



ST. JOHN'S EPISTLE

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November At-A-Glance

**Sunday
November 4**
All Saints Sunday

**Sunday
November 11**
Thankoffering Day
Women of the
ELCA

**Sunday
November 18**
Congregational
Thanksgiving
Dinner & Worship
Service

**Sunday
November 25**
Christ the King



A Message from Pastor Kristin

On Sunday, November 4 we celebrate All Saints Sunday. We remember the saints of every time and place who have gone on before us and all of the saints who are gathered together to worship God. At both services we will remember the saints of St. John's who have died since last All Saints Sunday - Loretta Basler, Joann Blauvelt, Zadie Brehm, Grover Conrad, Ronald Dutterer, Helen Harris, Pat Heath, Edith Linthicum and Adelaide Sies. Please join us in remembering these saints and the saints in your life who now rest in God. May God's peace surround all who mourn.

On Sunday, November 11, "Thankoffering Sunday" the women of the church will lead worship and our guest preacher will be Terry Orendi, the president of Bountiful Blessings. Bountiful Blessings is a Christian based charity giving hope through serving families of all faiths. They assist working families and senior citizens during financial hardships by supplementing them with non-food items.

Sunday, November 18 – 5:30pm - Thanksgiving meal followed by a brief Thanksgiving Worship Service.

Christ the King Sunday – November 25 – Join us for worship and a "Journey through the church calendar." This Sunday will be Wayne Grauel's last Sunday with us. Join us after the 10:30am service for a coffee hour in his honor.

God's Peace,

Pastor Kristin Dubsky



Special Congregation Meeting – Sunday, November 11 following the 10:30am service. All members are encouraged to attend.



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HAPPENINGS AROUND THE CHURCH

The Christian Singles Group will meet on Friday, November 9, 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, a friend and your favorite Thanksgiving story or poem. All adult Singles are invited for an evening of Christian fellowship. For more information call Nancy Dean at 410-848-2140.

All Day Scrapbooking

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



Sunshine Circle

The Sunshine Circle will meet on November 7 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Della Dell will lead devotions and Audrey Byrd is the hostess. The Special program is making Thanksgiving favors and assembling the Seafarer's boxes. Please don't forget your items for the boxes. All ladies of the church are invited. For more information, call Audrey Byrd at 410-848-1995.



The Soup Kitchen Committee is in need of plastic



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

Make A Difference



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



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE CHURCH

WE ARE STILL WORKING!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



LOOKING AHEAD

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

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

Director of Music Update: Wayne Grauel turned in his letter of resignation. His last Sunday at St. John's will be Sunday, November 25. Please join us after 10:30am worship on November 25 for a Coffee Hour to thank him for sharing his talents with us at St. John's.

Sunday School Christmas Program and Worship – Sunday, December 23 – 10:30am! Christmas will be coming soon! Sunday, December 23 we will have one service at 10:30am. Our Sunday School Christmas program will be a part of the service. Rehearsals for the Christmas program will be Sunday, December 9 & 16 at 9:15am. Ages 3 – adult are welcome to be part of the program.

YOUTH

With the help of the Sparkhouse Whirl Kids, our Sunday School Class has been learning how to follow Jesus! We have been reading about how Jesus loves us and that He even welcomes little children!

We have made a creative corner to make cards and pictures for the shut-ins and we have pictures of each of them on our prayer board. We are learning how to be good servants of the Lord by being kind, thinking of others and taking time to pray.



Above is a picture of SOME of our classmates. We have an average of eight kids that attend every Sunday and sometimes as many as eleven! We have had new kids join us this year and the others like to bring friends!!

If you get a chance, stop by and check out our room and all of the amazing ways we worship God.

God Bless All of You,

Ms. Genny & Ms. Lisa

SPOTLIGHT ON CHRISTIAN SINGLES AND HALLOWEEN





Fall Yard and Rummage Sales



FALL YARD AND RUMMAGE SALE ANOTHER SUCCESS!

The Fall Yard, Rummage, Bake, and Soup and Sandwich Sales were once again a success. As of this writing, a profit of \$4,500.00 has been realized. Allocations to various charities and to the Current Fund have been made.

