

ST. JOHN'S EPISTLE

July/August 2019

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A Message from Pastor Kristin

“For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.” ELW 879



July At-A-Glance

July 3 - 6:30 pm
Sunshine Circle

July 4
Happy Independence Day!

July 6 - All Day
Scrapbooking

July 24 - 9:00am - noon
Tie & Knot Day

Summer can fly by if we let it. Take time this summer to sit or walk or run and enjoy the beauty of the earth as this hymn writer does. Take time to enjoy the colors, the smells, the tastes, the beauty of creation all around us. For God deserves our thanks and praise for the beauty that surrounds us. May we slow down and take time to enjoy it.

Join us on August 24 at the Peach Festival where we truly enjoy a few of the tasty treats of summer as well as good food and fellowship.

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God's Peace,

Pastor Kristin Dubsy

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August At-A-Glance


August 3 - All Day
Scrapbooking

August 7 - 6:30 pm
Sunshine Circle

August 24 - 3:30-8:00 pm
Peach Festival



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE CHURCH



The Christian Singles Group will meet on Friday, July 19 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for their annual Patriotic Night. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Bring a friend and a dish for the picnic. .

Christian Singles will meet on Friday August 16 at 5:00 pm for a covered dish dinner and program. Please bring a covered dish and a friend.

All adult Singles are invited for evenings of Christian fellowship. For more information call Nancy Dean 410-848-2140.



The **Soup Kitchen Committee** would like to say **THANKS** to all who have answered the call for plastic containers. They have reached their limit and ask that everyone hold off on bringing any more containers, for now. In a few months when their supply dwindles (and their space increases) they will once again call out to everyone. We appreciate one and all!

Our next Soup Kitchen will be on July 12 at 10:30 am In August, our date will be the 23rd. If you would help us either morning or would like to make or donate a dessert for this please contact Lisa Gavin 410-857-1499 or Jackie Leister 410-259-5535. Your support is much appreciated as we serve our community.



All Day Scrapbooking



Join us on Saturday, July 6 and again on August 3 for fun days of scrapbooking.

Please contact Kristy Lea Dean at buyabasket@kristydean.com or Genny Resch at gresch@mghus.com for more information.

The Evangelism Committee continues to collect used eyeglasses. Please put them in the bin in the Caring Corner.



THANK YOU!

Strawberry Festival

THANKS TO THOSE WHO:

--came and supported the Festival by purchasing food, ice cream and drinks--helped clean the pavilion and the grounds

--baked turkeys, donated and chopped celery and eggs

--helped prepare for the Festival on Friday

--made the turkey salad and made the turkey salad sandwiches

--picked up the strawberries, ice cream and soda

--capped and sliced the strawberries

--baked items for the Bake Table

--helped in the Pavilion during the Festival

--prepared and served food in the Kitchen and Fellowship Hall

-- provided games for the children

--parked cars

--served as chairpersons for the various areas of the Festival. St. John's is blessed by your willingness to share your time, talents and financial resources to make the Strawberry Festival a success!



"The Miracle of Christmas"

The Church Women United of Carroll County in conjunction with Rill's Bus Co are taking a trip to see "The Miracle of Christmas". It will be at the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA on Wednesday, December 4, 2019. The price is \$105.00 per person which includes the bus show & family style lunch at Hershey Farms Restaurant after the show. Children ages 4 - 12 are \$70.00 each. The tip for the bus driver is not included in these prices. The first pickup is at 8:15 am at the rear of Kohl's parking lot in Westminster and the 2nd pickup is at 8:45 at Lazarus UVV Church in Lineboro. For reservations please call Mary Jane Graf at 410-374-4478. Mail checks by November 1st to Mary Jane Graf, 5115 S. Church St, Lineboro, MD 21102 and make the checks payable to Church Women of Carroll Co. If you have any questions, please call Mary Jane at 410-374-4478 or Nancy Dean at 410-848-2140.



MEN OF THE CONGREGATION

All men of the church are cordially invited to attend and participate in all of the activities of the Men of the Congregation.

News from the Men of the Congregation

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Upcoming dates: (Please note that changes have been made since the June newsletter)

July: No meeting scheduled

August 24: Continental breakfast in the Church Fellowship Hall followed by final preparations for the Peach Festival.

