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A Message from Pastor Kristin

Easter without Holy Week?

Holy Week is a dramatic week of worship, reflection, prayer and hearing the story of Jesus' betrayal, trial, and crucifixion. Our worship services that week are different. They peak our interest and engage our senses. They are reflective and keep us thinking.

What is Palm/Passion Sunday? It is a Sunday where we begin our service in the fellowship hall (if you wish) and we process outside to the sanctuary. We wave palm branches and **remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem**, but we also look ahead to the week – the suffering, the pain, and the death of Jesus.

Not sure what Maundy (Holy) Thursday is? Join us on Thursday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m. for worship which includes confession, readings, a meal of soup, bread, cheese and fruit gathered together as a community in the fellowship hall. We also share the meal Jesus instituted on that night long ago around those tables. We close our service upstairs as we watch as the altar is stripped. A reminder of Jesus being stripped of his clothes and his power at the cross. We leave the service in silence to reflect.

And what's "Good" about Good Friday? Join us on Friday, March 30 at 7:15 p.m. as we gather **together and hear and sing about Jesus' seven last words from the cross**. It is a service of readings, prayer and music.

And then we wait...

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Lent, Holy Week & Easter

Join Us Wednesdays
During Lent

March 7, 14 and 21

6:30 p.m.: Soup and Sandwich Supper

7:15 p.m.: Holden Evening Prayer and "Conversations with the Savior".

March 25 — Palm Sunday

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

Festive worship with Palms

9:15 Education Hour

March 29 —

Maundy Thursday

6:30 p.m. Worship with dinner, Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar

March 30—Good Friday

7:15 p.m. Worship—The Seven Last Words of Christ in Word and Music

March 31—Children's Easter Program—10:00 a.m.—Noon

— Please see Page 2 for details

April 1—Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship Service in the Chapel in the Woods

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Festive Easter Worship

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

7:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

Breakfast served (Free will offering will be collected for St. John's Youth Houston Trip)

Annual Congregation Meeting – Sunday, March 18 immediately following the late service. All members are encouraged to attend the meeting.



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THE SEASON OF LENT

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

6:30 p.m. Soup & Sandwich Supper

7:15 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer and

Please join us on Wednesday evenings for dinner at 6:30p.m., followed by worship at 7:15 p.m. with “Holden Evening Prayer” which will include a conversation with Jesus each week—“Conversations with the Savior”

March 7—“I am the gate”

*Vegetable soup with turkey sandwiches
provided by the Adult Choir*

March 14—“I am The Good Shepherd”

Potato soup provided by the Konsen Family and Friends

March 21—“I am the Resurrection and the Life”

Chili with grilled cheese sandwiches provided by the Adult Bible class

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday — March 29—6:30 p.m.

Worship with dinner, Holy Communion and the Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday — March 30—7:15 p.m.

The Seven Last Words of Christ in Word and Music

Children’s Easter Program

Children’s Event — Saturday, March 31

Children’s Easter Program, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

See Page 5 for details.

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday — April 1

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service in the Chapel in the Woods

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Festive Easter Worship

No Sunday School Classes

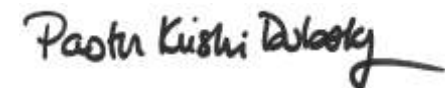
Easter Breakfast served between 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

(Free-will offering will be collected for our youth headed to Houston for the ELCA National Youth Gathering.)

And celebrate with lots of “Alleluias” on Easter morning! Join us outside in the Chapel in the Woods at 6:30 a.m.! Or inside for worship at 8 and 10:30 a.m. as we celebrate the good news that Jesus is risen for you, for me and for the whole world! “Alleuia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!”

It’s hard for me to celebrate Easter without walking through the whole week. Join us, as you can, for the services of Holy Week and remember the walk that Jesus took, one of pain and suffering for each and every one of us and the whole world. And shout loudly with me “Alleuia!” on Easter morning!

God’s Peace –



Pastor Kristin Dubskey

2018 Lenten & Easter Special Offerings

THE SEASON OF LENT

March 7 (Wednesday Lenten Service): Haitian Timoun Foundation– We are a very high impact, clearly focused, grassroots movement that has been bringing hope, sustainability, and dignity to the children and people of Haiti for more than 10 years. We believe in education, economic development, community engagement, and local leadership.

March 14 (Wednesday Lenten Service): Mosaic, Inc. – Helps those who are suffering from mental illness.

March 21 (Wednesday Lenten Service): Fisher House – A network of comfort homes where military and veterans' families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment. These homes are located at major military and VA medical centers nationwide.

March 29 (Maundy Thursday): Carroll Hospice – Helps families who have members who are terminally ill, providing medical care and spiritual care, another outreach program of Carroll Hospital Center.

March 30 (Good Friday): Tender Care Pregnancy Center – A faith-based, non-profit organization dedicated to helping women with pregnancy related concerns. Provides pregnancy testing and verifications, limited to first and second trimester ultrasounds, counseling, community referrals, parenting classes, and material assistance to anyone in need.

April 1 (Easter): 25% ELCA World Disaster Relief, 25% Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, 50% St. John’s Lutheran Church

ELCA World Disaster Relief– Helps provide clothing and housing for God’s people throughout the world.