MANY THANKS go to all who participated in any way to make this a successful event. To those who donated items, thank you as you are the basis of the sale. To those who assisted in setting up from Sunday thru Thursday, thank you for without your diligence and patience, we could not have had a sale like this. To the cooks and bakers, thanks for making the food that was served to our workers during the week, sold to the crowd and baked items for the bake table. To the selling crew on Friday and Saturday, thanks for working with the crowd to see that all happened in an orderly fashion. And to the clean-up crew—would you believe the area was transformed back in less than three hours—a huge pat on the back – and an amazing accomplishment!

Items left following the sale have been shared as follows: Some are stored for the next sale, some were passed on to various charities such as the Westminster Rescue Mission, Community Aid, the Pregnancy Center, Planet Aid, and Shepard's Staff. Many will benefit from your kindness and generosity.

See you May 3 & 4, 2019 for the next sale!



SCENES FROM THE Fall Yard and Rummage Sales



The calm before the storm!



ST. JOHN'S CHILI & BAKERY COOK-OFF



Maggie Langdon was crowned the best baker for her delicious Chocolate Cake and Genny Resch won the chili contest with her spicy Buffalo Chicken Chili. Thank you so much to everyone who participated in the contests!! We enjoyed a great afternoon of fellowship!!



ST. JOHN'S CHILI & BAKERY COOK-OFF

THE WINNING CHILI RECIPE BY GENNY RESCH



Slow Cooker Buffalo Chicken Chili

Buffalo Chicken Chili is delicious, simple and award winning! This is the go-to when you are tired of boring chili recipes!

Prep Time 20 minutes

Cook Time 4 hours

Total Time 4 hours 20 minutes

Servings 8

Calories 277 kcal

Author Slow Cooker Gourmet

Ingredients

1 pound ground chicken

15 oz canned white navy beans drained and rinsed

14.5 oz can fire roasted tomatoes drained

2 cups chicken broth

1/4 - 1/2 cup buffalo wing sauce start with 1/4 cup and add more at end if needed

1 package ranch dressing mix

1 cup frozen corn kernels

1/2 teaspoon onion powder

1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

1/2 teaspoon celery salt

1/2 teaspoon dried cilantro

1/4 teaspoon salt

8 oz cream cheese

Blue cheese crumbles optional

Instructions

Brown ground chicken until fully cooked, place in crock (or brown ahead of time and store in fridge until ready to assemble)

Add remaining ingredients except for cream cheese and blue cheese and give it all a stir to combine

Add block of cream cheese on the top and cover

Cook on high for 4 hours or low for 8

Stir to incorporate cream cheese and add additional wing sauce as desired

Top individual bowls with blue cheese crumbles if desired

ST. JOHN'S CHILI & BAKERY COOK-OFF

THE WINNING BAKERY RECIPE BY MAGGIE LANGDON

RUMMY TUM TUM CAKE

Heat oven to 350 degrees

1 box chocolate cake mix
1 box chocolate instant pudding (not sugar free) 4-1/2 cup serving size
1/2 cup oil
1 cup sour cream
1/2 cup rum (or 1/3 cup light cream)
2 tsps rum or vanilla extract
4 large eggs
6 oz package semi-sweet chocolate chips

Spray bundt pan with non-stick spray.

Place dry cake mix and dry pudding in bowl of electric mixer and beat on low until combined.

Add oil, sour cream, rum and extract – beat on low until mixed.

Mix in eggs, one at a time, beat after each one. Batter should be fluffy – if not beat on high for 2 more minutes.

Add chocolate chips by hand – do not over stir to retain air.

Spoon batter into bundt pan and smooth top.

Bake for 50 minutes until cake tester comes out clean.

Cool for 20 minutes. Loosen cake and unmold onto plate and cool completely before frosting.

FROSTING

1/2 cup butter
1 cup granulated sugar
1/3 cup rum (or light cream)
1/2 cup chocolate chips
1 tsp rum or vanilla extract
1/2 to 1 cup confectioners (powdered) sugar

Place butter, sugar and rum in medium sauce pan. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Reduce heat to medium and cook for 2 minutes. Add 1/2 cup chocolate chips, stir them in and remove from heat.

Stir in extract.

Let cool to room temperature. If not thick enough, add enough powdered sugar to bring to spreading consistence. Frost cake and refrigerate to harden frosting completely. Cover with foil if refrigerating for more than 2 hours.

