

**Sunday School
Summer Recess**
Now through Labor Day
See You September 9

June

**Choir Rehearsal
each Sunday at 9AM
in the Chapel**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WV-WMD SYNOD ASSEMBLY Friday, June 1 and Saturday, June 2 at the Clarion Hotel, Shepherdstown. St. Peter's is the host church. Be a part of the worship on Friday night @ 7PM Volunteer to help @ the Assembly. Join us for a pot luck dinner on Thursday night, 5-7PM.					1	2 Noon to closing @ 6AM Sunday RELAY FOR LIFE at Cobourn Field Martinsburg H.S.
						<i>SYNOD ASSEMBLY</i>
3 10AM Worship with Holy Communion Feed My Sheep	4	5	6 1PM Bible Study	7 9AM - 1PM Team Building for the National Gathering at Cedar Ridge 6PM Table Talk @ Dailey Grind	8	9 10AM - 2PM Car Wash @ Advance Auto Parts by Lowe's, Apple Harvest Dr.
10 10AM Worship Pulpit Exchange with St. Thomas	11 7PM Church Council in the Lounge Barnabas, Apostle	12	13 1PM Bible Study 4:30-6:30 Pancake Supper for National Gathering	14 8:30 - 9:30 Mustard Seed Father's Day Breakfast	15	16 6PM Family Movie Night
				Pastor Matt in Phil. for brother's graduation		
				Flag Day		
17 10AM Worship with Holy Communion Father's Day	18	19	20 1PM Bible Study	21 Summer Begins	22	23 11AM-1PM Friends Feed- ing Friends
24 10AM Worship WELCA meets and also VBS Planning following worship	25 7PM Mustard Seed Board meets	26 6:30 - 8PM Seirra Club in Luther Hall	27 1PM Bible Study	28	29 Peter and Paul, Apostles	30
<i>National Youth Gathering in Houston, TEXAS! June 27th to July 2nd</i>						

Worship Assistants

Ushers

Acolytes/Crucifers

June 3	Becky Kline	June 3	Blaine Wilson and Rick Losh	June 3	Landon Hutzler / Katie Kline
June 10	Lauren Haines	June 10	Ray Bentz and Don Smith	June 10	Emma Lore / Ian Fleming
June 17	Beverly Murphy	June 17	Bev and Pat Murphy	June 17	Mason Janney / Peyton Janney
June 24	Blaine Wilson	June 24	Linda Payne and Jerry Olsen	June 24	Matthew Edwards/Nathaniel Edwards

NEWSLETTER

St. John's Lutheran Church

101 W. Martin Street

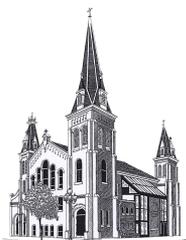
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Pastor: Matthew A. Day



JUNE 2018

Congratulations Confirmands

Abigail McBee, Ian Fleming, Trey Voorhees, Hunter
Thatcher, Ben McQuaid and Nathaniel Edwards



2018 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2018 (revised)

Meeting called to order by: President Mindi Esswein

Members present: Mindi Esswein, Pastor Matt, Ray Bentz, Jerry Crites, Jane Kelly, Mike Noll, Austin Propst, Darrell Propst, Diane Shewbridge, Shane Wagoner, Blaine Wilson, Bess Day (Treasurer)

Members Absent: Anne Moore, Connie Provard

Devotions: Pastor Matt

Minutes: March 2018 council minutes were approved. (M/S/P Darrell Propst:Ray Bentz)

Financial Report: Quarterly Financial reports were presented by Bess Day

Pastor's Report:

- 181 attended Easter Services; 65 at Sunrise service and 131 at 10am service

- 1900 viewed the Facebook page

- Priscilla Horner and Mike Noll will represent St. John's at the Synod Convention which will be held at St. Peter's Shepherdstown, in June this year

Unfinished Business:

- The Easter Banner for the exterior of the church did not get installed due to the weather. Permanent bolts will be installed on the Martin Street corner for seasonal banners, events like Bible School, special services, etc.

