

ST. JOHN'S EPISTLE

November 2019

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November At-A-Glance

November 3
All Saints Sunday

November 10
Thankoffering Day
11:45 Congregation
Mtg

November 14
8:00 - 2:00
Church Women
United Mtg

November 15 5:00
Christian Singles
Thanksgiving
Dinner

November 24
**St. John's
Anniversary!**
Only 10:30 Worship
Service
1:00 Celebratory
Lunch @ New
Windsor

A Message from Pastor Kristin

"Give Thanks with a grateful heart.
Give thanks."

November reminds us to live with grateful hearts. It reminds us of the many blessings in our lives. This month we take time to give thanks for all that God has given us.

We have many things to give thanks for at St. John's this November.

Sunday, November 3 – All Saints Sunday – We give thanks for all of the saints, those who are no longer with us and those who continue to be among us. In particular, we remember all of the saints who have gone on before us since last All Saints.

Sunday, November 10- Thank Offering Sunday – The women of St. John's lead worship and we have a special guest to share the good news.

Weekend of November 15-17 – Our Confirmation youth will be on retreat at Mar-Lu-Ridge learning and growing in God's love.

Sunday, November 24 – 175th Anniversary Celebration! One service at 10:30am with Bishop Gohl preaching! All are welcome to join us for this celebration and the dinner after in New Windsor (reservations for dinner are due soon.)

It's a busy month here at St. John's. Let us all "Give thanks with a grateful heart" for all God has done, is doing and will do in the life of our world, our congregation and our lives.

God's Peace,
Pastor Kristin Dubsy

Special Congregation Meeting

Sunday, November 10 following 10:30 am worship. Agenda includes 2020 budget and 2020 church council. All members are encouraged to attend.

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HAPPENINGS AROUND THE CHURCH



The Christian Singles Group will celebrate Thanksgiving on Friday, November 15, at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy will be provided. Please bring a covered dish or a dessert. All adult singles are invited for an evening of fun and Christian fellowship.



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

Our next Soup Kitchen will be Friday, November 15 at 10:30 am. If you would help us at the actual soup kitchen or if you would like to make or donate a dessert, please contact Lisa Gavin 410-857-1499 or Jackie Leister 410-259-5535. Your support is much appreciated as we serve our community.



All Day Scrapbooking

*Have you started on your gifts yet?
Come share your questions or talents
with us on Saturday, November 16
for a great day of scrapbooking.*

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



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



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE CHURCH

- ♦ Thanksgiving is only a few weeks away and turkeys will be on sale. If you do not need a turkey for your family, please consider purchasing one for the church. If you would like to be reimbursed for the expense, call Nancy Dean at 410-848-2140.
- ♦ The combined profit for the Strawberry Festival and the Peach Festival is \$7939.99. "Thank you" to all who helped with the Festivals and to all who purchased food items at the Festivals. St. John's is blessed by your participation and attendance! Thank you!!!
- ♦ The Fellowship Committee is coordinating the donations of baked goods (pie, cake, brownies, cookies, etc.) for the Jacob Armacost Benefit being held on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at Upperco Volunteer Fire Company. If you are able to help serve food or provide a baked item, please contact Karen Siegman at 443-506-2469 or by email at karen_siegman@yahoo.com.

The Sunshine Circle will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 6 at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Nancy Tracey will lead Devotions and Mia Hoyer is hostess. Nancy Dean will lead the assembly of Thanksgiving favors for Carroll Hospital Center. We will also assemble Seafarers boxes led by Gloria Kniss. All ladies are invited.



LOOKING AHEAD



Sunday November 10 - Special Congregation Meeting - Sunday, November 10 following 10:30am worship. Agenda includes 2020 budget and 2020 church council. All members are encouraged to attend.

Sunday November 24 - One Service at 10:30am - Anniversary Luncheon held at Windsor Hall at 1:00pm.

Sunday, December 15 – One Service at 10:30am – Sunday School Christmas Program will be part of our worship service that day.

Sunday, December 22 – Choir Christmas Cantata at 8am and 10:30am

Christmas Eve Worship – 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:30pm



FALL YARD AND RUMMAGE SALE – GREAT RESULTS!

