



# ST. JOHN'S EPISTLE

## October 2018

Volume 23 To sing the Praises of God, to Live the Grace of Jesus, to Share the Gift of the Spirit. Issue 6



### October At-A-Glance

**Wednesday October 3**  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
Sunshine Circle  
Anniversary Dinner

**Friday and Saturday  
October 12 & 13**  
8:00 - 2:00 pm  
Fall Yard & Rummage  
Sale

**Sunday October 21**  
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
St. John's Chili & Bake  
Off

**Sunday October 28**  
Reformation Sunday  
Wear Red!

### A Message from Pastor Kristin

#### Reformation 2018

"God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it; for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child or spouse, though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The kingdom's ours forever!" *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* ELW pg. 504 vs. 4

On Reformation Sunday, October 28, we will sing "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" written by Martin Luther. It is our Lutheran "theme song."

It is the 4<sup>th</sup> verse of this song that brings tears to my eyes. "Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child or spouse, though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The kingdom's ours forever!" It is in this line where thoughts of people who have died (children or spouses or parents) seem to flood my mind. It is in this line that we realize our humanity and we hear that in the midst of all that may be taken from us, in the midst of all that is happening around us – God's promise stands. God's promise is forever.

Join us for worship on Sunday, October 28 as we celebrate the Reformation and we look for ways we continue to be reformed and work for reform in the church.

God's Peace,

Pastor Kristin Dubsky



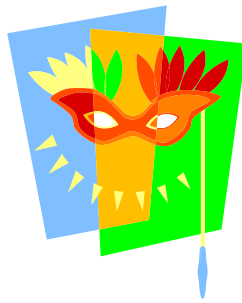
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## HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH

Christian Singles will meet on Friday, October 19, at 6:30 p. m. in the Fellowship Hall for their annual Halloween Celebration. Wear your favorite costume or come in your regular attire. Bring your favorite snack, dessert or drink. All adult Singles are invited to join the group for an evening of fun and games. For more information call Nancy Dean at 410-848-2140.



The Soup Kitchen Committee is in need of plastic containers with lids to be used for carry-out meals. Containers from lunchmeat or Cool Whip are good sizes. Please bring any clean containers/lids and place on the Blessings Closet shelf in the Fellowship Hall. Our next Soup Kitchen will be on November 9 at 10:30 a.m.. If you would help us that morning or would like to make or donate a dessert for this please contact Lisa Gavin 410-857-1499 or Jackie Leister 410-259-5535. Your support is much appreciated as we serve our community.



### Sunshine Circle



The Sunshine Circle will celebrate their 108th anniversary on October 3 with a covered dish dinner at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Nancy Dean will lead devotions, Lois Bankert will lead the program, Gloria Kniss is the hostess. Special offering is shampoo. Drinks, rolls and dessert will be provided. All ladies of the church are invited. For more information, call Audrey Byrd at 410-848-1995.

### All Day Scrapbooking

Join us on November 17th for a day of scrapbooking. Please contact Kristy Lea Dean at [buyabasket@kristydean.com](mailto:buyabasket@kristydean.com) or Genny Resch at [gresch@mghus.com](mailto:gresch@mghus.com) for more information.



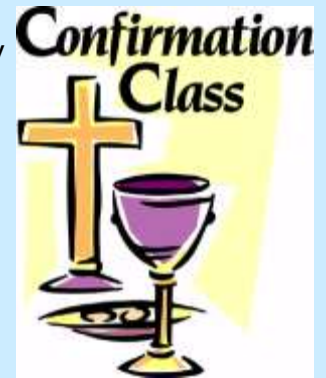
### Pastoral Acts:

Funeral – Pat Heath – September 19

New Members – Gary Leister and  
Andy, Roseann and Grace Kleinschmidt –  
September 23

# HAPPENINGS WITH THE YOUTH

**Confirmation Class!** All 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade youth are invited to join us on Sunday mornings (behind the stage) for confirmation class at 9:15am.



**Confirmation Retreat** – November 16-18, 2018 at Mar-Lu-Ridge!



**2019 Youth Summer Service Trip – June 23 – June 29, 2019 – Appalachia Service Project** – This year we will be going to somewhere in West Virginia (ASP will assign location) working with the Appalachia Service Project. Check out [www.asphome.org](http://www.asphome.org) for more information about ASP. All current 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth are eligible to attend. Nonrefundable deposit of \$50 is due by Sunday, October 21. Please give this to Pastor Kristin.

