

ST. JOHN'S EPISTLE

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A Message from Pastor Kristin



Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, March 1

12:00noon: Service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes
6:30 p.m.: Soup and Sandwich Supper
7:15 p.m.: Service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes

Join Us Every
Wednesday
During Lent

March 8, 15, 22, 29 and
April 5

6:30 p.m.: Soup and Sandwich Supper
7:15 p.m.: Holden Evening Prayer and People of the Reformation

Sunday, March 12
SPRING FORWARD
Daylight Saving Time Begins



2017 is the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. In honor of that anniversary we will be digging a little deeper into our Small Catechism and into a few of the people of the Reformation throughout Lent. Each **Sunday we will focus on a part of "The Small Catechism."** We will focus worship around The Ten Commandments, The Apostles' Creed, The Lord's Prayer, Baptism and Holy Communion.

On Wednesday's we will share in supper at 6:30pm and Holden Evening Prayer at 7:15pm. We will also welcome some special guests to worship and they will share with us their role in the reformation. Stay tuned for the details.

Everyone is encouraged to dig a little deeper into The Small Catechism by picking up one of our **Lent devotion books called "Free Indeed"** and sign up to be a part of our lent devotion challenge. Children can pick up a copy of **"Papa Luther"** and read it throughout lent to be a part of the children's lent challenge.

Join us in Lent for worship and devotions!
God's Peace –

Pastor Kristin Dubsky

Pastor Kristin Dubsky

Annual Congregation Meeting!

Our Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, March 26 immediately following the late service. Everyone is invited to a meal in the Fellowship Hall following the meeting.

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ASH WEDNESDAY

March 1

6:30 p.m. Supper

*Turkey corn soup with turkey salad
sandwiches provided by the
Fellowship Committee*

ASH WEDNESDAY

On March 1, we gather to worship and observe "Ash Wednesday." Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our 40 day journey to Easter called Lent. On Ash Wednesday we receive ashes on our foreheads reminding us of our mortality. "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return."

12:00 noon Service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes

6:30 p.m. Soup and Sandwiches in the Fellowship Hall

7:15 p.m. Service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes with music and choir

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

6:30 p.m. Soup & Sandwich Supper

7:15 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer and "People of the Reformation"

Please join us on Wednesday evenings for dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by worship at 7:15 p.m. with "Holden Evening Prayer" which will include a special message for each week from people of the Reformation.

March 8

*Assorted soups with hotdogs provided by the
Evangelism Committee*

April 5

*Chili with grilled cheese sandwiches provided
by the Adult Bible class*

March 15

*Ham and bean soup with ham sandwiches
provided by the Sunshine Circle*

March 29

*Beef noodle soup provided by the
Adult Choir*

March 22

*Potato soup with turkey sandwiches
provided by the Christian Education and
Youth Committee*

Annual Congregation Meeting – Sunday, March 26 immediately following the late service. All members are encouraged to attend the meeting and everyone is welcome to join us for meal prepared by the fellowship committee following the meeting.

Lent - 2017 is the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Throughout the season of Lent on Sunday mornings and on Wednesday evenings we will be growing in faith together as we dig deeper into some of the people of the reformation and deeper into our Small Catechism. Join us on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings at 7:15pm for Holden Evening Prayer. More information coming soon.

Lent Devotion Challenge - St. John's will be giving away a Lent devotion called "Free Indeed: Devotions for Lent 2017" and we are encouraging everyone to pick one up (1 per family, please) and sign up to commit to reading this devotion book throughout Lent. You can also get a copy for \$2.00 on your preferred electronic device so it's right at your fingertips. Get yours today!

Kids Lent Challenge – St. John's is giving away a copy of the book "Papa Luther" to our children (one per family). Children are invited to sign up for the kids challenge and read through the book during the season of Lent.

March 1 (Ash Wednesday): Community of St. Dymas – prison ministry of Delaware-Maryland Synod

March 8 (Wednesday Lenten Service): Access Carroll provides medical treatment and prescriptions to those people who do not have health care coverage.