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service – Works diligently with government and service partners to care for Central American children and families fleeing to the US for refuge. LIRS is playing a national advocacy role as well as a service role during this current emergency. LIRS provides service to unaccompanied migrant children, which upholds their best interests and recognizes their vulnerabilities to exploitation and abuse.

HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH

March: Christian Singles will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Friday, March 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, beginning with a covered dish dinner. Wear green and bring a covered dish and your favorite St. Patrick's Day story, poem or joke to share. All Adult Singles are invited for an evening of good food, fun and Christian fellowship.

April: Christian Singles Group will go out for breakfast for the April Meeting. For more information, contact Nancy Dean at 410-848-2140.



★ Sunshine Circle.

★ The March meeting of the Sunshine Circle will be held on March 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pat Heath is in charge of Devotions, we will be making ★ **St. Patrick's Day Favors under the direction of Carol Blubaugh, and Mia Hoyer is** ★ the hostess. Special offering is toothpaste. All ladies of the church are invited.

★ The April meeting of the Sunshine Circle will be held on April 4, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. ★ in the Fellowship Hall. Sarah LeDuc will deliver the devotions, Dolly Long will ★ present the program, and Lois Short will be the hostess. Special offering is ★ deodorant. All ladies of the church are invited. For questions, call Audrey Byrd at ★ 410-848-1995.



All ladies of the church mark your calendars now for

St. John's Annual

Mother and Daughter Banquet
May 8, 2018
in the Fellowship Hall.

Please watch bulletins and newsletters for more information.

Mark your calendars now for the annual **SPRING BLOOD DRIVE SET FOR APRIL 7, 2018 FROM 7:30AM UNTIL 12 NOON** in the Fellowship Hall here at St. John's. Watch upcoming bulletins for information.



HELP GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE.

The Shepherd's Staff Newsletter Team will meet to assemble the newsletter on Monday, March 5 from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and Tuesday, March 6 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. All are welcome to come work, enjoy good fellowship, share a **meal and help to spread the news about The Shepherd's Staff** and their ministry. For more information contact Linda Sterner by calling 410-596-3921 or emailing sternerlm@outlook.com.



The Soup Kitchen Committee will meet April 13, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

Pastoral Acts:

Funeral

Zadie Smith Brehm
February 24, 2018

HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH

Children's Easter Program — Saturday, March 31, 10:00 a.m. until noon.

Activities: Easter crafts, story time, dyeing eggs and an Easter egg hunt, so bring your baskets! Lunch will be provided. Children through age 11 are welcome to attend. Older kids, teens and adults are encouraged volunteer.

The entire family is welcome to attend! Registration is required! Register at <http://www.stjohnswestminster.org/>. If you are unable to register online, or if you are interested in volunteering, contact Genny Resch at 443-789-3913 or email Genny at gresch@mghus.com.

Be sure to arrive by 10:00 - the egg hunts are divided by age groups and are tightly scheduled. There is no cost to attend this event, but you will be asked to donate a food item for lunch.

Free will donations are most helpful and welcome. If you wish to donate hard boiled eggs for dyeing or wrapped candy for stuffing eggs, there will be a signup sheet on the bulletin boards in the Fellowship Hall and Narthex.



This year St John's Lutheran Church's Vacation Bible School is going to be a

"Marvelous Miracles Carnival"

July 9—13, 2018

9:00am—12:00 pm

Children will learn about Miracles like Jesus feeding 5,000 followers, Walking on water and many more. Songs, crafts, Carnival activities and food will make this week amazing for children ages 3 years through 5th grade.

Everyone is invited to come join us for a

Closing Program

Friday night July 13, 2018 at 6:00pm

See what fun the children had during the week.

Tour our Craft Tent

Walk the Midway for snacks

Meet the week's visitors and let the children tell us in song what they learned in the sanctuary.

SPRING YARD AND RUMMAGE SALE IS JUST WEEKS AWAY!

As we look at the calendar, we see that spring is just around the corner. That means that it is time for the **ANNUAL SPRING YARD and RUMMAGE SALE!** This year's sale will be held on Friday, MAY 4 and Saturday, MAY 5. This is an excellent time to help rid yourself of unwanted items, clean out the closet, and assist various charities at the same time.

Collecting Time Chart (In the Fellowship Hall)

Monday, April 30, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 1, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to facilitate final set up.

Drop-offs early in the week are encouraged for set-up purposes.

If the times listed are not convenient for you, or you have need to have items picked up, please call Dennis or Gloria Kniss, 443-605-4963 (cell), 717-359-7681 (home), or 717-644-8803 (cell) to leave a message.

Also, if you need items picked up in advance due to storage problems, give us a call and we can help. We can store your donated items now!

Food and Bake Sale

Baked goods for Saturday's Bake Sale are greatly appreciated!

Lunch will be served Friday and Saturday at 11 AM.

Pre-orders for Turkey Salad Sandwiches and Turkey Corn Soup are also being taken.

Volunteers!

We welcome any volunteers for set up, assisting during the sale, and clean up following the sale. Come out and offer a hand for any length of time. More hands make the task easier for all.

Remember that monies raised from this sale will go toward various charities. *Thrivent Financial* also provides monetary assistance from their Action Team projects fund.