Our Fall Yard and Rummage Sale was once again a huge success! A profit of approximately \$5,000.00 was realized thanks to the efforts of many! Funds will be distributed to various charitable organizations as part of our continued Christian outreach to others. Other organizations will also benefit from our sale as items that remained unsold were in part distributed to the Westminster Rescue Mission, Community Aid, New Life for Girls and others.

And just a reminder, the 2020 Spring Yard and Rummage Sale will be held on May 1 and 2, just a mere six months from now. Please keep that date in mind as you do your winter and spring cleaning.

Remember: “God’s work, our hands!”

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The Adult Bible Class would like to express a huge “Thank You!” to all who helped in any way in making the Fall Yard and Rummage Sale successful.

We would like to thank everyone who:

- ⇒ Prayed for the sale’s success so funds could be raised to be given to various charitable organizations
- ⇒ Contributed items for sale (You provided the basis for the sale)
- ⇒ Transported items from the pavilion into the Fellowship Hall, and from the Basler residence into the hall and pavilion
- ⇒ Unpacked, priced and placed items on display for sale
- ⇒ Prepared lunch for the daily workers
- ⇒ Went to homes to collect items
- ⇒ Prepared delicious soups, sandwiches and baked goods
- ⇒ Purchased lunch on Friday and Saturday and baked goods on Saturday
- ⇒ Purchased many, many items that were offered for sale
- ⇒ Assisted in the kitchen, on the ‘sales floor’, or outside
- ⇒ Arrived Saturday afternoon to sort, pack and transport leftover “treasures” and place materials to storage areas
- ⇒ Without the assistance of so many, the sale would not have been so successful!

Thanks to all who made all this a possibility and a reality. Additional thanks also to Thrivent Financial for providing seed money for the project.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CONTINUES HELPING

Due to cyber space mis-communication, The Christian Outreach Committee will not be serving a free meal at the Cold Weather Shelter on Friday, November 29, 2019 and Friday, January 3, 2020.

Instead will be serving on the second Tuesday starting in December 2019 until March 2020. (December 10th, January 14th, February 11th and March 10th) The Christian Outreach Committee **and interested members of St. John's need to sign up for a training session to be held this month.** If you are interested in helping with this new adventure, please contact Linda Sterner at sternerlm@outlook.com or call 410-596-3921 as soon as possible. The committee is looking for volunteers to help will food preparations, (the menu would consist of casseroles, salads, desserts, drinks, etc.) serving this meal at the shelter for 24-45 people, shopping for the food, etc. We are hoping to have a planning meeting before or after the training to get organize and share ideals. After this planning meeting this committee would be called Cold Weather Shelter **Committee. The Christian Outreach Committee will continue to do God's work in the community as usual.** The Cold Weather Shelter Committee and Soup Kitchen Committee are **outreach ministries of The Christian Outreach Committee and St. John's Lutheran Church.**

Giving Tree – Bare Necessities – During the Advent Season, the Christian Outreach Committee will be collecting new underwear, bras and long underwear for adults (all sizes) for **The Shepherd's Staff. The drive will start Sunday, November 17th until Sunday, December 8th.** Please bring your donations to the "Caring Corner" located in the Fellowship Hall or there is a basket in the Narthex. **The Christian Outreach Committee would like to "thank" the congregation in advance for your support to this collection drive.** For more information, please contact Roxanne Malbrough at roxmb@aol.com or Pam Goodson at dpgoodone@msn.com.

The World Community Day Celebration sponsored by Church Women United in Carroll County will be on Thursday, November 14, in the Fellowship Hall. The theme is "The Time is Now! Resolve to Love". Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by the program at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided at a cost of \$7 per person. There will be two offerings taken – one that will provide grants for those in need around the world and one that will be used for local expenses. CWU in Carroll County is also collecting the following items for the Cold Weather Shelter:

Men's Sweat Pants	Sizes L, XL, 2XL	Men's Sweat Shirts –	Sizes L, XL, 2XL
Underwear – Boxers or Briefs	T- shirts	Gloves	Warm Hats

If you wish to participate in this project, please place the items in the container marked Cold Weather Shelter in the Narthex. If you plan to attend this meeting, please contact Audrey Byrd (410-848-1995) by Sunday, November 10.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

St. John's Lutheran Church of Westminster is

Celebrating 175 Years!