August 24: Peach Festival!

September 14: Breakfast meeting at 8:00 am, at the Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren

All are welcome to attend!

Any changes in the schedule will be placed in the Sunday bulletin, the Epistle on Friday, or via direct email to those on the email list. For more specific information contact Dennis Kniss (717-359-7681) or email dennisrkniss@gmail.com; or John Bucacink (410-857-5339).

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.



The Brethren Home Community of the Cross Keys Village in New Oxford, PA has a group that collect used stamps. The group processes them and sells them to buy items needed for the residents of that facility. With the money they have received, they have purchased wheelchairs, ride on scales, recliner chairs, defibrillators, geriatric chairs and shampoo recliners, just to name a few.

You can help in this ministry by saving your used stamps. Simply cut the envelope in half to eliminate the address or cut around the stamp by 1/2 inch and bring it to the bin in the Caring Corner in Fellowship Hall marked Stamps. Thank you for helping the residents of this community. For questions contact Audrey Byrd at 4120-848-1995.



COUNCIL NOTES

2019 Council Members	2019 Committee Chairs	
<p>Dennis Kniss - President 717-359-7681 dennisrkniss@gmail.com</p> <p>Lori Bucacink - Vice President (410) 857-5339 lisj@comcast.net</p> <p>Carl Rebert - Treasurer 443-253-1573 cjrebert@comcast.net</p> <p>Carol Nevin - Secretary 410-876-2589 fburgman@aol.com</p> <p>Steve Findeisen 410-848-6069 stevefindeisen@verizon.net</p>	<p>Melanie Martindale 443-789-4592 mmartindale23@gmail.com</p> <p>Sharon Minor 443-789-3019 ssisminor@hotmail.com</p> <p>Matthew West 410-848-4414 camelotwest@comcast.net</p> <p>Mick Zechman 443-398-4299 mzechman@westgov.com</p> <p>Pastor Kristin Dubsy 410-299-4853 pastor@stjohnswestminster.org</p>	<p>CemeteryKen Seitz</p> <p>Christian Education & Youth.....Genny Resch</p> <p>Evangelism..... Audrey Byrd</p> <p>Fellowship.....Karen Siegman</p> <p>Stewardship.....Carl Rebert</p> <p>Property..... Open</p> <p>Worship & Music.....Dennis Kniss</p> <p>Christian Outreach.....Roxanne Malbrough</p> <p>Finance.....Janet Gross John Bucacink</p>

Notes from the Council

Notes from the June 4th Council Meeting:

- 1) Council approved the finance committee's plans to interview investment brokers to hire for excess cash investment suggestions.
- 2) The sound system committee is obtaining a second quote for the sanctuary sound system.

Thank you,
Carol Nevin

Continue to Use Our Recycle Bin!



We continue to do well with our recycling effort! Please continue to recycle the natural gifts that have been given to us as we use God's earth and its resources. Encourage family and friends to recycle and save the environment, also. We can all be good stewards and manage God's great gifts! Think Green! *Reminder: Paper and cardboard only — no plastic (except shredded paper in plastic bags).*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ST. JOHN'S!

The Delaware-Maryland Synod

of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

gratefully acknowledges

*St. John Lutheran Church
Westminster, Maryland*

for its 175 years of ministry and mission
in the name of Jesus Christ

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I have
commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
Matthew 28:19-20*


The Rev. William J. Gohl, Jr., Bishop
May 31, 2019

Spoke Folk Coming to Taneytown. Spoke Folk, a 12-day Christian biking music ministry tour group, will perform a concert at 7:00pm on Tuesday, July 9 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran, 38 W Baltimore St, Taneytown, as a part of a seven concert tour in Maryland. The group of teens and adults will present an interactive, contemporary music program for all ages that includes music, puppets and drama. The evening of music and fellowship is open to the public. Admission is free; a free will offering will be taken.

Spoke Folk is a mission trip that trains high school and college students to be missionaries in their daily lives. The members of this Spoke Folk team represent many states around the country. During their 12-day tour, they will bike from their training site to seven host churches in different communities. After biking approximately 40 miles to their next host church, they share their musical program each evening.