PRE-ORDER FORM FOR FOOD

	Quantity	Price
TURKEY SALAD SANDWICHES	\$2.50 _____	_____
TURKEY CORN SOUP (Quart)	\$5.50 _____	_____
TOTAL	_____	

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE _____

Give orders to Karen Siegman, Gloria/Dennis Kniss or call us with your order. Orders to be picked up on Saturday anytime after 11 AM.

HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The Evangelism Committee succeeded, along with St. John's Congregation, on the Super Bowl sub sale, under the leadership of Lisa and David Ogg, Bonnie Kosen and Loretta Basler. The committee called everyone in the current church directory for updating names, addresses and new phone numbers. We then took sub orders. We had 29 helpers come to

make Subs! The profit was \$1163.06, meaning that The Jacob Armacost Foundation and the Houston youth trip each receive \$581.53. Thanks for your volunteerism and generosity. Working together reaps value!

Audrey Byrd planned for the love bags for our shut ins and Jean Seitz helped the committee organize for the deliveries of signed cards. Sweet-smelling stuffed bears, fudge and home baked cookies were a few of the items in the bags. The Committee then delivered the surprises with prayers and smiles and some happy time.

You did it again church family! We met our eyeglass collection goal with 112 pairs. Since the beginning, we have collected 2037 pairs. Amazing!

If you or someone you know graduates this year, please notify the church office manager so we can plan for a worship service and fellowship to follow. The time will be here quickly!

Please notify us if you want to read about a member who has reached 75 years of age or older! Look around the congregation for help. Peace be with you all!

Loretta

The Christian Outreach Committee will hold a collection drive for NESAP starting March 4th and ending March 25th. The items in need are:

Paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo, cleaning products (Mr. Clean, Lysol, etc), liquid dish detergent, laundry detergent, and baby diapers size 5 and 6.

Items can be placed in the basket in the Narthex and in the Caring Corner in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Roxanne Malbrough at 410-404-0977 or roxmlb@gmail.com.

WOW!! WHAT A DAY!

We are on a roll! On January 29th, we had our first sew day of the year. There were 13 people who showed up to help knot mission quilts, tie fleece blankets and roll bandages. Our totals for the day were 10 mission quilts, 6 fleece blankets and 288 bandages (two hundred were already rolled by George Fleming). IT WAS A VERY PRODUCTIVE DAY!

We received a letter from Lutheran World Relief, thanking us for the blankets and rolled bandages. Some of our blankets were sent to Angola, India, South Sudan, Herzegovina, Haiti and El Salvador.

Our next sew day will be on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 9:00 am. Hope to see you then. Gloria Kniss

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

March Meeting:

March's meeting will be on Saturday, March 10 at 8:00 AM. The meeting will be held at the Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren.

Upcoming Events:

April 14: Breakfast, 8 AM at Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren

April 23: Westminster District Men's Dinner meeting

May 12: Breakfast, 8 AM at Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren

June 5: Cleaning of the Pavilion, 6:00PM, in preparation for the Strawberry Festival

June 7: Rain date for cleaning pavilion

June 9: Breakfast, 8 AM at Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren followed by final preparations of the Pavilion for the Strawberry Festival

All are welcome to join in this fellowship!

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).

YOUTH

Buy A Mile Fundraiser – It is 1244 miles to Houston. Help our group get to Houston as you “buy a mile” (or a few miles). Cost: \$10/mile. We have displays in the narthex and in the Fellowship Hall showing you how we are doing in raising the money we need to get to Houston. (This fundraiser will take place of our “stock” fundraiser that normally began at Easter.) This fundraiser will run through May.



Buy A Mile

Fundraiser For ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston



\$10.00 per mile

Name: _____

Donation amount: _____

Thank you for your donation!



Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 3, 2017, 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. *Sponsored by St. John's Lutheran Church Youth Group.* \$8.00 in advance; \$10.00 at the door; \$5.00 for children 4-10; ages 3 and under eat free. Tickets available now. Call Bonnie at 410-857-8756 or text at 443-935-7407.

COUNCIL

Council Notes from the February 6, 2018 meeting

- ⇒ A decision was made to have flooring installed downstairs by **Traynor's Floors** and will be forwarded to the congregation at the annual meeting.
- ⇒ A generous unrestricted gift of \$318,666.05 was given to the church by the Estate of Carol M. Hosfeld.
- ⇒ The agenda for the next congregation meeting on March 18, 2018 has been approved.

Pam Goodson, Council Secretary

HAPPENING AROUND TOWN

LUTHERAN CHURCH MEN of the WESTMINSTER CONFERENCE, E.L.C.A.

The Lutheran Church Men of the Westminster Conference will hold their Spring Dinner Meeting at 6:30pm on Monday, April 23rd, 2018 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 3184 Church Street, Manchester, Maryland, 21102. The ladies of the church will be serving San Francisco chicken breast, parslid red potatoes, baby peas, tossed salad, assorted bread basket and butter, an ice cream sundae bar and brownies, coffee and iced tea. A free-will offering will be received for the meal with at least \$12.00 expected.

When you arrive, please meet in the sanctuary for Greetings and Opening Prayer prior to dinner.

These semi-annual dinners have become a wonderful opportunity for the men of the churches of our conference to socialize and renew friendships. We look forward to welcoming a large group of men and the pastor from your church.

