



# ST. JOHN'S EPISTLE

## September 2017

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### September At A Glance

#### Sunday, September 3

Back to School Blessing  
Final Sunday for Chapel in  
the Woods

#### Saturday, September 9

Men's Breakfast at  
Meadow Branch Church of  
the Brethren

#### FALL SCHEDULE RETURNS

#### Sunday, September 10

Fall Worship Schedule  
Begins

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Worship Services

9:15 a.m.

"God's Work, Our Hands"

Service Projects for  
all ages.

#### Friday, September 15

6:30 p.m.

Christian Singles at  
Greenmount Station

#### Sunday, September 17

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Work Camp Sharing  
Sunday

Worship Services

Youth Group Leads  
Service

#### Saturday, September 30

11:00 a.m.

Kathleen Blum Memorial  
Service

### A Message from Pastor Kristin

Romans 12: 4-5

"For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another."

Dear Friends in Christ –

Together we make up the body of Christ. We need one another to carry out the work we are called to do in the world. We all have different gifts that are important in carrying out God's work in the world. Let us support one another in the gifts we have been given and the gifts we share. Let us remember to love one another as Jesus taught us to love.

Let us welcome one another as precious children of God and work to build up the kingdom of God here on earth. May the words spoken among us be words of encouragement, care, support and love. May the love we experience through God be the love we share within our homes, our congregation and to all we encounter in our lives.

Join me in praying for the part of the body of Christ called St. John's as we begin a new programmatic year.

God's Peace –

Pastor Kristin Dubsky



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# HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH

## Sunshine Circle.

The monthly meeting of the Sunshine Circle will be held Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Gloria Kniss will give the devotion, Audrey Byrd will present the program and Sarah LeDuc will be the hostess.

**This month's special offering will be paper toothpaste.** All ladies of the church are invited. For more information, call Audrey Byrd at 410-848-1995.



## The Shepherd's Staff Newsletter

**Team** will meet to assemble the newsletter on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday, September 6<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- 410-596-3921 or sternerlm@outlook.com.

**The Christian Outreach Committee** will meet Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m. in St. John's Fellowship Hall. We will be working on the Spending Plan for 2018, Lenten Offerings for 2018, and planning activities, etc. For more information contact Roxanne Malbrough 410-404-0977 or Pam Goodson 410-751-6446.



The Christian Singles Group will meet at Greenmount Station on Friday, September 15, at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of good food and Christian fellowship. Call Nancy Dean at 410-848-2140 by September 8 if you plan to attend.

Christian Singles Game Night will meet on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall.



**CONTINUE TO SUPPORT BIKILTU!** On Sunday, September 3, containers will be available in the church for loose change to be used for the Sunshine Circle's "Adopt a Child" program.



## — Pastoral Acts —

### New Member

Autumn Schneider—August 6, 2017

### Baptism

Carter Ray Snyder—August 20, 2017

### Wedding

Bethany Scherbarth & Marc Chalmers—August 12, 2017

John and Betty Boone have a new address:

Bethania Assisted Living  
80 Bell Road  
Westminster, MD 21158

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**Articles for the October newsletter should be submitted no later than Tuesday, September 12!** Please send the articles to Frances, the Office manager, at [office@stjohnswestminster.org](mailto:office@stjohnswestminster.org) or place them in her mailbox. **Thanks!**

# HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH

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

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

### Collecting Time Chart

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

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

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

Thursday, October 19th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to facilitate final set up.

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

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

Also, if you need items picked up in advance due to storage problems, give us a call and we can help. We can store your donated items now!

### Food and Bake Sale

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

Lunch will be served Friday and Saturday at 11 AM.

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

### Volunteers!

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

Remember that monies raised from this sale will go toward various charities. *Thrivent Financial* also provides monetary assistance from their Action Team projects fund.

