



# ST. JOHN'S EPISTLE

## November 2017

Volume 22 *To sing the Praises of God, to Live the Grace of Jesus, to Share the Gift of the Spirit.* Issue 9

### A Message from Pastor Kristin



#### November At A Glance

**Sunday Nov. 5**  
All Saints' Sunday  
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME  
ENDS

**Thursday, Nov. 8**  
Dec/Jan Newsletter Content  
Due

**Sunday, Nov. 12**  
**8:00 & 10:30 a.m.**  
Thankoffering Sunday—  
Women will lead worship  
**11:45 a.m.**  
Congregational Meeting

**Friday, Nov 17**  
Christian Singles

**Sunday, Nov. 19**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
Congregational  
Thanksgiving Dinner &  
Service

**Thursday, Nov. 23**  
Thanksgiving Day

**Friday, Nov 24**  
Office Closed  
**10:30 a.m.**  
Soup Kitchen

**Sunday, Nov. 26**  
Christ the King Sunday

#### “Oh When the Saints...”

Sunday, November 5, we celebrate All Saints Sunday, and we remember all of the saints who have gone on before us and now rest from their earthly labors. We will especially remember our members who have died since last All Saints Sunday – Martha Parks, Frank Blauvelt, Eileen Gill, Janet Martin, Harry Jones, and Kathleen Blum. May the peace and comfort of God continue to surround all who mourn.

#### “Give Thanks”

Sunday evening, November 19, we celebrate Thanksgiving together as a congregation with a meal at 5:30pm followed by worship in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome! Join us as we give thanks to God for our many blessings!

#### “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.”

The season of Advent begins on Sunday, December 3 this year. December 24 is a Sunday. We will have Christmas Eve Worship services at 10:30am, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00, and 10:30pm. (There will be no 8am worship or Sunday School on December 24.)

God's Peace –

Pastor Kristin Dubsky

**Special Congregation Meeting – Sunday, November 12 – following the 10:30am worship service.**  
The agenda includes: 2018 Spending Plan and 2018 Council. Packets with the agenda and spending plan will be available for pick up on Sunday, November 5. **Packets that are not picked up on November 5 will be mailed on November 6.**



*Standard Time Begins at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, November 5!*

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# HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH

## Sunshine Circle.

The monthly meeting of the Sunshine Circle will be held on Wednesday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Dolly Long will give the devotions, Pat Heath will oversee the making of the Thanksgiving Day favors, and Nancy Dean is the hostess. We will also be assembling **the Seafarer's Boxes, so please bring your designated items to the meeting.** There will be no special offering for the evening. All ladies of the church are invited. For more information call Audrey Byrd at 410-848-1995.

**Seafarer's Project:** The Sunshine Circle is 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.**

**Christian Singles** The Christian Singles Group will meet on Friday, November 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for their annual Thanksgiving celebration. The evening will begin with a covered dish dinner. Please bring a covered dish and a food item for Carroll County Food Sunday. All adult Singles are invited for an evening of Christian fellowship.

**Congregational Thanksgiving Meal and Service.** The Thanksgiving meal for the Congregation will be on Sunday, November 19, at 5:30 p.m. Turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy, a vegetable, rolls and drinks will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. Each family is asked to bring a salad or a dessert. A brief Thanksgiving worship service will follow the meal.



**The Shepherd's Staff Newsletter Team** will meet to assemble the newsletter on Monday, December 11th from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. All are welcome to come work, enjoy good fellowship, share a meal and help to spread the news about The Shepherd's Staff and their ministry. For more information contact Linda Sterner by calling 410-596-3921 or email [sternerlm@outlook.com](mailto:sternerlm@outlook.com).

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**Articles for the December / January double-issue of the newsletter should be submitted no later than Thursday, November 9!** 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



**Christian Outreach Committee** is sponsoring “**2017 Giving Tree – Bare Necessities**” starting Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> and ending December 17<sup>th</sup>. The committee is collecting **NEW** underwear, socks, bras, and long underwear for **ADULTS**. “**Bare Necessities**” are often the least donated and most needed items for men and women going through difficult times. Please be generous as you are out shopping for Christmas and pick up something for our neighbors in need. All of the items will be

given to *The Shepherd’s Staff* for distribution. You can take an ornament off the “**Giving Tree**” in the church or simply bring your donations and place them in the basket in the narthex or bins in *The Caring Corner*. Any questions? Talk to Roxanne Malbrough, Linda Sterner, Pam Goodson, Audrey Byrd or Pastor Kristin.