New Business:

- 70+ people receive the Newsletter electronically

- Online giving is going well; summer giving should remain steadier with regular online giving

- The safety gates in the elevator are difficult to slide; this will be looked into

- Several electrical outlets throughout the church and Luther Hall are old and loose. Darrell will look into the situation and check on the grounding and remedy options

- A retreat for adults at Caroline Furnace was brought forth to think about in the Fall

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Christian Education: No report; committee will meet soon

Social Ministry: A tea is planned for Sunday, April 29th

Evangelism: No report

Worship & Music: Mike Noll is training acolytes and crucifers. Would like to use more Lay Assistants in our services and suggested having volunteers to present the communion gifts of bread and wine.

FLYTE: Five youth from St. John's are attending camp Luther. Pastor reported that the church still has some scholarship money available if others are interested in going. Youth from 3rd grade to Senior High school are eligible to attend.

Property/Tech: No report

Mutual Ministry: Blaine Wilson reported that Mutual Ministry would like to continue the interaction with other churches as opportunities arise. Also, encourage Pastor Matt to take his time off to refresh and recharge to avoid burnout.

Stewardship: No report

With no further business, the congregational council closed with the Lord's Prayer. M/S/P (Ray Bents/Austin Propst)

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Shewbridge

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

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 to sign up for weekly emails and announcements.

WV-WMD SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The West Virginia-Western Maryland Synod Assembly will take place on Friday, June 1, and Saturday, June 2, right here in the Eastern Panhandle. Voting members and guests will be staying at the Clarion Hotel in Shepherdstown, which is the site of the assembly meetings. Many will arrive on Thursday, May 31.

Here is how you can get active:

- Thursday, May 31 – Picnic at Poffinberger Farm, 6623 Sharpsburg Pike (MD Rt 65). St. John's has been asked to bring cold salads, which should arrive to farm by 4:30. The meal will be from 5-7 PM. We want to show the members of our synod our hospitality so please sign up to bring a dish to the gathering.
- Following this, ghost tours of Shepherdstown will be offered at 7:30, 8:30, and 9:30; the cost is \$10 per person. Sign up online at www.synodassembly2018.xyz OR tell Pastor Matt.
- Friday, June 1 – St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Shepherdstown will host an evening Eucharist service at 7:00 PM followed by a reception. Each church is being asked to bring several batches of homemade cookies. If you are planning on attending, you can bring your cookies with you by 6:15. If you cannot attend, but would like to make cookies, please see Priscilla Horner.
- Everyone is welcome to join us for worship at St. Peter's on Friday night at 7pm. We are honoring the work of Federal Chaplains and will be using the ELW's Armed Services Book.
- Bags of hard candy (Lifesavers, peppermints, etc) are needed. Please bring these to church and give to Priscilla Horner.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- Babysitters – during the Assembly meetings, babysitting will be provided at the Clarion by willing members of our local churches. Times needed: Friday, 6/1 – 1 – 5 and Saturday, 6/2 – 9-12 and 1-4. Please talk to Pastor Matt if you can help.
- We need volunteers from the area to help staff the Registration Table on Friday and Saturday. Sign up at www.synodassembly2018.xyz

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:

Dear Pastor Day & St. John's Parishoners,

On behalf of our Eastern Panhandle Sierra Club Team I want to thank you for the use of St. John's facilities. We are attracting members from Jefferson, Berkeley, & Morgan counties and it's important for us to have meetings in a central location.

Regina Hendrix (donation included)



To St. John's Parishoners,

The flowers bloomed almost to my being able to return home. Every nurse at first time in the room mentioned the smell of the lovely flowers. Then cards from fellow church members made me feel so welcome and missing the services and fellow friends. It will be a long time till I can return. Have heard the "new" leg will take time.

Enjoyed the three visits from Pastor and receiving Communion.

Thank all of you for praying for me. They are working!

