

# ST. JOHN'S EPISTLE

## September 2019

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### September At-A-Glance

**September 1**  
**Back to School Blessing**  
Both 8:00 & 9:30 services

**September 3 - 7:30 pm**  
Church Council Meeting

**September 4 - 6:30 pm**  
Sunshine Circle

**September 7 - All Day**  
Scrapbooking

**September 8**  
**Fall Schedule returns!**  
Worship 8:00 and 10:30am  
9:15 - Education Hour -  
God's Work. Our Hands.

**September 11 - 9:00 am**  
Tie & Knot Day

**September 14 - 8:00 am**  
Men's Breakfast at  
Meadow Branch

**September 20 - 5:00 pm**  
Christian Singles at  
Greenmount Station

### A Message from Pastor Kristin

*Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

*Psalm 95:1-2*

As I'm writing this it feels like fall outside, but I know we still have more summer days ahead of us. September brings our fall programming schedule. Join us on Sunday mornings as we "sing to the Lord" at worship 8:00am and 10:30am. Join us during our Education hour at 9:15am for classes for ages 3 – Adult. (Ages 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade, confirmation grades 6-8, high school and above and The Adult Class).

We kick the fall off with "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday, **September 8 at 9:15am** with songs, service projects, fellowship and food. It's a great way to welcome everyone back to church this fall! All ages are welcome.

On **Sunday, September 29**, our youth who traveled and worked in Clay County, West Virginia with Appalachia Service Project this summer will lead worship and share about our experience at both services. Thank you to the congregation for supporting our youth with prayers and financial support. These trips and experiences make a difference not only in the homeowners lives, but in the participants' lives.

How will you share your gifts at St. John's this year? Join the choir? Handbells? Join a committee? Help with the soup kitchen? Serve as an acolyte or lector or assisting minister? What is one new way you can share God's love in and through our congregation this year? Pray about it.

God's Peace

Pastor Kristin Dubsy

Fall Schedule returns on Sunday, **September 8!**

Worship 8:00 and 10:30am

9:15 - Education Hour - God's Work. Our Hands.

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# HAPPENINGS AROUND THE CHURCH



The Christian Singles Group will meet on Friday, September 20 5:00 pm at Greenmount Station. If you plan to attend, please contact Nancy Dean at 410-848-2140 by Sunday, September 15. If you'd like to carpool, please be at church no later than 4:30 pm. Bring a friend!



The **Soup Kitchen Committee** would like to say **THANKS** to all who have answered the call for plastic containers. They have reached their limit and ask that everyone hold off on bringing any more containers, for now. In a few months when their supply dwindles (and their space increases) they will once again call out to everyone. We appreciate one and all!

Our next Soup Kitchen will be October 11 at 10:30 am. If you would help us at the actual soup kitchen or if you would like to make or donate a dessert, please contact Lisa Gavin 410-857-1499 or Jackie Leister 410-259-5535. Your support is much appreciated as we serve our community.



## All Day Scrapbooking

*Have you started on your gifts yet?  
Come share your questions or talents  
with us on Saturday, September 7  
for a great day of scrapbooking.*

*Please contact Kristy Lea Dean at  
[buyabasket@kristydean.com](mailto:buyabasket@kristydean.com) or Genny Resch  
at [gresch@mghus.com](mailto:gresch@mghus.com) for more information.*



The Evangelism Committee continues to collect used eyeglasses. Please put them in the bin in the Caring Corner.



THANK YOU!

Fall Schedule returns on Sunday, September 8!

Worship 8:00 and 10:30 am

9:15 - Education Hour - God's Work. Our Hands.



Join us in the fellowship hall for a few songs, food and wreath making for our home bound members. All ages are welcome to join in the fun! Everyone is asked to bring a breakfast item to share (fruit, muffins, donuts, juice, you choose - thanks)



Sunday School classes begin Sunday, September 15: Ages 3-5th Grade, Confirmation (Grades 6-8), High School Plus and The Adult Class.

**Blessing of the Pets - Sunday, October 13, 4:30 - 5:30 pm**



Join Pastor Kristin and her dog Mr. Beans for a Pet Blessing. Bring your pets (or a picture of your pet, if more appropriate) for a special blessing. A brief service will begin at 4:45 pm, but come anytime during the hour for individual blessings as well. This will be held outside near the pavilion or in the Chapel in the Woods. (More details in October newsletter)



## HAPPENINGS AROUND THE CHURCH



**The Sunshine Circle** will hold their monthly meeting September 4 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Lois Bankert will lead devotions, Sarah LeDuc will lead the program and Nancy Tracey is the hostess. Special offering is tooth brushes. All ladies of the church are invited. For more information, call Audrey Byrd at 410-848-1995.