November 24, 2019

One Church Service at 10:30 am

Luncheon at 1:00 pm @ Windsor Station

101 High Street, New Windsor, MD 21776 (New Windsor Fire Hall)

Cost:

\$16 per adult

\$8 children (5-10)

Free for children 4 and under

Menu:

Turkey, Dressing,

Gravy, Mashed Potatoes,

Green Beans, Corn, Applesauce & Cake

All are welcome! Please share with former members and friends of the church.

RSVP & Payment Due by November 8th • (410)848-6402

News from the Men of the Congregation

PAST NEWS

October 12: The monthly breakfast meeting was held on October 14.

October 28: Fourteen men from the congregation and Pastor Kristin attended the Westminster Conference Fall Dinner Meeting on October 28, that was held here in our church. One hundred and twenty men from the Westminster District attend and were treated by a fine meal prepared by the ladies of our congregation.

The next Conference Dinner will be in April. Details will be announced early in the spring.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 9: The November meeting of the Men of the Congregation is scheduled for Saturday, November 9, at 8:00 AM. It will be held at the Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren, unless otherwise announced. All are welcome to join for breakfast, fellowship and devotions.

December 14: The regularly scheduled breakfast meeting will be held 8:00 am at the Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren.

The Men of the Congregation generally meet on the second Saturday of each month unless otherwise announced. Further information about the group can be obtained by contacting Dennis Kniss or John Bucacink.

COUNCIL NOTES

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

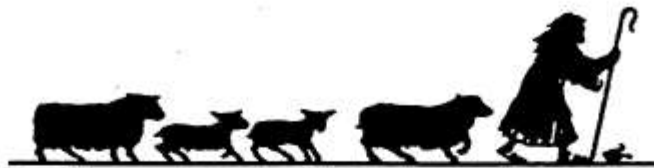
Notes from the Council

Highlights from The Church Council meeting held on October 22, 2019:

- ✦ Reviewed and approved the 2020 Spending Plan
- ✦ Approved the Agenda for the November 10 Congregational Meeting
- ✦ Noted that Bishop William Gohl will be presenting the sermon on the 175th anniversary celebration service at the 10:30 am service. There will be no 8 am service on that date.



The Brethren Home Community of the Cross Keys Village in New Oxford, PA has a group that collect used stamps. The group processes them and sells them to buy items needed for the residents of that facility. With the money they have received, they have purchased wheelchairs, ride on scales, recliner chairs, defibrillators, geriatric chairs and shampoo recliners, just to name a few. You can help in this ministry by saving your used stamps. Simply cut the envelope in half to eliminate the address or cut around the stamp by 1/2 inch and bring it to the bin in the Caring Corner in Fellowship Hall marked Stamps. Thank you for helping the residents of this community. For questions contact Audrey Byrd at 4120-848-1995.



THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

A Christian Outreach and Support Center

30 Carroll Street, PO Box 127, Westminster, MD 21158

www.shepstaff.org 410-857-5944

Sponsors the 26th Annual

Thanksgiving Day

Community Dinner

Thursday, November 28, 2019

12pm – 2pm

Portico, St. John Roman Catholic Church
43 Monroe Street, Westminster, Maryland
(Across from West Middle School)

All Are Welcome Free of Charge

In keeping with *The Shepherd's Staff's* Mission, this Holiday Dinner has been created to bring together all those who wish to share the *Blessings of Food and Friendship on Thanksgiving Day.*

To donate or for information:

Call 410-857-5944 or email info@shepstaff.org.

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



The Shepherd's Staff
26th Annual Community
Thanksgiving Day Dinner



Thursday, November 28, 2019

THANKSGIVING DONATION REQUEST

Once again, *The Shepherd's Staff* is asking for your assistance in making our **26th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner** a success on Thursday, November 28th at **St. John Roman Catholic Church, Westminster – 12pm to 2pm**. As always we would be grateful for donations from the following list:

Dinner Donations

- | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Butter | Sandwich bags | Wrapped Candy |
| Onions (<i>bag</i>) | Paper Towels | Cookies |
| Celery | 5 Gallon Trash Bags | Brownies |
| Lemonade/Ice Tea Mix | Fruit Pies | Apples |
| 10 oz Cold Cups | Pecan Pies | Oranges |
| 10 oz Hot Cups | Cakes | Salt & Pepper Shakers |

All donations must be dropped off on
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27th BETWEEN 3PM AND 7PM at
St. John Roman Catholic Church, 43 Monroe Street, Westminster.
Bring donations to the church's School Cafeteria area only.