Faithfully,

Elaine Bennett



Dear Friends of St. John's,

Thank you so much for your outpouring of support during Hayward's illness. Your thoughts, prayers, cards, phone calls and visits provided us both with much comfort during that difficult time. Your continued support after his passing has been appreciated more than you'll ever know.

Pastor Matt, I can't thank you enough for providing communion to Hayward and myself during his last days. That was a meaningful gesture and one that I appreciated very much, and I know Hayward did as well. Your visits provided him with comfort and peace, allowing him to connect with his beloved church one last time.

Another thank you to Betty Lou for your hard work organizing the delicious luncheon after the ceremony. The food and fellowship were much appreciated by our entire family.

I know that easier days lie ahead thanks to the strength I receive from my St. John's family.

Love and appreciation,
Barbara Plotner



Betty,

Thank you for all your hard work on the "Spring Tea". And thank you for all your dedication to our church! You are just the best!

Love, Harriett Johnson

WELCOME TO WOMEN OF THE ELCA

The Women's Banquet was held on Tuesday, May 15, at 6:30 with 44 women and guests attending. The delicious dinner prepared by Jerry Crites and his kitchen crew consisted of meat or vegetarian lasagna, spring greens salad, and homemade cheesecake. The music students of Heather Watkins performed songs, violin, and piano for us. The performances ended with one student doing Irish dancing. We had a good evening of good fellowship, good food, and good entertainment.

Thank You to Jerry, Bill, Pat, and Pastor Matt for our dinner and the clean-up.

Thank You to Heather and her 5 students! It was truly delightful.

The potted violas that decorated the tables went to the "oldest" person at each table.

All-in-all it was a very enjoyable evening.

Up Coming Events:

1. ***WELCA MEETING – SUNDAY, MAY 27, AFTER SERVICE IN LOUNGE IN LUTHER HALL***

Bring a drink.

2. Needle Craft night – Wednesday, June 13, 6:30

Bring a few dollars to chip in for pizza and a drink.

3. SWO Convention – Here Am I, Send Me – Called to Serve, happening August 10 and 11 at Bishop Hodges Pastoral Center in Huttonsville, WV. Bishop Matthew Riegel will conduct our Bible Study. Pastor Diane Day will conduct our Eucharist Service. Registration forms will be in the next Lutheran Lines, SWO newsletter.

SCRIP SPOT

Don't forget to order scrip gift cards for grocery shopping, dinner out, or gifts. The grocery cards make shopping for picnic food a breeze. Profits have benefitted St. John's with new floors and money toward the heating system in the church. Your portion is tax-deductible!

Orders must be in by Sunday; there is a box in the Narthex and one in the lounge for your order form & payment.

Cards are available by Friday – each week in a manila envelope in the church office.



July 8th-13th
Dinner begins at 5:15pm

Grab your megaphones, lace up your cleats, and tune up your horn. It's time to gear up for the big game! It's go time! Whether you're the type to root from the stands, march in the band, cheer on the field, or hustle to the line, the time is now—it's Game On!

Kids are under so much pressure—to perform well, to be the best, to balance schedules that are full to the brim, to excel in every arena. From that vantage point, life's big game can seem like no fun. But when we step back, we realize that the goal is not competing in our own strength. God has already given us everything we need! He's given us His complete Word as the ultimate playbook. He's given us Himself, which gives us a reason to celebrate. He wants us to join His team, to train hard, to celebrate our salvation, to encourage one another, and spur each other on. So what are you waiting for? This is Spirit Week 2018. It's Game On!

Visit our website at www.stjohnsmartinsburg.org
Click on Ministries tab then look for
Vacation Bible School
to register your child today!

Theology & Bible

TABLE TALK

Food & Drinks

JOIN US

1st Thursday of the
Month

June 7th

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.

