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A Message from Pastor Kristin

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!
Alleluia!

2017 marks the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation (You've probably heard me mention this a few times.) My husband and I are celebrating and learning more by boarding a plane for Germany on May 1. We are part of a 56 person, 11 day continuing education tour "In Luther's Steps."

I'm including a summary of our itinerary so you can follow along on our journey (and if you want, do a little research on your own about Luther's connections to these places.)

May 1 – Depart from Dulles
May 2 – Frankfurt and Eisenach
May 3 – Eisenach and Erfurt
May 4 – Erfurt, Eisleben, Berlin
May 5 - Berlin
May 6- Berlin, Dresden, Wittenberg
May 7 – Wittenberg, Leipzig
May 8 – Leipzig, Coburg, Nuremberg
May 9 – Nuremberg, Augsburg, Munich Area
May 10 – Munich
May 11 – Fly home to Dulles

Please keep us in your prayers on our journey through Germany. I look forward to sharing my pictures and stories when I return.

God's Peace –



Pastor Kristin Dubsky

Pastor David Schafer will cover any pastoral emergencies while Pastor Kristin is away May 1-11. You can contact him directly at 443-789-1271.

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REMINDERS:

May 5—6

8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Annual Spring Rummage Sale

May 7

St. John's T-shirt orders due

May 9

6:30 p.m.

Mother & Daughter Banquet

May 15

June Newsletter articles due

6:30 p.m.

Coin Club Banquet

May 17

3:15 p.m.

Christian Outreach Meeting

May 19

6:30 p.m.

Christian Singles

7:05 p.m.

Orioles Game Fundraiser

June 10

3:30—8:00 p.m.

Strawberry Festival

HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH

SPRING YARD AND RUMMAGE SALE IS QUICKLY APPROACHING!

Is it time for the spring cleaning of your home and office? We may have just the outlet that you have been waiting for! The Spring Yard and Rummage Sale will be held at the Church on Friday, May 5 and Saturday May 6. Not only is this a time to help rid yourself of unwanted items, but the proceeds assist various charities.

Collecting Time Chart

Monday, May 1st, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday, May 2nd, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 3rd, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 4th, 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.

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 such as Carroll Food Sunday, Neighbors in Need, and others. ***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	_____	\$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

 Christian Singles will meet on Friday, May 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The evening will begin with a covered-dish dinner. Each person is asked to bring a covered dish and a childhood picture. All adult Singles are invited to attend for an evening of fun and Christian fellowship.

Bulletins to our Shut-in members -

We continue to hear positive comments about this ministry. If you have a name to add to our list, please contact the office or Audrey Byrd.

 The Strawberry Festival will be held on Saturday, June 10, from 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Many volunteers are needed to make the Festival success. Clipboards with a list of volunteer opportunities will be passed around prior to the Worship Service on April 30 and May 7. Volunteer sign-up sheets will also be located on the buffet table in the Fellowship Hall. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

MEN OF THE CONGREGATION

April Highlights:

The April meeting of the Men of the Congregation was held on Saturday, April 8. The topic for the day was "Showers". Dave Bollinger also presented a meaningful account of the Vietnam Wall in Washington, D. C.

District Dinner Meeting:

The Spring Dinner Meeting of the Westminster District Lutheran Men was held on April 24, at Trinity (Deer Park) Lutheran Church. Eleven men from our congregation attended.

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

Upcoming Events:

May 13:

The next breakfast meeting of the Men of the Congregation will be held at 8 AM at Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

June 6:

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

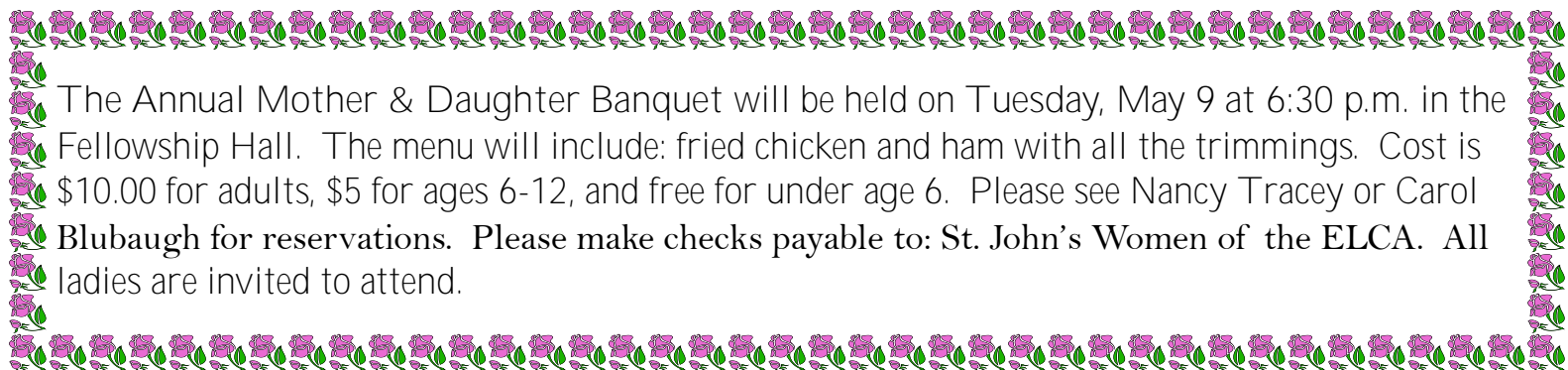
June 8:

Rain date for cleaning pavilion

June 10:

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

July: No meeting in July

 The Annual Mother & Daughter Banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will include: fried chicken and ham with all the trimmings. Cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-12, and free for under age 6. Please see Nancy Tracey or Carol Blubaugh for reservations. Please make checks payable to: St. John's Women of the ELCA. All ladies are invited to attend.

HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH

EVANGELISM

Graduates, help us find them! We will celebrate our high school and college graduates at the 10:30 a.m. service on June 4, 2017. So far, we have found Derek Konsen, Dietrich Konsen, Chris Short, Emma Findeisen, Alannah Van Horn, Tess Gavin, Sara Bucacink and Katie Nevin. If someone in your family is graduating notify the church office at 410-848-6402.

St John's Vacation Bible School

July 10-14, 2017

9:00 am-12:00 pm

ages 3 years - 5th grade



This year's theme is
Christmas In July

We will be learning about the Angels, Mary and Joseph, The Shepherds, Baby Jesus and the 3 Wisemen. We will have visitors throughout the week telling us of their experiences during this time, and we will explore what Christmas means to us, with lots of great Bible lessons, snacks, crafts and activities for all ages. Please register at www.stjohnswestminster.org or contact Sandi West at [443-929-2105](tel:443-929-2105) for more information.

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Articles for the June newsletter should be submitted no later than Monday, May 15, 2017! Please send the articles to Frances, the Office manager, at office@stjohnswestminster.org or place them in her mailbox. Thanks!

TAKE STOCK IN OUR YOUTH! Stock Fundraiser -- The Work Camp youth Stock Fundraiser offers stock that can be purchased at \$10/share, or you may consider making a donation for a different amount. Please complete the stock fundraiser form below. Additional forms can be found in the Narthex. Stock Sales End June 18, 2017.

Youth Missionary Stock Program

Support St. John's 2017 Summer Youth Trip Work Camp in Erie, PA – June 25th – July 1st

Please consider purchasing stock or making a donation to our 2017 Youth Mission trip. We have 16 youth and adults attending our summer mission trip this summer. Your money and prayers are a way to support the team and be part of our mission. Purchase stock or make a donation and effect change in the hearts of a community.

I would like to purchase stock in St. John's Youth Summer Mission Trip.

My purchase is _____ shares at \$10/share for a gift of \$_____.

Or

My donation to St. John's Summer Youth Mission Trip is \$_____.

___ check ___ cash

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Please place the top portion with your check or cash in the attached envelope and place in the offering plate. Keep this portion for your records.

I/we donated money or purchased stock worth \$_____ on

_____/_____/17 for the 2017 St. John's Youth Summer Mission Trip.

Thank you for supporting St. John's Youth!

St. John's Lutheran Church T-Shirt 2017 Order Form

Orders are due by May 7, 2017 to Jackie Leister. Please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church and note "t-shirts" in the memo. T-shirts will be delivered by Sunday, June 4th. All proceeds benefit the 2017 Work Camp Mission Trip.

ADULT - Short Sleeve (50/50 Blend)	Navy	Purple	Kelly Green	Carolina Blue	Total Shirts	Price	Total Amt Due
S						\$ 14.00	
M						\$ 14.00	
L						\$ 14.00	
XL						\$ 14.00	
2XL*						\$ 17.00	
3XL*						\$ 17.00	

*There is an additional charge of \$3 for shirt sizes 2XL & 3XL

ADULT - Long Sleeve (Ultra Cotton)	Navy	Purple	Dark Heather	Royal	Total Shirts	Price	Total Amt Due
S						\$ 18.00	
M						\$ 18.00	
L						\$ 18.00	
XL						\$ 18.00	
2XL*						\$ 21.00	
3XL*						\$ 21.00	

*There is an additional charge of \$3 for shirt sizes 2XL & 3XL

YOUTH - Short Sleeve (50/50 Blend)	Navy	Purple	Kelly Green	Carolina Blue	Total Shirts	Price	Total Amt Due
XS						\$ 12.00	
S						\$ 12.00	
M						\$ 12.00	
L						\$ 12.00	
XL						\$ 12.00	

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Total Amount Due



FRONT



BACK

Orioles Game!