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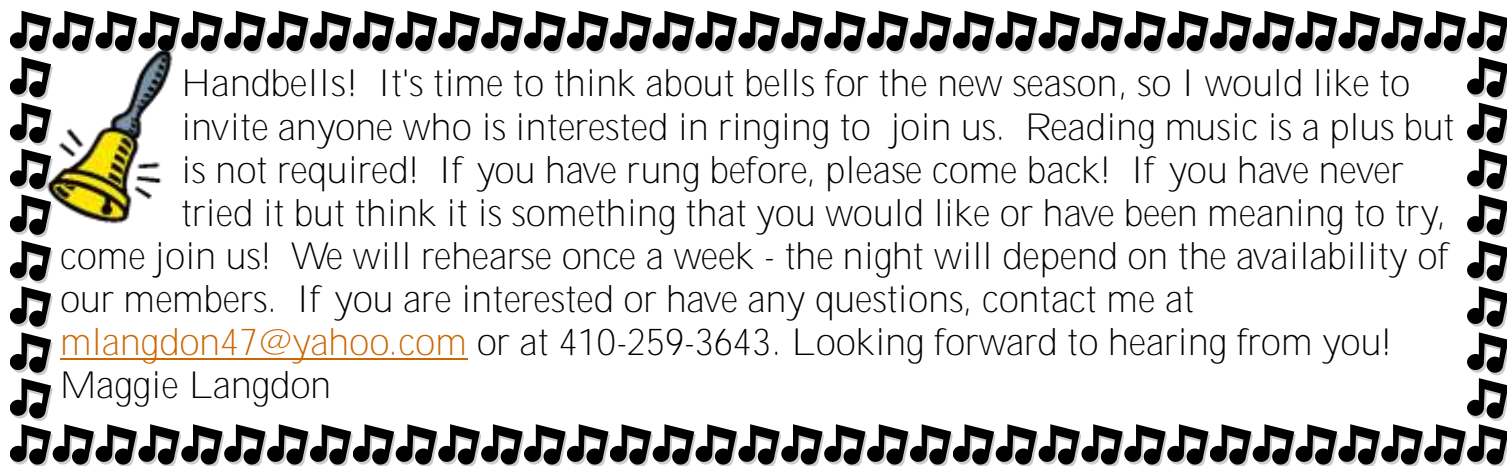
### PRE-ORDER FORM FOR FOOD

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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

# HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH



Handbells! It's time to think about bells for the new season, so I would like to invite anyone who is interested in ringing to join us. Reading music is a plus but is not required! If you have rung before, please come back! If you have never tried it but think it is something that you would like or have been meaning to try, come join us! We will rehearse once a week - the night will depend on the availability of our members. If you are interested or have any questions, contact me at [mlangdon47@yahoo.com](mailto:mlangdon47@yahoo.com) or at 410-259-3643. Looking forward to hearing from you!  
Maggie Langdon

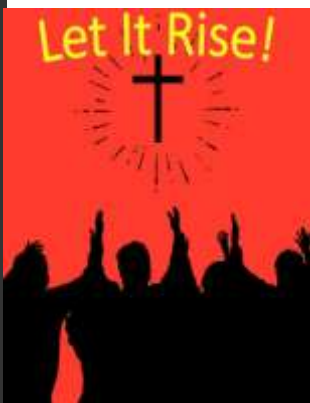
## September 2017 News Letter

Choral music will resume on Sunday, September 10th at the 10:30 am service. Our first choir rehearsal of the fall season will be on Wednesday, September 6th at 7:30 pm. From where the congregation sits each week, it may seem that the choir does not need your help. Not so! We would really welcome anyone to join us whenever you'd like to come on a Wednesday night. We realize that it's difficult to make a weekly commitment. I'd ask that you think about the possibility of joining us "whenever you can". All we really require is the ability to sing along in key. I have choir members who theoretically can't read music so don't let that stop you. Every Sunday I hear a lot of really good singers in this congregation (men and women).

There is no minimum age requirement. This would be an excellent opportunity if you sing in your school choir or a community chorus.

Please note:

The choir will not rehearse on the Wednesday before the third Sunday of each month due to set up for contemporary Service.