MILESTONES IN JUNE

Birthdays

- 1 Mike Janney
- 3 Matthew Losh
- 6 Asa Arrington
Pearl Brown
Linda Gillet
- 8 Rebekah Eyler
Wayne Middleton
- 9 Sarah Cosner
- 10 Amy Hartley
Abigail McBee
- 13 Sandra Eckberg
Pat Hartley
Edward Robinson
Sarah Shewbridge
- 14 Tim Gochenour
- 17 Spencer Byers
Father's Day!
- 18 Amelia Park
- 19 Ralph Baker
- 20 Charlotte Hutzler
- 21 Jennifer (Propst) Arrington
- 22 Donna Aikens
Andrew Crites, Nicholas Crites and Stephen Crites

- 26 Bess Day
Jamie Wilson
- 27 Robinson Robinson
- 28 Rosie Bentz
- 29 Arnold Bock
Jennifer Moss

Anniversaries

- 2 Diane & Edward Shewbridge
- 5 Vicky & Bill Torbert
- 7 Beverly & Patrick Murphy
- 12 Allison & Kevin Flynn
Priscilla & Douglas Horner
- 18 Sandra & Edward Eckberg
- 26 Jennifer & Steve Arrington
- 29 Ursula & Kevin McBee





The Supper will be
at St. John's
Lutheran Church
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.We will also have some
carnival games with lots of
prizes for everyone to win.
**We are asking \$5 a person
and no more than \$20 a
family.**

PANCAKE SUPPER

TO BENEFIT THE YOUTH ATTENDING THE
NATIONAL GATHERING IN HOUSTON

DATE Wednesday, June 13

TIME 4:30-6:30 PM



Saturday, June 9
10-2 pm

Interested in becoming a member?

Joining our faith group official means you want to be personally committed to the ministry of St. John's. We need each and every member to play a part in our mission and ministry here. If you have not officially joined our community, consider doing so. We love having your worship with us and we would love to have your commitment!

We are in the final crunch to get our youth to Houston, TX for the National Gathering.

This is a life-changing, faith-affirming, holy event that will forever change the lives of those attending.

Will you help make this trip a reality?

Ways to Give:

We don't want the kids to wear the same outfit all week. Help cover the baggage fee for one youth: \$90

We don't want to sleep on the street! Help cover the cost of the hotel room one youth: \$275

Cover the cost of the registration for the Gathering: \$370

We've got to get to Houston first, so cover the Airfare for a youth: \$351.58

These kids eat a lot! Cover the cost of meals for the week by donating: \$150.00

It is a long walk from the airport. Cover the cost of ground transportation: \$50

Are you feeling really generous? Cover the entire cost for one of youth to attend the Gathering and have their life forever changed: \$1286.58



You may give by dropping a check in the offering plate or by donating on online by scanning the QR code above. Please make sure you mark on your donation "National Gathering"



MAY News



As you can see we had a wonderful Mother's Day breakfast. The children made special Mother's Day gifts and enjoyed spending time with mom during our buffet.

The Parent Committee and our parents helped us Celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week. We received so many wonderful gifts! The teachers now have a desk top and a lap top to use for their classroom projects. We also received a mini fridge which was stocked full of drinks and will be re-stocked each month by our parent committee. We enjoyed a breakfast and a lunch from Chick-fil-a, a special cake from a special baker, and many personal gifts were also given. We are so appreciative of the support we receive from our Wonderful Families!

June will bring fun in the sun as our Summer Program will begin June 11th

Michelle

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.

