

**Thank You Wagoner Family  
for heading up this year's  
Easter breakfast!!**

# April

**St. John's Scholarship  
Application Deadline  
April 15th!**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>  6:30AM <b>Sunrise with Holy Communion</b> Breakfast Easter Egg Hunt  10AM <b>Worship with Holy Communion</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  <b>6 PM Table Talk meets at the Daily Grind</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  The Potomac Cluster Meeting <b>Meet at the parking lot at 8AM</b>
<b>8</b> <b>9AM Sunday School</b>  <b>10AM Worship</b> Coffee Hour After Worship	<b>9</b>  <b>7PM</b> Church Council in the Lounge	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>1PM</b> Bible Study in the Lounge  6:30PM Choir Rehearsal in the Chapel	<b>12</b>  <b>Pastor at CCAP Board Meeting 9am</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>9AM Sunday School</b>  <b>10AM Worship with Holy Communion</b> VBS Planning following Worship  Scholarship Deadline!!!	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>1PM</b> Bible Study in the Lounge  6:30PM Choir Rehearsal in the Chapel	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>6PM</b> Family Movie Night
<b>Pastor Matt on Vacation in Nags Head, NC</b>						
<b>22</b> <b>9AM Sunday School</b>  <b>10AM Worship</b>  <b>3PM Synod Assembly Plannign Meeting at St. Peter's</b>	<b>23</b>  <b>7PM</b> Mustard Seed Board meets	<b>24</b>  <b>Pastor at Opiod Crisis Clergy Lunch 12-1pm</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>1PM</b> Bible Study in the Lounge  6:30PM Choir Rehearsal in the Chapel	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>11AM-1PM</b> Friends Feeding Friends
<b>29</b> <b>9AM Sunday School</b>  <b>10AM Worship with Holy Communion</b> Tea after worship  <b>1PM Book Club</b> <b>12:30-4:30 Confirmation</b> classes	<b>30</b>	<b>Worship Assistants</b>  April 1 (6:30) <b>Andrew Banks</b> (10:00) <b>Bess Day</b> April 8 <b>Beverly Murphy</b> April 15 <b>Buddy Newman</b> April 22 <b>Drew Catrow</b> April 29 <b>Andrew Banks</b>				

# NEWSLETTER

St. John's Lutheran Church  
101 W. Martin Street

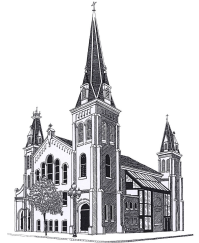
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## APRIL 2018

### **Announcing a change in worship time starting April 8th.**

After the recent Town Hall meeting held on February 4th and the survey conducted in January where 78% of those surveyed were in favor of moving to one worship, the council moved the change in time in the efforts to improve communication and congregational unity.

**And there will be a coffee hour after each worship starting April 8th as well!**



**See Page 10 for more details.**



**Sunrise: 6:30 am**

**Easter Breakfast after Worship**

**Festival Eucharist: 10 am**

Sun, May 6, 2018 at St. John's

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM EDT

Visit [www.eventbrite.com/e/one-america-west-virginia-kick-off-event-tickets-43762743544](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/one-america-west-virginia-kick-off-event-tickets-43762743544) for tickets/RSVP

**FIGHT OPIOIDS.  
BUILD COMMUNITY.  
TOGETHER.**

Be there as we launch One America West Virginia!

The One America Movement and the Hope Dealer Project invite you to join us as we launch our fight against opioids in the Eastern Panhandle. We'll build relationships with each other and our partners from Washington D.C., talk about the heroin crisis in a real way and share a meal.

"Nobody can do it on their own," as one father whose son died of an overdose put it to a reporter. "But no drug dealer, nor cartel, can stand against families, schools, churches, and communities united together."

The One America Movement is a national organization that brings people together across divides in society to address pressing social problems in their communities. We're building a movement of Americans who are tired of being divided, who are tired of poverty and drugs and crumbling communities and who want to stand together to build a stronger country.

The Hope Dealer Project is a newly formed non-profit organization located right here in Martinsburg, WV. Its aim is to serve the client who is struggling with drug addiction. We want them to know that they are NEVER alone and we will stay with them throughout their recovery journey.