*Let It Rise:* Our first contemporary "LET IT RISE" service will be on October 15th at 10:30 am and continue each 3rd Sunday through May. Space is at a premium at St. Johns. To continue this service, we will need your help. After the 2nd Sunday of the month directly following the 10:30 service, we need a group of volunteers to clear the chairs out of the choir area so I can set up the music during the week for the following Sunday. Right after the Contemporary Service, we need to clear the space up front and replace the chairs. This would be a good opportunity for the young adults to help out.

In Christ's Service,  
Wayne

# HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH

## MEN OF THE CONGREGATION

### News from the Men of the Congregation

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

The Fall Meeting of the Men of the Westminster Conference will be held in October. Detailed information about the event will be coming soon, and will be published in the October newsletter, Friday e-messages, and the Bulletin

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.

## SAND, PAINT and FINISH DAY to be held!

On Wednesday, September 6, beginning at 9 AM, we will have a Sand, Paint, and Finish Day for our picnic benches and other items in the pavilion. If you are willing to lend a hand on this day, please feel free to come. No experience necessary, just a desire to assist with the task at hand. For details, contact Dennis Kniss, 443-605-4963 or [dennisrkniss@gmail.com](mailto:dennisrkniss@gmail.com)



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Fellowship.....	Karen Siegman
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Property.....	Michael Grothe
Worship & Music.....	Dennis Kniss
Christian Outreach.....	Roxanne Mal brough
Finance.....	Janet Gross John Bucacink

# HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH

## SEW DAY UPDATE

WE ARE OVER 1,000!

Yes, the Holy Rollers have rolled over 1000 bandages and are still going. Thanks to - Audrey Byrd, Dot Bean, Betty Blauvelt, Nancy Boone, Sue Shaffer, and George Fleming. Thanks also to Sue Shaffer and Marion Fleming for searching out sheets from local hotels. We can still use WHITE sheets - any size.

We will use any colored sheets for our Mission quilts, so keep them coming. We could also use mattress covers in place of batting for the inside of the Mission quilts. So if you have any mattress covers that you are getting rid of - keep us in mind.

We would like to schedule our last sew day for this year on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 starting at 9:00 am. Come out and join us if you can!!



We had a wonderful week in July for our "Christmas in July" Vacation Bible School this year and would like to thank everyone who had a hand in helping us make it such a wonderful time. For all of you who would like to keep the learning and fun going, we have Sunday morning Bible School on Sundays starting September 10th. We will have Sermon based lessons every week, crafts and music for the younger school-age children. We also offer Confirmation class for 6th thru 8th graders and engaging biblical conversations dealing with current day events for teens through adults. You also want to mark your calendars now for Vacation Bible School in summer of 2018.





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

**FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN'S:** The family of Steve Albersheim, Ann Alexander, Rita Bauhof, Dawn Bitzel, Ronald Boone, the Bordenski Family, Congregations of the Delaware/Maryland Synod, Patty & Jim Coolsen, Ashley and Andrew Davis, Jerry Day, Mark Reshnet & Pam Dempsey, The Family of Barry Durm Sr, Sarah Egan, Jerry Farver, Christian Filipov, Jenn Freed and Family, Deb Freeland, Jenny Gallagher, Lily Glennon, Seth Goldsmith, Ginni Gordon and the Family of Len Gordon, Matthew Gordon, Jen Granek, Chuck Gyory, Marilyn Habicht, Mark Habicht, Debbie Haggerty & Family, Natalie Halpin, Jeremiah Harlan, Ron Harris, Ellwood Hawes, Sr., Diane Heil, Governor Larry Hogan, Nancy Hollingsworth, Paula Holmes, Norma Hooks, Eila Howe, Ameilia James, Precious Johnson, Gary & Dennis Keirle, Gabriel Knepp, Rhoda Kniss, Family and Friends of Woody Kocher, Mamie Koontz, The Jim Kroneberger Family, Sara & Nick Lacasse & Gage, Cole & Nathaniel, Dave & Rachel Lal, Lazarus UCC Church, Richard LeDuc, The Family of Shirley Leisner, Edward Leister, Jeannie Leister, Gerry Long, Don & Charlotte Ludwig, Paula Martin, Sue Mencer, Elizabeth Mesick, Katie Miller, Wyatt Miller, Debbie Morrish, Robyn Moses-Harney, Jeanne Mueller, Erin Murphy & the Haitian Timoun Foundation, Kay Murphy, Christina (Fletcher) Muth, Donald and May Nelson, Harold Nelson, Jackie Nelson, Mark Nelson, The Family & Friends of Richard Nelson Sr., Troy Petty, The Pyle Family, Fred & Kathi Polanco, Eric Redilius, Ronald Resch, Hal Roche, Beverly & Jack Rose, Doug Sanford, Sue Schildwachter, Connor Schlude, Ms. Wilda Simpson, Joshua, David, & Debbie Smith, Finley Smith, Madelyn Smith, Gene Sines, Wendy Steil, Roger J. Stewart, Nick Tasker, Courtney Topolski, Bikiltu Wakgari Wakjira, Eileen West, Paul Yeager.

**THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:** Shane Anderson, Keith Blizzard, Marshall Brown, Barry Durm, Michael & Lucia Gaffney, Private Joshua Gaske, Katie & Brian Fenstemaker, Hannah Sisler, Pam Sisler, Capt. Corey S. Squires, Heidi Scherbarth Tompkins and Will Yingling.

***This prayer list was updated on August 30, 2017.***

**Please help keep this list current and accurate. Contact the office at 410-848-6402 or office@stjohnswestminster.org with changes (changes include updates, corrections, deletions, new names).**

THANK YOU



## Reformation 500 Bookstore

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

For more information, see Steve Findeisen.



## Evangelism Committee

Psalms 118 :24

Decide to have a good day. "This is the day The Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

We appreciate the card ministry provided by Dot Bean, Karen Siegman, Pat Heath and Audrey Byrd. They are very faithful sending cards to our church family!

Committee: Thank you for the delicious donations to the bake table at the peach festival!

We have a need for your unused greeting cards that you know you will never send! Please **donate them to our committee by placing them in the plastic Evangelism "Used Eyeglasses / Greeting Cards" box in the Fellowship Hall.**

Used eyeglasses collection continues for 2017! Our goal is to reach 2,000 pairs by December! We are close, so when you, your friends, your teachers or anyone you know gets new glasses, consider recycling your old ones to St John's Collection!

We need current military addresses of where these folks will receive mail in November and December! Contact the church office to update addresses now!

Our historian book needs new subjects, so please notify us of any members who have reached 75! Or over! We want to include all members! Call Loretta Basler at 443\_289-8938 to nominate eligible members! If anyone wants to be a writer for this joyous endeavor please call us!

We will be making home bound visitations soon. If you know someone who needs a visitation, inform us so we can get them on our list.

Communication is so important! If you have an idea of something you think we should do to share God's love, please tell us! If you want to use your talents to serve The Lord, please join our committee! We would love to have you! We will find a job you can do!

We encourage you to stand up for what you believe in or you will fall for anything! "Let us not be weary in doing good, for in the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have an opportunity, let us do good." Galatians 6 :9-10

Enjoy the beauty of the autumn season! Thank God for his marvelous creation! This is the day The Lord made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Loretta Basler







**Next Summer 2018**  
**Attention All 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth**

**"This Changes Everything"**  
**The ELCA National Youth Gathering**  
**June 26-July 1, 2018**  
**Houston, TX**

**Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives. (ELCA Youth gathering handbook page 7)**

**Cost:** Total cost per person is about \$1000 (which includes registration, hotel, transportation, and food), **BUT** our goal is that **each participant contribute \$300** and we will work to fundraise the rest.