## WE ARE STILL WORKING!

Yes, the Sew, Tie and Roll group is still hard at work. We have been meeting every other month and have sewn and then knotted 35 mission quilts, 23 fleece quilts and rolled 603 bandages. You can join us at any time – our next Sew day is on November 12th at 9:00 am – till noon. It is not difficult and a lot of fun!

All the Mission quilts, fleece quilts and rolled bandages are taken to Lutheran World Relief in New Windsor. From there, they are sent to developing countries and the United States to be used by families and individuals in need. The bandages are used in mission clinics and hospitals in foreign countries as protection over injuries, bites and surgeries, etc.

If you can't come on a sew day to help, there are other ways to help our cause.

Donation of money – the money is used to buy materials that we need and we also send \$2.25 per quilt along to New Windsor to help with shipping costs.

Donations of material – any material that you are not in need of can be made into quilts. We cut squares and we use it for backing material etc.

Donations of sheets – sheets of any size, color, print or plain. These are used for squares for Mission quilts, backing for Mission quilts and white sheets are used for bandages. If you know someone that works in a hotel/motel, you could contact them and ask for their old sheets as they are replaced at the hotel/motel. Even if a sheet is torn, we can use parts of it.

Donation of thread – we use many colors for sewing the Mission quilts.

Mattress covers – we use these as batting in the center of the Mission quilts. Normally we have to buy batting but if we have mattress covers, this can save us money. Any size is fine.

If you have any questions – please call or talk to Gloria Kniss. Hope to hear from you or see you at the next Sew day!!

# YOUTH



On September 9th Megan, Tate, Tyler, Spencer, Mary, Olivia and Lara shared their experiences at the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. Each of them thanked the congregation for their prayers and support and were grateful to see how God's love changes everything!





God's Work. Our Hands made lunch kits for The Shepherd's Staff, School Kits for Lutheran Relief and Prayer Bags for Grace Tabernacle (the church we visited in Houston).



# MEN OF THE CONGREGATION

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

## News from the Men of the Congregation

The Fall Meeting of the Men of the Westminster Conference will be held on October 29 **at St. Luke's (Winters) Lutheran Church at 6:30 p.m. The ladies of the church will be** serving a Roast Beef dinner which includes roast beef, mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy, green beans, pickled beets, bread and butter, dessert, coffee and iced tea.

A free-will offering will be received for the meal with at least \$12.00 expected. Reservations need to be in by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Dennis Kniss (dennisrkniss@gmail.com), 717-359-7681; Dale Miller; or John Bucacink. NO reservations will be accepted after October 21.

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.

## FALL YARD AND RUMMAGE SALE ASSISTANCE NEEDED

As the time for the Fall Yard and Rummage Sale approaches, several thoughts:

Help by anyone is appreciated, whether you are available for the entire week or for only a short period of time.

Following the 10:30 service on October 7<sup>th</sup>, **the "Big Move" is on with the setting up of** tables and racks and the clearing of the pavilion with items that will be brought inside. Many hands make this task easier for all. Please assist if you are able.

Items are needed for the Bake Sale that will be held on Saturday, October 13. Please bring your recipes along with your baked goods.

Donations can be brought to the church on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday between 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM, and also on Thursday until noon. Early week drop offs are encouraged.

Clean up begins at 2:00 PM on Saturday. This is a huge task. Please lend a hand if you are able.

Support the sale with your purchases of merchandise, baked goods, soup, sandwiches and lunch.

Many thanks to all who consider participating in any of the many ways. Volunteers are always needed and encouraged to make the event successful. Donators are greatly appreciated, also.



# Fall Yard and Rummage Sales



Friday, October 12 and Saturday, October 13 have been selected as the dates for the **Fall Yard and Rummage Sales**. Set up for the event will begin on October 8. Because of some changes made in church activities and storage space being made available we can begin accepting donations at this time. However, if you wish to make donations prior to September 1, please contact Gloria or Dennis Kniss so that arrangements and/or pick up can be made.



The Yard and Rummage Sales have been a success over the years due to the cooperative effort of both the church family and extended families and friends. Many items have been contributed. Many helpful hands have contributed to the collection, set up, sale and cleanup of the sale merchandise. Bake goods have been provided and lunches have been prepared and enjoyed. Thrivent Financial has also contributed \$250 to both the spring and fall sales for the past several years. Many thanks to all who have helped in any way over the years!