**PLEASE, DO NOT BRING DONATIONS TO
 THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

Monetary donations are also always welcome especially to purchase items needed. Please make checks payable to *The Shepherd's Staff* with the designation *Thanksgiving Dinner* and mail to:

The Shepherd's Staff, P.O. Box 127, Westminster, MD 21158.

Many, many thanks for your continued support!!!





Collection Kickoff

Bring outerwear donations to
the Narthex or Caring Corner

Beginning
Friday, September 27, through
Friday, November 15, 2019

Minor repairs and cleaning as needed by Admiral Cleaners.

Coats will be distributed FREE to Carroll County
residents by The Shepherd's Staff located at 30 Carroll St.
(Across from Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church)

Monday, Tuesday, Friday 10am-2pm
Thursday 3pm-7pm
For Coat Distribution call 410-857-5944



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE CHURCH - BLESSING OF PETS



MEN OF WESTMINSTER CONFERENCE

Men of the Westminster Conference Dinner! 128 men (a record) from our conference gathered for dinner, fellowship, hymn sing, devotions and the **coveted trophy (given to the church with the most men in attendance)** at St John's. Thanks to all who helped prepare and serve the meal. It was a lot of work!



YOUTH WITH APPALACHIA EXPERIENCES

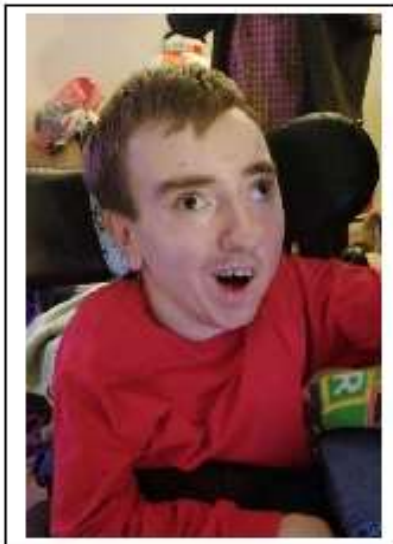


On September 29th, our youth shared about last summer's service trip to Clay County, WV. They did a great job! Thank you St John's for supporting our youth.



Pig Roast and Silent Auction

to benefit the
Jacob Armacost Foundation



Saturday November 23, 2019
6-10pm

Upperco Volunteer Fire
Company's Social Hall
Carnival Avenue, Upperco, MD
(same place, new name!)

Tickets \$15
\$20 at the door

For Tickets Contact:

Donna Armacost
410-967-7748

Della Dell
410-848-0777

Proceeds will pay for therapies and equipment not covered by insurance

Jacob Armacost Foundation

17229 Pleasant Meadow Rd.

Upperco, MD 21155

In June 1997, our son Jacob suffered a near-drowning accident at the age of 16 months. Due to this accident, Jacob is severely brain damaged. He has lost the ability to walk, talk and eat. We are not sure how much he sees. The doctors told us this is the worst they have ever seen. Although I believe they did the best they knew how, they gave us little hope. We brought Jake home and did our best to keep him comfortable. This was a momentous job, as his brain was always sending the wrong messages to his body, making him stiff as a board, making it very difficult to take care of his daily needs. He had a Baclofen pump surgically inserted in his abdomen, which pumped medicine into his spinal nerves to help deaden the messages from his brain. Initially, this helped a lot.

About three years after Jake's accident, we were at a follow-up appointment with the rehabilitation team. They were impressed that his skin looked nice and he didn't have any bedsores. They said I was doing a great job and to take him home. When I left that appointment, I rode home thinking, "This can't be it. There must be more. Someone needs to tell me what to do next to make his life better."

I began researching alternative therapies. I found Hyperbaric Oxygen. We started treatments and Jake became much more calm and alert, and began swallowing. I was able to take him off most of his medications and we started reducing the medication in his internal pump. We were able to remove the pump in February 2007! I also found a sensory stimulation program out of England called Brain-Net. It consists of an exercise routine that we do with Jake every day. He smiles a lot now and laughs out loud. He enjoys riddles and rhymes and being read to. He vocalizes more and seems to be speaking to us in his own language. Jake receives a special massage for scoliosis and acupuncture each week. It seems to be a great combination. His vision also continues to improve. We visited the Amen Clinic in Reston, VA where we were told there is a lot of Jake's brain that works really well. We are trying some supplements to aid in the production of new neural cells.