**How do I register? \$150 nonrefundable deposit & a completed Registration worksheet by September 17, 2017 turned into Pastor Kristin.**

**(I know it's fall and everything costs money – if you would prefer to divide this fee up over the next three months – that is fine – at least \$50 by September 17 – will secure your spot for the gathering – this money is NON-REFUNDABLE.**

**#ELCAYG2018**

**FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED, THROUGH FAITH— AND THIS IS NOT FROM YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD. - EPHESIANS 2:8**

 **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
 God's work. Our hands.



**God's Work, Our Hands—Sunday, September 10, 2017**

**God's Work, Our Hands** will be held on September 10, 2017. All are welcome to participate in assembling the following kits:

**Kits for the Shepherd's Staff Blessings Closet**

- |            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| toothpaste | bar of soap |
| toothbrush | shampoo     |
| comb       |             |

**Lutheran World Relief Fabric Kits**

Each kit contains:

TWO spools of neutral-colored, general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each-thread that matches the fabric is acceptable!

TWO pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no kits of 100% polyester). **Please give new items only. Please do not donate items with religious symbols, messages, US Flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.**

Each piece should match of the following sizes below:

- 2 ¼ yards of 60" wide fabric
- 3 yards of 44" wide fabric
- 4 yards of 36" wide fabric

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

**THANK YOU**

"THANK YOU" to all who made the Peach Festival a success by volunteering their time, their financial resources and purchasing the food items that were for sale. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!!! St. John's continues to be blessed by your help in so many ways throughout the year. Nancy Dean

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**Dear Members and Friends of St. John's,**

I wish to thank you for the beautiful cards and personal messages sent my way as I celebrated my 70<sup>th</sup> birthday in June. Each greeting meant so much.

One of the greatest blessings in my life is being a member of our church family. Once again, thank you.

In Christian Love, Dale Miller

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Thank you for the flowers. So many pretty flowers. Harry would have enjoyed seeing them.

Thanks for thinking of us. Nancy Jones & family

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On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to thank you and your members personally for the very generous gift of \$760.00 given to Carroll Lutheran School. As a Board member, I know how very important every contribution is to the sound, faith-based education of our students. Thank you for being a part of this very special endeavor in our community.

Sincerely, Hermine Saunders

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Dear Friends,

**You are an essential part of making it possible for us to honor and serve our nation's heroes**-and we simply could not fulfill our mission without your support. Thank you for your gift of \$409.00 to Fisher House Foundation, and thank you for joining us in our mission.

Sincerely, David A Coker, President

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LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE  
**HURRICANE HARVEY**

AUGUST 2017

ELCA.org/disaster

Hurricane Harvey hit the Gulf Coast of the United States on Aug. 25, 2017, threatening millions of people in coastal Texas and Louisiana with multiple days of heavy rain, winds and rising tides. While many have evacuated, significant damage is still expected, and thousands of people may be housed in shelters for an extended period of time.

be there to accompany those affected through every phase of this disaster.

We invite you to stand by our neighbors on the Gulf Coast during this time. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those left homeless or otherwise affected by this disaster for years to come.

Lutheran Disaster Response's affiliate is actively present, collaborating with community leaders and officials to initiate the proper responses, particularly the long-term recovery efforts. Together, we have a strong history of working with Disasters in the Gulf Coast area. The road to recovery will be long, and Lutheran Disaster Response will

**Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response designated for "Hurricane Response - United States" will be used entirely (100 percent) for this disaster until the response is complete.** Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support. Give today to support the needs in this response and others like it.

**YES, I WANT TO HELP!**

Lutheran Disaster Response: *Hurricane Response, U.S.* \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DDG0073

Lutheran Disaster Response: *Where Needed Most, U.S.* \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DDG0010

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Give through your congregation or make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009  
 Write "Hurricane Response, United States" or "Lutheran Disaster Response, U.S." on your check's memo line.



**Plan Now for Youth Volunteer Opportunities**

Youth volunteers are welcome at Carroll Lutheran Village! Now is the time for students to think about fall volunteer positions to get required service hours. All student volunteers must complete an application and orientation session. Applications are available online at [www.clvillage.org/volunteer](http://www.clvillage.org/volunteer). Contact

volunteer coordinator Pamela Malkin at 443-605-1011 or [pmalkin@clvillage.org](mailto:pmalkin@clvillage.org) with questions.

**Register Now for Fall Lifelong Learning Opportunities**

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

*Mindfulness Meditation* – Tim Hurley leads the class. Class meets Fridays September 1 through October 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Cost is \$30.