## Be a Santa’s Helper

For the Last 17 years my husband and I have collected money to donate stuffed animals to the children at Sinai and John Hopkins Pediatric Oncology wards, in hopes of making Christmas brighter for over 500 children.

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

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

Please be a Santa’s Helper this year. Your monetary donation will allow us to send enough Teddy Bears to these hospitals so every child will have a brighter Christmas. Call or e-mail us today with your donation. Money will be collected beginning Sunday, October 29 through Sunday, December 3.

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**St. John’s Soup Kitchen Committee** will work at The Shepherd’s Table on Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. at Westminster United Methodist Church. Please contact Lisa Gavin-410-857-1499 or Jackie Leister-410-857-0505, if you can help work or if you can donate baked good. This is a great way to work and get to know our church family while feeding God’s hungry people. In this season of being thankful for our many blessings, let’s not forget our brothers and sisters in need. Please mark your calendars!

## MEN OF THE CONGREGATION

### News from the Men of the Congregation

#### PAST NEWS

October 14: The monthly breakfast meeting was held on October 14. The presentation of the day centered around the pumpkin, its history, tradition and relationship to the Bible.

October 30: Men from the congregation attended the Westminster Conference Fall Dinner Meeting on October 30. The next Conference Dinner will be in the spring. Details will be announced later.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS Nov. 2017 thru Feb. 2018

November 11: The regularly scheduled breakfast meeting will be Saturday, November 11, 8:00 a.m., at the Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren.

December 9: The regularly scheduled breakfast meeting will be held on Saturday, December 9, 8:00 a.m., at the Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren.

January 13: Regular meeting will be at the church on Saturday, January 13, at 8:00 a.m. Details will become available as the date nears.

February 10: Regular meeting will be at the church Saturday, February 10, at 8:00 a.m. Details will be announced later.

February 13: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

## EVANGELISM NEWS

Thanks to the committee for providing baked goods for the Fall Rummage and Yard Sale! Working together cooperatively can be rewarding and successful!

The next committee meeting will be Sunday, November 5th at 9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall to prepare for shut in visitations! Bring your items for surprise bags and a pen to sign cards! We will decide that day on delivery people! We will vote on the cause for our Super Bowl Sub sale.

The committee will:

- ⇒ Bake items for the Jacob Armacost pig Roast!
- ⇒ Ask you to call Frances @410-848-6402 if you have names to suggest for shut-ins.
- ⇒ Send cards to our people serving in the military.

Please donate used eyeglasses so we can recycle them. We need 50 pairs to reach our goal. Together, we can do this by the first Sunday in December.

Our congregational history book is waiting for nominees of people who are over 70. Please nominate someone you want to read about.

Let's continue to count our blessings and be helpful in sharing God's love to all we encounter!

Be kind in all you think, say and do.

Loretta Basler  
443-289-8938

### **CONTINUE TO SUPPORT BIKILTU!**

On Sunday, November 5, containers will be available in the church for loose change to be used for the Sunshine Circle's "Adopt a Child"





**Confirmation Retreat – November 17-19** – Our confirmation class will be attending the Mar-Lu-Ridge confirmation retreat in November. The theme is “Reformation 500 and the Sacraments.” Pastor Kristin, along with Pastor Beth Clementson (Zion, Middletown) and Amy Sowers (Mar-Lu-Ridge Associate Director) are leading the retreat. Please keep our confirmation youth and all who attend in your prayers for a meaningful weekend.

**Summer 2018** – We have six youth and four adults who will be traveling to Houston for the 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering next summer! We will be traveling with a number of our neighboring Lutheran congregations and we have a group of 45! Our fundraising begins in November with a Joe Corbi’s pizza fundraiser and will continue until next summer with a variety of different fundraisers. We will be posting more information about all of our fundraisers soon so you can pick and choose which fundraisers you would like to support. Your generosity will help us get to Houston for this amazing faith forming event. The participants include: Tate Gavin, Spencer Goodson, Lara Findeisen, Megan Martindale, Mary West, Olivia Leister, Genny Resch, Matt West, Melanie Martindale and Pastor Kristin.

