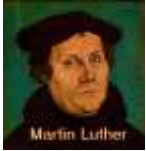




# ST. JOHN'S EPISTLE

## October 2017

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### A Message from Pastor Kristin

**“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9**

#### Reformation 500

This is the month we have been promoting all year long in the Lutheran Church. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted *The 95 Theses* to the Castle Church door in Wittenburg, Germany. His intention was to “reform” the church, but what happened was more than he ever could have imagined. His simple act of protest, began a movement that changed the world.

Join us for worship on Sunday, October 29 – as we celebrate God’s reforming work in our lives and in the life of the church and the world and the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. Join us at 9:15a.m. on October 29 for a “Reformation 500 Party” in the fellowship hall with food, games, and I will share pictures and stories from my “In the Footsteps of Luther” tour of Germany last May.

Join us as we worship as a conference on Sunday, October 29 at 3:30pm at Big Baker Chapel at McDaniel College for a very special Reformation 500 service. Our conference goal is to have 500 people there on that day!

God’s Peace –

Pastor Kristin Dubsky

Special Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, November 12 at 11:45 a.m.

#### October At A Glance

**Wednesday, October 4**  
6:30 p.m.  
Sunshine Circle 106<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Dinner

**Sunday, October 8**  
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Sara Bucacink to share  
her El Savador trip at both  
services

#### Budget Requests Due

**Friday & Saturday,**  
**October 20 & 21**  
8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.  
Fall Yard & Rummage  
Sale

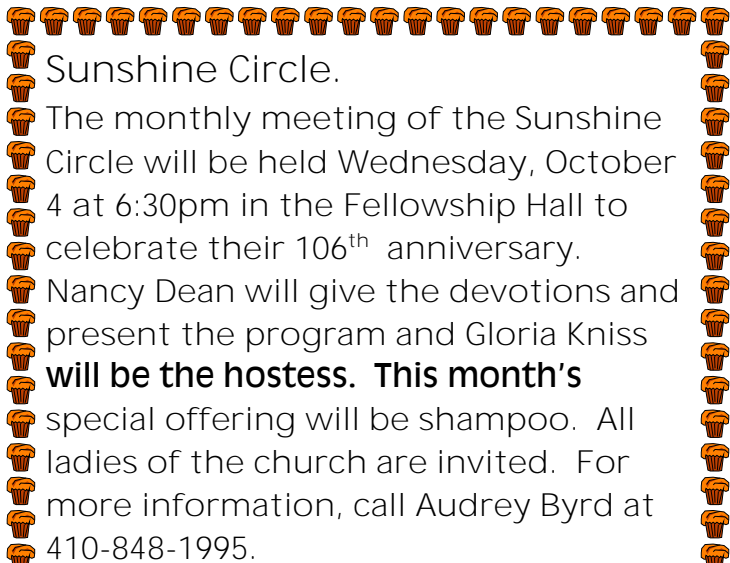
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Reformation Party

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Reformation 500  
Celebration Service in Big  
Baker Chapel at McDaniel  
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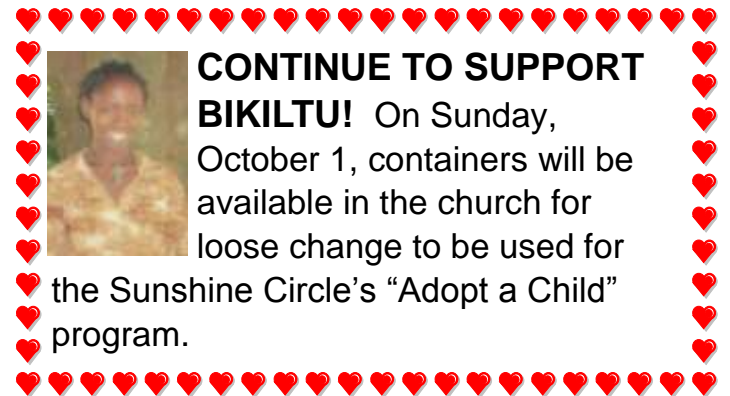
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# HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH

Sunshine Circle.  
The monthly meeting of the Sunshine Circle will be held Wednesday, October 4 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate their 106<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Nancy Dean will give the devotions and present the program and Gloria Kniss **will be the hostess. This month's** special offering will be shampoo. All ladies of the church are invited. For more information, call Audrey Byrd at 410-848-1995.