For Questions, Contact Areesa Somani:  
[areesa@oneamericamovement.org](mailto:areesa@oneamericamovement.org)

Sponsored by the One America Movement, the Hope Dealer Project, the Jefferson County Health Department, Covenant Baptist Church, Adas Israel Congregation and a growing list of faith communities in Washington DC and West Virginia dedicated to fighting opioids together.

**New Time for Sunday School starting  
April 8th...**

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Classes for All Ages**

**Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**

## CONFIRMATION WITH ST. JOHN'S & ST. THOMAS

### Schedule

Date	Subject - Year 1	Reinforcement Activity	Subject - Year 2	Reinforcement Activity
April 29 @ 12:30	Baptism/ Communion		Parables	
May 6 @ 12:30	Office of the Keys		Paul	
<b>Confirmation Sunday - May 20 at 10am</b>				

**WANT TO KEEP UP BETTER WITH ACTIVITIES AND  
WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S?**



Search for **St. John's Lutheran Church, Martinsburg** on Facebook and like our page.

Visit Our Website

[www.stjohnsmartinsburg.org](http://www.stjohnsmartinsburg.org)

Sermons posted weekly, information about faith practices, and more information about events happening at the St John's.



Send an email to [announcements@stjohnsmartinsburg.org](mailto:announcements@stjohnsmartinsburg.org) to sign up for weekly emails and announcements.

# Church Committees

At the March Council Meeting, the church council took up the subject of committees. We processed the comments and ideas brought up at the town hall meeting in February and came up with the following ideas:

- 1. Move committee meetings from weeknights to Sundays after worship.**
- 2. Have as many committees as possible meet on a Fifth Sunday.** It was suggested that committees not meet monthly but quarterly. However, there are some committees have more work to do than others and should meet more often. **Next fifth Sunday is April 29th. Mark your calendars and be sure to stay after church. Find a ministry that you are passionate about and participate. We need your voice, hands, and feet to carry out our mission of spreading the good news.**
- 3. Committee meetings can be formal or informal. Some of the best committee meetings happen during the coffee hour after worship on Sunday.** Just make sure that Pastor Matt knows you are meeting so that it can be advertised in the bulletin to the whole congregation. We need to raise up new leaders and make sure everyone has the opportunity to participate.
- 4. Agendas for all committee meetings will be posted on our website and in the narthex of the church.** Please send your digital copy of the agenda to the church office email.
- 5. On the first Sunday of the month, we will have doughnuts and other baked goods after worship during the coffee hour.** We are asking that a committee take a Sunday to make some cookies or pick up some doughnuts. **Keep it simple!** We will take care of the coffee, you will only have to bring about three dozen of cookies or doughnuts.

# 1 & 3 YEAR GOALS

## For St. John's

*In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

### BY JULY 31, 2018, WE WILL:

- Help people feel more safe and welcome at our congregation by improving the lighting around the church campus (including the parking lot), having parking lot ushers to welcome people to the congregation for both day and night activities, and create a shepherding program to help new members and visitors learn about our ministry.
- Hold a least one new Social Gathering per month including but not limited to Pub Theology, a men's group or an ice cream social.
- Involve FLYTE kids in worship at least once a month.
- Develop a Marketing/Evangelism plan for the congregation.

### BY NOVEMBER 30, 2020, WE WILL:

- Increase Sunday worship attendance by 20% so that more people will be able to experience the great reward of being in a relationship with Jesus.
- Have 50% of the congregation's confirmed-membership fill out a Covenant so that we can seek out those ministry areas the Holy Spirit is leading us to do.
- Strengthen our physical involvement in community activities through participating in community organizations and schools.

**Please pray over these goals and ask for the Holy Spirit to guide you in helping us accomplish our goals over the next year.**

# Thank You Notes:

Pastor Day,

*Thank you so much for treating my mom with so much love. She always talked about your visits to her home. Your service for her was perfect. It described her perfectly. Thank you!*

*Jennifer Flammia*

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Dear St. John's congregation,

A Little Note of Thanks ... Thank you can't begin to express how grateful we are at your continued support. We would not be able to provide the people of the work center with supplies and activities without your contribution assisting with paying for them. Thanks so very much.