As estimate of reservations is due by Sunday, April 8, with an updated firm reservation count by Sunday, April 15. Please contact Ed Leister by email at eleister@qjs.net or cell phone 410-259-5922 with your reservations or any questions. The guest church has asked that no additional reservations be added after the cutoff date of April 16. Please identify your church with your reservation.

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Worship & Music.....	Dennis Kniss
Christian Outreach.....	Roxanne Malbrough
Finance.....	Janet Gross
	John Bucacink

HAPPENING AROUND TOWN

Church Women United in Carroll County will be sponsoring a bus trip to see "The Miracles of Jesus" at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster on Tuesday, April 10, at 11:00 a.m. Following the show the group will eat lunch at Good & Plenty. The cost is \$105 per person which includes the cost for the bus, lunch and the show. Checks should be made payable to CWU in Carroll County. Money for a tip for the bus driver will be collected on the bus. Please contact Mary Jane Graf (410-374-4478) by March 1 to register for the trip and for additional information.

Mark you calendars! **The Shepherd's Staff - "Back to School Program" Designer Bag and Basket Bingo** will be held on Friday, April 13th at Pleasant Valley Fire Hall. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and games start at 7:00 p.m. *Children must have a paid admission ticket.* Refreshments will be available. 20 Games – Specials – Raffles. Tickets are \$20/advance and \$25/door. For tickets and more information, call 410-857-5944. Please bring a personal care item for **The Blessings Closet.**

The World Day of Prayer Service will be held on Friday, March 2, at 10:30 a.m. in Krug Chapel at Carroll Lutheran Village. The snow date is Friday, March 9. The theme for the Service is "All God's Creation is Very Good!" Children from Carroll Lutheran School will participate in the Service. For more information, contact Audrey Byrd (410-848-1995) or Nancy Dean (410-848-2140).



A Place to Explore and Grow

In today's busy world, it is important to set aside time for children to be children. To give them opportunities to meet new people, challenge themselves with new activities, and to find a place to feel accepted and loved just as they are. Summer Camp is that place. Mar-Lu-Ridge has been a community which supports youth and families for over 58 years. We provide a safe, Christ-centered, fun environment for your camper. Visit us at mar-lu-ridge.org/camp to choose the program that is right for you. Maybe you are a Night Owl who likes to stay up late. Or maybe Space Camp will fulfill your dreams of building a rocket and exploring the stars. Cooking, Adventure, Mini Camps, Day Camp, and Horseback are just a few more! Camperships are available for all who need assistance - no child is ever turned away.

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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).*

THANK YOU

Dear St John's family,

Words cannot express my deepest appreciation and outpouring of prayers and love shown to me during this difficult time dealing with the sudden loss of my mother. I would also like to thank everyone that sent cards, flowers or donations. Thank you to everyone as an individual or part of a church group who sent gift baskets or visited mom in the past. A special thank you to Pastor Kristin for the beautiful service, to Frances for coming in on her day off to prepare the service bulletins and to the ladies (and gentlemen) involved in any way in preparing the funeral luncheon.

Bonnie Wilson

I want to thank the members of St. John's for your cards, flowers, and phone calls while I was recovering

from my second knee replacement. Also I want to thank the Adult Bible Class and Sunshine Circle for the Christmas basket of goodies. Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated. Sincerely, Linda Sterner

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and best wishes as I recover from surgery. It means a lot.
Wayne Grauel

The Christian Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone for their generous contribution for the **children of the Women's and Family shelters.**

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, calls, and prayers while I was in the hospital and after I came home. Everything was deeply appreciated. Thanks also for the goody bag from the Evangelism Comm. I feel so blest to be part of such a caring congregation. God Bless each of you.

Sincerely Audrey Byrd

Friends at St. John's,

Thank you for the beautiful cards that I received for my 100th Birthday. I have received over 200 cards. The messages on the cards and knowing that you took the time to remember me made me feel very special. Thank you! Jean Lightner

NOTES

Thank you! Thank you! A generous gift! In January, the congregation received a very generous gift from the estate of Carol M Hosfeld. We received an unrestricted gift of \$318,666.05! We are so excited to share this news with the congregation and the possibilities for ministry at St. John's and throughout our community. Thank you to Carol M. Hosfeld for remembering St. John's in her estate.

(A policy for unrestricted gifts and bequests was adopted by the church council in November. This policy, which can be found on page 15 of this newsletter, will help guide how those funds are used.)

New - Altar Flower Envelope!

A new "Altar flower envelope" has been created. They are hanging by the altar flower chart. Please fill out the envelope for your date, enclose the money and place in the offering plate. This will help us know 1) what you want your dedication to say and 2) if you plan to take the flowers home after worship or you want to donate them.

Annual Meeting – Please join us after the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, March 18 for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. All members are encouraged to attend. Annual reports and agendas will be available on Sunday, March 11 at church. All packets not picked up on March 11 will be mailed.



Basket Bingo 2018



JOIN US FOR BASKET & BAG BINGO!

Saturday, March 24, 2018

Doors open at 11:30 am
Games begin at 1pm!
\$15.00 advance tickets / \$20.00 at the door!