**Christian Singles** will meet on Friday, **October 27**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for the annual Halloween Party. Wear a costume or come in your regular attire. Please bring a friend and a snack, dessert or drink for an fun evening of Christian Fellowship.

**CONTINUE TO SUPPORT BIKILTU!** On Sunday, October 1, containers will be available in the church for loose change to be used for the Sunshine Circle's "Adopt a Child" program.

**Seafarer's Project:** Beginning Sunday, October 1, The Sunshine Circle will once again be collecting magazines for our Seafarer's project. There will be containers in the Narthex and at the Caring Center in the Fellowship Hall. The following magazines are accepted:

- \* Time/News Week or news periodicals---up to 3 months old
- \* Sports Illustrated/People Magazine---up to 6 months old
- \* Reader's Digest---up to 2 years old
- \* Magazines on cars, computers, consumer information
- \* Action/Adventure DVD'S
- \* Books about Baltimore or the United States

Magazines will be collected through Sunday, November 12.

The combined profit for the 2017 Strawberry and Peach Festivals is \$5858. Thank you for all that you do to make the Festivals successful 

**SEW DAY**  
Our last sew day for this year will occur on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 starting at 9:00 am. In the Fellowship Hall. Come out and join us if you can!!

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**Articles for the November newsletter should be submitted no later than Tuesday, October 10!** Please send the articles to Frances, the Office manager, at [office@stjohnswestminster.org](mailto:office@stjohnswestminster.org) or place them in her mailbox. **Thanks!**

# HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH

## FALL YARD AND RUMMAGE SALE IS JUST WEEKS AWAY!

As we look at the calendar, we see that summer is nearly gone. That means that it is time for the annual Fall Yard and Rummage Sale! This year's sale will be held on Friday, October 20 and Saturday, October 21, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This is an excellent time to help rid yourself of unwanted items, and assist various charities at the same time.

### Collecting Time Chart

Monday, October 16th, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday, October 17th, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 18th, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 19th 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.

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### 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.**

## MEN OF THE CONGREGATION

### News from the Men of the Congregation

The October 2017 meeting of the Men of the Congregation is scheduled for Saturday, October 14, at 8:00 AM. It will be held at the Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren. All are welcome to join for breakfast, fellowship and devotions. **The day's thoughts will include "pumpkins".**

The Fall Meeting of the Men of the Westminster Conference will be held October 30. Detailed information about the event is included in this edition of the Newsletter. If planning to attend, please contact Dennis Kniss, John Bucacink or Dale Miller by October 15.

**The September meeting included "choosing the straight pathway in life" for the devotional time.** Information about upcoming church events was given. Ten attended the meeting.

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.



### Reformation 500 Bookstore

Augsburg Fortress Publishing

is offering a line of books to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. 20 different titles about or written by Martin Luther will be on sale during September and October. The books, and ordering information, will be on display in the narthex after both services on September 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>. These books are offered at a discount with free shipping if ordered through St John's.

For more information, see Steve Findeisen.

### Evangelism News

October promises to bring us new sights to enjoy in God's amazing world. Stop, reflect, and notice the many colors all around you in nature!

Do you want your faith to grow? Do you want your church relationship to be full. If your answer is yes, set some goals and then it is partly up to you. Make good choices, don't hang back, but instead, choose to get involved. Make the most of being a congregational member! If you see something that needs to be done, offer to help! We need all of you. We are God's people using ourselves to do God's work!

Please help us with our eyewear collection for 2017. Our goal is at least 50 more pairs. Then, we will have collected 2,000 pairs since 2006. Put glasses in box in care corner. We are still collecting unused greeting cards with envelopes for thinking about you, happy birthday, get well or sympathy. Place in marked plastic box in care corner.

Carrollton 4-H is making cold cut and turkey subs on Sat. October 28, pick up at noon, \$5.00 each! To order call Loretta Basler at 1-443-289-8938 by October 15<sup>th</sup>!

Requesting: Our evangelism team to bake for Fall Yard & Rummage Sale on Sat. Oct, 21<sup>st</sup>. We can help by bringing items to be sold to assist various charities! Together we can help!

We will make care packages and cards for our shut ins/ homebound on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please notify us if you want us to visit your family member. Watch bulletins for updates.

Deadline for current mailing addresses of our military folks is Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Where will they receive mail for the holidays? Call the church office at 410-848-6402 for updates.