For more information, visit spokefolk.org or contact Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church at office@trinitytaneytown.org or 410.756.6626.

SPOKE  FOLK

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ST. JOHN'S!



Apologies for the distorted type in these documents. If you want to read the actual document, please feel free to stop by the office.

Pastoral Acts:

Baptism

Savannah Lee Blanchette

Funeral

Lavena "Beaner" Basler

ST. JOHN'S MISSIONARY'S WORK

Friends of St. Johns,

I am excited to announce that I will be returning to El Salvador this fall to continue mission work with the communities there. I have been praying for an opportunity to return to El Salvador since my last trip two years ago and God has answered my prayers. I'm planning on leaving shortly after Labor Day and staying through the first couple of weeks in November.

The ministry organization I will be serving with, Christ for the City International (CFCI), recognizes the growing poverty in mega-cities, such as San Salvador, El Salvador, where the poor often live within deplorable means. Their goal, through multiple types of ministries, is to combat this epidemic by providing help, hope, and uniting in the love of our Lord Jesus. Through sponsors, typically American Christians like us, this ministry has been able to expand their outreach to the desolated, rural communities outside of the city. These communities all throughout the country are ravaged by rival gangs that often control supplies, money, and the humans themselves. Recruiting begins at young ages, meaning that breaking the cycle of violence with the children is crucial to changing the trajectory of these individuals' lives.

The last time I served, I was able to help my friends, the local missionaries, teach free English classes in two locations. These classes helped to keep the kids off the streets and out of the gangs, as well as allow all students more options for employment in the future. Speaking fluent English offers well-paying jobs in El Salvador, as well as more options if they choose to leave the country and move abroad. I will be helping with these community classes, including at a new location to where they've expanded since I left. I hope to also have the chance to aid in the small entrepreneurships in the rural communities. Starting viable businesses in areas with little resources helps to improve the quality of life and breathe new hope into these villages.

As I move forward and prepare for this trip, I would appreciate your help. Please keep me in your prayers and if you feel the Lord calling you to support me financially, I will be doing several fundraisers throughout this summer to help offset the \$3,500 I need for my housing, food, transportation, and airfare. Thank you all for your support and love!

Please contact me at:

1. (443) 547-4429
2. sbucacink@gmail.com
3. <https://www.facebook.com/sara.bucacink>

if you have questions or want to talk about this opportunity. If you would like to learn more about CFCI you can visit their website at: <https://cfc.org>.

Thank you for your prayers and support.
In God's Glory,
Sara Bucacink

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL PEACH FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 25, 2018

3:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Rain or Shine!



MUSIC BY

NEVER TOO LATE BAND - 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

ALESIA BAND - 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Games for children! Good food! Music! Fellowship!



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

Volunteers are needed for the Peach Festival. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be passed around prior to the Worship Services on July 28 and August 4. There will be additional sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall.

Cakes, cookies, breads, candy and fruit pies are needed for the Bake Table. According to Carroll County Health Department regulations, all baked goods must include a list of ingredients and the name of the person who made the item.

Help is needed to clean the Pavilion on Tuesday, August 21, at 6:30 pm. The rain date for the cleanup is Thursday, August 23, at 6:30 pm.

The profit from this Festival will be given to the Pavilion Improvement Fund.

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



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE CHURCH



SARON

Thank you to all members of St. John's who have supported the Sunshine Circle Adopt-A-Child Saron a girl from Ethiopia. She wrote a letter to us:

Dear my Sponsor friends. How are you? Me and my family are fine. Thank you, I have received your letter. I am happy and understood your message which always encourage me at my education as were. I am attending my education as well. I assist my family by fetching water. Thank you for sponsoring me.

We ask for your continue support and prayers as we help this young girl on her life's journey. We do make a difference. God Bless members of the Sunshine Circle!



Evangelism Committee

The Evangelism Committee will meet September 8 following the 10:30 am Worship Service. We will have a brief meeting and do goody bags for our shut-ins. Please bring ideas on how we can improve our committee. ALL are welcome. Please call Audrey Byrd for more information 410-848-1995. Remember we continue to collect used eyeglasses. Please place in container in the Caring Corner in Fellowship Hall.