Our annual Basket Bingo is scheduled for Saturday, March 24, 2018 featuring Longaberger Baskets, Thirty-One Gifts, Vera Bradley and more. Doors open at 11:30 am, games begin at 1pm!

- Food and Refreshments Available all day!
- Door Prizes & Raffles (including 50/50 & purses)
- All Baskets Generously Filled — Special Baskets and Themed Baskets!
- Bring a non-perishable food item to be entered for a chance to win a special prize

All proceeds benefit Carroll Lutheran School; this year we will be raising funds for our technology needs.

The Shepherd's Staff's "2nd Empty Bowls" will be held on Sunday, March 18 from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Portico, St. John's Catholic Church, 45 Monroe Street, Westminster, MD. The cost is \$15.00 per person (children under 5 are free) For tickets and more information, call 410-857-5944. Tickets will also be available at the door. Desserts and soft drinks available for additional donation. A simple meal of soup and bread and a handcrafted bowl to take home as a reminder of those whose bowls are empty.

The Shepherd's Staff is asking for donation of baked goods for this event. There will be a "baked" table with small items (cookies, fudge, brownies, etc.). Small items should be packaged in sandwich bags and disposable containers. Also needed are pies, cakes and other desserts for meal and "baked" table. These also should be in disposable containers. If you would like to donate items, please fill out the **Bake Sale Contribution Form** (located in the Narthex and Caring Corner), and send the form to **The Shepherd's Staff's** office by **March 9**. We must have a form for each baked good in order to sell the item. All baked goods must be dropped off at **St. John's Catholic Portico** on **March 18, between 8:00—10:00 a.m.** For more information, please contact Linda Sterner at 410-596-3921 or email her at sternerlm@outlook.com.

The Shepherd's Staff's address is:
30 Carroll Street
Westminster MD 21157



THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF'S 2ND ANNUAL

empty bowls
a Carol Quality



A simple meal of soup and bread and a handcrafted bowl to take home as a reminder of those whose bowls remain empty.

MARCH 18, 2018 • 11:30am-2pm

Portico, St. John's Catholic Church
45 Monroe Street, Westminster

Come sample soups from the area's top restaurants!

- The Battersburg Inn
- The Food Chick
- Freshville City
- Greenmount Station
- Gallicious's
- Mell's Cafe
- O'Leary's Irish Pub
- Oscar's Abbeville
- Sam's Opportunity Bakehouse
- Rock Salt Grille
- AND MORE!

\$15 per person




(Children 5 and under are free)
For tickets and more information, call 410-857-5944.
Tickets will also be available at the door.
Desserts and soft drinks available for additional donation.

Proceeds benefit The Shepherd's Staff's Emergency and Crisis Assistance Programs.
In the case of event cancellations due to inclement weather, your ticket payment will be considered a donation.

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MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	1	2	3 Noon—8:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner from 4:00—7:00 p.m.
4 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Altar Flowers: <i>Dot Bean</i>	5 Shepherd's ← 6:45-9:00 p.m. Carrollton 4-H	6 Staff Newsletter → 6:15 p.m. Handbells 6:30 p.m. Christian Education 7:30 p.m. Council	7 6:30 p.m. Soup Supper 7:15 p.m. Worship Choir immediately following worship	8 3:00 p.m. Christian Outreach 6:30—8:30 p.m. Sunshine Circle	9	10 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Meadow Branch
11 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Altar Flowers: <i>Lois Bankert</i> LAST DAY TO ORDER CHICKS & EASTER FLOWERS 	12	13 6:15 p.m. Handbells	14 6:30 p.m. Soup Supper 7:15 p.m. Worship Choir immediately following worship	15	16 6:30p.m. Christian Singles	17 St. Patrick's Day  ALL DAY Scrapboking
18 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:45 a.m. Annual Meeting Altar Flowers: <i>Dolly Long</i>	19 9:00 a.m—Noon Sew Day 6:00 p.m. Coin Club	20 6:15 p.m. Handbells	21 6:30 p.m. Soup Supper 7:15 p.m. Worship Choir immediately following worship	22	23	24 Noon—6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
25 PALM SUNDAY 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Altar Flowers: <i>John & Lori Bucacink</i>	26	27 6:15 p.m. Handbells	28 7:30 p.m. Choir	29 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship	30 7:15 p.m. Good Friday Worship	31 10:00 a.m.—Noon Children's Easter Program



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

01 Adelina Sabo	06 Francis Kramer	14J essie Martindale	25 David Guenthner
01 Richard Sies	08 Margaret Parsley	15 Dave Basler	26 Alannah Van Horn
03 Lois Bankert	09 Sheila Menchey	17 Eric Scherbarth	27Patrick Brehm
04 Crystal Dell	11 Donald Dell	17 Thomas Tracey	27Rose Haller
04 Edith Linthicum	12 Jennifer Holbrook	21 Harry Maempel	29Daniel Schindler
05 Richard Daniels	12 Nancy Jones	23 William Tasker	29Bonnie Wilson
05 Glenn Monroe	12 H. Wright	24 Brett Barber	30David Ogg
05 George Nelson	14 Darius Gross	24 Donald Lipscomb	