*Needed:* Volunteer for helping with senior scrapbook pages. One page a month. Could you help?

*Wanted:* several people to keep fellowship bulletin board updated! Instructions and details are available for those interested. Call Loretta if you'd like this opportunity.

Our committee continues to work on senior profiles! Keep your nominations coming in for anyone near 75 to join our parade! This month we feature Peggy Conrad on page 10.

Do what you can do to serve The Lord with gladness. Let's share our joy in our relationship we have with Our Lord Jesus Christ.

God's Blessings to you! Loretta Basler

# HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH

**Save the Date!** Saturday, November 4 from 3:00—6:00 p.m., we will have our second annual fall festival which will again include a chili cook off. Detail to follow.

**If you plan to enter the Chili Cook-Off, please complete the registration form below.**

## St. John's Chili Cook-Off Entry Form

*Chili Cook-Off will be held at the Fall Festival scheduled for Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, from 3-6 p.m.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

By entering the Chili Cook-Off, each participant agrees to:

- ⇒ Bring their homemade chili in a crock pot no larger than two quarts
- ⇒ Provide their own serving utensils
- ⇒ Chili must be on-site and set up by 2:30 p.m. on the day of the event
- ⇒ Provide the recipe to the festival committee per Health Department Rules

Registration forms are due to Genny Resch no later than October 15<sup>th</sup>

**This year's cook-off** will be limited to 10 entries, so make sure you register as soon as possible!

If you have any questions, please contact Genny Resch at 443-789-3913.

## Chill @ Church!

**Chill @ Church Night!** All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade youth are invited to chill @ church on Friday, October 20 from 7-10pm. We will be upstairs as the fellowship hall will be full of rummage sale goods. Bring \$5 for pizza and a snack or drink to share! We hope to see you then! Yes, you can bring a friend! See PK or Ms. Genny for more information.

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## 2017 Committee Chairs

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Fellowship.....Karen Siegman

Stewardship.....Carl Rebert

Property.....Michael Grothe

Worship & Music.....Dennis Kniss

Christian Outreach.....Roxanne Mal

brough

Finance.....Janet Gross

John Bucacink

# HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH

Sara Bucacink will be sharing about her mission trip to El Salvador this summer during worship on Sunday, October 8 at both services. **You don't** want to miss hearing about the work she did and the ways she saw God at work in her life and in the life of the people she was serving.



Fall Confirmation Retreat at Mar-Lu-Ridge! Our confirmation class will be at Mar-Lu-Ridge, November 17-19 for our annual fall retreat.

All Ages Reformation 500 Party! On Sunday, October 29 at 9:15am as we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, our Christian Education and Youth Committee a "Reformation 500 Party" in the Fellowship Hall. This will be in place of Education Hour that day. All ages are invited to join us as Pastor Kristin shares pictures and stories from her "In Luther's Steps" tour of Germany this past May and we will have food and games, too. Join us!



**"This Changes Everything"** – Registration for The ELCA National Youth Gathering is complete and we have a great group of young people and adults headed to Houston next summer. Please keep an eye out for fundraisers that will begin soon. Thanks for your support.



## Annual Fall Blood Drive

On Saturday, November 4 from 7:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon, we will be hosting a Red Cross blood drive in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider giving the gift of life.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

## LET IT RISE!

We will be celebrating our first contemporary worship service of the fall season on Sunday, October 15 at 10:30 a.m. Please join us for this uplifting service.



## — Pastoral Acts —

### Funeral

Kathleen Blum Memorial Service

September 30, 2017



## Handbells

Handbell rehearsals will be held at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesdays. If you are interested in ringing, please see Maggie Langdon.

# HAPPENING AROUND TOWN

The Lutheran Church Men of the Westminster Conference Dinner.

The Lutheran Church Men of the Westminster Conference will hold their Fall Dinner Meeting on Monday, October 30th, 2017, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Taneytown. The ladies of the church will be serving a family-style dinner at 6:30pm of Fried Chicken and Baked Ham, side dishes, and cake and ice cream for dessert. A free-will offering will be received for the meal with at least \$12.00 expected.

Following dinner, Pastor Cris Frigm will lead a short devotion and hymn sing along with their new director of music.

This dinner, like the spring meeting, provides an opportunity for the men of our conference churches to socialize and renew old acquaintances. All are welcome to attend.