SPOTLIGHT ON SUNSHINE CIRCLE



The Sunshine Circle will meet on Wednesday, July 3 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Nancy Tracey will lead devotions, Audrey Byrd will lead the program and Gloria Kniss will be the hostess. The special offering is laundry detergent. All ladies of the church are invited.

On August 7, the Sunshine Circle will hold their annual picnic at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. It is a covered dish winner with meat and drinks provided. All ladies, spouses and friends are invited. For more information, call Audrey Byrd at 410-848-1995.



SPOTLIGHT ON MOTHER DAUGHTER BANQUET



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE CHURCH

THE MATERIAL PILES UP !!!

Thanks to everyone I have piles of material. The pictures show my spare bedroom where I keep the supplies for our Knot and Tie Days. Now I need help getting some of that material out of my spare room (Dennis' family is coming for Christmas – 30 people). The next Knot and Tie Day is scheduled for Wednesday – July 24 - 9:00 am till noon. We can certainly use your help. No experience necessary!

Oh, by the way. My grandkids were playing hide and seek at my house. One got lost in the spare room with all the material. CAN YOU FIND HIM?



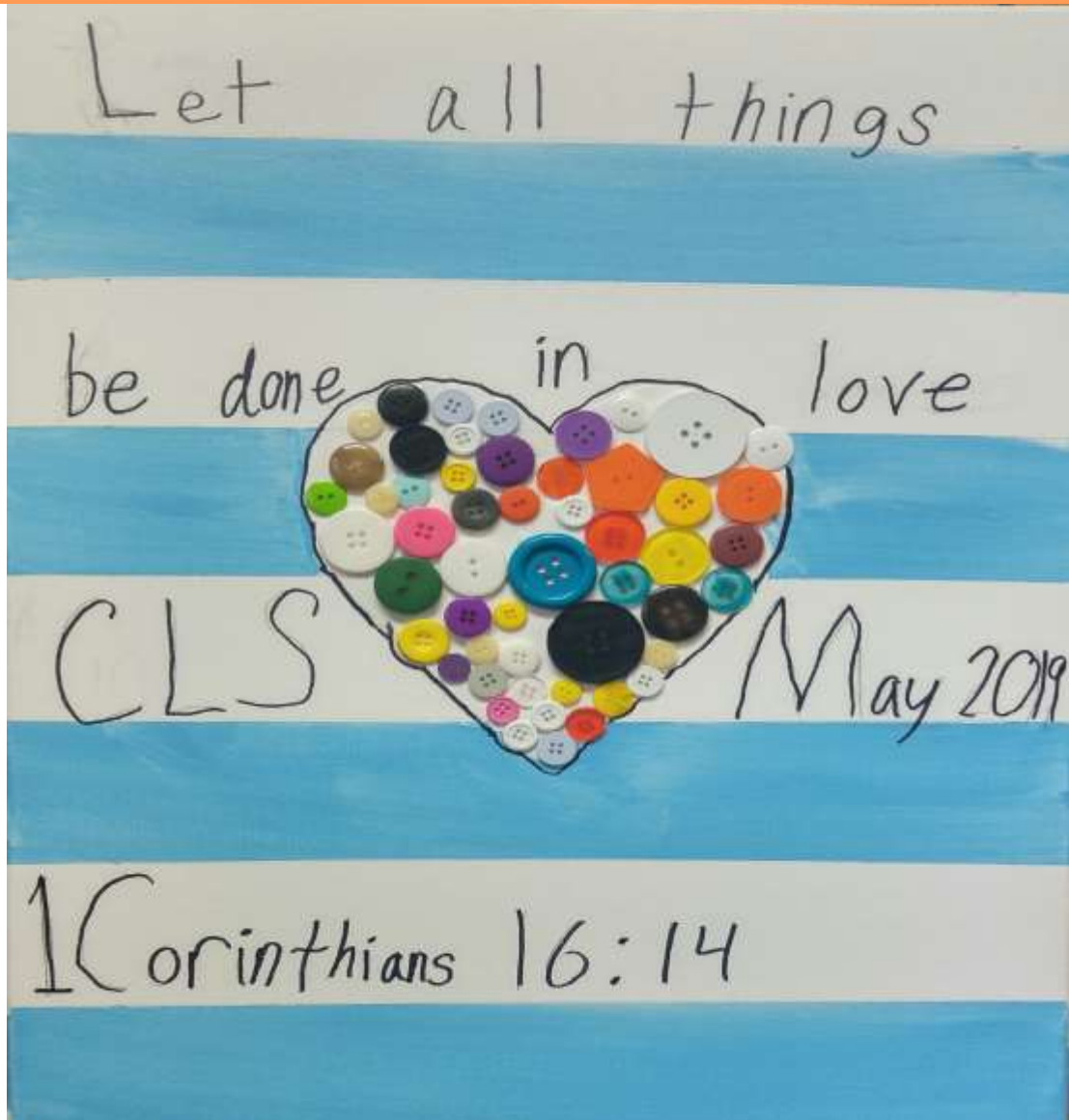
IT'S ALMOST PEACH FESTIVAL TIME

August 24 is the date for the Peach Festival. **Many volunteers are needed for the Festival.** Clipboards with a list of volunteer jobs will be passed around prior to the Worship Services on July 28 and August 4. Volunteer sign-up sheets will also be located in the Fellowship Hall. The profit from the Peach Festival will be given to The Pavilion Improvement Fund. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

The Festivals Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 27 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall to evaluate the Peach Festival. Come join us!



LOOK WHAT WE RECEIVED IN MAY



Dear Friends in Faith,

We hope you are enjoying this beautiful weather! The 4th grade students at CLS are extremely busy preparing for the end of the year. We have been busy making Gospel bracelets and giving them out to friends, neighbors, teammates, and family members. When we give the bracelets, we also share the Gospel message. In addition, we made Mother's Day gifts for our mothers. We also made one for you so you know that we think about you and pray for you and your church. Currently, the students are preparing for their Spring Concert which will be held on May 22nd. Our students will be singing as well as playing various instruments at the concert. As if that isn't enough activity, we are anxiously awaiting field day which takes place on May 31st. We are looking forward to the many games and races that we will participate in. We will be concluding our 4th grade year with a daylong retreat for the entire school. This will be a fun way to help us grow and praise our Lord Jesus.