*Chair Yoga* – Shawn Essed leads the class through gentle seated motions. Class meets Fridays, September 8 through October 27 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$40.

*Zentangle Art* – Zentangle is an easy way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns called tangles. Class meets Wednesdays, September 13, October 11 and November 8 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$35 per session.

*Drawing & Painting* – Techniques for beginners through advanced. Class meets Tuesdays September 19 through November 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Cost is \$55.

*Swimming Lessons* – Learn the basics for all types of strokes. Class meets Fridays September 22 through October 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$35.

Please register for these courses and more 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 COUNTY  
**500**  
REFORMATION 2017  
OCTOBER 29, 2017 @ 3:30pm  
**Big Baker Chapel  
McDaniel College**

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


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

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

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

Please join us!

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

5 Celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation!  
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
 **Oktoberfest**  
September 23, 2017  
2 - 6pm

**German  
Music!**

**German  
Food!**

**German  
Beer!**

Craft Market and raffles to  
benefit Habitat for Humanity  
of Carroll County.

38 W. Baltimore Street  
Taneytown, MD 21787

[www.trinitytaneytown.org](http://www.trinitytaneytown.org)  
<http://bit.ly/TrinityOktoberfest>

410-756-6626  
telctoffice@gmail.com

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



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

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

**Time:** 10:00 AM–05:00 PM

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

**Date:** Thursday, August 17, 2017

**Time:** 06:30 PM–07:30 PM

Inspired by the 500th anniversary of the printing of Martin Luther's 95 Theses and the Walters' exhibition Uncertain Times: Martin Luther's Remedies for the Soul, this two-part workshop explores letterpress printing from raised metal type with Baltimore Print Studios.

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

**Date:** Wednesday, September 20, 2017

**Time:** 12:30 PM–01:30 PM

Join Yu Na Han, Zanvyl Kreiger Fellow in the Department of Rare Books and Manuscripts, and Abigail Quandt, Head of Book and Paper Conservation, as they explore the books and manuscripts on display in this one-gallery exhibition. The talk will provide insight into the world of Martin Luther and his philosophy on life and religion.



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



### Luthergarten Tree



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

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

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

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

# REFORMATION 500

## Looking Back & Called Forward

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

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

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

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

## Festival Worship at McDaniel College, Westminster

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





# SEPTEMBER 2017 WORSHIP LEADER CALENDAR

DATE	SERVICE	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR	ACOLYTE (10:30)	GREETERS	USHERS/ OFFERING (9:30 / 10:30)	COUNT TEAM
09/03	8:00 a.m.	Dennis Kniss	Dennis Kniss		Lois & Larry Bankert	The Brian Leister Family	Gloria Kniss Dennis Kniss Darry Gross
	9:30 a.m.	Carl Rebert	Carl Rebert		The Findeisen Family		
09/10	8:00 a.m.	Tracey Sanford	Tracey Sanford		Stacy & Larry Huber	Barbara & Richard Smith	Donna Yeager Bryan Yeager Genny Resch
	10:30 a.m.	John Bucacink	Karen Siegman	Tate Gavin	Pat & Donald Heath		
09/17	8:00 a.m.	Maggie Langdon	Maggie Langdon		Mark Howard	Nancy & Bill Squires	Maggie Langdon Muriel Sabo Carl Rebert
	10:30 a.m.	Pat Heath	Stephanie Dean	Olivia Leister	Nancy Dean & Stephanie Dean		
09/24	8:00 a.m.	Jack Joiner	Jack Joiner		Nancy Boone	David Ogg	Pat Heath Donald Heath Teresa McCulloh
	10:30 a.m.	Donna Yeager	Teresa McCulloh	Lara Findeisen	Wanda Little & Carol Blubaugh		

*For the month of September, the Altar Guild is Lois Bankert and Dale Miller (8:00 a.m.) and Barbara & Richard Smith (9:30 a.m. / 10:30 a.m.).*

St. John's member, Nancy Jones, is looking for a person/s willing to drive her for occasional appointments during the day. Must be willing to driver her minivan. Please contact her at 410-259-3963. If you have any questions you can contact Pastor Kristin.