Storage of set up materials such as clothes racks, boxes of hangers, etc. has been an ongoing challenge for years. Many thanks are extended to Nancy Dean and Maggie Langdon for providing space in the past. Current storage space is being supplied by Lavena Basler. We are indeed grateful for your assistance in this matter.



Yard and Rummage Sale information can be obtained by contacting Gloria or Dennis Kniss, 717-359-7681, 443-605-4963 or by email: [dennisrkniss@gmail.com](mailto:dennisrkniss@gmail.com).



# St. John's Chili & Bakery Cook-off



Date: Sunday, October 21, 2018

Time: Noon - 3PM

Place: Fellowship Hall



Join us as we celebrate fall with a Chili & Bakery Cook-off!  
We'll share an afternoon of fellowship, fun and a chance to show off your cooking or baking talents.

In addition to our taste testing, we will have bar-b-que, hot dogs, chips, apples, water, coffee and hot chocolate.

Weather permitting, we'll have some games and fall activities outside.

If you wish to participate in either of the cooking competitions, please complete the entry form and place them in Genny Resch's mailbox no later than October 14th!





# St. John's Bake Goods Cook-Off

## Entry Form

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

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

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

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

- provide homemade bake goods; the amount/size you bake is up to you
- provide their own serving utensils
- bake goods must be on-site and set up by 10:00 AM 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 Sunday, October 14. 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.

# COUNCIL NOTES

## 2018 Council Members

## 2018 Committee Chairs

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**Christian Education & Youth** .....Open  
**Evangelism** ..... Audrey Byrd  
**Fellowship** .....Karen Siegman  
**Stewardship** .....Carl Rebert  
**Property** ..... Open  
**Worship & Music** .....Dennis Kniss  
**Christian Outreach** .....Roxanne Malbrough  
**Finance** .....Janet Gross  
 John Bucacink

### Notes from the Council

- ▶ **Special Congregation Meeting – Sunday, November 11 following the 10:30am service. All members are encouraged to attend. The agenda will include the 2019 budget and the election of council members.**
- ▶ **If you are not receiving the newsletter and would like to, please contact the office.**

**Seminary Student** - Please help us welcome Seminarian Ellen Lichtfuss to St. John's! Truth be told, Ellen grew up in this congregation so it will be a sort of homecoming for her. Ellen will be with us on Sunday mornings throughout the school year to observe, assist in worship leadership, preach two times, teach and learn from all of us. Please let Pastor Kristin know if you would like to take Ellen out for lunch (or back to your home) on a Sunday morning.



# THE MUSIC OF ST. JOHN'S

Choir rehearsals have resumed on Wednesdays @7:30 pm. We could use some women's voices, so see if you can spare an evening out - we'd love to have you. Contact Wayne Grauel at 410-804-8407 or email to: [music@stjohnswestminster.org](mailto:music@stjohnswestminster.org)



**Handbell choir** - Come join the fun! The handbell choir rehearses at 6:15 pm on Tuesdays and we are always ready to welcome new members. The ability to read music is a plus but not a necessity. If you have rung before or just think you would like to give it a try, please contact Maggie Langdon at 410-259-3643 or [mlangdon47@yahoo.com](mailto:mlangdon47@yahoo.com). I encourage you to consider this unique way to become a member of the music ministry of St. John's!

## ALTAR FLOWERS

*Altar Flowers: Please fill out the altar flowers envelope you can find by the flower chart when you turn in your payment for the flowers. This includes a place for you to write in your dedication for the Sunday specified and a place to include whether you want to take the flowers with you that day or would like us to give them away. Thank you!*



## OTHER TIDBITS...

Make Plans to  
Give!



**American  
Red Cross**

**The need is constant.  
The gratification is instant.  
Give blood.™**

[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) | 1-800-RED CROSS

### **St. John's Lutheran Church**

Fellowship Hall

Saturday November 3, 2018

6:00 a.m. til 2:00 p.m.

