

Worship Assistants

Oct 7 Becky Kline
Oct 14 Lauren Haines
Oct 21 Bess Day
Oct 28 Diane Shewbridge

October

Ushers

Oct 7 Doug Widmeyer/Andrew Banks
Oct 14 Jon Edwards/Laken Edwards
Oct 21 Blaine Wilson /Rick Losh
Oct 28 Ben/Jean DeAlexandro

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Sunday on Monday 5:45PM Light Dinner 6:15 Class 7:15 Evening Prayer	2	3 1PM Bible Study in the Lounge 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal in the Chapel	4 6PM Table Talk at Daily Grind	5	6 Mustard Seed Playground Renovation Day
7 10AM Worship Holy Communion 1PM Pet Blessing 1-5PM Confirmation Feed My Sheep	8 Mustard Seed Pumpkin Patch Trip at Orr's Spirit Night at Blaze Pizza for M.S. 7:00PM Church Council in the Lounge	9	10 1PM Bible Study in the Lounge 6:30PM Needlecraft group 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal in the Chapel	11 9AM Pastor at CCAP Board	12 5-7PM Spaghetti Dinner @ Trinity, Arden	13 Potomac Cluster @ Baker, WV 6PM Family Movie Night
14 10AM Worship Work Day & Fall planting will follow the worship service WELCA will meet	15 Sunday on Monday 5:45PM Light Dinner 6:15 Class 7:15 Evening Prayer	16	17 1PM Bible Study in the Lounge 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal in the Chapel	18 St. Luke, Evangelist	19 Apple Harvest Preparation	20 Apple Harvest Parade and Food Sale
Pastor Day and Family Away through the 22nd						
21 10AM Worship Holy Communion Pastor Matt Away...	22 7PM Mustard Seed Board meets	23 Potomac Con- ference meets @8:30AM 6:30-8PM Sierra Club- use of L.H.	24 1PM Bible Study in the Lounge 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal in the Chapel	25	26	27 11AM-1PM Friends Feeding Friends
28 10AM Worship Reformation Sunday German Potluck follows service & Trunk or Treat	29	30	31 10AM Mustard Seed Fall Parade 1PM Bible Study in the Lounge 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal in the Chapel	Acolytes/Crucifers Oct 7 Matthew Edwards/Nathaniel Edwards Oct 14 Payton Hill/Austin Propst Oct 21 Sally Jenkins/Dylan Walker Oct 28 Christian Gottlieb/Elisabeth Gottlieb Altar Guild - Joanna Banks and Gail Newman		

**Don't Forget to Wear Red and
Bring your Bible on
Reformation Sunday,
October 28th!**



NEWSLETTER

St. John's Lutheran Church

101 W. Martin Street

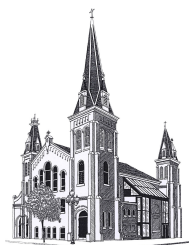
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OCTOBER 2018

October 28

**Reformation Liturgy with Bible
Presentations for 3rd Graders and up.
We also ask that everyone bring their
Bibles from Home so that we can bless
them as we give thanks to God for the
holy words these books contain.**

After Worship, German Potluck!
Bring your favorite "German" Dish!

2018 COVENANTS

**They are available in
both the narthex or
online. Go to
stjohnsmartinsburg.org
and click the link on
the front page. Every
year we wipe the
committee list clear so
that everyone can make a
new commitment to the
ministry at St. John's.
So, please let us know
that you are
interested!**

WORK DAY AND GARDEN PLANTING

October 14th After Worship

Lunch Provided!

We have a variety of projects
including: Putting together plastic shelves,
cleaning, installing new technology, carpet
cleaning, and garden work.

Wear your work clothes to
worship. We need
everyone to stay after and
help take care of some
much needed projects
around the property!

2018 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2018

Meeting called to order by: President Mindi Esswein

Members present: Mindi Esswein, Pastor Matt, Darrell Propst, Shane Wagoner, Blaine Wilson, Mike Noll, Anne Moore, Linda Payne, Diane Shewbridge, Jerry Crites, Jane Kelley, Bess Day (Treasurer) **Members Absent:** Ray Bentz, Austin Propst

Devotions: Pastor Matt led a discussion on the first two chapters of Leading Beyond the Walls. Council members are to answer the 3 questions for our October meeting.

Minutes: July 2018 council meeting minutes and the minutes from the special meeting on August 26th to approve Sophie Plamer as Interim Choir Director were approved. (M/S/P: Pastor Matt Day:Linda Payne)

Financial Report: Financial reports were presented by Bess Day. Giving is on trend for expenses. Luther Hall water and electric bills continue to be lower over last year. The Mustard Seed is holding steady.