Reservations are due by Sunday, October 15th. Please contact Dennis Kniss, John Bucacink or Dale Miller if you plan to attend.

## 2017 WELCA FALL MEETING

The Westminster Cluster Women's Organization of the Women of the ELCA will hold it's fall meeting on Saturday Oct. 14 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Hampstead. Here is the agenda for the meeting:

- 9:30a.m.—Registration with continental breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. - Devotions by Rev. C .Andrew Carr of St. Mark's
- 10:15 a.m.---Program: Celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Martin Luther. There will be a dialog taken from the book Katie and Luther Speak by Jewell Makolin. Also featured will be the History Cupboard on Martin Luther.

Please come out and join us. See you there.

BAKE SALE FOR JAKE.

Donations of Baked Goods are needed for the Jacob Armacost Benefit being held on Saturday, November 18, 2017. If you can donate a baked item (pie, cake, brownies, cookies, etc.), please bring to the church by 12 Noon the day of the event (November 18th). Also needed are individuals to help serve food during the event at Arcadia Fire Hall. See pages 9-10 for event details.

If you would be able to help to serve or provide a baked item, please contact Karen Siegman by email at [karen\\_siegman@yahoo.com](mailto:karen_siegman@yahoo.com) or by cell at 443-506-2469.



### Church & Village: Partners in Ministry October 2017

#### Register Now for Lifelong Learning Opportunities

Register now for the following Lifelong Learning opportunities. Courses are open to all older adults in the community. Come join us!

**Tech Soup** –Larry Bulanda discussed current trends in technology including remote sensing, robotic prosthetics, technology in healthcare and aging in place, canine technology and more. Class meets Tuesdays **October 3 through 17** from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$42 per adult.

**Angels** – Learn the historical and spiritual significance of angels. Class meets Fridays **October 18 through November 8** from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Free to older adults.

**Zumba** – Get the heart and muscles pumping in this challenging session. Mondays, **October 30 – December 11** at 11:00 a.m. Cost is \$30 per adult.

**Art History Series: The Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood** - Susan Williamson from the Carroll Arts Center presents on Tuesday, **October 17** from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 pm. Cost is \$9 for CLV residents and Arts Council members and \$10 for all others.

Please register for all courses in advance at 443-605-1070 or [registration@clvillage.org](mailto:registration@clvillage.org). A complete list of Lifelong Learning options is available at [www.clvillage.org/lifelong-learning](http://www.clvillage.org/lifelong-learning).

## INDOOR WELCA Yard / Bake Sale

Friday and Saturday  
October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>

Something for Everyone

St. Benjamin's Lutheran Church  
700 Krider's Cemetery Road  
Off Krider's Church Road  
Rt. 97 North of Westminster  
Call 410-848-3311 for more  
information



Jacob Armacost Foundation  
17229 Pleasant Meadow Rd.  
Upperco, MD 21155  
501c3 Tax ID: 52-2064630

## Jacob Armacost

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



# Pig Roast and Silent Auction

to benefit the

## Jacob Armacost Foundation



Saturday November 18, 2017  
6-10p.m.

**Arcadia Fire Hall's**  
New Activities Building  
Carnival Avenue, Upperco

Tickets \$15

For Tickets Contact:

Donna Armacost — 410-967-7748

Della Dell — 410-848-0777

*Proceeds will pay for therapies and equipment not covered by insurance*

## SENIOR PROFILE—Peggy Sue Fritz Conrad

**Peggy Sue (Fritz) Conrad was born an only child to William "Bill" & Cathryn "Kate" Fritz in August 1941. Growing up in New Windsor/ Medford area, she has been a lifelong resident of beautiful Carroll County.**



Peggy graduated from New Windsor High School, Class of 1958. While in high school she excelled in her clerical studies and played on the school's basketball and speed ball teams and was also a cheerleader. She still enjoys her high school reunions and visiting with classmates.

While in high school she worked at Baughers Restaurant where she waited on many of the Baltimore Colts after practices at Western Maryland College, (now McDaniel College).



Peggy married Grover Conrad in October of 1965. Combined they have 5 daughters and a son, 17 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren. They settled on a family farm on Bowersox Road in New Windsor and have lived on the property for 52 happy years.

Peggy attended Wakefield Bible Church. She often played the organ for Sunday services and raised her family in her home church. Peggy, Grover and 2 daughters, Tammy and Karen joined St. John's in 1982. Both Tammy and Karen were married at St John's and their children have been baptized and confirmed in the church.