March 15 (Wednesday Lenten Service): Change, Inc., partners with and supports individuals with disabilities to achieve community integration and independence through personal choices

March 22 (Wednesday Lenten Service): Haitian Timoun Foundation is 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 29 (Wednesday Lenten Service): Dads Works is a nonprofit serving families by providing services to fathers and mothers. We use the Psycho / Education Model of services. We are a Group Support for men, and a Group Support for women. We provide an educational curriculum. We serve all fathers and mothers, no matter what their age or history.

April 5 (Wednesday Lenten Service): Fisher House is 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.

April 13 (Maundy Thursday): Carroll Hospice is non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for patients needing end-of-life care, allowing them to live as fully and comfortably as possible by providing quality palliative care, pain and symptom management and support for their families

April 14 (Good Friday): Tender Care Pregnancy Center seeks to create a safe, non-judgmental environment where individuals can come to discuss their pregnancy related concerns in hope of a positive choice.

April 16 (Easter): ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response has a rich history of responding to disasters. This work encompasses the disaster response work of the ELCA in both the US and internationally. In both areas, there has been a long commitment to working with local communities in a way that allows them to develop their own response.

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service is working 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 that uphold their best interests and recognize their vulnerabilities to exploitation and abuse.

Holy Week and Easter

Maundy Thursday — April 13

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

Good Friday — April 14—7:15 p.m.

Children's Event — Saturday, April 15

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

Easter Sunday — April 16

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 Mission Trip.)

HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH



Christian Singles will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Friday, March 17, 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 to come for an evening of fun and Christian fellowship.

WIN WIN LOSE! Bountiful Blessings will be sponsoring the 2nd Annual Win-Win-Lose Program giving us an opportunity to win \$1,000 for St. John's! **It's a weight loss challenge that runs between Ash Wednesday (March 1st) and Easter (April 16th).** Teams of 5 people will be competing to see which group can lose the largest percentage of weight. Registration deadline is Wednesday, February 15th. The cost is \$100 per team (\$20 per person).
If you have any questions or wish to join the challenge, please contact Genny Resch at gresch@mghus.com or 443-789-3913.

Bulletins to our Shut-in members -
In order to keep our shut-ins abreast of what is happening weekly at St. John's, we are starting the ministry of mailing the bulletin to them weekly. Shut-ins are an important part of St. John's, and we hope you find this ministry useful. If you have a name to add to our list, please contact the office or Audrey Byrd.

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.

The February breakfast was held on Saturday, February 11 at the church. Thirteen men were present. Phil Short presented an interactive lesson about the 12 apostles. The men will be preparing and serving the pancake and sausage supper on February 28.

Upcoming events:

- March 11: Breakfast at 8 AM at the Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren.
- April 8: Breakfast at 8 AM at Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren.
- April 24: Westminster District Lutheran Church Men Spring Dinner

Meeting. Details will follow.

- May 13: Breakfast at 8AM at the Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren.
- June 6: Clean up for Strawberry Festival, 6:30 PM
- June 8: Strawberry Festival Cleanup Rain Date , 6:30 pm
- June 10: Breakfast at 8 AM at the Meadow Branch Church 5 the Brethren followed by final preparations for the Strawberry Festival.

All men of the congregation are invited to participate in any or all of the activities.

March 1 - 26 Easter Basket Food Drive for NESAP. The Christian Outreach Committee is collecting food for NESAP (North East Social Action Program) Easter Food baskets from March 1-26. The following items are being collected for the food baskets: canned cranberry sauce, boxed stuffing, canned corn, boxed macaroni and cheese, canned fruit, bag/box plain rice (white or brown), canned baked beans, canned other beans, boxed cake mix, canned frosting, canned tuna, large boxes of instant potatoes, canned green beans, canned peas, canned gravy/broth or packets, boxed corn muffin mix, boxed other pasta (not spaghetti noodles), cans of cream mushroom or chicken soup, cans of not creamed soup.