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<p>1 EASTER SUNDAY 6:30am Sunrise at Chapel in the Woods 7-10a.m.-Easter Breakfast 8:00am Worship NO EDUCATION HOUR 10:30am Worship <i>Altar Flowers: Matthew West</i></p>	<p>2 6:45-9:00 p.m. 4-H</p>	<p>3 6:15 p.m. Handbells 7:30 p.m. Council</p>	<p>4 6:30 p.m. Sunshine Circle 7:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 7:30 a.m.-Noon Blood Drive 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast—Meadow Branch</p>
<p>8 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship <i>Altar Flowers: Deb Schaefer</i></p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 May Newsletter Input Due 6:30 p.m. Christian Education</p>	<p>11 7:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 10:30 a.m. Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship <i>Altar Flowers: Dale Miller</i></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 7:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 9:00 a.m. Christian Singles Breakfast ALL DAY Scrapbooking</p>
<p>22 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship <i>Altar Flowers: Tracey Sanford & Carl Rebert</i></p>	<p>23 6:00 p.m. Coin Club 6:30 p.m. Westminster Conference Men's Dinner-Trinity Deer Park</p>	<p>24 7:00 p.m. Festival Committee</p>	<p>25 7:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 9:30 a.m. Worship <i>Altar Flowers: Genny Resch</i></p>	<p>30 Preparations</p>	<p>Rummage Sale Friday, May 4 and Saturday May 5 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.</p>				

Kimberly Barber	04/01	Deborah Braman	04/15	Marion Fleming	04/25
Kenneth Seitz Jr.	04/01	Carol Nevin	04/17	Terry Mapp	04/25
Kenneth Williams	04/02	Tiffany Braman	04/18	Joy Seymer	04/25
Heidi Grothe	04/06	Brian Resch	04/18	Rachael Bollinger	04/26
Donald Frebertshouser	04/09	Wendi Button	04/19	Sean Weisse	04/26
Daniel Long	04/09	Patricia Crowl	04/19	Jacob Sisler	04/27
Sharon Minor	04/11	Robert Robbins	04/19	Lawrence Blauvelt	04/28
Jason Leister	04/12	Mia Hoyer	04/22	Katie Bollinger	04/28
Jesse Wilson	04/13	Doris Rebert	04/23	Kenneth Seitz	04/28
Levi Blubaugh	04/14	Lois Short	04/23	Justin Williamson	04/30
Janet Siegman	04/14	Deborah Bean	04/25		



Policy on Unrestricted Gifts and Bequests (this was approved by the church council on November 2, 2017)

This document is meant to codify a set of practices to guide our use of exceptional gifts to St. John's. Many wills, trusts & bequests include language about the specific purpose(s) of the gift. This document refers to those gifts which do not include specific wishes and restrictions. These decisions and deliberations will be conducted by the Council and such other committees and/or individuals the Council designates. This does not rule out the creating of ad hoc committee(s).

1. We will tithe 10% of the unrestricted gift.

As Christians, we recognize that everything we have is a gift from God. Tithing is an important spiritual discipline that reminds us to depend on God's grace rather than to follow our culture's call to depend on ourselves, or to seek security in accumulated wealth. Tithing is an opportunity for our congregation to participate in important and exciting work done by other non-profits.

As we consider where to tithe our money, we will use the following guidelines:

a. Preference of Lutheran-affiliated and other faith-based charities and Organizations

The gospel of Christ calls us to work for justice in this world. We believe that supporting organizations who also work from a place of faith, answering God's call to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God, is a way to show the world God's love. It is important for us to support the work of Lutheran-affiliated agencies. However, if a Lutheran agency is not meeting the needs we would like to support, we will turn to other faith-based organizations first, and secular agencies second.

b. Preference for local community charities and organizations (Carroll, Mid Maryland, Southern PA, Greater Baltimore)

St. John's supports a variety of local groups including Carroll Food Sunday, NESAP, New Life For Girls, and others. If the cliché "charity begins at home" has any place in our decisions and deliberations; this is it. We should continue to be mindful of other local groups, especially those that have a connection to our church and congregants.

c. Charities and organizations that put others first

While all charities support causes and needs of others, some use the money more effectively. Several agencies track this effective use of donations. Charity Watch is the premier site/organization for tracking this data.

<https://www.charitywatch.org/top-rated-charities>

2. We will transfer 10% of the gift to Property or Building funds

Few people express "keeping the lights on" as the goal for a bequest or gift. However, good stewardship of our church, outbuildings and property is an important goal. Some importance must be given to improving, updating and maintaining the physical structures that comprises St. John's. This can include initiating and completing a specific project or joining with existing funds for a larger/more long-term expenditure.

3. We will use 80% of the gift to strengthen the life and mission of the congregation.

The Council will actively seek ways to use unrestricted gifts to strengthen the life and mission of our congregation, which might even include increasing the percentage allocations under Sections 1 or 2 above. For example, unrestricted gifts could assist St. John's in growing our congregation and social media presence. Consistent with our constitution, Council will present to the congregation for approval any recommended distribution under this section, which meets or exceeds the existing constitutional threshold for such spending/distributions, currently set at \$6,000.

Final Note: At all points in this process Council should be acting prayerfully and thoughtfully. Considering the long-term benefits of these actions, the long-standing traditions and practices of the church, and, to the extent possible, the wishes of the donor(s).