## Sponsor a Child



SARON

Because of your generous support, Food for the Hungry has been able to help Saron by teaching her about God and his purpose in her life. In addition she is learning that all children deserve to be treated with love and dignity so they can grow in an environment where they flourish and reach their God-given potential. Your support allows her to hold and read the bible, learn bible stories, read scriptures and learn more about God. Through these bible lessons children are learning about their individual worth, loving others as yourself, honest, integrity, obedience and respect for others. It also provides support to Churches, Pastors and Sunday school teachers who guide and encourage her in her spiritual growth. Thanks for your support to Saron and ask for your continued support and prayers as we help this young girl on her life's journey. We do make a difference. God Bless members of the Sunshine Circle!

# COUNCIL NOTES

## 2019 Council Members

## 2019 Committee Chairs

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**Property** ..... Open  
**Worship & Music** .....Dennis Kniss  
**Christian Outreach** .....Roxanne Malbrough  
**Finance** .....Janet Gross  
 John Bucacink

### Notes from the Council

The Church Council has been on hiatus for the summer. The next meeting is September 3 at 7:30 pm.

## 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 14, 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 on October 28, here at our church. The ladies of the church will be preparing and serving dinner. Additional information will be available in the October Newsletter, bulletins and Friday e-pisles.

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.

## HAPPENINGS AROUND THE CHURCH

### Come join the Tie & Knot Group!

On Wednesday September 11, the Tie and Knot group will meet again for fellowship and fun. From 9:00 am until noon. You don't need any sewing skills, just the ability to tie and/or knot. For more information please contact Gloria Kniss at 717-359-7681.



### Evangelism Committee



The Evangelism Committee will meet September 8 following the 10:30 am Worship Service. We will have a brief meeting and do goody bags for our shut-ins. Please bring ideas on how we can improve our committee. ALL are welcome. Please call Audrey Byrd for more information 410-848-1995. Remember we continue to collect used eyeglasses. Please place in container in the Caring Corner in Fellowship Hall.

### *"The Miracle of Christmas"*



The Church Women United of Carroll County in conjunction with Rill's Bus Co are taking a trip to see "The Miracle of Christmas". It will be at the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA on Wednesday, December 4, 2019. The price is \$105.00 per person which includes the bus show & family style lunch at Hershey Farms Restaurant after the show. Children ages 4 - 12 are \$70.00 each. The tip for the bus driver is not included in these prices. The first pickup is at 8:15 am at the rear of Kohl's parking lot in Westminster and the 2nd pickup is at 8:45 at Lazarus UVV Church in Lineboro. For reservations please call Mary Jane Graf at 410-374-4478. Mail checks by November 1st to Mary Jane Graf, 5115 S. Church St, Lineboro, MD 21102 and make the checks payable to Church Women of Carroll Co. If you have any questions, please call Mary Jane at 410-374-4478 or Nancy Dean at 410-848-2140.

## HAPPENINGS AROUND THE CHURCH



The Brethren Home Community of the Cross Keys Village in New Oxford, PA has a group that collect used stamps. The group processes them and sells them to buy items needed for the residents of that facility. With the money they have received, they have purchased wheelchairs, ride on scales, recliner chairs, defibrillators, geriatric chairs and shampoo recliners, just to name a few. You can help in this ministry by saving your used stamps. Simply cut the envelope in half to eliminate the address or cut around the stamp by 1/2 inch and bring it to the bin in the Caring Corner in Fellowship Hall marked Stamps. Thank you for helping the residents of this community. For questions contact Audrey Byrd at 4120-848-1995.



## Save the Date!



# CHILI COOK- OFF

**Chili Cook Off - Sunday, October 20,  
12:00 - 2:00 pm - Stay after church  
to taste test different  
types of chili made by St. John's members  
and friends. (More details coming soon.)**



### Pastoral Acts:

Baptism

Cora Ruby Snyder  
August 25, 2019

Funeral

Robert Freberthausen  
August 10, 2019



# Fall Yard and Rummage Sales

The Fall Yard and Rummage Sales to be held on October 11th and 12th. As in the past the sales will be from 8 am until 2 pm both days. A bake sale and turkey corn soup sale will be held on Saturday.