***Thank you for your support of St. John’s youth.***



## Joe Corbi’s Fundraiser.

We will be selling items from Sunday November 5 through Sunday November 19. There will be someone taking orders after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services at the table in the Narthex. Proceeds go to the youth group 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. Please contact Bonnie Konson at (cell) 443-935-7407—call or text, and by emailing [busybonnie45@gmail.com](mailto:busybonnie45@gmail.com). The delivery date will be announced at a later date.



# HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH

2nd Annual Fall Festival w/Chili Cook-off  
*Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, from 3-6 p.m.*  
to Benefit Carroll Food Sunday



The family activities at this event are free; however, we encourage guests to bring food items to donate to Carroll Food Sunday. We'll have barbecue, hot dogs, chips and cookies. You can vote for the best chili recipe by bringing in a non-perishable food item in exchange for tickets. Tickets will also be available to purchase.

Bring your lawn chair and come to enjoy a late afternoon of fun activities: Face painting, crafts, pumpkin decorating, hay rides, and more! Bring your family and friends!

All proceeds from this event will go to Carroll Food Sunday. Please contact Genny Resch @ 443-789-3913 or [gresch@mghus.com](mailto:gresch@mghus.com), if you wish to submit your favorite chili recipe!



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## 2017 Committee Chairs

Cemetery .....Ken Seitz

Christian Education &

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Evangelism.....Loretta Basler

Fellowship.....Karen Siegman

Stewardship.....Carl Rebert

Property .....

Worship & Music.....Dennis Kniss

Christian Outreach.....Roxanne Mal

brough

Finance.....Janet Gross

John Bucacink



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  
\$20 at the door

For Tickets Contact:

Donna Armacost — 410-967-7748

Della Dell — 410-848-0777

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



# THANK YOU

Dear Pastor and Members of St. John's,  
The family of Kathleen Blum wishes to extend our thanks and gratitude to St. John's Church for the beautiful service celebrating the life of our mother.

We especially thank Pastor Kristin for her support and spiritual guidance in the planning. She is a gift to your congregation. We so appreciated her kind words spoken of our mother in the sermon. Many thanks to Wayne Grauel for the music and for allowing us to play Elvis! Thanks to those who prepared the food for the reception. The family, friends and relatives appreciated that. Thanks also to Frances in the church office for the many emails and also for the lovely bulletin she put together for the service.

Most importantly, we were remembering the life of our mother on that day—but it was also a trip down memory lane for us to be back at St. John's and reminisce about the days when we were kids. We've been away for many years, but it fel like home. God's peace and blessings to all of you.

In Christian love,

The family of Kathleen Blum: Judy Freidhof, Carol Widerman, John Blum, grandchildren and great-grand-children

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Thank You to all my friends and family at St John's. It has certainly brightened my days receiving your get well cards, your best wishes, inquires and your prayers for a speedy recovery. My post surgical recovery has been moving along quite rapidly and the surgeon and physical therapist are very pleased with my progress. Sarah and I thank you for your support and thoughts and prayers.

Paul & Sarah LeDuc

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## HAPPENING AROUND TOWN



**30th ANNUAL  
CALL FOR  
COATS**

September 23 –  
November 17,  
2017

**Collection Kickoff**

Bring outerwear donations to  
The Shepherd's Staff Office  
Beginning  
Saturday, September 23, though  
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




**30th ANNUAL  
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September 23 –  
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Accepting *new and gently used* donations of infant to adult  
outerwear as well as hats, gloves, and scarves to give to those without.

**Drop-Off Locations:**

 Admiral Cleaners Wheaton Location	 Boscov's Country Club (2nd Flr) Timberhill	 South Carroll Senior Center 3028 Mount Pleasant Road, Sykesville
 Grace 7200 Third Avenue, Sykesville	 First State Bank Shadesboro • Eldersburg • Harperswood Woodstock • Turkeys • Mount Airy	 Elks Club and Eriess 4333 S. Carroll Park Drive Sykesville
 NWSB BANK Mt. Airy, New Windsor, Turkeys, Woodstock, Harperswood & Eldersburg	 COLDWELL BANKER Baltimore Branch 1130 Baltimore Blvd., Westminster Sears Court Tower 4th Floor	 SERVPRO 40 Adams Court, #2 Annapolis Business Center

*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**



**THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF**  
A Christian Outreach and Support Center  
P.O. Box 127 Westminster, MD 21158 (410) 857-5944



## Church & Village: Partners in Ministry November 2017

### Assisted Living Open House

Join us for an open house at Diven House for assisted living Wednesday, **November 8 from 1pm to 3pm**. See the model and respite suites and beautifully redecorated community spaces. If someone you care about is ready for a little assistance in a warm, caring environment we hope you'll join us. This is the perfect opportunity to ask staff and residents about assisted living services, respite care and more. Please RSVP to 443-605-1068.

