programs and contributions to the larger church.

Improvement Fund – This is the fund that is used to pay for major improvements to our building and property.

Thankoffering Fund – This fund is used to help fund any current fund deficits on an annual basis and for other missions of the church that the Finance Committee and Church Council approve.

ELECTRONIC GIVING IS EASY!

Using electronic giving for weekly or on-time offerings is convenient for congregation members and helps the church with a consistent cash flow. We encourage members to consider this service. If you are interested you can do any of the following:

Fill out an Authorization Form (found outside the church office) and send it to the church office.

Go to the church website

(www.stjohnswestminster.org) and click the green "Online Giving" button to set up an automatic donation plan, change your plan or view your online history giving.

If you want to speak with someone personally contact the church office and they will put you in contact with someone who can answer your questions.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Keeping You Current

JANUARY - MAY 2017

Total Income	\$ 71,542.91
Total Expense	\$ 94,067.70
Net Income (Deficit)	\$(22,524.79)
Improvement Fund Income	\$ 2,489.50
Improvement Fund Expenses	\$ 3,140.75
Benevolence Income	\$ 6,078.00
Thankoffering Income	\$ 1,466.00



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Tuesday - Friday, 9:00-3:00



Summer Worship Schedule — June 12 — September 4

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Chapel in the Woods

Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion

Please contact the church office....

- ... if you move to a new address or your telephone number or email address changes.
- ... if you or a member of your family is admitted to the hospital so the pastor may schedule a hospital visit.
- ... when a member of your family leaves home for college.
- ... when your committee or group plans a meeting or an activity—the date needs to be cleared and the church calendar noted.

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