God Bless!

Family & Friends of Groves Center

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Dear St. John's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for recent gifts totaling \$1,100.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response. With these funds you are providing emotional and spiritual care, supplying emergency relief, and addressing long-term recovery. You are making possible the support of unmet needs, the coordination of volunteers through local affiliates and promoting disaster risk-reduction internationally.

Thank you for all your faithful generous gifts. Thank you for encouraging others to learn, act, pray and give with you. Thank you for living into God's words of justice and mercy and for joining with the whole church to love and serve one another.

In God's Grace, The Rev. Daniel Rift

Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

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## Faith Hope Love:

Continuing to Build the Web of Life

Saturday, April 28, 2018

10:00 AM - 4:30 PM

St. Leo's Parish, Inwood

(registration 9:30)

This event is FREE.

Lunch is INCLUDED.

Registration is free! Sign up today





Bob Frye, Denny Coffinberger, Sam Boynton, Harry Michener  
Joyce Dailey found this picture from Harry - a faithful  
and hard-working crew for many years.

(Photo by Pat Murphy)

### **A FEW "NEW" CEMETERY MOWERS NEEDED**

**The season has started and will go into the Fall for the  
up-keep of the Old Lutheran - Reformed Cemetery  
located across from Brown Funeral Home.**

**We are in great need of "trimmers",  
but you will need to bring your own equipment -  
trimmers, pruners, rakes, etc.**

**Once we get the winter left-overs cleared away,  
maintenance is much easier and less often.**

**We welcome any amount of time and help you can spare.  
For more information contact Pat Murphy (304-263-0586).**

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## **Come Sing with the choir - 5th Sundays!**

**Wanna try singing with the choir? Not sure if you can make a  
continuous yearly commitment. Then come and sing on our 5th  
Sundays! We do ask that you join us for a few Wednesday  
rehearsals before each Sunday.**

**Sing: Sunday, April 29th**

**Rehearsals: Wednesday, April 11,18,25 at 6pm**



**Mark Your Calendars**  
**April 29, 2018 at 10 am**



**Fifth Sunday Worship**

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**Bluegrass Liturgy**

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**Coffee Hour**  
**After Worship**



*On the Agenda this day:*

*Tom Powell, Executive Director of Caroline Furnace will be preaching*

*Matthew and Laken Edwards will share their experience*

*of attending Camp Luther*

*And a Special Liturgy using Appalachian and Bluegrass Tunes will be used this Week*



Thank you

From the bottom of all our hearts who are going to National Gathering, THANK YOU for all your prayers and financial support. We are in great shape financially in our goal of getting to Houston.

So far as a congregation, we have had \$7,200 donated towards the Gathering expenses and as a conference, we have had wonderful support from everyone. **Together, we will get to Houston!**

Upcoming events: May 19 - Spring Carnival at Salem  
June 9 - Car Wash

**June 27-July 1 - National Gathering!!!**

St John's Scholarship Award began in 2011. In the past, eight scholarships have been awarded in June. Previous recipients of the \$500 awards include Lauren Haines, Colin Banks, Harrison Banks, Christine Smith, Nicholas Crites, Jenna Taylor, Myranda McQuaid and Eryn Fleming.

Confirmed members of St. John's who apply must fulfill these minimum requirements: Contributed 25 hours to the community (church and non-church) through service, have a 2.5 GPA for the most recent grading period, have graduated from high school within the last three years, been accepted to an accredited college, university, or technical school, and complete a 500 word essay that explains the impact this one-time scholarship will have toward achieving their career and academic goals. Applications for the Scholarship Award are available through the church office and are to be returned to the church by April 15. Visit our website to download the application. The scholarship will be awarded during worship on June 4th.

Theology & Bible

# TABLE TALK

Food & Drinks

**JOIN US**

1st Thursday of the  
Month

# April 5th

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## 6pm at The Daily Grind

**Ever want to explore theology in a way that is not intimidating or hard to understand? And do you enjoy, eating out with friends who want to know more about their faith? Then you need to join us for Table Talk.**

Our conversation over the coming months will be spent looking at the book, "Love Wins" by Rob Bell. This book caused a bunch of controversy a few years ago. Come see what all the fuss was about.

