



ST. JOHN'S EPISTLE

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A Message from Pastor Kristin



April 9—Palm Sunday
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Festive worship with
Palms
9:15 Education Hour

**April 13—
Maundy Thursday**
6:30 p.m. Worship with
dinner, Holy Communion
and the stripping of the
altar

April 14—Good Friday
7:15 p.m. Worship—The
Seven Last Words of
Christ in Word and Music

**April 15—Children's
Easter Program—10:00
a.m.—Noon — Please
see Page 2 for details**

April 16—Easter Sunday
6:30 a.m. Sunrise
Worship Service in the
Chapel in the Woods

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Festive Easter Worship

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

7:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.
Breakfast served (Free
will offering will be
collected for St. John's
Youth Mission Trip)

Holy Week

Join us as we journey through this most Holy Week with services on Maundy Thursday (Command – as in “I give you a new commandment that are you to love one another”) at 6:30pm which includes a meal as part of the service.

Good Friday worship at 7:15pm as we hear Jesus' last words from the cross and we sing hymns that remind us of that day.

Easter

Matthew 28: 5-6 “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. “

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

My favorite words to say and hear on Easter morning and throughout the Easter season! A wonderful reminder of God's love for us and for all people and the promise God made to us in Jesus' death and resurrection – The promise of love, forgiveness and new life!

Come and celebrate and bring your family and friends to hear the good news of God's love on Easter and every Sunday (little Easters). Join us on Easter morning at 6:30am outdoors in our “Chapel In the Woods” or at 8am and 10:30am inside for our Festival Worship Services!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

God's Peace –

Pastor Kristin Dubsky



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THE SEASON OF LENT

WEDNESDAY IN LENT

6:30 p.m. Soup & Sandwich Supper

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

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

April 5 "Martin Luther"

Chili with grilled cheese sandwiches provided by the Adult Bible class

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday — April 13

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

Good Friday — April 14

7:15 p.m. Worship — The Seven Last Words of Christ in Word & Music

Children's Event — Saturday, April 15

10:00 a.m. until noon. **Activities:** Easter crafts, story time, dyeing eggs and an Easter egg hunt, so bring your baskets! Lunch will be provided. Children through age 11 are welcome to attend. Older kids, teens and adults are encouraged volunteer. The entire family is welcome to attend!

Registration is required! Register at www.stjohnswestminster.org. If you are unable to register online, or **if you are interested in volunteering**, call Autumn Schneider at (443)789-1411 or email autumnmichele@hotmail.com. Be sure to arrive by 10:00 - the egg hunts are divided by age groups and are tightly scheduled. There is no cost to attend this event, but you will be asked to donate a food item for lunch. Free will donations are most helpful and welcome. If you wish to donate hard boiled eggs for dyeing or wrapped candy for stuffing eggs, there will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin boards in the fellowship hall and outside of the sanctuary.

2017 Lenten & Easter

Special Offerings

April 5 (Wednesday Lenten Service): Fisher House is a network of comfort homes where military and veterans' families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment. These homes are located at major military and VA medical centers nationwide.

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

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

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

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service is working diligently with government and service partners to care for Central American children and families fleeing to the US for refuge. LIRS is playing a national advocacy role as well as a service role during this current emergency. LIRS provides service to unaccompanied migrant children that uphold their best interests and recognize their vulnerabilities to exploitation and abuse.

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!
CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!
ALLELUIA!



Easter Sunday — April 16

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship Service in the Chapel in the Woods

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Festive Easter Worship

No Sunday School Classes

Easter Breakfast served between 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

(Free-will offering will be collected for our Youth Mission Trip.)

HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH

Christian Singles will meet for breakfast at Plum Crazy on Saturday, April 22, at 9:00 a.m. All Adult Singles are invited to attend.

The **Festivals Committee** will meet on Tuesday, April 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to make plans for the Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 10. Anyone who would like to help plan for this annual event is invited to attend.

Win Win Lose Half-Way Point!
We're at the half-way point of our challenge—3/19. We want everyone to know that each team has lost over 30 pounds since the beginning! One team **is ahead by a tiny bit. We're not saying** which one is in the lead!!! So keep up the good work and stay focused!

—Genny Resch

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

MEN OF THE CONGREGATION

February/March Recap:

The Men of the Congregation, with the assistance of several work camp members, prepared and served the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Approximately 45 persons attended the event.