Donations for the sale of good, saleable items will be accepted at the church as follows:

on Monday, October 7 from 9 am until 7 pm

on Tuesday, October 8 from 9 am until 7 pm

on Wednesday, October 9 from 9am until 7 pm

on Thursday, October 10 from 9am until **NOON ONLY**

If you have questions about the sale, or have items that need to be pick up, please contact Gloria or Dennis Kniss: [dennisrkniss@gmail.com](mailto:dennisrkniss@gmail.com), 717-359-7681 or 443-605-4963.

We are always in need of helping hands in preparation before the sales, assisting during the sale and clean up following the sale. If you have any time to give, whatever amount that may be, please feel free to come and join in. Many hands make the task seem smaller.

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



OCTOBER  
11 & 12!





# SUMMER WORSHIP 2019

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
**Sunday Summer Worship**  
**8:00 AM - Inside**  
**9:30 AM - Outdoors**



# ST. JOHN'S PEACH FESTIVAL 2019



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THANK YOU



"THANK YOU" to all who helped to make the Peach Festival a success. Your hard work and generous donations are greatly appreciated! You are true blessings to St. John's! May God continue to bless each of you!

- Nancy



# ST. JOHN'S PEACH FESTIVAL 2019



# THANK YOU!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

My sincere apology for the (very) belated nature of my Thank You note. My appreciation and gratitude for your kindness and hospitality during my time with you at St. John's are never the less heartfelt.

I enjoyed getting to know you, worshipping, singing praises to God and communing with you were my privilege.

Also, thank you for the beautiful and very special Advent stole. It is so meaningful to me and I will think of all of you whenever I wear it to lead worship. You may already know, but in case you don't, Advent is my favorite church season (may have something to do with Christ's birthday and mine being on December 25th) and blue is my favorite color. So, you "hit the nail on the head" in gifting me with an Advent stole! "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit". (Romans 15:13)

In Christ's Love,  
Ellen Lichtfuss

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Dear Gloria and the Fellowship Committee,

Thank you for the delicious Funeral Luncheon after Mom's service. The food was definitely prepared from the heart and is just what Mom would have enjoyed! The Social Hall's set-up was for family and friend interaction, which is exactly what Mom would have wanted! We will miss our special lady but know she will always remain in our hearts!

The Family of "Beaner" Basler

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Dear Saint John's Evangelical Church,

Grace, mercy and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for your donations received thus far this year, Your total gift is \$448.02.

With the support of partners like you through the ministry of the Community of St. Dysmas lives in the Correctional System in Maryland are changed, hope is given, and the Good News of Jesus Christ is shared through Bible study and Word and Sacrament. THANK YOU!

Sincerely,

Robert M. Harvey  
Treasurer, Community of St. Dysmas

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# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

|                     |       |                  |       |
|---------------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| Xander LeDuc        | 09/01 | Sarah Weisse     | 09/21 |
| Seth Moklak         | 09/02 | Stephanie Dean   | 09/22 |
| Karen Reinhold      | 09/03 | Robert Bitzel    | 09/22 |
| Donald Heath        | 09/05 | Bonnie Konsen    | 09/25 |
| Victoria Barber     | 09/08 | Matthew Leister  | 09/25 |
| Rebecca Sisler      | 09/08 | Leeann Brothers  | 09/26 |
| Steve Findeisen     | 09/09 | Britney Brothers | 09/26 |
| Steven Parsley      | 09/11 | Pamela Dodson    | 09/27 |
| Robin Findeisen     | 09/11 | Tate Gavin       | 09/28 |
| Della Dell          | 09/12 | Bradley Maempel  | 09/29 |
| Rose Frebertshawser | 09/12 | Heather Snyder   | 09/29 |
| Pastor Joe Lettrich | 09/16 |                  |       |
| Daniel Over, Jr.    | 09/17 |                  |       |
| Keith Reed, Jr.     | 09/20 |                  |       |
| Kevin Mapp          | 09/21 |                  |       |
| Robert Mapp         | 09/21 |                  |       |
| Craig Peregoy       | 09/21 |                  |       |
| Caroline Schindler  | 09/21 |                  |       |

# HAPPENINGS AROUND THE CHURCH

## Make a joyful noise

Handbell choir - Come join the fun - we are always ready to welcome new members! The handbell choir will begin rehearsals on September 10th at 6:15 pm. The ability to read music is a plus but not a necessity. If you have rung before or just think you would like to give it a try, please contact Maggie Langdon at 410-259-3643 or [mlangdon47@yahoo.com](mailto:mlangdon47@yahoo.com). I encourage you to consider this unique way to become a member of the music ministry of St. John's!