We hope you enjoy the painting! Please continue to life us up in prayer. We will be doing the same for you!

In Christ,

The 4th Grade Students at Carroll Lutheran School

THANK YOU!

Dear St. John Lutheran Church, Thank you for your gift of \$755.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response, With your Spirit-filled generosity you bring help and hope to families and communities reeling from disasters here in the United States and around the world. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response make possible short and long-term recovery and rebuilding of lives and livelihoods. Thank you for sharing the gifts God has activated in you!

In Christ,
The Rev. Robin Brown
Mission Funding Director, Congregations

Dear Pastor Kristin and members of St. John's,
We hope this letter finds you well! Thank you so much for your \$371.00 donation from your Lenten offering! We appreciate your support! Generous donations like yours enable HTF to continue to support the emotional and physical needs of the children and young adults in Haiti. After assuring the basic human needs of shelter and clean water are met, we strive to turn our focus toward education, child welfare and developing opportunities that will provide long-term jobs and economic stability for Haiti. You can be assured that our efforts will be thoughtful and strategically wise as we empower Haitians toward creating their own alternative future of hope and sustainability with dignity. If you don't already, follow us on Facebook at "The Haitian Timoun Foundation" to see what we are up to and the impact of your donations in Haiti!

Avek rekonesans (with gratitude),
Erin Murphy
Executive Director

Dear Friends: Thank you for making it possible for Fisher House to honor and serve our nation's heroes - we simply could not continue our mission of supporting military and veterans' families without your generosity. We appreciate your gift of \$222.00 to Fisher House Foundation. When Christine Cooley got the call that her son, Marine Corps Sgt. Joshua Cooley, was severely injured in an IED blast, she rushed to be by his side. Christine stayed at the Fisher Houses in Bethesda for years while Joshua received medical treatment. Their journey has been a long one, but Fisher House remains by their side. Thanks to your generosity, Fisher House is there to provide "a home away from home," where families are supported in their time of need. To read more stories of families who found refuge at Fisher House free of charge, please visit www.fisherhouse.org. We are grateful that you have joined us in our mission of serving those who have so bravely served us.