The March meeting of the Men of the Congregation was on March 11. The topic of the day was, "Green!" Included were Biblical facts about "green" in the Scriptures, a recap of St. Patrick and St. Patrick's Day, and the celebrating of Donald Dell's 92nd birthday.

April Meeting:

The April meeting of the Men of the Congregation will be on Saturday, April 8, at 8:00 AM, at the Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren. All are welcome to join in breakfast, devotions, and fellowship.

District Dinner Meeting:

The Spring Dinner Meeting of the Westminster District Lutheran Men will be held on April 24, at Trinity (Deer Park) Lutheran Church. Since a count of participants is needed by April 6, please contact Dale Miller, John Bucacink or Dennis Kniss if you plan to attend.

Upcoming Events:

- ⇒ April 8: Breakfast, 8 AM at the Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren
- ⇒ April 24: Westminster District Spring Dinner Meeting (see above).
- ⇒ May 13: Breakfast, 8 AM at Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren
- ⇒ June 6: Cleaning of the Pavilion, 6:00PM, in preparation for the Strawberry Festival
- ⇒ June 8: Rain date for cleaning pavilion
- ⇒ June 10: Breakfast, 8 AM at Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren followed by final preparations of the Pavilion for the Strawberry Festival.
- ⇒ July: No meeting in July

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

HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH

Sunshine Circle.

April 6, the Sunshine Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. Nancy Tracey will give the devotions, Lois Bankert will be the hostess and will present the program. This month's special offering is deodorant. All ladies are welcome to attend. Please call Audry Byrd at 410-848-1995 for questions.

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

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



CROP WALK TO END HUNGER

The 2017 Carroll County CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, April 30th. Registration begins at 1.30pm and the walk begins at 2pm. The walk begins at St Paul's United Methodist church in New Windsor, stops at St Luke's Lutheran Church for water and fruit, and return to St Paul's for cookies after your walk. It's approx 5 miles. You can still participate if you can only complete a portion of the walk.

Of the monies donated at the CROP Walk, 75% will go to fighting hunger in the world, & 25% will go to local charities in Carroll County- Carroll County Food Sunday, the Shepherd's Staff and Access Carroll.

Donald and I are planning to attend. Would anyone like to join us? You can sponsor someone, walk in the CROP Walk or donate online at: <http://cwsglobal.org>.

If you have any questions, please give me a call. With regards,

Pat Heath 410.875.2696 or email me at patricia.heath@comcast.net.

Rip, Strip, and Roll

Now that I have your attention!! The women's group would like to start rolling bandages for Global Health Ministries. Even the most basic supplies are often lacking at mission hospitals and clinics overseas. Many health facilities have limited access to clean, affordable bandages, an item they use every day as they care for patients. They use simple rolled bandages that can be made from used WHITE cotton or cotton-blend sheets.

So....The women's group will be looking for WHITE cotton sheets. We will then Rip them into 3 inch strips, STRIP them of any stray threads and then ROLL them for use as bandages. If you have any WHITE sheets or have contacts with hotels/motels that might give us their old sheets, we would appreciate it very much. Once we have some sheets, we will RIP,STRIP and ROLL them for Global Health Ministries. We will let you know when we do this RIP, STRIP, and ROLL and you can come help if you like. Any questions?? Contact Gloria Kniss

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Total Amount Due

FRONT:



BACK:



BREAKFAST AND STOCK. Sunday, April 16. Easter Breakfast & Stock Fundraiser -- The Work Camp youth will host breakfast for all three services on Easter morning, April 16, from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.. Easter also starts the beginning of the Work Camp Stock Fundraiser. Stock can be purchased at \$10/share or you may consider making a donation for a different amount. Please complete the stock fundraiser form below.

Youth Missionary Stock Program

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

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

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

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

Or

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

___ check ___ cash

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

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

I/we donated money or purchased stock worth \$_____ on
____/____/17 for the 2017 St. John's Youth Summer Mission Trip.

Thank you for supporting St. John's Youth!

Orioles Game!

WHEN: Friday, May 19th Orioles vs. Toronto @ 7:05PM

SEATS: Section 316

PRICE: Tickets are \$17 each

More details to come.