Peggy worked for Carroll County Government for 32 years, spending 25 years in the Department of Public Works and later Clerk to the County Commissioners. She retired in 1992. Peggy has enjoyed traveling, counted cross stich and spending time with her family, especially her two great-granddaughters, Allie and Aubrey.

**Peggy's favorite moments at St. John's are hymn sings and candlelight Christmas Eve services.**

Submitted by daughter Karen Monroe.



# THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF



## Collection Kickoff

Bring outerwear donations to  
The Shepherd's Staff Office  
Beginning  
Saturday, September 23, through  
Friday, November 17

*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



### Drop-Off Locations:



*Admiral Cleaners will be offering free mobile service and cleaning of donated coats for individuals on all of their routes.*

For Coat Collection information call 410-848-4339



## Shepherd's Staff 2nd Annual Dinner & Dance Fundraiser

Saturday, October 21, 2017

5:30PM - 10:00PM

Portico, St. John's Catholic Church

DJ Music Provided by Raptor Productions  
Raffles & Prizes Galore!

\$40 per person (pre-sale only)

Cash Bar - \$2 Beer & \$3 Wine

Call 410-857-5944 to order tickets!

No ATM onsite

### Shepherd's Staff Sponsor's the 24th Annual

## Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner

Thursday, November 23, 2017

12:00noon - 2:00pm

St. John Roman Catholic Church  
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



THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

A Christian Outreach and Support Center  
P.O. Box 127 Westminster, MD 21158 (410) 857-5944

# THANK YOU

Dear St. John's Family and Friends,

I would like to sincerely thank all of those who were so kind in sending cards, flowers, making visits and phone calls, dropping off delicious goodies, (thank you Greg and Della Dell for your homemade peach custard pie), and most of all for your prayers and concerns. A special thanks goes out to Pastor Kristin for her many visits and especially for being at the hospital at 5:30 a.m. prior to my surgery (you're a trooper).

Jeanne and I are truly thankful for such a caring and loving church family and all the support we have received not only these past several weeks but over the many years we have belonged to St. John's.

God Bless You.

Jack Joiner

## REFORMATION 500

**Walters Art Museum | 600 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD | 410-547-9000**



### [Uncertain Times: Martin Luther's Remedies for the Soul](#)

**Date:** Sunday, August 6, 2017–Sunday, October 29, 2017

**Time:** 10:00 AM–05:00 PM

Uncertain Times: Martin Luther's Remedies for the Soul focuses on the ways in which Martin Luther, the 16th-century German religious reformer, comforted the distressed souls of his contemporaries by approaching them as a father, a husband, and a friend—rather than as a priest or theologian. Approximately 20 works will be on view, ranging from a simple beer cup to a mesmerizing rendering of the Lutheran orb and cross composed entirely of microscopic hand-lettered prayers. The Walters presents this one-gallery exhibition during the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

CARROLL COUNTY  
**500**  
REFORMATION 2017



OCTOBER 29, 2017 @ 3:30pm

**Big Baker Chapel  
McDaniel College**

Join us for a festival worship opportunity as we commemorate the significant anniversary of a church that is always reforming.

Our guest preacher will be The Rev. Dr. Mark Oldenburg, Steck-Miller Professor of Worship and Dean of the Chapel on the Gettysburg Campus of United Lutheran Seminary (a reforming effort to train church leaders).

There will be a festival choir as we celebrate our mutual work within the Kingdom of God. Our offering will support the work of Carroll Lutheran School.

Following worship there will be the opportunity to go to one of many restaurants to raise money for Shepherd Staff, NESAP, and Caring and Sharing Ministries.

Please join us!

**Freed** & RENEWED  
**in Christ** **500**  
YEARS OF GOD'S  
GRACE IN ACTION



## Delaware-Maryland Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America God's work. Our hands.



### Luthergarten Tree



As a means of giving expression to the commemoration of the Lutheran Reformation, the *Luthergarten* (Luthergarten) has been established in Wittenberg, Germany on the grounds of the former town fortifications. In connection with this project, 500 trees will be planted at different places in the city region, giving a concrete sign of the optimism so clearly expressed in Luther's apple tree quotation: "Even if I knew that the world was to collapse tomorrow, I would still plant my apple tree today." In May of 2016, a maple-leaved sycamore tree was planted in the garden on behalf of the Delaware-Maryland Synod (Tree #287).