Donations can be left in big basket in narthex or in the Fellowship Hall "caring corner."

Please see Roxanne Malbrough, Pam Goodson, Audrey Byrd or Linda Sterner for more information.

HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH

Sunshine Circle.

March 2, the Sunshine Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. Pat Health will give the devotions, Lois Short will be the hostess and Carol Blubaugh will present the program, which is making St. Patrick's Day favors for Carroll Lutheran Village. This month's special offering is toothpaste. All ladies are welcome to attend. Please call Audry Byrd at 410-848-1995 for questions.

The Annual Mother & Daughter Banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. More details to follow.

The Soup Kitchen Committee will meet on Friday, March 31 at 10:30 a.m.

The committee is in need of plastic containers with lids to be used for carry-out meals. Containers from lunch-meat or Cool Whip are good sizes. Please bring any clean containers/lids and place on the Blessings Closet shelf in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions please call Lisa Gavin at 410-857-1499 or Jackie Leister at 410-857-



The Shepherd's Staff Newsletter Team will meet to assemble the newsletter on Tuesday, March 7th from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday, March 8th 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 at 410-596-3921 or sternerlm@outlook.com.



Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 25, 2017, 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. *Sponsored by St. John's Lutheran Church Work Camp 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.



Thank you as we get ready for our Youth to go on another great Work Camp trip!

The Annual Spring Blood Drive will be held here at St. John's on Saturday, April 8 from 7:30am until 12pm noon. Please call Audrey Byrd at 410-848-1995 to schedule a time. **Reminder:** Youth 16 years can give donate when accompanied by a parent to give consent. Everyone please remember to bring your picture id.

Please help give the gift of life.





ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

VBS

We are excited to announce "Christmas in July" for this year's Vacation Bible School theme.

Mark your calendars for July 10- July 14, 2017.

BE THE CHANGE!

We are in search of church members to help count during the Lenten Season. We are also in need of people to be added to the regular counting team list.

If you are able to fill in one of the blanks below and/or would like to join the regular counting team, please contact Genny Resch at 443-789-3913 or gresch@mghus.com.

Counters are teams of three people who count the offering after the 10:30am service. Each team is scheduled every 8 weeks; training available at your convenience.

- Wed., 3/1 Genny Resch, _____
- Wed., 3/8 Steve Findeisen, _____
- Wed., 3/15 Jack Joiner, Pam Goodson
- Wed., 3/22 Sylvia Moklak, _____
- Wed., 3/29 Dennis Kniss, _____
- Wed., 4/5 Dale Miller, _____
- Thurs., 4/13 Mick Zechman, Steve Findeisen
- Fri., 4/14 Genny Resch, _____

Please note: **All monies designated to the "Building Fund" will be moved to the "Improvement Fund."** If you currently make electronic contributions, please make the changes to your account or contact John Bucacink @ 410-857-5339 if you need assistance.

MISSION TO EL SALVADOR

Dear Friends and Family,

In high school, I had always dreamed of being able to make a small difference in the world. I debated joining the Peace Corps, the Red Cross, or something ministry-related. I put those dreams on hold for college, but as graduation approached, I laid my options in front of God. After weeks of praying, the choice became clear; I would go into the mission field.

While I recognize the multitude of needs in the U.S., being young, adventurous, and with what I believe is a slight nudge from God, my heart is set on going to Central America. I found Christ for the City International (CFCI) whose goal is to reach combat growing poverty in mega-cities, such as San Salvador, El Salvador, by providing help, hope, and uniting in the love of our Lord Jesus.

I am excited to share that I was accepted into their program. I will be teaching English in a children's ministry called Speaking Hope in El Salvador. I feel blessed with this opportunity for God to work through me to share His message and love with the children there.