Choir rehearsals will be every Wednesday @7:30 pm! We could use some women's voices. See if you can spare an evening out. We'd love to have you. Contact Dennis Kniss at 443-605-4963 or email: [dennisrkniss@gmail.com](mailto:dennisrkniss@gmail.com).

## Continue to Use Our Recycle Bin!

We continue to do well with our recycling effort! Please continue to recycle the natural gifts that have been given to us as we use God's earth and its resources. Encourage family and friends to recycle and save the environment, also. We can all be good stewards and manage God's great gifts! Think Green! *Reminder: Paper and cardboard only — no plastic (except shredded paper in plastic bags).*



# September

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Mon                                                                                        | Tue                                                                                                                                 | Wed                                                                                                                                                                                   | Thu                                                             | Fri                                                                       | Sat                                                                                                                                                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>1</p> <p><b>8:00 am</b> Worship<br/><b>9:30 am</b> Worship at Chapel In The Woods</p> <p>Altar Flowers: Tracey Sanford &amp; Carl Rebert</p>                                                            | <p>2</p>  | <p>3</p>  <p><b>7:30 pm</b> Church Council Mtg</p> | <p>4</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b> Sunshine Circle<br/></p> <p><b>7:30 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal</p>            | 5                                                               | 6                                                                         | <p>7</p> <p><b>9:00 am - 7:00 pm</b> All Day Scrapbooking<br/></p> |
| <p>8 <b>God's Work. Our Hands.</b></p> <p><b>8:00 am</b> Worship<br/><b>9:15 am</b> Education<br/><b>10:30 am</b> Worship<br/><b>11:45 am</b> Evangelism Committee</p> <p>Altar Flowers: Charles Brehm</p> | 9                                                                                          | <p>10</p> <p><b>6:15 pm</b> Handbell Rehearsal</p>                                                                                  | <p>11</p> <p><b>9:00 am - noon</b> Tie &amp; Knot Day<br/></p> <p><b>7:30 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>12</p> <p>Deadline for submissions to October Newsletter</p> | 13                                                                        | 14                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p>15</p> <p><b>8:00 am</b> Worship<br/><b>9:15 am</b> Education<br/><b>10:30 am</b> Worship</p> <p>Altar Flowers: Lori &amp; John Bucacink</p>                                                            | 16                                                                                         | <p>17</p> <p><b>6:15 pm</b> Handbell Rehearsal</p>                                                                                  | <p>18</p> <p><b>7:30 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal</p>                                                                                                                                       | <p>19</p> <p><b>3:00 pm</b> Christian Outreach</p>              | <p>20</p> <p><b>5:00 pm</b> Christian Singles - At Greenmount Station</p> | 21                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p>22</p> <p><b>8:00 am</b> Worship<br/><b>9:15 am</b> Education<br/><b>10:30 am</b> Worship</p> <p>Altar Flowers: Wanda Little</p>                                                                        | <p>23</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b> Coin Club</p>                                                  | <p>24</p> <p><b>6:15 pm</b> Handbell Rehearsal</p>                                                                                  | <p>25</p> <p><b>10:00 am</b> Assemble October Newsletter</p> <p><b>7:30 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal</p>                                                                                    | 26                                                              | 27                                                                        | 28                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p>29 <b>Youth Sharing Sunday</b></p> <p><b>8:00 am</b> Worship<br/><b>9:15 am</b> Education<br/><b>10:30 am</b> Worship</p> <p>Altar Flowers: Andrea &amp; Jon Cosentini</p>                              | 30                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                 |                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                       |