Questions: See Genny Resch 443-789-3913.

All Proceeds Benefit Work Camp 2017



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

SPRING YARD AND RUMMAGE SALE IS QUICKLY APPROACHING!

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

Collecting Time Chart

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

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

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

Thursday, May 4th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to facilitate final set up.

Drop-offs early in the week are encouraged for set-up purposes.

If the times listed are not convenient for you, or you have need to have items picked up, please call Dennis or Gloria Kniss, 443-605-4963 (cell), 717-359-7681 (home), or 717-644-8803 (cell) to leave a message.

Also, if you need items picked up in advance due to storage problems, give us a call and we can help.

Food and Bake Sale

Baked goods for Saturday's Bake Sale are greatly appreciated!

Lunch will be served Friday and Saturday at 11 AM.

Pre-orders for Turkey Salad Sandwiches and Turkey Corn Soup are also being taken.

Volunteers!

We welcome any volunteers for set up, assisting during the sale, and clean up following the sale. Come out and offer a hand for any length of time. More hands make the task easier for all.

Remember that monies raised from this sale will go toward various charities such as Carroll Food Sunday, Neighbors in Need, and others. *Thrivent Financial* also provides monetary assistance from their Action Team projects fund.

PRE-ORDER FORM FOR FOOD

	Quantity	Price	
TURKEY SALAD SANDWICHES	\$2.50	_____	_____
TURKEY CORN SOUP	\$5.50	_____	_____
	TOTAL	_____	_____

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE _____

Give orders to Karen Siegman, Gloria/Dennis Kniss or call us with your order. Orders to be picked up on Saturday anytime after 11:00 a.m.

Pastoral Acts:

- Funerals
- Eva Bullock—March 6, 2017
- Eileen Mary Gill—March 16, 2017
- Janet Louise Martin—March 22, 2017

EVANGELISM

We are excited to have Betty Blauvelt, Carole Coppersmith, Brian Leister, Barbara and Richard Smith join our committee.

- ⇒ We delivered Love bags to 16 homebound members.
- ⇒ You helped us meet our goal by collecting 118 pairs of eye glasses! Total for project 1,945 pairs. We will collect them again for 2017.
- ⇒ The submarine sale was a huge success! Under the direction of Lisa & David Ogg, we cleared \$819.00 to be divided between Work Camp and Jacob Armacost! Well done, supportive congregation!
- ⇒ Visitations to our homebound included: 14 deliveries of Love bags filled with goodies. Shut-ins were gracious and visitors enjoyed the fellowship.

The committee will visit homebound persons for Easter! If you know someone who would appreciate a visitation, notify church office or Audrey Byrd!

Senior Profiles: the age for nominations is now 75! Nominate anyone you would like to read about!

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

Love, joy and peace!

Loretta Basler 443-289-8938

HAPPENING AROUND TOWN

LUTHERAN CHURCH MEN SPRING DINNER MEETING

The Spring Dinner Meeting of the Lutheran Church Men of the Westminster Conference will be held on Monday, April 24, 2017, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 833 Deer Park Road, Westminster. The ladies of the church will be serving a family style Roast Pork Dinner style dinner at 6:30 PM. A free will offering will be received with at least \$12.00 expected. Reservations can be made by contacting John Bucacink, Dale Miller or Dennis Kniss by April 9th. For additional information, contact Dennis Kniss at 717-359-7681, 443-605-4963 or dennisrkniss@gmail.com.



April 23 – May 14 Pizza for Police. In support and appreciation of our local police in Westminster, Manchester and Hampstead, the Christian Outreach Committee will be accepting donations to purchase pizza gift cards. Pizza for Police buckets will be set up in the narthex, fellowship hall and window sill in front of the church. For more information contact Roxanne Malbrough at roxmlb@gmail.com or 410-404-0977.

THANKS THANKS THANKS



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

February 3, 2017

Thank You

St John Lutheran Church
827 Leisters Church Rd
Westminster, MD 21157-6413

NOTE: With the shares purchased, St. John's was able to support the ELCA World Hunger Project by purchasing the following animals: **Sheep (3), Goats (3), Cows (3), Pigs (4) and Honey Bees (7)**. Thank you for your generosity during the 2016 Christmas season.

Dear St John Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$987.50 to support the mission and ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts.