Mission: To Sing the Praises of God, to Live the Grace of Jesus, to Share the Gift of the Spirit.



FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY



Deadline: March 11, 2018

Cost: \$11.00 for each container of flowers

Payment: Cash or check (made payable to St. John's Lutheran Church with "Easter Flowers" written in the memo line)

Return to: The offering plates or the Office manager's mailbox.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM:

IMPORTANT: *The Information you fill in BELOW is what will appear in the special Easter Sunday bulletin insert. Please print clearly.*

YOUR NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Number of Lilies _____ at \$11.00 per plant

Number of Tulips _____ at \$11.00 per plant

TOTAL Number of plants: _____ at \$11.00 per plant

Total Due: \$ _____

The Easter Plant purchase(s) is (are) given:

_____ **in memory of:**

_____ **in honor of:**

_____ **to the glory of God**

_____ **Give my flowers to a shut-in.**

BY: _____

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

CHICKS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Purchase paper chicks to remember or honor a loved one this Easter!

The purchase of each paper chick represents the purchase of ten live chicks for families in need around the globe – a program of the ELCA's Good Gifts.

"Ten little chicks make a difference"

DEADLINE: March 11, 2018

COST: \$10 for each paper chick

PAYMENT: Cash or check (made out to St. John's Lutheran Church with "Easter Chicks" in memo portion)

RETURN TO: The offering plates or the Office Manager's mailbox

EASTER CHICKS ORDER FORM

YOUR NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Number of paper chicks _____ (\$10 per paper chick buys TEN live chicks)

Total Due \$ _____

IMPORTANT: *The Information you fill in BELOW is what will appear in the special Easter Sunday bulletin insert. Please print clearly.*

The Easter Chick purchase(s) is (are) given:

_____ **in memory of:**

_____ **in honor of:**

_____ **to the glory of God**

BY: _____

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)





MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S: George & Theo Amoss, Jacob Armacost, Dave & Loretta Basler, Lily Blubaugh, John & Betty Boone, The Family of Zadie Brehm, Pat Brehm, Mittie Coppersmith, Ron & Beverly Dutterer, Wayne Grauel, Janet Gross, The Family of Helen Harris, Donald & Pat Heath, Jeanne Joiner, Nancy Jones, Betty Knisley, Pat Lipscomb, Yvonne Mathias, Bonnie Null, Claire Null, Muriel Sabo, Tracey Sanford, Adelaide Sies, Richard Smith, Emily Van Horn, The West Family, Lorrie Wilson and Charles Zincon.

FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN'S: Taylor Barnes, Sherry Bauer, Rita Bauhof, Dawn Bitzel, The Bordenski Family, Beth Anne Basler Busch, Amber Blubaugh, Ronald Boone, Joann Bradich, Andy Cashman, Scott Cronkite, Tammy Crosby, Jerry Day, Ella Edwards, Jackie Farver, The Family of Doris Feeser, Christian Filipov, Morley Frado, Ginni Gordon, Laurel Greeley, Pat and Jerry Grotfelty, Natalie Halpin, Elwood Hawes, Sr., Eila Howe, Linda Basler Holland and Ken Holland, Sherry Honeycutt, Gabriel Knepp, Lorraine Koop, Jeannie Leister, Don & Charlotte Ludwig, Joe McLaughlin, Pastor Richard Michael and Eva Michael, Wyatt Miller, Jeanne Mueller, Erin Murphy & Haitian Timoun Foundation, Kay Murphy, Harold Nelson, Pauline Nelson, The Family of John Neudecker, Jr., Leann R., The Family of Ron Resch, Beverly & Jack Rose, Jessica Runnels, Ms. Wilda Simpson, David & Debbie Smith, Aileen Stroebel, Courtney Topolski, Wendy Steil, Elizabeth Watson, Laura Welty, The Family of Virginia Whitehead, Tammy Williams.

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

This prayer list was updated on February 27, 2018.



Church & Village: Partners in Ministry March 2018

Outpatient Therapy Services Available

Did you know that anyone in the greater community can take advantage of the outpatient therapy services at Carroll Lutheran Village? Physical, occupational and speech therapy is available to people of all ages. The Village accepts Medicare and most major insurance plans. A physician referral may be required depending on plan. The office is glad to verify your insurance for participation and referral requirements. For information call 443-605-1048 or email Michael Winebrenner at mwinebrenner@clvillage.org.

Sign Up Now for March Lifelong Learning Courses - All Older Adults Welcome!

Register now for the following spring Lifelong Learning Series at Carroll Lutheran Village. Courses are open to all older adults in the community. Come join us!

- **Mindfulness Meditation** – Tim Hurley. Fridays March 9-April 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Cost is \$30 per adult.
- **Cell Phone Photography** – Walt Calahan from Carroll Community College. Saturday, March 24, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 per adult.
- **Drawing and Painting** – Katie Gutridge from Carroll Community College. Tuesdays, March 27-May 29, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Cost is \$55 per adult.
- **The Power of Positive Thinking** – Jeanne Deignan-Kosmides from Carroll Community College. Thursday, April 5, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per adult.

For more information or to register for Lifelong Learning opportunities, contact the Wellness Center at 443-605-1070 or registration@clvillage.org.