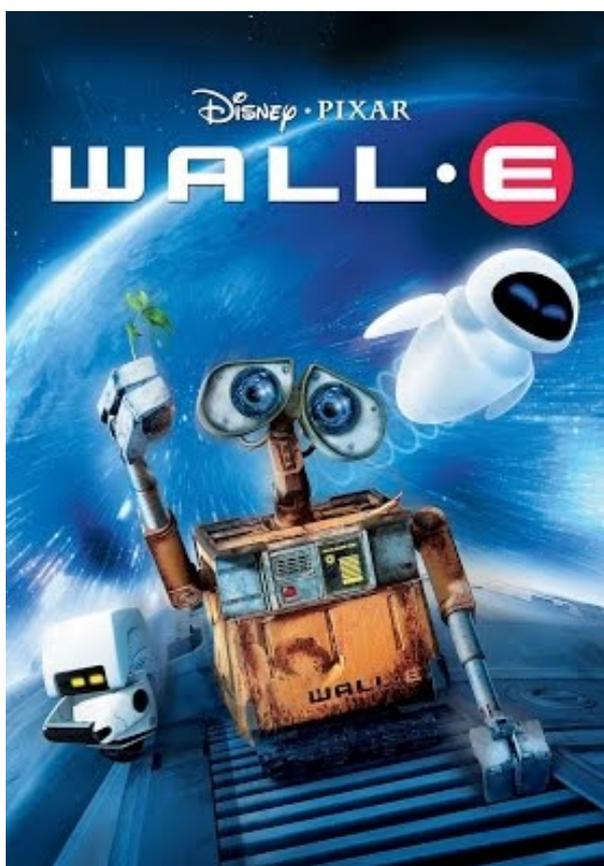


WOULD YOU CONSIDER MAKING A SPECIAL DONATION IN MEMORY OR IN HONOR OF SOMEONE?

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
JUNE 16 at 6:00pm
Located in Luther Hall



Free Movie
Free Popcorn
Free Drink
Sponsored by the Social Ministry

Pastor's Report

April 2018

VISITATION

April Visits: 32

CONFERENCE AND SYNOD

Conference Meeting

Synod Assembly Planning Meeting

WORSHIP

6 Sunday Worship Services

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Council

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS

Easter Morning Breakfast and Egg Hunt

Opioid Crisis Info Lunch

EDUCATION

1 Confirmation

1 one-on-one Confirmation

4 Sunday School Classes

Table Talk

3 Bible Studies

MUSTARD SEED

4 Chapel Services with Mustard Seed

Meeting with Director

WEDDINGS

FUNERALS

Ethel Kelley (officiated by Pastor Jim Riley)

Hayward Plotner (officiated by Pastor Jim Riley)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

CHOIR

2 Choir

MILEAGE

Pastor Day's Mileage for the month of May was 361 miles.



JUNE 2018

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

On Sunday, May 20 six of your young people affirmed their baptism. I am very proud of our confirmands and the dedication they have had to our program. It was an exciting to have such a large group of young people standing up at our altar. It gave me a lot of hope for our congregation and our church. We have to build relationships and confirmation is a way that we can build relationships with our young people.

I am looking forward to taking our youth to Houston for the National Gathering at the end of June. I never got to go as a kid and I always have regretted it. I have made it a personal mission to not let that happen. We have had some very generous givers already and for that I am extremely thankful. The National Gathering is not a mission trip. It is more than just service learning. It is a faith transformation event. We travel to this place to hear speakers from all over the church talk about God and the work God has called them to do. There are some opportunities to do some service projects, but there is so much more to it.

I am asking for your prayers as we will travel down to Houston. One of my spiritual gifts is logistics so I have been taking care of a lot of the arrangements of things. Hopefully, we will get to Houston with no hiccups.

We are holding a couple more fundraisers to pay for the trip. We have a Car Wash on June 9th and a Pancake Supper on June 13. More information is in the newsletter. Please come out and support our youth. I often hear that many want to see St. John's support its youth. Here is your chance! You have an opportunity to impact the life of a young person for years to come. Thank you!

This time last year, we were getting ready to baptize Thomas. Also on that day, I injured myself pretty good and spent the summer in

rehab for my foot. Looking back, it wasn't the worse thing to ever happen to me. Though at the time, I was pretty miserable. We have come a long way in this past year. We have had a lot of ups and downs. We have lost a number of good people. But God is doing something. God is working. God is a live and well in our congregation. I do hope you see God alive in our congregation and get to experience the Spirit moving. With the coming of summer means many of us are going to be traveling and spending time with your family on the weekends. I hope you get to do that, but don't forget about your church family. When you are not here, we are not the same. We need your voice and your presence. Come to church, go out for brunch afterwards, and enjoy the beautiful summer days!

To close, I am going to close with some pictures of Thomas to share with you all. May God bless you and your family!

In Christ,



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Return Service Requested