I will need the help of all of you. I appreciate being kept in your prayers and additional prayers for my parents, who are excited and anxious for what is ahead for me. I will be leaving in the beginning of May and staying through the end of July. I need to raise \$2,500.00 for my housing, food, and transportation.

If you feel the Lord calling you to support me financially, please refer to the response slip to learn how to do so. I will also be selling beaded (\$3) or woven (\$5) bracelets to help raise funds. I will announce any further fundraising opportunities. Thank you all for your support and love!

If you have questions about this opportunity or want buy a bracelet from me, please contact me at:
443-547-4429
sbucacink@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/sara.bucacink>

If you would like to learn more about CFCI, please visit their website at: <https://cfci.org>.

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

Pastoral Acts:

Funerals

Martha Parks—December 17, 2016

Barry Durm—February 2, 2017

Franklin Blauvelt—February 2, 2017

Baptisms

Nicholas Winson Gay—January 8, 2017

Chet Ivan Grothe—February 12, 2017



Keep the Date!!!! MAY 5 and 6: YARD AND RUMMAGE SALE

The Annual Spring Yard and Rummage Sale will be held on May 5th and 6th. Collection of donated items will be from Monday, May 1st thru Thursday May 4th. Details will be announced in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Anyone needing to donate items earlier is asked to contact Gloria or Dennis Kniss, 717-359-7681, 443-605-4963, or dennisrkniss@gmail.com to **make arrangements. We can begin accepting your "early" donations** after March 1.



HAPPENING AROUND TOWN



You're Invited!!

Lularoe

Multi-Consultant Sale!

Hosted by Carroll Lutheran School
1738 Old Taneytown Road
Westminster, MD 21158

March 4, 2017

10am-2pm

**Shop with 10+ consultants
with a large inventory**

Lunch will be available, provided by the Family Partnership Program of CLS

Come shop and have lunch!

See you there!

Annual BASKET & BAG

*Door Prizes & Raffles
including 50/50*



*Generously Filled
Bags & Baskets*

SATURDAY, March 18, 2017

12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.

Games Begin at 1:00 p.m.

CARROLL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

1738 Old Taneytown Road

Westminster, MD 21158



Bring a non-perishable food item to be entered to win a special prize



Food and Refreshments Available



Family Friendly

Tickets

Advanced ticket price: \$15

(available until March 17, 2017)

Tickets at the door: \$20



*For more information or to purchase
tickets, email bingo@clsedu.org
or call 717-468-1607 or 410-984-6107*

CARROLL 
Lutheran School

1738 Old Taneytown Road
Westminster, MD 21158

410-848-1050 www.clsedu.org

All Proceeds benefit Carroll Lutheran School



The Summer 2017 Camp Brochure is here! Check out all that is happening next summer as we explore and grow in God's love at Mar-Lu-Ridge. We offer residential camps for ages 6-17, Day Camp for ages 6-10, Mobile Mar Lu day camps at your congregation, and Family Camp!
Registration begins January 1, 2017

Open House dates: March 26, April 30, May 21 - a great chance to tour the camp, meet some staff members, and have your questions answered by our knowledgeable staff. All are welcome!

Introducing Tiered Pricing:

You will notice a new option this year - please read the information about tiered pricing printed in the brochure, and available here. Note that the Tier 3 price is the same price as in recent years, and that Tiers 1 & 2 are OPTIONAL. If you have any questions or need further explanation, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

**Campership assistance is still available to everyone who needs help.

The Shepherd's Staff's First Annual



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

March 26th, 12pm-2pm

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
17 Bond Street, Westminster

\$10 per person

(Children 5 and under free)

- Desserts and Beverages available for additional donation
- Fun Silent Auction and Children's Craft Corner

Participating Churches:

**St. Paul's UCC, St. Mary's UCC, St. John's Catholic,
St. George's Episcopal, St. John's Lutheran,
St. Joseph's Catholic, Grace Lutheran,
St. Benjamin's Lutheran**



For tickets or more information, please
call The Shepherd's Staff at
410 857-5944

Proceeds benefit The Shepherd's Staff's Emergency and
Crisis Assistance Programs.