Don't miss out on the conversation.

# Summer CAMP 2018



2018 Camp Theme

*"This Changes Everything"*

June 17 - 23, 2018

Located at Camp Caesar  
in Cowen, West Virginia

register online by visiting  
[camplutherwv.com/](http://camplutherwv.com/)



CAROLINE FURNACE  
Lutheran Camp & Retreat Center



register online by visiting [www.carolinefurnace.org/](http://www.carolinefurnace.org/)

*Scholarships available to both camps*

# MILESTONES IN APRIL

## Birthdays

- 1 John Haarman, III
- 2 Michael Murphy
- 3 Dan Hancock
- 4 Richard Ettinger
- 5 Kate Gatrell  
Ethel Kelley
- 6 Kathy Murphy  
Joan Schuler
- 7 Sandy Stroeck
- 8 Laura Jenkins
- 9 Dustin McQuaid
- 18 Aiden Leighton  
Kim Remsberg
- 19 Lucas Barnhart  
Daniel Miller
- 23 Jean Jackson
- 24 Shirley Boomer
- 26 Conner Harden  
Elizabeth White
- 28 Dawn Hutzler
- 29 Beth Chapman  
Mason Janney

## Anniversaries

- 4 Linda & Jim McQuaid
- 13 Michelle & Ben Byers
- 30 Angela & Jared Stroeck



**Please help us update our  
Milestone dates -  
Just give us a call: **304-263-9291**  
Drop us an e-mail:  
**churchoffice@stjohnsmartinsburg.org**  
or put them in the offering plate.**



## March News

The Mustard Seed was very busy in March as there are so many special days to enjoy. As you can see, the children and staff enjoyed dressing up for Dr. Suess Day. Then we had fun wearing our green and making St. Patrick's Day projects. Miss Wendy served everyone green milk for lunch. The children told her it tasted much better than plain milk! We worked on many new and fun art and craft projects for our rooms.

Our Parent committee sponsored Dinner with the Easter Bunny at Hoss'. Everyone really enjoyed getting together and having good food.

We also held an Open House for our Fall enrollment which was a great success.



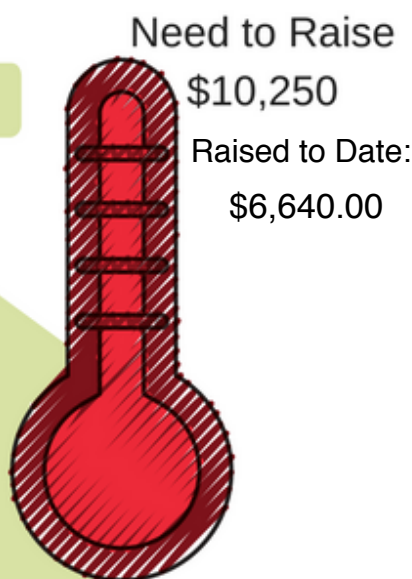
## April 2018

	Reader/Worship Assistant	Usher	Acolyte	Crucifer	Children's Sermon
April 1 6am Sunrise	Reader: Andrew Banks Assistant: Michael Noll	Bill Torbert Pete Moats Cindy Moats Mike Janney with Peyton Janney	Benjamin McQuaid	Joseph Wonsetler	Andrew Banks
April 1 10 am Worship	Reader: Bess Day Assistant: Blaine Wilson	Pat Murphy Bev Murphy Jerry Olsen	Sally Jenkins	Katelyn Jenkins	Priscilla Horner
April 8	Beverly Murphy	Trey Voohees	Joseph Hutzler	Charlotte Hutzler	Andrew Banks
April 15	Anne Moore	Douglas Widmyer Andrew Banks	TBA	TBA	Priscilla Horner
April 22	Drew Catrow	Don Smith Ray Betnz	TBA	TBA	Priscilla Horner
April 29	Andrew Banks	Bev Murphy Pat Murphy	TBA	TBA	Andrew Banks

Altar Guild in April – Linda Gillet and Jane Kelley

# We need your help...

One June 25th, the congregation approved the replacement of our current sound system with the funding coming from donations earmarked for the project.