Please contact Audrey Bryd at  
410-848-1995

# HAPPENING AROUND TOWN



**Mar-Lu-Ridge**  
Camp & Retreat Center

web: [www.mar-lu-ridge.org](http://www.mar-lu-ridge.org)

#301-874-5544

E-mail: [mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org](mailto:mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org)

Jefferson, Maryland

## Mar-Lu-Ridge Vehicle Sought

Mar-Lu-Ridge is seeking a gently-used SUV for a kitchen vehicle. Their old Blazer is no longer working and they are in need of a dependable SUV. Please contact the office by email or at 800-238-9974 if you are able to donate your vehicle. Thank you!

## Mountain Topics: Come Holy Spirit

Join us on Tuesday, October 23 when the Rev. Leila Ortiz will lead discussion for the day as we enjoy fellowship and learning in the community.

## Back to our Roots: Partnering with Mar-Lu-Ridge

In the early days of Mar-Lu-Ridge, campers came from each congregation along with adult leaders who served as the first counselors. Many of these people were parents of the campers, or Sunday School teachers, who wished to continue the faith formation of their young people in this beautiful mountain setting.

The congregations of the Metropolitan DC and DE MD Synods are still a vital part of our ministry. We appreciate the support we receive through your prayers, gifts of time through volunteer service, and financial gifts through benevolence. Thank you!

Perhaps your congregation has not connected with Mar-Lu-Ridge in awhile - now is the time! We are approaching our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, which we will celebrate June 8-9, 2019. It is our goal to connect with as many congregations as possible this year, to be sure everyone knows all that we offer and the many ways we can work together to support faith formation in our young people and adults.

## Steps to Reconnect with Mar-Lu-Ridge:

1. Bring a group to Walkathon, or consider a donation to support the Campership and Facilities Funds. You can donate online – **it's safe and easy**: <https://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/donate/>
2. View the enclosed [Facilities card](#) and consider a retreat for your congregation. All are welcome – **youth, men's and women's groups, Scouts, Church Council**. Check our website for detailed information and photos: <https://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/>
3. Come to one of our events! We offer the MountainTopics educational series and the Advent Family Gathering, as well as Confirmation Weekend. Plan to join us: <https://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/events/>
4. We would love to come visit your congregation and share camp stories and information about ways we can work together to bring children to camp. Call Amy and Sarah to arrange a visit in the coming months.

As we begin our 60<sup>th</sup> year, we are going back to our roots, and we hope you will join us!

Peace,

Sarah Lefler and Amy Sowers

## AROUND THE COMMUNITY



### Church & Village: Partners in Ministry October 2018

#### Register Now for Fall Lifelong Learning Opportunities

Register now for the following Lifelong Learning opportunities. Courses are open to all adults 60 and better in the community. Come join us!

- *Clay Whistle Making* – Thursdays, October 4 - October 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$10.
- *Screen Painting: A Baltimore Tradition* – Thursdays, October 4 - October 25 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Bring your own window screen. Cost is \$62.
- *Mindfulness Meditation* – Fridays, October 5 - November 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Cost is \$30.
- *Alcohol Painted Tile* – Tuesday, October 9 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Cost is \$10.
- *Tech Soup* – Tuesdays, October 9 - October 23 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$40.
- *Bone Builders Club: Loving Your Independence* – Wednesday, October 10 at 1:30 p.m. No cost.
- *Zentangle Art* – Zentangle is an easy way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns called tangles. Wednesdays, October 17 and November 14 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$35 per session.
- *Ai Chi (Tai Chi in the water)* – Fridays, October 26 – December 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Free for CLV residents, \$57 for guests.

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).

#### Carroll's Best Results

Thank you! Carroll Lutheran Village was again voted Best Retirement Community, Best Assisted Living Facility, and Best Nursing Home by the readers of the *Carroll County Times*. The winners were announced on September 23. Thank you to everyone who voted for CLV and have supported us over the years – we couldn't do it without you!

#### Like Carroll Lutheran Village on Facebook

Carroll Lutheran Village is on Facebook! Visit us on Facebook to see the terrific things that residents and staff are doing. You don't need to be a member of Facebook to view the page – just go to [www.facebook.com/CarrollLutheranVillage](http://www.facebook.com/CarrollLutheranVillage).

## AROUND THE COMMUNITY



"31<sup>st</sup> Annual Call For Coats" by sponsored by *The Shepherd's Staff*. The Christian Outreach Committee has decided to participate in this program. We will begin our collection drive on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. We are accepting new or lightly used coats, hats, scarves, and gloves. Please bring your donations and place in bins marked "**Call For Coats**" in the "**Caring Corner**" located in the Fellowship Hall or place in basket in the Narthex. For more information contact Linda Sterner 410-596-3921 or [sternerlm@outlook.com](mailto:sternerlm@outlook.com).