We have tried many other therapies. The ones that work we continue, and the ones that don't we chalk up to life experience. I know that God had a reason to give this boy back to us. This has been a long road and sometimes lonely, but Jake is our miracle. To see how he touches lives is a priceless gift. Without speaking, he can cross barriers and melt hearts. He has come a long way for a boy who "probably would not make it through the night and if he did would be a vegetable." Jake has shown us how fragile life is and how we need to value it. Deep in my heart I know he will get his life back! He is a fighter!

Jake's therapies are very expensive and are not covered by insurance. Jake has a fund that was started by friends and family when his accident happened. We need your help to continue the therapies that have helped Jake so much.

Sincerely,
Doug and Donna Armacost

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Robert Kriel	11/01	Garrett Dell	11/20
Kristin Scherbarth	11/01	Sylvia Moklak	11/20
Heidi Tompkins	11/01	Paul LeDuc	11/23
Betty Blauvelt	11/05	Brett Peregoy	11/26
Lara Findeisen	11/05	Bradlee Lang	11/27
Abigail Schindler	11/05	Dolly Long	11/27
Betty Boone	11/06	Lindsay Dell	11/28
Dennis Seymer	11/07	David Resch	11/28
Bryan Yeager	11/07	Stewart Sterner	11/28
Mason Dean	11/08	Jimmy Bean	11/30
Carole Brothers	11/08		
William Brehm	11/10		
Teresa McCulloh	11/10		
Bonnie Null	11/10		
Kristy Dean	11/10		
Jenny Parsley	11/11		
Sarah LeDuc	11/12		
Thomas Kriel	11/13		
Nadia Grothe	11/14		
Mark Howard	11/16		
Robert Braman	11/17		
Deborah Brehm	11/17		
Marsha Herbert	11/18		
Charles Brehm	11/19		
Shannon Leister	11/19		

The Shepherd's Staff's

SACKS FOR SENIORS



Thank you for making a gift donation to give to seniors in Carroll County!

Simply purchase a gift bag and fill it with items! Please mark it with a tag that identifies it as male or female.

Please drop off donations by December 6, 2019

ITEMS TO INCLUDE:

- Stationary: Pens, pencils, markers, writing pads, etc.
- Hygiene items: Toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, mild soap, comb, brush, deodorant, tissues, hand sanitizer, etc.
- Other: T-shirt, socks, jewelry, watches, and hard candy.
- Love to have included: the biblical Christmas story, religious CD's / DVD's

Please do not include:
Used or damaged items, chocolate or food, out of date candy, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers or aerosol cans.



The Shepherd's Staff's

STOCKING DONATIONS



Thank you for donating stockings to children in Carroll County!

Simply purchase a stocking and fill it with items! Please mark the stocking with a tag to identify if it boy or girl and the approximate age level.

Please drop off donations by December 6, 2019

ITEMS TO INCLUDE:

- Infants**
Pacifiers, bottles, bibs, one-piece outfits, socks, booties, and baby toys.
- Toddlers and school-aged children**
School Supplies: Pens, pencils, crayons, markers, writing pads, etc.
Toys: Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, flashlights, coloring books, books, jump ropes, toys that light up or make noise, bubbles, etc.
Hygiene items: Toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, mild soap, comb, brush, etc.
Other: T-shirt, socks, hair accessories, jewelry, watches, and underwear.
Love to have included: the biblical Christmas story, religious CD's / DVD's

Please do not include:
Used or damaged items, wax, melted items, such as toy guns or knives, chocolate or food, out of date candy, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers, or aerosol cans.



'TIS THE SEASON

Be a Santa's Helper

For the last 19 years my husband and I have collected money to purchase stuffed animals and donate them to the children at Sinai and John Hopkins Pediatric Oncology wards, in hopes of making Christmas brighter for over 500 children.