# SEPTEMBER 2019 WORSHIP LEADERS

| DATE | SERVICE                | ASSISTING MINISTER   | LECTOR          | ACOLYTE            | ALTAR GUILD                  | USHERS/<br>OFFERING<br>(10:30)   | GREETERS                     | COUNTING TEAM                   |
|------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 9/01 | 8:00am                 | Dennis Kniss         | Dennis Kniss    | #####              | Lois Bankert<br>Dale Miller  | #####                            | Carol Lynn and Ken Siegman   | Deb Schaefer                    |
|      | 9:30am<br>Final Chapel | Doris Zepp           | Doris Zepp      |                    | Gloria Kniss<br>Sharon Minor | Lori and John Bucacink           | Lori and John Bucacink       | Michael Schaefer<br>Dale Miller |
| 9/08 | 8:00am                 | Carl Rebert          | Carl Rebert     | #####              | Lois Bankert<br>Dale Miller  | #####                            | Della and Greg Dell          | Joan Phillips                   |
|      | 10:30am                | Roseann Kleinschmidt | Sarah LeDuc     | Grace Kleinschmidt | Gloria Kniss<br>Sharon Minor | The Leister Family               | Jean Seitz<br>Joan Phillips  | Jean Seitz<br>Ken Seitz         |
| 9/15 | 8:00am                 | Carl Rebert          | Carl Rebert     | #####              | Lois Bankert<br>Dale Miller  | #####                            | Nancy Boone                  | Stewart Sterner                 |
|      | 10:30am                | John Bucacink        | Lori Bucacink   | Spencer Goodson    | Gloria Kniss<br>Sharon Minor | The Findeisen Family             | Barbara and Richard Smith    | Drew Dean<br>Steve Findeisen    |
| 9/22 | 8:00am                 | Tracey Sanford       | Tracey Sanford  | #####              | Lois Bankert<br>Dale Miller  | #####                            | Linda and Stewart Sterner    | Teresa McCulloh                 |
|      | 10:30am                | Donna Yeager         | Teresa McCulloh | Olivia Leister     | Gloria Kniss<br>Sharon Minor | Genny Resch<br>Roxanne Malbrough | Nancy Dean<br>Stephanie Dean | Donna Yeager<br>Bryan Yeager    |
| 9/29 | 8:00am                 | Youth                | Youth           | #####              | Lois Bankert<br>Dale Miller  | #####                            | Sue Shaffer                  | Gloria Kniss                    |
|      | 10:30am                | Youth                | Youth           | Youth              | Gloria Kniss<br>Sharon Minor | David Ogg                        | The West Family              | Dennis Kniss<br>Darry Gross     |



MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S: George & Theo Amoss, Jacob Armacost, Dave Basler, The Family of Lavena Basler, Lily Blubaugh, John & Betty Boone, Charles Brehm, Pat Brehm, Mittie Coppersmith, Beverly Dutterer, Marion Fleming, Janet Gross, Donald Heath, Jeanne Joiner, Betty Knisley, Yvonne Mathias, Phyllis Menchey, Bonnie Null, Claire Null, Melanie Ogg, Joseph Olenik, Stanley Parks, Doris Rebert, Muriel Sabo, Tracey Sanford, Anna Rae Siegman, Janet Siegman, Emily Van Horn, The West Family, Lorrie Wilson, Jean Yeakel, Gloria Yingling, Pastor Michael Dubsy and Chaplain Jimmie Schwartz.

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

*This prayer list was updated on August 26, 2019*

## Thank Offering Fund

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

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

### Ways that you can contribute to the ongoing spirit of Christ in our church!

Donation Cash or Check;  
Appreciated Securities; Real Estate; Bequests (Wills & Trusts); Life Insurance; Qualified Retirement Plans.

## Electronic Giving is Easy!

As a way to automate your weekly or one-time offerings, Electronic Giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Electronic Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. This can be done in one of two ways: 1) Fill out an Authorization Form (found outside the church office) and send it to the church office, or 2) Go to the church website ([www.stjohnswestminster.org](http://www.stjohnswestminster.org)) and click the green "Online Giving" button at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.



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## THRIVENT MEMBERS: Update On Action Teams and Direct Choice Dollars

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

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

Gloria and Dennis Kniss, Congregational Advocate for Thrivent  
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**Articles for the October newsletter should be submitted no later than September 12, 2019! Please send the articles to Deb, the Office Manager, at [office@stjohnswestminster.org](mailto:office@stjohnswestminster.org) or place them in her mailbox.**

**Thank you!**

# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## Worship Schedule - September 8 - June 7, 2020

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship Service

9:15 am Education Hour

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Worship Service

### *Please contact the church office....*

... if you move to a new address or your telephone number or email address changes.

... if you or a member of your family is admitted to the hospital so the pastor may schedule a hospital visit.

... when a member of your family leaves home for college.

... when your committee or group plans a meeting or an activity—the date needs to be cleared and the church calendar noted.

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