Memorial Service - Our member, Kathleen Blum, passed away on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at Genesis Healthcare in Gettysburg. Her memorial service will be at St. John's on Saturday, September 30 at 11am. All are welcome to attend.

# SEPTEMBER

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<p><b>3 Back to School Blessing</b>  <b>8:00 a.m.</b> Worship  <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Outdoor Worship  <i>Altar Flowers: Carol Blubaugh</i></p>	<p><b>4 Labor Day Office Closed</b></p> 	<p><b>5 9:30 am—2:00 p.m.</b>  ←  <b>Shepherd's Staff</b>    <b>7:30 p.m.</b>  Council</p>	<p><b>6 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Newsletter</b> →  <b>9:00 a.m.</b>  Sand, Paint &amp; Finish  <b>6:30 p.m.</b>  Sunshine Circle  <b>7:30 p.m.</b>  Choir</p>
<p><b>10 God's Work/Our Hands</b>  <b>8:00 a.m.</b> Worship  <b>9:15 a.m.</b> Service Project for All Ages  <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Worship  <i>Altar Flowers: Roxanne Maibrough</i></p>	<p><b>11 6:30 p.m.</b>  4-H</p>	<p><b>12 October Newsletter Input Due</b></p>	<p><b>13 7:30 p.m.</b>  Choir</p>
<p><b>17 Workcamp Sharing</b>  <b>8:00 a.m.</b> Worship  <b>9:15 a.m.</b> Education Hour  <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Worship  <i>Altar Flowers: Andrea Cosentini</i>  Reformation 500 Bookstore</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19 6:30 p.m.</b>  Education &amp; Youth Committee</p>	<p><b>20 3:00 p.m.</b>  Christian Outreach    <b>7:30 p.m.</b>  Choir</p>
<p><b>24 8:00 a.m.</b> Worship  <b>9:15 a.m.</b> Education Hour  <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Worship  <i>Altar Flowers: Carole Brothers</i>  Reformation 500 Bookstore</p>	<p><b>25 6:30 p.m.</b>  Coin Club</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27 10:00 a.m.</b>  October Newsletter Assemble  <b>7:30 p.m.</b>  Choir</p>
			<p><b>28</b></p>
			<p><b>29 6:30 p.m.</b>  Christian Singles Game Night</p>
			<p><b>30 11:00 a.m.</b>  Kathleen Blum Memorial Service</p>
			<p><b>15 6:30 p.m.</b>  Christian Singles at Greenmount Station</p>
			<p><b>9 8:00 a.m.</b>  Mens Group at Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren</p>
			<p><b>16 All Day</b>  Scrapbooking-Fellowship Hall</p>

## September Birthdays



1 Xander LeDuc	12 Amber Blubaugh	21 Caroline Schindler	27 Pamela Dodson
2 Seth Moklak	12 Della Dell	21 Sarah Weisse	29 Tate Gavin
3 Karen Reinhold	12 Rose Frebertshauser	22 Stephanie Dean	30 Bradley Maempel
5 Donald Heath	16 Pastor Joe Lettrich	22 Charles Zincon	
8 Victoria Barber	20 Daniel Over, Jr.	22 Robert Bitzel	
8 Rebecca Sisler	20 Keith Reed, Jr.	25 Bonnie Konsen	
10 Zadie Brehm	21 Kevin Mapp	25 Matthew Leister	
11 Steven Parsley	21 Robert Mapp	26 Leeann Brothers	
11 Steve Findeisen	21 Craig Peregoy	26 Britney Brothers	

# 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 - JULY 2017

<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 101,761.47
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ 127,026.84
<b>Net Income (Deficit)</b>	\$(25,265.37)
Improvement Fund Income	\$ 3,446.25
Improvement Fund Expenses	\$ 4,256.15
Benevolence Income	\$ 8,546.25
Thankoffering Income	\$ 2,022.69



# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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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