Through this cooperative project, the *Luthergarten* will stimulate interaction and set a communication process in motion. Positive impulses will emerge and spread out into the town, the region, the country and, finally, into the world. In this way, the far-reaching significance of the Reformation will become tangible.

The project has been initiated by the Lutheran World Federation in Geneva, with support from the German National Committee of the LWF and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Germany (VELKD) and by cooperation with Lutherstadt Wittenberg.

Our synod's [Creation Care Ministry](#) has been awarded a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust to plant 500 trees to commemorate the anniversary of the Reformation. For more information about how to get your congregation's free trees, you can [download the flier](#) or contact [Deacon Laura Heller](#), Creation Care Ministry Coordinator.

# REFORMATION 500

## Looking Back & Called Forward

On Tuesday, October 31, our neighbors in the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod will host "Looking Back & Called Forward," a Reformation commemoration event co-hosted by Bishop Dick Graham, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Indiana-Kentucky Synod Bishop Bill Gafkjen, and ELCA Vice President Bill Horne. The event, which will include speakers and a worship service, will be at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation (212 East Capitol Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20003) on Capitol Hill. It will also be available online via livestream for all to watch. More details will be made available online closer to the event date.

## Events at Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 905 Frederick Rd, Catonsville

Sunday, October 22 - "Anthems of Love," a concert of music associated with Luther and the Reformation, will be presented at 4 p.m. under the direction of Director of Music Mary Miller. Selections will be performed by Salem's vocal choirs, the Salem Brass, the Hand Bell Choir, and by members of the congregation. A free-will offering will be taken for the new [United Lutheran Seminary](#) at Gettysburg and Philadelphia. A reception with refreshments will follow.

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Saturday, October 28-Sunday, October 29 - On Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m., "Martin, The Reformer," an original play by Guy Davis with Paul Bell, will be performed. The play follows Martin Luther's life from his prayer to St. Anne to his marriage to Katie von Bora.

## Festival Worship at McDaniel College, Westminster

On Sunday, October 29, the Westminster Conference will host a festival worship at McDaniel College's [Baker Memorial Chapel](#) (college address: 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD 21157) at 3:30 p.m. The guest preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Mark Oldenburg. There will be a joint choir from conference churches, plus [Masterworks Chorale of Carroll County](#), and youth groups have created banners to be used in the procession. Additionally, several local eateries will be participating in a rebate program for three Carroll social ministries for those who attend the service.



# OCTOBER 2017 WORSHIP LEADER CALENDAR

DATE	SERVICE	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR	ACOLYTE (10:30)	GREETERS	USHERS/ OFFERING 10:30)	COUNTING TEAM
10/01	8:00 a.m.	Carl Rebert	Carl Rebert		Carl Rebert	Jean Seitz Joan Phillips	Jean Seitz Ken Seitz Joan Phillips
	9:30 a.m.	Doris Zepp		Christopher Gillman	The West Family		
10/08	8:00 a.m.	Tracey Sanford	Tracey Sanford		Marion & George Fleming	Nancy & Bill Squires	Stewart Sterner Drew Dean Audrey Byrd
	10:30 a.m.	Julia Wolfe	Spencer Goodson	Olivia Leister	Jean Seitz Joan Phillips		
10/15	8:00 a.m.	Maggie Langdon	Maggie Langdon		Carol Lynn & Ken Siegman	Barbara & Richard Smith	Dale Miller Deb Schaefer Michael Schaefer
	10:30 a.m.	Julia Wolfe	Stephanie Dean	Tate Gavin	Lois & Phil Short		
10/22	8:00 a.m.	Dennis Kniss	Dennis Kniss		Helen Harris	The Brian Leister Family	Sarah LeDuc Paul LeDuc Dave Bollinger
	10:30 a.m.	Pat Heath	Austin Leister	Ashley Leister	Pat & Donald Heath		
10/29	8:00 a.m.	Dennis Kniss	Dennis Kniss		Della & Greg Dell	David Ogg	Jean Seitz Ken Seitz Joan Phillips
	10:30 a.m.	Jack Joiner	Jeanne Joiner	Lara Findeisen	Kristy, Drew & Mason Dean		

*For the month of October, the Altar Guild is Lois Bankert and Dale Miller (8:00 a.m.) and Gloria Kniss (10:30 a.m.).*