### New Board of Trustees Elected and Installed

Five members were elected to the Carroll Lutheran Village Board of Trustees at the annual Corporation Meeting on October 17. **Stacie Dowling**, partner at Summerfield, Willen, Silverberg & Limsky; **Justin Durboraw**, owner of Myers-Durboraw Funeral Home; and **Dr. Diane Martin**, Director of the Center for the Study of Aging at McDaniel College were elected to their first three-year terms. **Rev. Kevin Clementson**, Co-Senior Pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Westminster and **Louna Primm**, retired Executive Vice President and Chief Lending Officer with New Windsor State Bank were elected to their second three-year terms. **Kay Betz** of Westminster; **Ron Fairchild** of Hampstead; and **Sandra Ferguson** of Westminster retired from the board. Continuing to serve the board in their existing terms are **Alice Daum-Coen**, Carroll Lutheran Village Resident; **Roberta Dillow**, Carroll Lutheran Village Resident; **Joe Hikel**, Shelter Systems; **Donna Kent**, Retired; **Rev. Mike Louia**, First Lutheran Church; **Wanda Lynn**, RLH CPAs & Business Advisors; **Sharon McClernan**, Carroll Hospital; **Richard Simmons**, McDaniel College; **Marlene Titus**, Carroll Community College; and **Arthur Wisner**, McDaniel College.

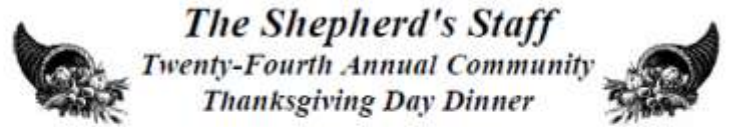
### Register Now for Lifelong Learning Opportunities

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

**Water Volleyball** – Sherry Stick instructs and referees on Fridays **November 3** through 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Class is free to all older adults.

**Art History Series: The Carroll County Barn Quilt Project** - Susan Williamson from the Carroll Arts Center presents on Tuesday, **November 21** 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 [registration@clvillage.org](mailto:registration@clvillage.org) or 443-605-1070. A complete list of Lifelong Learning options is available at [www.clvillage.org/lifelong-learning](http://www.clvillage.org/lifelong-learning).



Thursday, November 23, 2017

### THANKSGIVING DONATION REQUEST

Once again, *The Shepherd's Staff* is asking for your assistance in making our **Twenty-Fourth Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner** a success on Thursday, November 23rd at **St. John Roman Catholic Church, Westminster** – 12:00pm to 2:00pm. As always we would be grateful for donations from the following list:

#### Dinner Donations

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

Sponsors the Twenty-Fourth 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

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

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All donations must be dropped off on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup> BETWEEN 3:00 AND 7:00PM** at **St. John Roman Catholic Church, 45 Monroe Street, Westminster.** *Bring donations to the church's School Cafeteria area only.*

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

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

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

*Many, many thanks for your continued support!!!*

### Confirmation Retreat: Reformation 500

This weekend retreat held November 17-19 is the perfect opportunity for small Confirmation classes to join together with a larger group for faith exploration and fun! Mar-Lu-Ridge staff and local pastors will lead the discussion and activities.

### Advent Family Gathering

December 3: 1 - 4 pm

Crafts, holiday food, campfires, wreath making, hot chocolate and fellowship

All are welcome RSVP: [mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org](mailto:mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org) 800.238.9974