These adorable stuffed animals will be ready to go to the hospitals this year only with your help. Johns Hopkins expects over 100 children to be in their Pediatric Oncology Unit through Christmas morning. Our goal is to make sure that each and every one of those children receives a stuffed animal on Christmas morning. Sinai does their best to not have children on their ward for Christmas, but instead they **put the stuffed animals in a "Hope Chest" to give to children who come in for procedures thru-out the year.**

Your generous donation will last a life time. We have had the opportunity to meet some of these children and it makes such an impression on not only the child receiving the gift but on the family whose lives are completely turned upside down by having a sick child.

Please be a Santa's Helper this year. Your monitory donation will allow us to send enough stuffed animals to these hospitals so every child will have a brighter Christmas. Call or e-mail us today with your donation.

Sandi & Matthew West
Camelot West Family Services
410-848-4414/ 443-929-2105
camelotwest@comcast.net



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

High School Youth Grade 9-12
January 24-26, 2020
Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel
10100 Coastal Highway
Ocean City, MD 21842

Theme: **Can I ask that?**
Yes! Absolutely yes.

Your questions, your doubts, your ponderings, your struggles, your faith, your experiences, your conversations - they matter. To you. And to the Church.

*There is nothing you can ask that
will make God love you less.
There is nothing you can ask that
will make God love you more.*

God's grace is there for you in the midst of it all. Yet with each question you ask, and each conversation we have together as disciples of Jesus, our relationship with God is renewed, our discipleship is shaped, our connection to our community is remade.

Come and listen. Come and bring your questions. Come and share what God has put on your heart. Come and experience what the Holy Spirit will stir up for you and for the church in the midst of our conversations together.

Cost to you: \$100 for the weekend, includes housing, meals, program and t-shirt (except for meals traveling to and from the event).

How do I sign up? Nonrefundable payment of \$50 (or pay \$100) and the registration form due into Pastor Kristin by Sunday, December 8.

Pastoral Acts:

Funeral

Mittie Coppersmith
October 29, 2019

Baptisms

Bronwyn Elise Gay
September 29, 2019

Reese Thomas Slegel
October 6, 2019

Wade Ryan Wheeler
October 13, 2019

Confirmation Retreat! Friday, November 15- Sunday, November 17 our confirmation youth will be headed to Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp for a weekend of digging into the bible, making new friends, experiencing God's love and creation! Please pray for our confirmands and adult leaders.

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 All Saints Day	2 
3 All Saints Sunday 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Education 10:30 am Worship Altar Flowers: Kathy Bailey	4 9:00am - noon Tie & Knot Day 	5 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:30 pm Church Council Mtg	6 RSVP Deadline for Luncheon 6:30 pm Sunshine Circle 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	7 3:00 pm Christian Outreach followed by Cold Weather Shelter Committee	8	9 8:00 am Men's Breakfast at Meadow Branch
10 Thankoffering Sunday 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Education 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Congregation Mtg Altar Flowers: Charles Brehm	11	12 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal	13 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	14 8:00am - 2:00pm Church Women United	15 10:30 am Soup Kitchen 5:00 pm Christian Singles Confirmation	16 All Day Scrapbooking  Retreat
17 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Education 10:30 am Worship Altar Flowers: Marc & Mia Hoyer	18	19 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal	20 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	21	22	23 1:00pm - 5:00pm Fellowship Hall In Use
24 Christ the King Day  10:30 am Worship 1:00 pm Anniversary Luncheon Altar Flowers: Peggy Conrad	25 6:30 pm Coin Club	26 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal	27 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	28 Thanksgiving	29	30 

2019 NOVEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

DATE	SERVICE	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR	ACOLYTE	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS/ OFFERING (10:30)	GREETERS	COUNTING TEAM	
11/03	8:00am	Lori Bucacink	Lori Bucacink	*****	Lois Bankert Dale Miller	*****	Sue Shaffer	Stewart Sterner	
	10:30am	Andy Kleinschmidt	Mia Hoyer	Grace Kleinschmidt	Carol Blubaugh	The Findeisen Family	Lois and Phil Short	Drew Dean Steve Findeisen	
11/10	8:00am	Tracey Sanford	Sunshine Circle	*****	Lois Bankert Dale Miller	*****	Nancy and Tom Tracey	Tracey Sanford	
	10:30am	Doris Zepp	Sunshine Circle	Olivia Leister	Carol Blubaugh	Sunshine Circle	Sunshine Circle	Carl Rebert Dave Bollinger	
11/17	8:00am	Carl Rebert	Carl Rebert	*****	Lois Bankert Dale Miller	*****	Linda and Stewart Sterner	Deb Schaefer Michael Schaefer	
	10:30am	Roseanne Kleinschmidt	Nancy Dean	Tate Gavin	Carol Blubaugh	The Leister Family	Jean Seitz Joan Phillips	Darry Gross	
11/24		175th Anniversary						One service only	Genny Resch
	10:30am	John Bucacink	Stephanie Dean	Spencer Goodson	Carol Blubaugh	Genny Resch Roxanne Malbrough	Blythe and Mick Zechman	Maggie Langdon Mick Zechman	