Golf Tournament Early Bird Registration Deadline Approaching

Register before April 1 at a reduced rate for the 21st annual Carroll Lutheran Village golf tournament. The tournament is scheduled for Friday, June 1 at The Links at Gettysburg. The tournament is a Florida Scramble format with individual scoring in six divisions. There will be one flight limited to 144 golfers – the tournament usually sells out. Proceeds benefit the Ministry of Caring Fund to assist residents of the Village who have outlived their resources. Register online at www.clvillage.org/golf-tournament or call Monica at 443-605-1068.

Quilt Raffle Winner Announced

Carol Schoennagel of Reisterstown was the winner of the 2017 Carroll Lutheran Village Quilt Raffle. Ticket sales for the 92" x 92" hand sewn quilt entitled "Friendship Honey Bee Quilt" raised \$1,095 to benefit the Resident Assistance Fund, which helps support residents of the Village with financial need. The winning ticket was drawn at the annual Winter Games event at the Village on January 27.

MARCH 2018 WORSHIP LEADER CALENDAR

DATE	SERVICE	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR	ACOLYTE	GREETERS	USHERS/ OFFERING (10:30)	COUNTING TEAM
3/4	8:00am	Dennis Kniss	Dennis Kniss		Linda & Stewart Sterner	David Ogg	Gloria Kniss Dennis Kniss Darry Gross
	10:30am	John Bucacink	Lori Bucacink	Lara Findeisen	Lois & Phil Short		
3/11	8:00am	Paul LeDuc	Paul LeDuc		Stacey & Larry Huber	Brian Leister	Audrey Byrd Stewart Sterner Drew Dean
	10:30am	Pat Heath	Pam Goodson	Spencer Goodson	The Brian Leister Family		
3/18	8:00am	Jack Joiner	Jack Joiner		George & Marion Fleming	Brian Leister	Maggie Langdon Muriel Sabo Carl Rebert
	10:30am	Doris Zepp	Karen Siegman	Olivia Leister	Pat & Donald Heath		
Palm Sunday 3/25	8:00am	Tracey Sanford	Tracey Sanford		Dave Bollinger and Family	Genny Resch	Teresa McCulloh Donna Yeager Bryan Yeager
	10:30am	Donna Yeager	Teresa McCulloh	Tate Gavin	Jean & Ken Seitz, Joan Phillips		

*For the month of March, the Altar Guild is Lois Bankert and Dale Miller (8:00 a.m.) and Nancy & Bill Squires (10:30 a.m.).
NOTE: March 29, Maundy Thursday Assisting Minister: Donna Yeager and March 30, Good Friday Assisting Minister: TBA

APRIL 2018 WORSHIP LEADER CALENDAR

DATE	SERVICE	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR	ACOLYTE	GREETERS	USHERS/ OFFERING (10:30)	COUNTING TEAM
EASTER 4/1	8:00am	Maggie Langdon	Maggie Langdon	TBD	Carol Nevin and Family	The Brian Leister Family	Gloria Kniss Dennis Kniss Darry Gross
	10:30am	Carl Rebert	Lori Bucacink	TBD	Nancy & Bill Squires		
4/8	8:00am	Paul LeDuc	Paul LeDuc		Carol Lynn and Kenneth Siegman	Genny Resch Roxanne Malbrough	Audrey Byrd Stewart Sterner Drew Dean
	10:30am	Dennis Kniss	Karen Siegman	Mason Dean	Nancy Dean Stephanie Dean		
4/15	8:00am	Jack Joiner	Jack Joiner		Dolly and Dan Long	Barbara and Richard Smith	Deb Schaefer Michael Schaefer Dale Miller
	10:30am	Pat Heath	Sarah LeDuc	Xander LeDuc	Wanda Little Melanie Martindale		
4/22	8:00am	Tracey Sanford	Tracey Sanford		Della and Greg Dell	David Ogg	Sarah LeDuc Paul LeDuc Dave Bollinger
	10:30am	Julia Wolfe	Teresa McCulloh	Grace Kleinschmidt	Pat & Donald Heath		
4/29	8:00am	Maggie Langdon	Maggie Langdon		Audrey Byrd	Pat and Donald Heath	Joan Phillips Jean Seitz Ken Seitz
	10:30am	John Bucacink	Mia Hoyer	Spencer Goodson	Pam Goodson Spencer Goodson		

*For the month of April, the Altar Guild is Lois Bankert & Dale Miller (8:00 a.m.) and Carol Blubaugh (10:30 a.m.).
Easter Sunrise Worship Assistant: 6:30 a.m.: Jack Joiner*

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 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 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.



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.

Also, anyone eligible for Direct Dollars from Thrivent must allocate this money before March 29. If you are not sure how to proceed with this, please contact me, also.

Gloria and Dennis Kniss, Congregational Advocate for Thrivent
717-359-7681 or 443-605-4963 Email: dennisrkniss@gmail.com

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Articles for the May newsletter should be submitted no later than Monday, April 10, 2018! *Please send the articles to Frances, the Office Manager, at office@stjohnswestminster.org or place them in her mailbox. Thank you!*

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Office Hours:



Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship Service

9:15 a.m. Education Hour (All are Welcome)

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Worship Service

Please contact the church office....

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

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

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

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

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