### Collection Kickoff

Bring outerwear donations to  
The Shepherd's Staff Office  
Beginning  
Saturday, September 22, through  
Friday, November 16, 2018

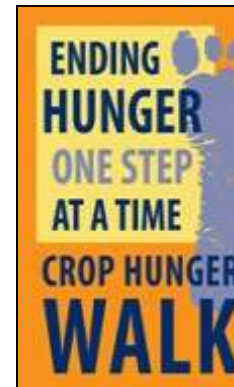
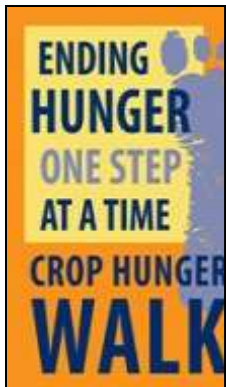
*Minor repairs and cleaning as needed by Admiral Cleaners.*

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



# HAPPENING AROUND TOWN



## Walk. Give. Change the World.

*Join Us and Walk for Hunger on October 14, 2018  
Registration begins at 1:30pm walk begins at 2:00pm  
Meet at Grace Lutheran Church,  
21 Carroll Street Details/online signup  
at [crophungerwalk.org/westminstermd](http://crophungerwalk.org/westminstermd)*

Welcome to the  
2018 Carroll County Hunger Walk

After your registration is complete:

In Grace Hall, look at information and talk with representatives from the local organizations we are assisting with 25% of the funds raised today.

Enjoy our music

Have a picture taken of your group by the photographer

Mingle with other walkers in Grace Hall.

Gather at 1:50 for instructions and prayer of thanksgiving as we prepare to walk for hunger.

If you cannot complete the walk and need to be picked up, call 410-409-9201 and a car will be sent for you. Enjoy the cookies and drinks in the fellowship hall when your walk is completed. Thank you for your participation!!

Contributions collected after today should be sent to the treasurer:  
Brenda Palsgrove, 2974 Union Square, New Windsor, MD 21776  
(call 410-259-6677 with questions).

In the past 16 years our walk has raised \$154,590.52!







**MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S:** George & Theo Amoss, Jacob Armacost, Dave Basler, Lily Blubaugh, John & Betty Boone, Nancy Boone, Charles Brehm, Pat Brehm, Mittie Coppersmith, Ron & Beverly Dutterer, Janet Gross, The Heath family, Jeanne Joiner, Nancy Jones, Betty Knisley, Pat Lipscomb, Yvonne Mathias, Bonnie Null, Claire Null, Stanley Parks, Muriel Sabo, Tracey Sanford, Richard Smith, Emily Van Horn, The West Family, Lorrie Wilson, Jean Yeakel, Gloria Yingling and Charles Zincon.

**FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN'S:** Karen Aldridge, Helen Armacost, Ed Arnold, Taylor Barnes, Marcia Batista, Family & Friends of Rita Bauhof, Dawn Bitzel, The Bordenski Family, Beth Anne Basler Busch, Amber Blubaugh, The Bogden Family, Ronald Boone, Joann and Lou Bradich, Scott Cronkite, Tammy Crosby, Jerry Day, Demetrius, Ella Edwards, Jackie Farver, Christian Filipov, Morley Frado, Red and Carol Fundanish, Virginia Furry, Debby Gilbert, Marg Goodlin, Ginni Gordon, Family and Friends of Laurel Greeley, The Family of Burnell Grogg, Pat and Jerry Grotfelty, Andrew ("Will") Hacke, Natalie Halpin, Elwood Hawes, Sr., Tom Hocktra, Eila Howe, Linda Basler Holland and Ken Holland, Sherry Honeycutt, Lisa and Kevin Jones, Pastor Bob Kidd, The Knepp Family, Lorraine Kopp, Ed Langdon, The Family of Jeannie Leister, Don & Charlotte Ludwig, Maria Malbrough, Joe McLaughlin, The Family of Nevin Meck, Pastor Richard Michael and Eva Michael, Wyatt Miller, Jeanne Mueller, Erin Murphy & Haitian Timoun Foundation, Kay Murphy, The Family of Donald Nelson, Harold Nelson, Pauline Nelson, The Family of Ron Resch, Tim Riddle, Hal Roche, Beverly & Jack Rose, Jessica Runnels, Zella Sherman, Haylee Shifflett, Ms. Wilda Simpson, David & Debbie Smith, Aileen Stroebel, Elizabeth Watson, Bladen Wheatley and Tammy Williams.