THANKS THANKS THANKS

Dear Members of St. Johns,
On behalf of our family, we would like to thank everyone for the cards, **flowers and your kindness you have shown us in Franklin's passing.** A special thanks to Pastor Kristin Dubsy for officiating the service, and the Fellowship Committee for the delicious luncheon.

Your kindness during this time is much appreciated.
Sincerely, The Blauvelt Family

Dear Evangelism Committee,
We would like to thank you for the goodie bags, prayers and visits. They are appreciated.
John & Betty Boone

To The Adult Bible Class and The Sunshine Circle,
Thank you for the Christmas Basket!
Harry & Nancy Jones

Hello my dearest sponsors at St. John's ! Greetings to you and your family. How are you? I am just fine with my family. I received your letter, and I would like to say thank you! I am attending my school, and I am trying to realize my dream!

Thank you for sponsoring me.
Bikiltu Wakgari Wanjiri

QUILTS QUILTS QUILTS

We are going to try again!!
We have supplies to do about 12 more quilts for Lutheran World Relief. But again, we need your help. We are doing the fleece tied knot quilts and the Mission quilts. We put together 10 quilts last time.

When – March 6, 2017

Where – Church Fellowship Hall

Time — 9:00 am to Noon (or however long you can stay)

Bring scissors, thimbles (if you use them), and a 6 inch ruler.

If you can't come on March 6th, you can –

Look for used flat queen/king size sheets (plain colors preferred)

Look through your scraps of material (we make 11 inch squares)

Donate money to help defray the cost of shipping the quilts – \$2.25 for each quilt and we have to buy the batting for in the quilts.

At home you can cut squares or sew squares together to make the top of the quilt (we will give you the material)

HOPE TO SEE YOU IN MARCH!!!

Questions – call or talk to Gloria Kniss - 717-359-7681

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Worship & Music.....Dennis Kniss

Christian Outreach.....Roxanne Malbrough

Finance.....Janet Gross

John Bucacink



FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY



Deadline: April 6, 2017

Cost: \$10.50 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 marked boxes in the front and back of the church or to Wanda Siegman or Gloria Kniss

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 \$10.50 per plant

Number of Tulips _____ at \$10.50 per plant

TOTAL Number of plants: _____ at \$10.50 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)

You may pick up your flowers after any service.

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: April 6, 2017

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 marked boxes in the front and back of the church or Wanda Siegman or Gloria Kniss.

EASTER CHICKS ORDER FORM

YOUR NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Number of paper chicks _____ (at \$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: _____

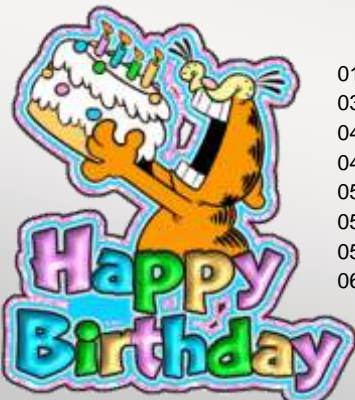
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MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ash Wednesday 12:00 noon Service 6:30 p.m. Soup Supper 7:15 p.m. Service Choir Immediately following service	2 6:30 p.m. Sunshine Circle	3	4
5 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship <i>Altar Flowers:</i> Muriel Sabo	6 9:00 a.m.-Noon Quilts 6:00-8:30 p.m. Carrollton 4-H	7 <i>Shepherd's Staff</i>  9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Council	8 <i>Newsletter</i> 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Lent 6:30 p.m. Soup Supper 7:15 p.m. Service Choir Immediately following service	9 Shepherd's Staff Newsletter Pickup	10	11 8:00 a.m. Men's Group Break- fast All Day Scrapbooking
12 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship <i>Altar Flowers:</i> Dale Miller <i>Daylight Savings Time</i> <i>Begins—SPRING</i> FORWARD	13 April Newsletter Input Due	14	15 Lent 6:30 p.m. Soup Supper 7:15 p.m. Service Choir Immediately following service	16	17  6:30p.m. Christian Singles	18
19 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship <i>Altar Flowers:</i> Nancy Dean	20	21	22 Lent 6:30 p.m. Soup Supper 7:15 p.m. Service Choir Immediately following service	23	24	25 1:30 m.—3:45 p.m. Prep for Dinner 4:00—7:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner
26 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship <i>Altar Flowers:</i> John & Lori Bucacink 11:45 a.m. —Annual Meeting and luncheon	27 6:00 p.m. Coin Club	28 April Newsletter Assembly	29 Lent 6:30 p.m. Soup Supper 7:15 p.m. Service Choir Immediately following service	30	31 10:30 a.m. Soup Kitchen	