# OCTOBER

Sun

Mon

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Sat



## Martin Luther 500 Years of the Reformation



<p><b>1</b> 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship <i>Altar Flowers: Della Dell</i></p>	<p><b>2</b> 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. 4-H</p>	<p><b>3</b> 6:15 p.m. Handbells 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>4</b> 6:30 p.m. Sunshine Circle 106th Anniversary Dinner 7:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>8 Budget Requests Due!</b> 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship <i>Altar Flowers: Carl &amp; Tracey Rebert Sarah Bucacink to share</i></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> 6:15 p.m. Handbells</p>	<p><b>11</b> 9:00 a.m. Sew Day <b>NO CHOIR</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> 10:30 a.m. Soup Kitchen</p>	<p><b>14</b> 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren <b>All Day-Scrapbooking</b></p>
<p><b>15</b> 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Let It Rise! <i>Altar Flowers: Audrey Byrd</i></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> <b>F A L L Y A R</b> 6:15 p.m. Handbells</p>	<p><b>18</b> <b>D &amp; R U M M</b> 7:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p><b>19</b> <b>A G E S</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> <b>A L E</b> 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Rummage Sale 7:00 -10:00 p.m. Youth Chill @ Church</p>	<p><b>21</b> 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Rummage Sale</p>
<p><b>22</b> 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship <i>Altar Flowers: Dave Bollinger</i></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> 6:15 p.m. Handbells 6:30 p.m. Special Council Mtg.</p>	<p><b>25</b> 7:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> 6:30 p.m. Christian Singles</p>	<p><b>28</b> 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 4-H</p>
<p><b>29 REFORMATION 500 Sunday—Wear Red</b> 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Germany Trip 10:30 a.m. Worship <i>Altar Flowers: Melanie Oppat Reformation 500 Celebration at Big Baker Chapel 3:30 p.m.</i></p>	<p><b>30</b> 6:30 p.m. Coin Club 6:30 p.m. Men's Westminster Conference Dinner at Trinity Lutheran Church Taneytown</p>	<p><b>31 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation</b> 6:15 p.m. Handbells <b>Halloween</b></p>				

Patricia Heath .....	10/02	Ronald Dutterer .....	10/13	Kenneth Siegman .....	10/24
Douglas Scherbarth .....	10/02	Barbara Smith .....	10/13	Matthew Gross .....	10/25
Michael Brittingham .....	10/04	Olivia Leister .....	10/14	Vickie Guenther .....	10/27
Pam Goodson .....	10/06	Tracey Sanford .....	10/14	Austin Leister .....	10/29
Keith Brehm .....	10/08	Jennifer Armacost .....	10/15	Sarah Seitz .....	10/29
Lily Blubaugh .....	10/09	John Boone .....	10/16	Shirley Coe .....	10/30
Nicholas Over, III .....	10/09	Shirley Daniels .....	10/17	Lillian Gavin .....	10/30
Peggy Reed .....	10/09	Howard Kramer .....	10/17	Larry Bankert .....	10/31
Mittie Coppersmith .....	10/10	Lynne Scherbarth .....	10/19		
Jonathan Williams .....	10/11	Emma Findeisen .....	10/21		



# STEWARDSHIP

## OFFERING ENVELOPES 101

Many types of contributions are needed by our church to go forward with our mission. We depend on many volunteers who donate countless hours of their time and expertise. We depend on the continued prayers of our congregation and community. We must also depend on monetary contributions to continue our ministry. Again, there are several options of where your money can be given. The following are the options that you have on the church envelopes on a weekly basis:

**Current Fund** - This is the fund that is used to pay all current expenses such as salaries, building operating expenses, office expenses and expenses to fund our committees and missions such as Christian Education.

**Benevolence** - This is the money that goes directly to the Delaware Maryland Synod. This money is used for the synod's operating expenses, their outreach programs and contributions to the larger church.

**Improvement Fund** – This is the fund that is used to pay for major improvements to our building and property.

**Thankoffering Fund** – This fund is used to help fund any current fund deficits on an annual basis and for other missions of the church that the Finance Committee and Church Council approve.

## ELECTRONIC GIVING IS EASY!

Using electronic giving for weekly or on-time offerings is convenient for congregation members and helps the church with a consistent cash flow. We encourage members to consider this service. If you are interested you can do any of the following:

Fill out an Authorization Form (found outside the church office) and send it to the church office.