Sincerely,
David A. Coker
President

Dear Pastor Dubsy, Thank you so much for your generous \$297.00 tax deductible contribution in support of Habitat for Humanity of Carroll County. Your support allows us to continue to expand our mission and serve additional families. We are excited about our growing organization and making a difference in the lives of families living in substandard housing. We are well underway with our current build located at 166 S Court Street in Westminster. We are excited about our plans to welcome in 2020. With our support we hope to provide more creative ways to help members of our community here in Carroll County. We wholeheartedly thank you for your support!

Sincerely,
Bryan Lyburn
Executive Director

*Thank
You!*

MORE NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Dear Friends, I want to thank everyone that sent cards and for all the prayers. Pastor Kristin, thank you for your visit and for administering ashes and communion.

God Bless everyone,
Barb Smith

Dear Pastor Dubsy, It takes skill and the caring hearts of our clinical team, social workers, chaplains, aids and volunteers to bring peace, comfort and quality-of-life to every patient Carroll Hospice is privileged to serve. As each person's journey with hospice is unique, your gift is providing the margin of excellence needed to personalize care and offer special programs for the bereaved. This is why your donation of \$384.00 is so greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Lori Webster
Director of Philanthropy

To St. John's Congregation, Thank you, everyone, for all the thoughts and prayers for me while I was recently recovering from surgery.

I am fortunate!
Carol Blubaugh

Dear Pastor Dubsy, Thank you for your generous gift of \$250.00 to Mosaic Community Services. Your gift will be designated to Mosaic's Core Fund to support Mosaic's greatest area of need. Mosaic, program of the Sheppard Pratt Health System, serves approximately 30,000 individuals in its community-based clinics, vocational, day and residential programs a cross four counties. Thank you so much for your support of these programs and the individuals we serve.

Sincerely,
Jeff Richardson
Executive Director

Dear Pastor Dubsy and Friends of St. John's Lutheran Church, On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and patients we service, Access Carroll, Inc. extends our deepest gratitude to your recent kind and generous donation of \$363.00 from your Lenten Offerings, We are so appreciative of your long-standing commitment to our mission and our community! Your support is critical to our ongoing operations to provide fully integrated primary care, dental care and behavioral health services for thousands of at-risk and needy Carroll County residents. As a community safety-net for those most in need, Access Carroll also provides thousands of care coordination and case management services, medication assistance and access to community resources. Again, thank you for making a difference in the health and wellness of our community! Your faithful support of Access Carroll and our mission to champion good health is deeply appreciated!

With gratitude,
Tammy Black
Executive Director & CEO

Thanks to all for the members of St. John's for the cards, visits and flowers I received in celebration of my 95th birthday.

I appreciate it,
S. LaRue Crowl

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Lydia Armacost	07/03	Dwayne Van Horn	07/22
Nicole Rimbach	07/05	Logan Minor	07/23
Kinsley Franck	07/06	Mathew Ogg	07/25
Samantha Resch	07/08	Jeremy Bloom	07/27
Grady Dell	07/09	Lisa Ogg	07/28
Colby Dull	07/09	Michael Grothe	07/30
Theo Amoss	07/11	Lucas Huber	07/30
Melaina Grothe	07/11	Laura Schaefer	07/30
Michael Dull	07/12	Lori Bucacink	07/31
Dennis Kniss	07/13		
Michael Schaefer	07/14		
Blythe Zechman	07/14		
Samuel LeDuc	07/15		
Beverly Dutterer	07/17		
Wanda Siegman	07/18		
Josie Dell	07/19		
Doris Zepp	07/20		
Thomas Holbrook	07/21		





AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

	Holly Grothe	08/01	Danielle Peregoy	08/20	
	Garrett Barber	08/02	Audrey Byrd	08/21	
	Nicholas Over, Jr.	08/02	Annie Dell	08/21	
	Bethany Scherbarth	08/03	Grant Dell	08/21	
	Stacey Huber	08/04	Spencer Goodson	08/21	
	Darren Minor	08/04	Sarah Miller	08/21	
	Donna Yeager	08/06	Jessica Schindler	08/23	
	Bryant Gillman	08/07	Jackie Tasker	08/22	
	Kirstyn Konsen	08/07	Joseph McCulloh	08/24	
	Joshua McCulloh	08/08	Charlotte Blubaugh	08/25	
	James Bean, Jr.	08/09	Kim Griffin	08/25	
	Keith Reed	08/09	Megan Powell	08/25	
	Verity Tompkins	08/09	Jacqueline Sorrells	08/25	
	Gloria Yingling	08/09	Carroll Reed	08/26	
	Trent Barber	08/11	Heather Weisse	08/26	
	Lawrence Schlude	08/12	Anna Rae Siegman	08/27	
	Carolyn Leister	08/15	Jeffery Eyler	08/28	
	Carol Lettrich	08/15	Morgan Monroe	08/28	
	David Short	08/15	Melanie Ogg	08/28	
	Dorothy Bean	08/16	Michele Over	08/30	
	Amy Lacock	08/16	April Powell	08/30	
	Brooklyn Wolfe	08/17	Linda Sterner	08/30	
	Michael Cox	08/18	Mary West	08/30	
	Jaxon LeDuc	08/19			

July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7:30 pm Church Council Mtg	3 6:30 pm Sunshine Circle 	4 	5	6 9:00 am - ? All Day Scrapbooking 
7 8:00 am Worship 9:30 am Worship at Chapel In The Woods Altar Flowers: Jean Seitz	8	9	10	11 OFFICE CLOSED	12 OFFICE CLOSED	13
14 8:00 am Worship 9:30 am Worship at Chapel In The Woods Altar Flowers: Deb Schaefer	15	16 OFFICE CLOSED	17	18	19 6:30 pm Christian Singles <i>Patriotic Night</i>	20 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Fellowship Hall In Use
21 8:00 am Worship 9:30 am Worship at Chapel In The Woods Altar Flowers: Shirley Coe	22 6:30 pm Coin Club	23	24 9:00 am - noon Tie & Knot Day 	25	26	27
28 8:00 am Worship 9:30 am Worship at Chapel In The Woods Altar Flowers: Carol Nevin	29	30	31 			

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9:00 am - ? All Day Scrapbooking 
4 8:00 am Worship 9:30 am Worship at Chapel In The Woods Altar Flowers: Audrey Byrd	5	6 7:30 pm Church Council Mtg	7 6:30 pm Sunshine Circle 	8	9	10
11 8:00 am Worship 9:30 am Worship at Chapel In The Woods Altar Flowers: Wanda Little	12 Deadline for submissions to September Newsletter	13	14	15	16 6:30 pm Christian Singles Picnic	17
18 8:00 am Worship 9:30 am Worship at Chapel In The Woods Altar Flowers: Dale Miller	19	20	21	22 3:00 pm Christian Outreach Mtg	23 9:00 am - 8:00 pm Set-Up for Peach Festival	24 3:30 pm - 8:00 pm Peach Festival 
25 8:00 am Worship 9:30 am Worship at Chapel In The Woods Altar Flowers: Phil Short	26 6:30 pm Coin Club	27 6:30 pm Festivals Committee Mtg	28 10:00 am Assembly of September Newsletter	29	30	31

July Worship Leaders

DATE	SERVICE	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS/ OFFERING (9:30)	GREETERS	COUNTING TEAM
7/07	8:00am	Tracey Sanford	Tracey Sanford	Lois Bankert Dale Miller	*****	Sue Shaffer	Tracey Sanford
	9:30am	Doris Zepp	Doris Zepp	Nancy and Bill Squires	The Brian Leister Family		Carl Rebert Genny Resch
7/14	8:00am	Dennis Kniss	Dennis Kniss	Lois Bankert Dale Miller	*****	Carol Nevin	Deb Schaefer
	9:30am	Andy Kleinschmidt	Andy Kleinschmidt	Nancy and Bill Squires	Joan Phillips Jean and Ken Seitz		Michael Schaefer Dale Miller
7/21	8:00am	Carl Rebert	Carl Rebert	Lois Bankert Dale Miller	*****	Christine and Pat Brehm	Joan Phillips Jean Seitz
	9:30am	John Bucacink	John Bucacink	Nancy and Bill Squires		Genny Resch Roxane Malbrough	Ken Seitz
7/28	8:00am	Tracey Sanford	Tracey Sanford	Lois Bankert Dale Miller	*****	Bonnie Wilson	Stewart Stern
	9:30am	Roseann Kleinschmidt	Roseann Kleinschmidt	Nancy and Bill Squires	Lori & John Bucacink	Barbara and Richard Smith	Drew Dean Steve Findeisen