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WOULD YOU CONSIDER MAKING A SPECIAL DONATION IN MEMORY OR IN HONOR OF SOMEONE?

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A big part of being a welcoming congregation is making sure everyone can hear the message of the gospel.

**Thank you for your generosity!**



**Join Us For**  
**Family Movie Night**  
**April 21 at 6:00pm**  
**Located in Luther Hall**



**Free Popcorn**  
**Free Drink**

**Next Movie night - May 19 at 6pm**

**Sponsored by the Social Ministry**

# **Pastor's Report**

March 2018

## **Visitation**

February Visits: 11

Passed out 40 Flyers for Ash Wednesday Worship

## **Conference and Synod**

Conference Meeting

Synod Assembly Planning Meeting

## **Worship**

7 Sunday Worship Services

1 Pulpit Exchange

3 Ash Wednesday

2 Matins

2 Evening

## **Church Committees**

Council

Congregational Meeting

## **Church and Community Functions**

Sub Sale for NYG

Pastors Meeting for Palm Sunday Planning

CCAP Board Meeting

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

## **Education**

1 Confirmation

3 Sunday School Classes

Table Talk

## **Mustard Seed**

3 Chapel Services with Mustard Seed

Mustard Seed Board Meeting

Parent Association

## **Funerals**

Funeral planning with the Brown Family

Doris Brown Visitation and Funeral

Sandra Logsdon Visitation and Funeral

## **Choir**

3 Choir

## **Mileage**

Pastor Day's Mileage for the month of February was 128 miles.



**APRIL 2018**

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of of the crucified and risen Christ! As the women approach the tomb, they see a man sitting at the place where they laid Jesus' body and he says to them "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised..."

However, in Mark's gospel, they are very alarmed and they run away. I really cannot blame them for being afraid at the Angel's proclamation. For when Jesus was arrested, convicted and put to death, none of his followers remained. They all ran in fear of their lives. What if Jesus was going to take some revenge on his followers? What if he was angry?

But notice what the angel says to the women at the tomb - Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised... The emphasis in the text is not that Jesus was raised from the dead, but that Jesus was crucified. And why is that important?

Because it means all the suffering, all the shame, all the pain that Jesus experienced through his trial and death, it was worth it in the end. The cross meant that our God knew what it was like to die. Our God could now relate to us, relate to you, in a way that never possible before. And because of the death brought by the cross, we could also see that our God has the power of resurrection. And this is not just any kind of resurrection, but a resurrection that will stick for all of eternity. It is a death and resurrection that we all share in together because of our baptism.

We are all active participants the Paschal mystery of our Lord. "During his earthly life Jesus announced his Paschal mystery by his teaching and anticipated it by his actions. When his Hour comes, he lives out the unique event of history which does not pass away: Jesus dies, is buried, rises from the dead, and is seated at the

right hand of the Father "once for all" (*Rom* 6:10; *Heb* 7:27; 9:12; cf. *Jn* 13:1; 17:1.) His Paschal mystery is a real event that occurred in our history, but it is unique: all other historical events happen once, and then they pass away, swallowed up in the past. The Paschal mystery of Christ, by contrast, cannot remain only in the past, because by his death he destroyed death, and all that Christ is - all that he did and suffered for all of humanity - participates in the divine eternity, and so transcends all times while being made present in them all. The event of the Cross and Resurrection *abides* and draws everything toward life. Christian liturgy not only recalls the events that saved us but actualizes them, makes them present. The Paschal mystery of Christ is celebrated, not repeated. It is the celebrations that are repeated, and in each celebration there is an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that makes the unique mystery present" (Taken from [http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc\\_css/archive/catechism/p2s1c1a.htm#1085](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p2s1c1a.htm#1085)).

The season of Easter is a total of 50 days long. Continue to participate in the story that saved the world. What does it mean to have our savior resurrected? What does this mean for us? What does this mean for the world? So much changed on this day 2000 years ago. This event in the past does not remain there. The world needs to know that because Jesus lives, life will never be the same. I look forward to seeing you on April 1st and every Sunday afterwards. Reminder, we worship as one congregation at 10am starting April 8th. Be sure to stay after church for some coffee and doughnuts.

In Christ,

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Dargatzis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some overlapping letters.

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Return Service Requested