# NOVEMBER 2017 WORSHIP LEADER CALENDAR

DATE	SERVICE	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR	ACOLYTE (10:30)	GREETERS	USHERS/ OFFERING 10:30)	COUNTING TEAM
11/05	8:00 a.m.	Dennis Kniss	Dennis Kniss		Carol Nevin & Family	The Brian Leister Family	Pat Heath Donald Heath Genny Resch
	10:30 a.m.	John Bucacink	Dolly Long	Tate Gavin	Dolly & Dan Long		
11/12	8:00 a.m.	Maggie Langdon	WELCA		WELCA	WELCA	Maggie Langdon Muriel Sabo Carl Rebert
	10:30 a.m.	Pat Heath	WELCA	Olivia Leister	WELCA		
11/19	8:00 a.m.	Carl Rebert	Carl Rebert		Phyllis & Juim Menchey	Nancy & Bill Squires	Donna Yeager Bryan Yeager Teresa McCulloh
	10:30 a.m.	Donna Yeager	Teresa McCulloh	Spencer Goodson	Pat & Donald Heath		
11/26	8:00 a.m.	Dennis Kniss	Dennis Kniss		George Nelson	Gloria Kniss	Gloria Kniss Dennis Kniss Darry Gross
	10:30 a.m.	Julia Wolfe	Mia Hoyer	Mary West	The West Family		

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



**MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S:** George & Theo Amoss, Jacob Armacost, Dave & Loretta Basler, John & Betty Boone, Charles & Zadi Brehm, Pat Brehm, Grover Conrad, Mittie Coppersmith, Ron & Beverly Dutterer, Donald & Pat Heath, Jack & Jeanne Joiner, Nancy Jones, Betty Knisley, 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, Joann Bradich, Andy Cashman, Jerry Day, Mark Reshnet & Pam Dempsey, Ella Edwards, 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, Cathy Jones, Gabriel Knepp, Don & Charlotte Ludwig, Joe McLaughlin, Pastor Richard Michael and Eva Michael, Wyatt Miller, The Family of 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:** Keith Blizzard, Marshall Brown, Barry Durm, Michael & Lucia Gaffney, Katie & Brian Fenstermaker.

*This prayer list was updated on October 18, 2017.*

# NOVEMBER

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



			1 6:30 p.m. Sunshine Circle 7:30 p.m. Choir	2	3 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Church Women United	4 7:30 a.m.-Noon Blood Drive 3:00-6:00 p.m. 2nd Annual Fall Festival/Chili Cook-off
5 All Saints Sunday 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour Evangelism Shut-ins Care Packages 10:30 a.m. Worship Altar Flowers: Lavena Basler	6:00-9:30 p.m. 4-H	7 6:15 p.m. Bells 7:30 p.m. Council	8 7:30 p.m. Choir	9	10	11—Veteran's Day  8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren
12 Thankoffering Sunday (women) 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Altar Flowers: Lois Bankert 11:45 a.m. Special Congregational Meeting	13	14 6:15 p.m. Bells 6:30 p.m. Christian Ed Committee	15 NO CHOIR	16	17 CONFIRMATION 6:30 p.m. Christian Singles	18 RETREAT MAR-LU-RIDGE All Day Scrapbooking
19 Thanksgiving Fellowship 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship—Let It Rise! Altar Flowers: Marc & Mia Hoyer Confirmation Youth Return 5:30 p.m. Congregational Thanksgiving Fellowship with worship service	20	21 6:15 p.m. Bells	22 7:30 p.m. Choir	23 Happy Thanksgiving  ← OFFICE	24 10:30 a.m. Soup Kitchen CLOSED →	25
26 Christ the King Sunday 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Altar Flowers: Bonnie Wilson	27 6:00 p.m. Coin Club	28 6:15 p.m. Bells	29 7:30 p.m. Choir	30		



11/01 Robert Kriel	11/10 Kristy Dean	11/26 Brett Peregoy
11/01 Kristin Scherbarth	11/11 Jenny Parsley	11/27 Bradlee Lang
11/01 Heidi Tompkins	11/12 Sarah LeDuc	11/27 Dolly Long
11/05 Betty Blauvelt	11/13 Thomas Kriel	11/28 Lindsay Dell
11/05 Lara Findeisen	11/14 Nadia Grothe	11/28 David Resch
11/05 Abigail Schindler	11/16 Mark Howard	11/28 Stewart Sterner
11/06 Betty Boone	11/17 Robert Braman	11/29 Adelaide Sies
11/07 Dennis Seymer	11/17 Deborah Brehm	11/30 Jimmy Bean
11/07 Bryan Yeager	11/18 Marsha Herbert	
11/08 Mason Dean	11/19 Charles Brehm	
11/10 William Brehm	11/19 Shannon Leister	
11/08 Carole Brothers	11/20 Garrett Dell	
11/10 Teresa McCulloh	11/20 Sylvia Moklak	
11/10 Bonnie Null	11/23 Paul LeDuc	