August Worship Leaders

DATE	SERVICE	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS/ OFFERING (9:30)	GREETERS	COUNTING TEAM
8/04	8:00am	Dennis Kniss	Dennis Kniss	Lois Bankert Dale Miller	*****	Phyllis and Jim Menchey	Gloria Kniss
	9:30am	Doris Zepp	Doris Zepp	Lynne Scherbarth Dale Miller	David Ogg	Nancy Dean Stephanie Dean	Dennis Kniss Darry Gross
8/11	8:00am	Carl Rebert	Carl Rebert	Lois Bankert Dale Miller	*****	Carol Lynn and Ken Siegman	Donna Yeager
	9:30am	Donna Yeager	Donna Yeager	Lynne Scherbarth Dale Miller	Lori and John Bucacink	The Findeisen Family	Bryan Yeager
8/18	8:00am	Tracey Sanford	Tracey Sanford	Lois Bankert Dale Miller	*****	Nancy Boone	Maggie Langdon
	9:30am	Andy Kleinschmidt	Andy Kleinschmidt	Lynne Scherbarth Dale Miller	Barbara and Richard Smith		Mick Zechman
8/25	8:00am	Tracey Sanford	Tracey Sanford	Lois Bankert Dale Miller	*****	Stacy and Larry Huber	Tracey Sanford Carl Rebert
	9:30am	John Bucacink	John Bucacink	Lynne Scherbarth Dale Miller	The Leister family	Jean & Ken Seitz Joan Phillips	Dave Bollinger



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THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Keith Blizzard, Marshall Brown, Barry Drum, Michael & Lucia Gaffney, Katie & Brian Tentmaker.

Thank Offering Fund

Our Thank Offering Fund continues to be a significant resource for our congregation. On behalf of St. John's we are very happy and thankful for the congregation's response and offerings to this date. We all hope this fund can help our church mission go forward without many of the financial problems and needs that confront other congregations. Remember this fund will be used in the future to help balance a yearly budget or for other missions of the church that the Finance Committee and Church Council approve.

Below are several ways that a member can make a donation to the fund. This will be an ongoing fund to which a member can contribute at any time writing their request through church envelopes, E-giving or any of the other options suggested.

Ways that you can contribute to the ongoing spirit of Christ in our church!

Donation Cash or Check;
Appreciated Securities; Real Estate;
Bequests (Wills & Trusts); Life Insurance;
Qualified Retirement Plans.

Electronic Giving is Easy!

As a way to automate your weekly or one-time offerings, Electronic Giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Electronic Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. This can be done in one of two ways: 1) Fill out an Authorization Form (found outside the church office) and send it to the church office, or 2) Go to the church website (www.stjohnswestminster.org) and click the green "Online Giving" button at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.



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THRIVENT MEMBERS: Update On Action Teams and Direct Choice Dollars

Congratulations! Eligible Thrivent members utilized \$5,250 last year for church related activities and mission projects. There were 21 action team projects in all! Thank you for taking the time to apply and utilize Action Team money. If you did not apply for your Action Team money, the money was put back into Thrivent's account.

January 1 began a new year for Action Team funds! Hopefully, this year we can use even more of the allotted Thrivent Action Team Money for projects. If you are a Thrivent Insurance holder, you may be eligible for Action Team Money. I have a list of projects that you can pick from if you are not sure of where to put your Action Team Money. Talk with me or call me if you need ideas and are willing to use the Action Team Money (\$250.00). I can assist you in the paper work and ideas for the money.

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Thank you!

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Worship Schedule

June 9 - September 1, 2019

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Worship at The Chapel In The Woods

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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