MEN OF THE CONGREGATION

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

News from the Men of the Congregation

PAST NEWS

October 13: The monthly breakfast meeting was held on October 14.

October 29: Twelve men from the congregation attended the Westminster Conference Fall Dinner Meeting on October 29. The next Conference Dinner will be in April. Details will be announced early in the spring.

UPCOMING EVENTS

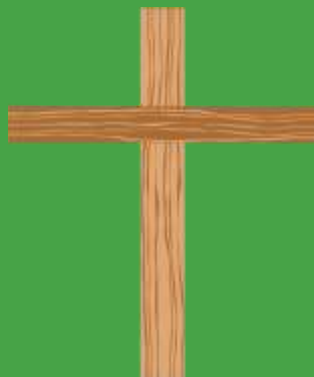
November 10: The regularly scheduled breakfast meeting will be on Saturday, November 10, 8:00 am, at the Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren.

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

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

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



COUNCIL NOTES

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Stewardship.....Carl Rebert

Property..... Open

Worship & Music.....Dennis Kniss

Christian Outreach.....Roxanne

Malbrough

Finance.....Janet Cross

John Bucacink

Notes from the Council

▶ **Special Congregation Meeting** – Sunday, November 11 following our 10:30am service. Our members are encouraged to attend. Packets will be available to be picked up at church on Sunday, November 4. All of those not picked up on the 4th will be mailed the next day.

▶ The Council received Wayne Grauel's letter of resignation.

▶ If you are not receiving the newsletter and would like to, please contact the office.

Pastoral Acts:

Funeral – Ron Dutterer – October 22

New Members – Adam Wolfe –
October 21

Baptism - Brooklynn Adelaide Wolfe -
October 21

Part-time Position Available

Mobility assistant needed for healthy, pleasant elderly woman (84) recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Vehicle and driving required; primarily local trips within Westminster, Hampstead and Manchester areas for shopping, appointments & meetings.

No housework, health aide or home care responsibilities.

Two days per week, four hours per day. Weekly pay; \$20 per hour plus \$0.55 per mile for mileage over 20 miles per day.

No payroll taxes withheld or paid. Call 443.289.5479 to inquire.

OTHER TIDBITS...

BE A SANTA'S HELPER

For the last 18 years my husband and I have collected money to purchase stuffed animals and donate them to the children at Sinai and John Hopkins Pediatric Oncology wards, in hopes of making Christmas brighter for over 500 children.

These adorable stuffed animals 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 stuffed animal 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** thru-out the year.

Your generous donation will last a life time. 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 stuffed animals to these hospitals so every child will have a brighter Christmas. Call or e-mail us today with your donation.

Sandi & Matthew West
Camelot West Family Services
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2018 Giving Tree - Bare Necessities

Again this year, The Christian Outreach 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 give to The Shepherd's Staff for distribution. You can take an ornament off the "Giving Tree" located in the back of the Sanctuary or simply bring your donations and place them in the basket in the Narthex or bins in the "Caring Corner" in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin our collection on Sunday November 18 through Sunday December 18. Any questions? Talk to Roxanne Malbrough, Linda Sterner, Pam Goodson, Audrey Byrd or Pastor Kristin.



AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Church & Village: Partners in Ministry

November 2018

Faith in Aging

Carroll Lutheran Village invites you to a Faith in Aging seminar on Tuesday, November 13 featuring nationally recognized author and advocate for older adults Missy Buchanan. Drawing from her book "Voices of Aging," Missy will offer a compassionate look at how people of faith cope with the fears and frustrations of aging. The presentation will be held at Carroll Lutheran School, 1738 Old Taneytown Rd. in Westminster beginning at 5pm followed by dessert and coffee. Please RSVP to 410-848-8922 so that we can plan for seating and refreshments.

New Board of Trustees Elected and Installed

The 2018-2019 Carroll Lutheran Village Board of Trustees was elected and installed at the annual Corporation Meeting on October 16. They are: Kay Betz, Outfluence; Dr. Alice Daum-Coen, Carroll Lutheran Village resident; Roberta Dillow, Carroll Lutheran Village resident; Justin Durboraw, Myers-Durboraw Funeral Home; Virginia Harrison, Dress by Virginia; Dr. Diane Martin, McDaniel College; Sharon McClernan, Carroll Hospital; Donald Meyers, Harley Davidson of Baltimore; and Art Wisner, McDaniel College.