01 Richard Sies
 03 Lois Bankert
 04 Crystal Dell
 04 Edith Linthicum
 05 Richard Daniels
 05 Glenn Monroe
 05 George Nelson
 06 Francis Kramer

08 Margaret Parsley
 09 Sheila Menchey
 11 Donald Dell
 12 Jennifer Holbrook
 12 Nancy Jones
 12 H. Wright
 14 Darius Gross
 14 Jessie Martindale

15 Dave Basler
 17 Eric Scherbarth
 17 Thomas Tracey
 21 Harry Maempel
 23 William Tasker
 24 Brett Barber
 24 Donald Lipscomb
 25 David Guentner

26 Alannah Van Horn
 27 Patrick Brehm
 27 Rose Haller
 28 Frank Blauvelt
 29 Daniel Schindler
 29 Bonnie Wilson
 30 David Ogg

MARCH 2017 WORSHIP LEADER CALENDAR

DATE	SERVICE	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR	ACOLYTE	GREETERS	USHERS/ OFFERING (10:30)	COUNT TEAM
3/5	8:00am	Jimmy Bean	Jimmy Bean		Phyllis & Jim Menchey	David Ogg	Gloria Kniss Dennis Kniss Darry Gross
	10:30am	Donna Yeager	Janet Gross	Tate Gavin	Lois & Phil Short		
3/12	8:00am	Maggie Langdon	Maggie Langdon		Helen Harris	Barbara & Richard Smith	Sarah LeDuc Paul LeDuc Dave Bollinger
	10:30am	Dennis Kniss	Gloria Kniss	Olivia Leister	Jackie & Brian Leister		
3/19	8:00am	Tracey Sanford	Tracey Sanford		Bonnie Wilson	Brian Leister	Jean Seitz Ken Seitz Joan Phillips
	10:30am	Doris Zepp	Emma Findeisen	Spencer Goodson	Jean & Ken Seitz Joan Phillips		
3/26	8:00am	Paul LeDuc	Paul LeDuc		Nancy & Tom Tracey	Genny Resch	Maggie Langdon Muriel Sabo Carl Rebert
	10:30am	Jack Joiner	Steve Findeisen	Lara Findeisen	Pat & Donald Heath		

For the month of March, the Altar Guild is Lois Bankert and Dale Miller (8:00 a.m.) and Nancy and Bill Squires (10:30 a.m.).

**NOTE: March 1, Ash Wednesday Assisting Minister: John Bucacink*



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

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THANK OFFERING FUND

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

Below are several ways that a member can make a donation to the fund. This will be an ongoing fund that a member can contribute to at any time 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.

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Articles for the April newsletter should be submitted no later than Monday, March 13, 2017! Please send the articles to Frances, the Office Manager, at

office@stjohnswestminster.org or place them in her mailbox. Thanks!

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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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Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship Service

9:15 a.m. Sunday School (All are Welcome)

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Worship Service

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... 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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