Go to the church website

([www.stjohnswestminster.org](http://www.stjohnswestminster.org)) and click the green "Online Giving" button to set up an automatic donation plan, change your plan or view your online history giving.

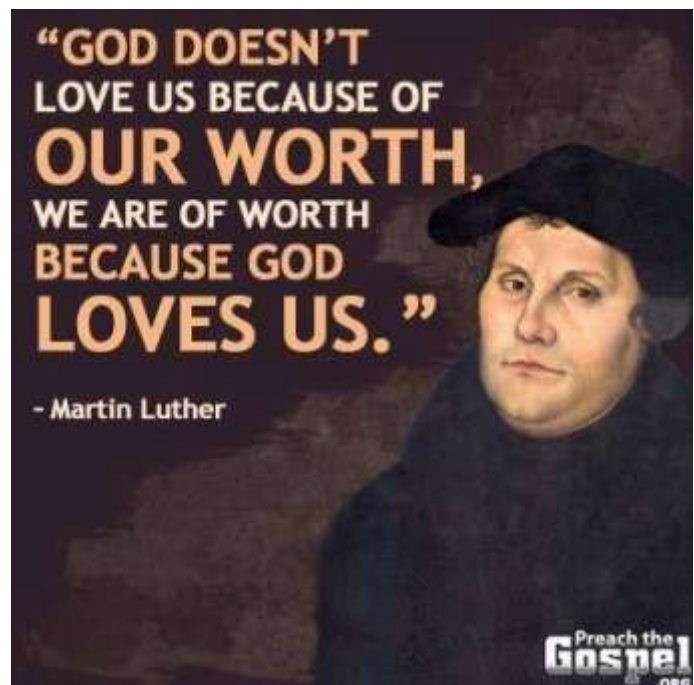
If you want to speak with someone personally contact the church office and they will put you in contact with someone who can answer your questions.

## FINANCIAL NEWS

### Keeping You Current

#### JANUARY - AUGUST 2017

<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 113,414.98
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ 143,104.20
<b>Net Income (Deficit)</b>	\$(29,689.22)
Improvement Fund Income	\$ 3,770.25
Improvement Fund Expenses	\$ 4,256.15
Benevolence Income	\$ 9,393.25
Thankoffering Income	\$ 2,0229.75





**MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S:** George & Theo Amoss, Jacob Armacost, Dave & Loretta Basler, John & Betty Boone, Charles & Zadie Brehm, Pat Brehm, Grover Conrad, Mittie Coppersmith, Beverly Dutterer, Donald & Pat Heath, Jack & Jeanne Joiner, Nancy Jones, Betty Knisley, Paul LeDuc, Edith Linthicum, Yvonne Mathias, Bonnie Null, Claire Null, Muriel Sabo, Tracey Sanford, Ken Seitz, Adelaide Sies, Richard Smith, Emily Van Horn, The West Family, Lorrie Wilson and Charles Zincon.

**FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN'S:** Rita Bauhof, Dawn Bitzel, The Bordenski Family, Beth Anne Basler Busch, Amber Blubaugh, Lily Blubaugh, Ronald Boone, Andy Cashman, Jerry Day, Mark Reshnet & Pam Dempsey, 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, Gabriel Knepp, Don & Charlotte Ludwig, Joe McLaughlin, Pastor Richard Michael and Eva Michael, Debbi Morrish, Jeanne Mueller, Erin Murphy & Haitian Timoun Foundation, Kay Murphy, Harold Nelson, Pauline Nelson, Leann R., Beverly & Jack Rose, Ms. Wilda Simpson, David & Debbie Smith, Aileen Stroebel, Courtney Topolski, Wendy Steil, Elizabeth Watson, Laura Welty.

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

*This prayer list was updated on September 28, 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 YOU

## Who was Martin Luther?

- 1507 ordained a Catholic priest
- 1510, visit to Rome, he found the German complaints about the Church to be accurate
- 1512, earned his doctorate in Theology at the Augustinian Monastery in Wittenberg
- Luther saw nothing in scriptures about indulgences or purgatory
- October 31, 1517—nailed his 95 *Thesis* to the door of Wittenberg church
- [http://www.luther.de/en/95these\\_n.html](http://www.luther.de/en/95these_n.html)



# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Tuesday - Friday, 9:00-3:00



## Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship Service

9:15 a.m. Education Hour (Ages 3—Adult)

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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