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

# NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Dear Friends,

Human Services Programs of Carroll County (HSP) would like to thank you for your *gift of \$685.00 on August 8, 2018 for the Women's and Children's Shelter. For 30 years, HSP has given HOP: E, inspired CHANGE and provided OPPORTUNITY to those we serve here in Carroll County. Donations from supporters like you will make an impact on the lives of the clients we serve each year through our 17 different programs. Your generosity and commitment involvement to the advancement of HSP's mission is sincerely appreciated. Thank you again for your financial support of our organization. We take great pride in our mission and with your help we will continue to mobilize the community in the fight against poverty to make a difference in the lives of Carroll County's at-risk and low income families and individuals.*

Sincerely,

Scott Yard  
Interim Executive Director



To all,

*Thank you for the flowers and all of the cards following my father's passing. The outpouring of sympathy was appreciated by my whole family.*

Janet Gross

*We wish to thank Pastor Kristin for providing the service and all the visits for our mother. We appreciate Wayne providing the music for her service. To all the ladies of the church for providing the food during the "memory" luncheon, especially all the homemade cookies and pies.*

*We have a truly blessed church family.*

*Thank you all,*

*The Schaefer, Sisler and Sies families*



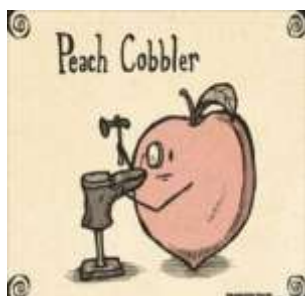
## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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



## News from the Festivals Committee

The combined profit for the Festivals for 2018 is \$6450.02. This profit was made possible by the many volunteers, donors and customers who supported the Festivals with their time, talents and financial resources. That support is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

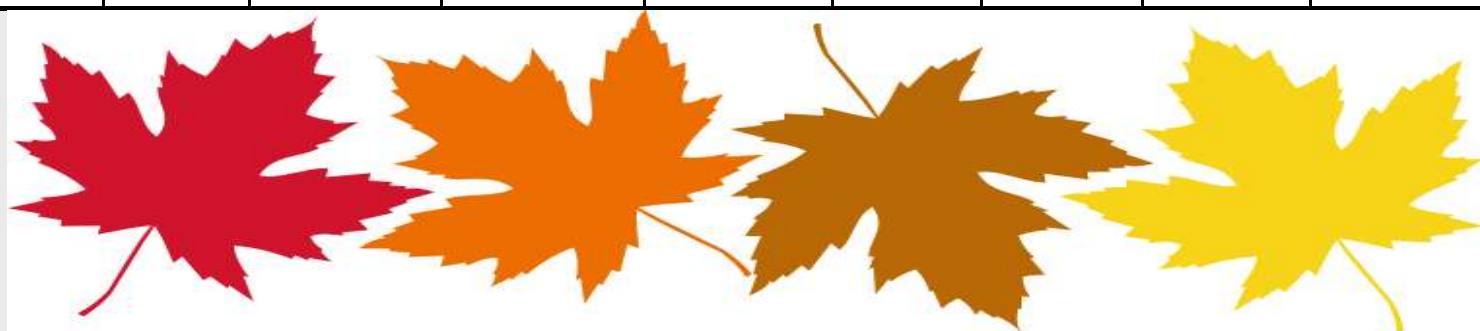


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7 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Education Hour 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Christian Education Altar Flowers: Lori & John Bucacink	8  Prepare for	9 6:15 pm Handbell rehearsal 7:30 pm Church Council Mtg  Fall Yard,	10 7:30 pm Choir rehearsal  Rummage	11  and Bake Sale	12 8:00 am - 2:00 pm Fall Yard, Rummage and Bake Sale 	13 8:00 am - 2:00 pm Fall Yard, Rummage and Bake Sale
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# OCTOBER 2018 WORSHIP LEADERS