Prayer



Requests

MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S: George Amoss, The Family of Theo Amoss, Jacob Armacost, Dave Basler, The Family of Lavena Basler, Levi Blubaugh, Lily Blubaugh, John & Betty Boone, Charles Brehm, Pat Brehm, The Family of Mittie Coppersmith, Shirley Daniels, Donald Dell, Beverly Dutterer, Janet Gross, Donald Heath, Jeanne Joiner, Betty Knisley, Jaxon LeDuc, Paul LeDuc, Olivia Leister, Yvonne Mathias, Sue Mencer, Phyllis Menchey, Bonnie Null, Claire Null, Melanie Ogg, Joseph Olenik, Stanley Parks, Doris Rebert, Karen Reinhold, Muriel Sabo, Tracey Sanford, Anna Rae Siegman, Emily Van Horn, The West Family, Lorrie Wilson, Donna Yeager, Jean Yeakel, Gloria Yingling, Pastor Michael Dubsky and Chaplain Jimmie Schwartz.

FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN'S: Karen Aldridge, Helen Armacost, Ed Arnold, Joann and Lou Bardiche, Keely Barkell, Taylor Barnes, Family & Friends of Rita Batho, Marcia Batista, The Family and Friends of Kelsey Berry, The Bogdan Family, Ronald Boone, The Bordenski Family, Dana Byrd, Chris Clise, Scott Cronkite, Tammy Crosby, Jerry Day, Demetrius, Frank DiTaranto, Lindsey Durm, Ella Edwards, Robin Ehrenfeld, Stacey Erich, Jackie Farver, Christian Filippo, Morley Frodo, Red and Carol Fun Danish, Marg Goodlin, Gini Gordon, Pat and Jerry Gratefully, Family and Friends of Laurel Greeley, The Family of Burnell Grogg, **Andrew ("Will") Hacked**, Natalie Halpin, Dave Haschert, Elwood Hawes, Sr., Tom Hoekstra, Sherry Honeycutt, Dawn Itzel, Lisa and Kevin Jones, Pastor Bob Kidd, The Knepp Family, Mamie Koontz, The Family of Lorraine Kopp, The Family of Jeannie Leister, Don & Charlotte Ludwig, Nick and Darlene Majorca, The Family of Maria Malbrough, The McGuire Family, Joe McLaughlin, The Mesick Family, Pastor Richard Michael and Eva Michael, Wyatt Miller, Jeanne Mueller, Erin Murphy & Haitian Timon Foundation, Kay Murphy, The Family and Friends of Harold Nelson, Kim Piet, Tim Riddle, Hal Roche, Beverly & Jack Rose, Jessica Runnels, Ann Schmidt, Zella Sherman, The Family of Haylee Shifflett, Ms. Wilda Simpson, Anne Smith, David & Debbie Smith, Carolyn Snyder, The Family and Friends of Ridgely Spence, Aileen Strobel, Joan Tait, Margot & Jessica Villanueva, Elizabeth Watson, Hal Water, Tammy Williams and Signa Yingling.

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

This prayer list was updated on October 30, 2019.

Thank Offering Fund

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

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

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

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

Electronic Giving is Easy!

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



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THRIVENT MEMBERS: Update On Action Teams and Direct Choice Dollars

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

I have a list of projects that you can pick from if you are not sure of where to put your Action Team Money. Talk with me or call me if you need ideas and are willing to use the Action Team Money (\$250.00). I can assist you in the paper work and ideas for the money.

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Articles for the December/January Newsletter should be submitted no later than November 12, 2019! Please send the articles to Deb, the Office Manager, at office@stjohnswestminster.org or place them in her mailbox.

Thank you!

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Worship Schedule - September 8 - June 7, 2020

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship Service

9:15 am Education Hour

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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