CLV Hosts Carroll County Food Sunday Fundraiser

Carroll County Food Sunday held its 7th annual fundraising dinner **Dining at the Captain's Table** at Carroll Lutheran Village on October 18. More than 140 guests enjoyed cocktails, a silent auction and raffle, and a gourmet meal prepared and served by the Carroll Lutheran Village dining team to raise funds for the county-wide food bank. Food Bank Administrator Dennis **Fahey was presented the President's Award for his decades of service and commitment to the organization.** Net proceeds are expected to be about \$14,000.

Farmers and Merchants Bank Opens at Carroll Lutheran Village

The Farmers and Merchants Bank branch held a grand opening celebration at Carroll Lutheran Village on October 19. Farmers and Merchants is a community bank founded in 1919 that has remained locally owned, operated and headquartered in Upperco. The branch is located in the 205 St. Mark Way building on the first floor. Regular business hours are Monday through Friday from 10am to 2pm.

HAPPENING AROUND TOWN



Mar-Lu-Ridge
Camp & Retreat Center

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Jefferson, Maryland

About Us:

Mar-Lu-Ridge is a year-round outdoor ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America situated in the beautiful Catoctin Mountains of central Maryland. We minister through our summer camp, year-round retreat and conference center, and programs offered throughout the year. We are located in scenic Frederick County, Maryland, an hour from Baltimore and Washington, DC.

Mission Statement:

We welcome all people to a mountain-top experience of Christian community that changes lives, makes disciples, builds friendships, and encourages care of God's creation.

Welcome Statement:

In accordance with our Mission Statement which reads in part "We welcome all people," Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp and Retreat Center is committed to providing a safe and inclusive environment which reflects the lessons Jesus taught us: To love one another, even as I have loved you. (John 13:34)

Mar-Lu-Ridge values diversity, opposes discrimination, and promotes equal opportunity regardless of age, disability, race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, or gender expression or identity.

Mar-Lu-Ridge will not tolerate behavior that discriminates based on any of the above identities. Such treatment is demeaning, destructive, and in direct contradiction to our values and mission, and the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ. We will strive to provide an environment where people will feel appreciated as unique individuals. We will work to ensure that all staff members, campers, volunteers, and guests can reach their full potential by living and working in a community of inclusivity and mutual respect.

Values:

Community – We are One Body that encourages, educates, mentors, loves unconditionally, and prays for each other.

Service – We believe in the benefit of educating our campers about organizations and people who work in the community and in the church to assist people in need, and to offer opportunities for our campers to improve the lives of others through service projects, prayer, and financial support.

Sanctuary – We will maintain the safety and wholeness of our natural space, respecting all life within – human, fauna, and flora.

<https://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/>



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

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

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

This prayer list was updated on October 26, 2018.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Dear St. John's Evangelism Committee,

I want to thank your committee for the bag of goodies and other surprises you sent me.

*Sincerely,
Yvonne Mathias*



Dear Evangelism Committee,

It was such a pleasure to have had your visits while I have not been able to attend church. The snacks were quite enjoyable and a wonderful remembrance of God's love. The members of St. John's are a very caring congregation.

*Blessings,
Doris Rebert*

Dear St. John's Family & Friends,

Thank you for your caring, concern and prayers during the sickness and passing of Pat. We were overwhelmed with everything, especially the beautiful flowers.

*Thank you again,
Donald Heath
Erin Murphy & family*

Dear People of St. John's,

On behalf of the men and women of St. Dysmas and the outside church council I thank you for your generous gift. Lives will be changed and the good news of Jesus Christ will be shared in word and meal because you chose to share your gifts with us.

*Yours in Christ,
Susie Jordan
Parish Administrator
The Community of St. Dysmas*

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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

Make a note - **The Congregational Thanksgiving Meal** will be on Sunday, November 18, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. 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.