DATE	SERVICE	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR	ACOLYTE	ALTAR GUILD	GREETERS	USHERS/ OFFERING (9:30)	COUNTING TEAM
10/7	8:00am	Tracey Sanford	Tracey Sanford		Lois Bankert Dale Miller	Phyllis and Jim Menchey	*****	Stewart Sterner
	10:30am	Carl Rebert	Lori Bucacink	Lara Findeisen	Barbara and Richard	The West Family	Jean Seitz Joan Phillips	Dave Bollinger
10/14	8:00am	Ellen Lichtfuss	Ellen Lichtfuss		Lois Bankert Dale Miller	Carol Lynn and Ken Siegman	*****	Jean Seitz Ken Seitz
	10:30am	Roseann Kleinschmidt	Spencer Goodson	Tate Gavin	Gloria Kniss	Jean Seitz Joan Phillips	Nancy and Bill Squires	Joan Phillips
10/21	8:00am	Paul LeDuc	Paul LeDuc		Lois Bankert Dale Miller	Marion and George Fleming	*****	Darry Gross Genny Resch
	10:30am	Andy Kleinschmidt	Stephanie Dean	Grace Kleinschmidt	Barbara and Richard Smith	Lois and Phil Short	David Ogg	Drew Dean
10/28	8:00am	Dennis Kniss	Dennis Kniss		Lois Bankert Dale Miller	Audrey Byrd	*****	Donna Yeager Bryan Yeager
	10:30am	Donna Yeager	Ellen Lichtfuss	Mason Dean	Barbara and Richard Smith	Gloria and Dennis Kniss	The Brian Leister Family	Teresa McCulloh





# THRIVENT®

Be Wise With Money™



Dear Friends:

We join you in praying for victims of Hurricane Florence.

When disaster strikes, Christians are among the first to look for ways to help those in need, whether it means lending a helping hand or making a monetary donation.

In addition to relief efforts your church may be involved with, Thrivent members and others can help hurricane victims in the following ways:

➤ **Donate.** Make a personal donation. Thrivent will match individual personal donations – up to \$1 million – made through [Thrivent.com](https://www.thrivent.com) to assist specific disaster relief organizations.\* Eligible members can also direct Choice Dollars<sup>2</sup>.

➤ **Volunteer.** Thrivent members can share their time and talent to help with recovery efforts by leading a volunteer Thrivent Action Team.

Visit the [Disaster Response page on Thrivent.com](#) for details on these opportunities.

As we pray for those who have been affected by Hurricane Florence, Thrivent – a membership organization of Christians – is mobilizing its financial resources and members to help those in need. Thrivent members and others who want to help with the recovery efforts are encouraged to visit [Thrivent.com](https://www.thrivent.com) to learn more about our organization's commitment to match individual personal donations and other ways in which people can help.

We thank you and your church for continuing to keep those who suffer in your prayers and support them as you're financially or physically able. Your commitment to living generously is appreciated.

## **THANK OFFERING FUND**

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

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

**Ways that you can contribute to the ongoing spirit of Christ in our church!** Donation Cash or Check; Appreciated Securities; Real Estate; Bequests (Wills & Trusts); Life



## **Electronic Giving is Easy!**

**A**s 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](http://www.stjohnswestminster.org)) and click the green **"Online Giving" button at any time to set up an automatic donation plan,** change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.

THRIVENT MEMBERS:  
UPDATE ON ACTION  
TEAMS AND DIRECT  
CHOICE DOLLARS



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

January 1 began a new year for Action Team funds! Hopefully, this year we can use even more of the allotted Thrivent Action Team Money for projects. If you are a Thrivent Insurance holder, you may be eligible for Action Team Money. I have a list of projects that you can pick from if you are not sure of where to put your Action Team Money. Talk with me or call me if you need ideas and are willing to use the Action Team Money (\$250.00). I can assist you in the paper work and ideas for the money.

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

Gloria and Dennis Kniss, Congregational Advocate for Thrivent  
717-359-7681 or 443-605-4963

## **St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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Articles for the November newsletter should be submitted no later than October 10, 2018! *Please send the articles to Deb, the Office Manager, at [office@stjohnswestminster.org](mailto:office@stjohnswestminster.org) or place them in her mailbox.*

*Thank you!*

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Tuesday - Friday, 10:00-4:00



## Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship Service

9:15 a.m. 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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