Because of donors like you, these good gifts and the good news of Jesus Christ will touch the lives of many. Your gift helps us care for our neighbors here at home and around the world by providing basic-necessity items, tools for education, skills and instruments for meal preparation and self-care, resources for new congregations and their leaders - and much more. Your gift provides tangible witness through our actions, encouraging hope, healing and reconciliation in congregations and communities.

Thank you for responding to God's call to walk with our brothers and sisters in Christ's name.

God's grace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christina Jackson-Skelton".

Christina Jackson-Skelton
Executive Director, Mission Advancement

P.S. Please see the reverse side of this letter for your official receipt.

**Always
New.**

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THANKS THANKS THANKS

Dear friends at St. John's - Thank you for your continued prayers, love and support during my recent hospitalization, and as I recuperate at home. Donald and I are buoyed up by the power of your prayers each day. And special thanks to Pastor Kristin for your prayers and visits - before, during and after. We feel blessed to have you all, our St. John's family, to help us through this and to hold us up. God's peace be with you all. Love, Pat and Donald Heath



Thank you to the Evangelism Committee for always remembering Jake with cards and gifts. Also thanks to everyone who made and bought subs for the fund raiser. Jake continues to stay happy and healthy and is a very special part of our family. I am sure in God's eyes Jake is perfect. We truly appreciate everyone's support and prayers!
The Armacost Family



Hayley Yu

St. John's Lutheran Church-

Derek Yuenger

Thank you for continued support of Carrollton 4-H and the youth of Carroll County.

Charlotte
Justyn
-Colleen
Juliana Dicke
Eliotta
Christina
Michelle
Gannon
Mackenzie
Dicke
Owen
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Jones
Jillian
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Thank you to all for prayers, cards and visits during my recovery. Each one helped! Blessings to you all!
Marc Hoyer

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Finance.....	Janet Gross
	John Bucacink



FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY



Deadline: April 6, 2017

Cost: \$10.50 for each container of flowers

Payment: Cash or check (made payable to St. John's Lutheran Church with "Easter Flowers" written in the memo line)

Return to: The marked boxes in the front and back of the church or to Wanda Siegman or Gloria Kniss

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM:

IMPORTANT: *The Information you fill in BELOW is what will appear in the special Easter Sunday bulletin insert. Please print clearly.*

YOUR NAME _____
PHONE NUMBER _____

Number of Lilies _____ at \$10.50 per plant

Number of Tulips _____ at \$10.50 per plant

TOTAL Number of plants: _____ at \$10.50 per plant

Total Due: \$ _____

The Easter Plant purchase(s) is (are) given:
_____ in memory of:

_____ in honor of:

_____ to the glory of God

_____ Give my flowers to a shut-in.

BY:

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

You may pick up your flowers after any service.

CHICKS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Purchase paper chicks to remember or honor a loved one this Easter!

The purchase of each paper chick represents the purchase of ten *live* chicks for families in need around the globe – a program of the ELCA's *Good Gifts*.

"Ten little chicks make a difference"

DEADLINE: April 6, 2017

COST: \$10 for each paper chick

PAYMENT: Cash or check (made out to St. John's Lutheran Church with "Easter Chicks" in memo portion)

RETURN TO: The marked boxes in the front and back of the church or Wanda Siegman or Gloria Kniss.

EASTER CHICKS ORDER FORM



YOUR NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Number of paper chicks _____ (at \$10 per paper chick buys TEN live chicks)

Total Due \$ _____

IMPORTANT: *The Information you fill in BELOW is what will appear in the special Easter Sunday bulletin insert. Please print clearly.*

The Easter Chick purchase(s) is (are) given:
_____ in memory of:

_____ in honor of:

_____ to the glory of God

BY:

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)



APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship <i>Altar Flowers: Pastor Kristin</i>	3 6:00-8:30 p.m. 4-H	4 7:30 p.m. Council	5 Lent 6:30 p.m. Soup Supper 7:15 p.m. Service Choir Immediately following service	6 6:30 p.m. Sunshine Circle	7	8 7:30 a.m.-Noon Blood Drive 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast—Meadow Branch
9 PALM SUNDAY 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship <i>Altar Flowers: Genny Resch</i>	10	11	12 7:30 p.m. Choir	13 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 6:30pm Dinner & Worship—Holy Communion/ Stripping the Altar	14 <i>Good Friday</i> 7:15 p.m. Worship	15 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Children's Easter Program
16 EASTER SUNDAY 6:30am Sunrise at Chapel in the Woods 7-10a.m.-Easter Breakfast 8:00am Worship NO EDUCATION HOUR 10:30am Worship <i>Altar Flowers: Dale Miller</i>	17 May Newsletter Articles Due	18	19 7:30 p.m. Choir	20	21	22 9:00 a.m. Christian Singles Breakfast at Plum Crazy Diner ALL DAY Scrapbooking
23 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship <i>Altar Flowers: Carl & Tracey Rebert</i>	24 6:00 p.m. Coin Club 6:30 p.m. Westminster Conference Men's Dinner- Trinity Deer Park	25 7:00 p.m. Festival Committee	26 7:30 p.m. Choir	27	28	29
30 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 9:30 a.m. Worship <i>Altar Flowers: Dot Bean</i>	Rummage Sale Friday, May 5 and Saturday May 6 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.					

	Kimberly Barber	04/01	Janet Siegman	04/14	Deborah Bean	04/25
	Kenneth Seitz Jr.	04/01	Deborah Braman	04/15	Marion Fleming	04/25
	Kenneth Williams	04/02	Carol Nevin	04/17	Terry Mapp	04/25
	Heidi Grothe	04/06	Tiffany Braman	04/18	Joy Seymer	04/25
	Helen Harris	04/08	Brian Resch	04/18	Rachael Bollinger	04/26
	Donald Frebertshauser	04/09	Wendi Button	04/19	Sean Weisse	04/26
	Daniel Long	04/09	Patricia Crowl	04/19	Jacob Sisler	04/27
	Sharon Minor	04/11	Robert Robbins	04/19	Lawrence Blauvelt	04/28
	Jason Leister	04/12	Mia Hoyer	04/22	Katie Bollinger	04/28
	Jesse Wilson	04/13	Doris Rebert	04/23	Kenneth Seitz	04/28
	Levi Blubaugh	04/14	Lois Short	04/23	Justin Williamson	04/30

APRIL 2017 WORSHIP LEADER CALENDAR

DATE	SERVICE	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR	ACOLYTE (10:30 SERVICE)	GREETERS	USHERS/OFFERING (10:30 SERVICE)	COUNT TEAM
04/02	8:00am	Carl Rebert	Carl Rebert	Ashley Leister	Dave Bollinger & Family	Brian Leister & Family	Donna Yeager Bryan Yeager Teresa McCulloh
	10:30am	Julia Wolfe	Austin Leister		Melanie Martindale Wanda Little		
04/09	8:00am	Jimmy Bean	Jimmy Bean	Lily Gavin	Carl Rebert	Genny Resch Roxanne Malbrough	Stewart Sterner Pat Heath Donald Heath
	10:30am	Pat Heath	Karen Siegman		Nancy Dean Stephanie Dean		
04/16	8:00am	John Bucacink	John Bucacink	TBD	George Nelson	Barbara & Richard Smith	Drew Dean Genny Resch Audrey Byrd
	10:30am	Dennis Kniss	Sara LeDuc		Nancy & Bill Squires		
04/23	8:00am	Paul LeDuc	Paul LeDuc	Lara Findeisen	Teresa McCulloh	David Ogg	Gloria Kniss Dennis Kniss Darry Gross
	10:30am	Donna Yeager	Teresa McCulloh		Lavena Basler Teresa McCulloh		
04/30	8:00am	Maggie Langdon	Maggie Langdon	Olivia Leister	Karen Siegman	Pat & Donald Heath	Dale Miller Deb Schaefer Michael Schaefer
	10:30am	Doris Zepp	Spencer Goodson		Pam Goodson Spencer Goodson		

April 13, Maundy Thursday—Assisting Minister: Donna Yeager

April 14, Good Friday—Assisting Minister: TBD

April 16, Easter Sunrise—Assisting Minister: Dennis Kniss

For the month of April, the Altar Guild is Dale Miller and Lois Bankert (8:00 a.m.) and Dale Miller and Carol Blubaugh (10:30 a.m.).



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THANK OFFERING FUND

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

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Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship Service

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

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Worship Service

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