# 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 - SEPTEMBER 2017

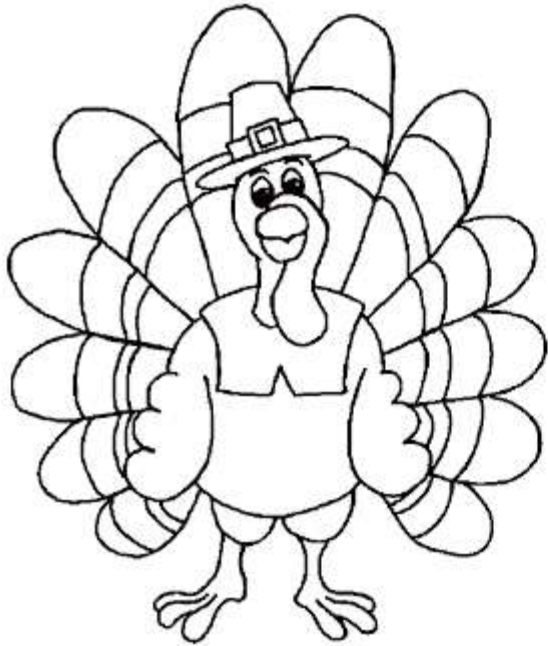
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 130,667.50
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ 159,372.88
<b>Net Income (Deficit)</b>	\$(28,705.38)
Improvement Fund Income	\$ 4,212.25
Improvement Fund Expenses	\$ 4,719.12
Benevolence Income	\$ 10,630.25
Thankoffering Income	\$ 2,810.19

Give Generously! As we give thanks to God for all of the blessings we receive – let us remember to be generous in our **financial gifts to St. John's**. Just a friendly reminder to use your envelopes, electronic giving, write a check, or give cash to give thanks to God for the ministry of this congregation. All of our financial gifts support the work of our congregation. Thank you for living and giving generously.

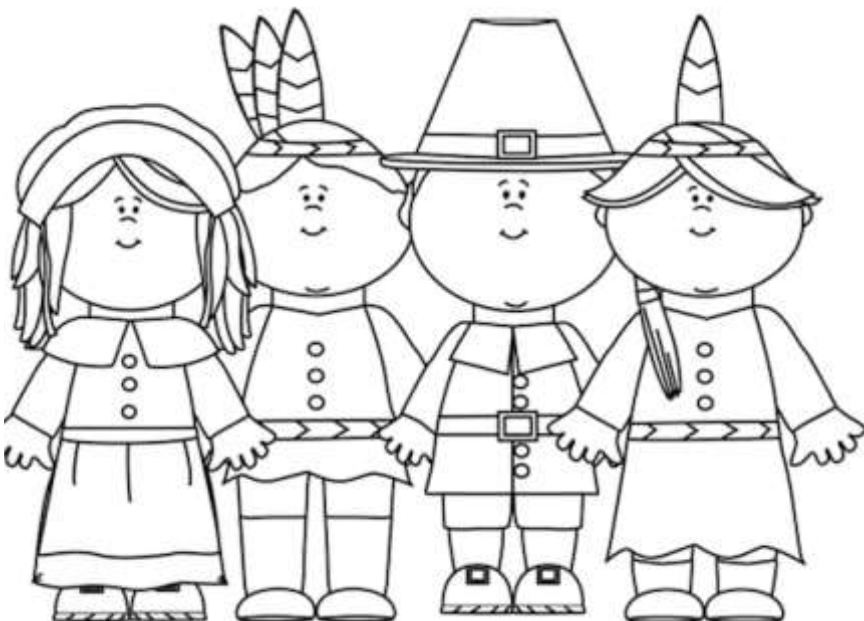


Color these Thanksgiving pictures!

What are you thankful for?



# HAPPY THANKS GIVING



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

## I am THANKFUL

Color all the things you are thankful for.

food    butterflies    love    nature    my home    my family

my teacher    book    dog    girl    the earth    my family

my friends    flowers    my pets    hugs    rainbows

I am also thankful for...

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Office Hours:

Tuesday - Friday, 9:00-3:00



## Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship Service  
9:15 a.m. Education Hour (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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