When: Friday May 19th! Orioles vs. Toronto Blue Jays at 7:05 p.m.

Seats: Section 316

Price: Tickets are \$17 each

Contact Genny Resch 443-789-3913 to order your tickets.

The last day to purchase baseball tickets will be Sunday, May 7th.

All Proceeds Benefit Work Camp 2017



THANKS THANKS THANKS

Thank you to the following groups who helped to fix and prepare the Lent Soup and Sandwich Suppers each Wednesday:

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Fellowship Committee | Bonnie Konsen and Friends |
| Evangelism Committee | Adult Bible Class |
| Sunshine Circle | Adult Choir |

Thank you to so many members of our congregation who devote and give their "time and talents" during the Lenten season and assist with these meals. There are many who help to set tables, prepare the food, help to clean up along with all the other tasks that need to take place to prepare these meals each week. THANK YOU!

Easter Program:

Thank you to the following persons who helped out in the kitchen during the Easter Program: Gloria Kniss, Wanda Little, Sarah LeDuc and Bonnie Konsen - for setting up and helping to get all the food on the tables along with clean up duties at the end of the program. THANK YOU! Also to Lara Findeisen for helping to set up the tables before the program and to Xander LeDuc for his help in drying dishes for us!

Karen Siegman



Thanks to everyone who made the annual spring blood drive a great success. It was the best one in the 10 years we have been holding it. We collected 39 units of blood which exceeded our goal of 31 units. This can possibly help **117 people**. Great job and we will see you in the fall. Special thanks to Dale Miller and Barb and Whitey Smith for **all of their help. God's Blessings to all.**

Audrey Byrd



Thank you so much for the lovely Easter remembrance. But, even more for the wonderful visit.

Charles & Zadie Brehm



Thank you to everyone helped in any way with our Lent, Holy Week and Easter meals and worship services! Thank you for sharing your **gifts with the people of St. John's.**

Pastor Kristin

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Worship & Music.....Dennis Kniss

Christian Outreach.....Roxanne Malbrough

Finance.....Janet Gross

John Bucacink

HAPPENING AROUND TOWN



Friday, June 2, 2017
The Links at Gettysburg

7:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start
On-Course Lunch & Refreshments
After Play Open Bar, Banquet, Auction and Awards

\$200 per golfer

Dear St. John Lutheran Church,

Please join us for the 20th Annual Carroll Lutheran Village Golf Tournament! Proceeds from the tournament benefit the Ministry of Caring Fund to assist residents who have outlived their financial resources and other initiatives that benefit older adults in our community.

Thanks to you, we are now working on raising our second million toward this worthy cause!

CONCERT

featuring the

Martin Luther Choir

and

Augsburg Bell Choir

of

Saint Luke Lutheran Church
Silver Spring, Maryland

Friday, May 12, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Taneytown, MD

Save the Date!

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

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



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

More information will be coming soon!



MAY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
← RUMMAGE	1 SALE	2 SET	3 UP	→	5 8:00am—2:00 p.m. RUMMAGE	6 8:00am—2:00 p.m. SALE
		NO COUNCIL MEETING	6:30 p.m. Sunshine Circle 7:30 p.m. Choir		10:30 a.m. Soup Kitchen	
7 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship <i>Altar Flowers: Genny Resch</i> St. John's T-Shirt Orders Due	8 6—8:30 P.M. 4-H	9 6:30 p.m. Mother & Daughter Banquet	10 7:30 p.m. Choir	11	12	13 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Church of the Brethren
14 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship <i>Altar Flowers: Dolly Long</i> 12:30-7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use	15 June News- letter Articles Due 6:30 p.m. Coin Club Banquet	16	17 3:15 p.m. Christian Outreach 7:30 p.m. Choir	18	19 6:30 p.m. Christian Singles 7:05 p.m. Orioles Game Fundraiser	20 ALL DAY Scrapbooking
21 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30am Contemporary Worship <i>Altar Flowers: Audrey Byrd</i> Deliver Pizzas afterward to local police	22	23	24 7:30 p.m. Choir	25	26	27
28 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship <i>Altar Flowers: Donna & Bryan Yeager</i>	29  Memorial Day Office Closed	30	31 9:00 a.m. Quilt Day	 <p>Strawberry Festival Saturday, June 10, from 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.</p>		