November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 6:00 am - 2:00 pm Blood Drive 
4 All Saints' Day 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Education Hour 10:30 am Worship Altar Flowers: Lavena Basler	5 6:30 pm 4-H	6 6:15 pm Handbell rehearsal 7:30 pm Church Council Mtg	7 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Sunshine Circle 7:30 pm Choir rehearsal	8	9 10:30 am Soup Kitchen 6:30 pm Christian Singles	10 8:00 am Men's Breakfast & Meeting at Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren
11 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Education Hour 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Congregational Meeting Altar Flowers: John Barnes	12 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Sew, Roll & Knot Day	13 6:15 pm Handbell rehearsal	14 7:30 pm Choir rehearsal	15	16	17 All Day Scrapbooking
18 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Education Hour 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm Congregational Thanksgiving Meal & Worship Service Altar Flowers: Marc & Mia Hoyer	19	20 6:15 pm Handbell rehearsal	21 7:30 pm Choir rehearsal	22 	23	24
25 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Education Hour 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Coffee Hour for Wayne Grauel Altar Flowers: Julia Wolfe	26 7:00 pm Coin Club	27 6:15 pm Handbell rehearsal	28 7:30 pm Choir rehearsal	29	30	

NOVEMBER 2018 WORSHIP LEADERS

DATE	SERVICE	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR	ACOLYTE	ALTAR GUILD	GREETERS	USHERS/ OFFERING (10:30)	COUNTING TEAM
11/04	8:00am	Paul LeDuc	Paul LeDuc		Lois Bankert Dale Miller	Sue Shaffer	*****	Gloria Kniss Dennis Kniss
	10:30am	Doris Zepp	Mia Hoyer	Lara Findeisen	Carol Blubaugh	The Findeisen Family	Gloria Kniss	Wanda Siegman
11/11	8:00am	Tracey Sanford	WELCA		Lois Bankert Dale Miller	Dot Bean	*****	Maggie Langdon
	10:30am	Roseann Kleinschmidt	WELCA	Grace Kleinschmidt	Carol Blubaugh	WELCA	WELCA	Muriel Sabo Carl Rebert
11/18	8:00am	Tracey Sanford	Tracey Sanford		Lois Bankert Dale Miller	Linda & Stewart Sterner	*****	Stewart Sterner Drew Dean
	10:30am	Carl Rebert	Austin Leister	Ashley Leister	Carol Blubaugh	Lois & Phil Short	Nancy & Bill Squires	Audrey Byrd
11/25	8:00am	Maggie Langdon	Maggie Langdon		Lois Bankert Dale Miller	Nancy Boone	*****	Deb Schaefer
	10:30am	Dennis Kniss	Gloria Kniss	Spencer Goodson	Carol Blubaugh	Jean & Ken Seitz Joan Phillips	Gary Leister	Michael Schaefer Dale Miller

*In All Things,
Give Thanks*
I Thessalonians 5:18



THRIVENT®

Be Wise With Money™



Dear Friends:

Our thoughts are with the victims affected by Hurricanes Florence and Michael.

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

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

- **Donate.** Thrivent will match up to \$1 million in personal donations made through Thrivent.com to specific disaster relief organizations helping with the recovery efforts. Thrivent will pay the processing fees for these donations, so 100 percent goes to help*. Eligible members can also direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®.
- **Volunteer.** Thrivent members can share their time and talent to help with recovery efforts by leading a Thrivent Action Team.

Visit the [Disaster Response page on Thrivent.com](#) for details on these opportunities and to see the list of organizations included in the match. Also, if it's appropriate, please consider running the following in your church's newsletter, bulletin, website or on social media:

Thrivent members pray for those who have been affected by Hurricanes Florence and Michael. Thrivent – a membership organization of Christians – is mobilizing its financial resources and members to help those in need. Thrivent members and others who want to help with recovery efforts are encouraged to visit [Thrivent.com](#) to learn more.

We thank you and your church for continuing to support hurricane victims as you're financially or physically able. Your commitment to living generously is appreciated.

THANK OFFERING FUND

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

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

Ways that you can contribute to the ongoing spirit of Christ in our church! Donation Cash or Check; Appreciated Securities; Real Estate; Bequests (Wills & Trusts); Life 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) and click the green **"Online Giving"** button at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.

THRIVENT MEMBERS:
UPDATE ON ACTION
TEAMS AND DIRECT
CHOICE DOLLARS



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

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

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

Gloria and Dennis Kniss, Congregational Advocate for Thrivent
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Thank you!

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Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship Service

9:15 a.m. Education Hour

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Worship Service

Please contact the church office....

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

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

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

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

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