1 Charlotte Bitzel	7 Lisa Maempel	18 Emily Ogg	24 Claire Null
1 Shirley Frederick	8 Riley Dell	19 Janet Amoss	24 Marjorie Williamson
2 John Joiner	8 Michelle Jefferson	19 Gary Dell	26 Sara Bucacink
4 Gregory Dell	9 Jessica Frebertshauser	19 Allison Short	26 Denise Menchey
5 Lauren Dean	13 Sara Coppersmith	20 Erik Gillman	26 Emily Van Horn
5 Christopher Gillman	13 Nicholas Monroe	20 Phillip Short	29 Daryl Blubaugh
5 Kelly Gross	17 Lavena Basler	22 George Amoss	30 Jade Sabo
6 Ashley Brothers	17 Jack Gavin	22 Deborah Bean	31 Tess Gavin
7 Robert Bean	17 James Menchey	22 Phyllis Menchey	
7 Brian Leister	18 Ethan Dell	23 Milton Zepp	

MAY 2017 WORSHIP LEADER CALENDAR

DATE	SERVICE	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR	ACOLYTE (10:30 SERVICE)	GREETERS	USHERS/ OFFERING (10:30 SERVICE)	COUNT TEAM
05/07	8:00am	Jimmy Bean	Jimmy Bean	Tate Gavin	Sue Shaeffer	Pat & Donald Heath	Donald Heath Pat Heath Dave Bollinger
	10:30am	Jack Joiner	Jean Joiner		Gloria Kniss Sharon Minor		
05/14	8:00am	Tracey Sanford	Tracey Sanford	Ashley Leister	Stacy & Larry Huber	Ken & Jean Seitz	Ken Seitz Jean Seitz Joan Phillips
	10:30am	Pat Heath	Austin Leister		Carol Blubaugh Lavena Basler		
05/21	8:00am	Paul LeDuc	Paul LeDuc	Christopher Gillman	Stanley Parks	David Ogg	Maggie Langdon Muriel Sabo Carl Rebert
	10:30am	Carl Rebert	Stephanie Dean		The Konsen Family		
05/28	8:00am	Maggie Langdon	Maggie Langdon	Mary West	Nancy Boone	Barbara & Richard Smith	Bryan Yeager Donna Yeager Teresa McCulloh
	10:30am	Donna Yeager	Teresa McCulloh		Dolly & Dan Long		

For the month of May, the Altar Guild is Lois Bankert & Dale Miller (8:00 a.m.) and Lynne Scherbarth & Dale Miller (10:30 a.m.).



MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S: George & Theo Amoss, Jacob Armacost, Dave & Loretta Basler, Amber Blubaugh, Lily Blubaugh, John & Betty Boone, Charles & Zadia Brehm, Pat Brehm, Grover Conrad, 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, Tracey Sanford, Ken Seitz, Adelaide Sies, Richard Smith, Linda Sterner, Emily Van Horn, Matthew West, Lorrie Wilson, Milton Zepp and Charles Zincon.

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

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

This prayer list was updated on April 25, 2017.

Please help keep this list current and accurate. Contact the office at 410-848-6402 or office@stjohnswestminster.org with changes (changes include updates, corrections, deletions, new names).

THANK 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.

Keeping You Current

JANUARY - MARCH 2017	
Total Income	42,522
Total Expense	65,105
Net Income (Deficit)	-22,583
Improvement Fund Income	1,435
Improvement Fund Expenses	689
Benevolence Income	3,551
Thankoffering Income	997

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.

Thank you to all Thrivent Financial members for directing Choice Dollars to St. John's Lutheran Church.

By directing Choice Dollars[®] through Thrivent Choice, eligible members recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars among thousands of participating nonprofit organizations and congregations. (Directing Choice Dollars and receiving funds from the Thrivent Choice program are subject to the Terms and Conditions of the Thrivent Choice program.)

If you have any questions about this deposit or Thrivent Choice in general, or if you have updated bank, email or other contact information, please call 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted, say, "Thrivent Choice" or email us at mail@thrivent.com.

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How Thrivent Choice Works

Eligibility requirements

Members become eligible for Thrivent Choice based on insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent volunteer leadership. Members are designated Choice Dollars that they can direct to enrolled charities.

Choosing a charitable organization

There are thousands of participating organizations. You can direct Choice Dollars to as many participating organizations as you'd like, but you may not direct less than five Choice Dollars to an organization. Enrolled organizations must be:

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit or congregation that meets program eligibility rules.

Recommended by a benefit member.

Approved by a Thrivent Member Network leadership board before being added to the online catalog.

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Office Hours:

Tuesday - Friday, 9:00-3:00

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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