Pastor's Report: The following proposals by Pastor Day were addressed by council

- The parking/towing sign at the parking lot entrance will soon display a welcoming message.
- St. John's will schedule a Work Day with projects to be identified that need to be addressed in/around the church. Sunday, October 14th is scheduled for this event. Projects will be identified in advance so volunteers can sign on for one of the projects prior to the Work Day, and attend church service dressed for work. FLYTE members will be recruited to assist as well.
- Pastor indicated that our Christmas program will be different this year. Currently there are not enough children for a traditional Christmas program and our Choir Director, Heather, is on leave. Pastor has reviewed some programs that are meant to be presented with no advance rehearsals that would work well at St. Johns. Other ideas are welcome.
- A Bible Presentation Sunday is proposed. Members are encouraged to bring their Bibles from home for a blessing, and those without a bible of their own will be given a bible. Little or no expense is anticipated as there are some bibles in church already that have not been previously distributed.

Upcoming Events:

- Pet Blessing on Sunday, October 7th at 1pm in the parking lot area.
- Reformation Day liturgy and German Potluck on Sunday, October 28th.
- Trunk or Treat on October 28th following the German Potluck.

- **Upcoming Congregational Meetings:**

- Budget presentation and approval on Sunday, November 4th. A goal is to more clearly explain any changes or cuts to the proposed budget.
- Voting on new officers for the church will take place on Sunday, December 2nd.

Points of Information

- A gift of \$350 in memorials was received. The families were in favor of purchasing Lectionary Books that have the Sunday's lessons printed and arranged in an easy-to-read format. These books are also very nice to use in processions as well. With the families' approval, the books have been ordered and will be dedicated when they arrive.
- Covenants will be distributed on Sunday, September 23rd. Both paper and fillable online covenants will be available.

New Business:

- Luther Hall Request: A Luther Hall request for a baby shower by Stephanie, a Mustard Seed employee, conflicts with a Church activity (Holiday Bazaar). A motion was made to offer the Chapel in lieu of Luther Hall. (M/S/P: Mike Noll:Jerry Crites)
- Luther Hall Request by the Lion's Club Breakfast w/Santa on Saturday, December 8th, 9-11am. (M/S/P: Jerry Crites:Darrell Propst).
- Sound system proposal: an anonymous donation has allowed an expanded upgrade of the current old system. With this new proposal, some of the parts of the old system in the church can be repurposed for use in Luther Hall. The new proposal of \$19,350 by DSL Sound Inc. was approved by council. (M/S/P: Mike Noll:Jerry Crites)
- Air Conditioning Proposal has been rebid by Shenandoah Air Conditioning and Heating, Inc. with Griffith given the opportunity to rebid also. Council voted to accept and move forward with Shenandoah Air's proposal which was \$30,000 less than Griffith Oil for same specs. A motion to rescind the prior motion to award the contract to Griffith Oil and sign a contract with Shenandoah Air. (No contract was signed with Griffith.) (M/S/P: Darrell Propst/Mike Noll)
- Lighting and Electrical Proposal: Trenary Service Company has submitted a proposal/quote for upgrading the Dimmer Panel and Lighting in the church. These improvements will address safety issues as well as use less electricity (LED fixtures). The current dimmer box (wooden) gets hot and is a fire hazard. The project quoted includes retrofitting lighter dimmer panels (10) with new style dimmers, retrofitting existing wooden cabinets with fans to reduce heat buildup, retrofit recess lights in sanctuary with LED lamps (10), install new LED lamps in existing hanging fixtures (4), install new LED flood lights in the chancel/pulpit area (2). The congregation will be presented with the proposal (\$5,926) for approval.
- FLYTE Room Issues: The carpet in the FLYTE room has mold

mildew issues. Getting an estimate for an AC/dehumidifier unit will be explored as well as steam cleaning the carpet to remedy the situation.

- **Council Meeting Schedule:** Holding council meetings on a different day than Monday was discussed. It was agreed that Council would continue to meet on the second Monday each month as the regular meeting time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Christian Education:** The first Sunday on Monday evening program was a good group and went well. The plan is to try it for a year.
- **Social Ministry:** Friends Feeding Friends will provide meals to the community on September 22nd. Bess Day applied for an ELCA grant to fund FFF in the coming year. A Memorial Service at 11 am followed by dinner in Memory of Beverly Zavash will be held on Saturday, September 29th. A blood drive sponsored by St. John's will be held the same day and has been relocated to the Fire Hall on the corner of N. Raleigh and W. Martin Streets, Martinsburg. Volunteers to help with both of these events would be appreciated. Movie night continues to be the 3rd Saturday each month. The October family night movie will be on October 13th due to the Apple Harvest activities on Saturday, Oct 20th.
- **Evangelism:** No Report
- **Worship and Music:** Sound System upgrade rebid.
- **FLYTE:** No report other than the FLYTE room issues.
- **Property/Tech:** Darrell Propst will ask Trenary for a quote on installing LED lighting for the parking lot and installing electrical outlets at the shed in the parking lot. This addresses the issue of safety after dark in the parking lot area. Darrell Propst will begin replacing lights in the hallways in Luther Hall as he is able. The steeple repair continues as weather permits. There is wet plaster in the elevator area and also the steps area to the choir loft. If possible, we need to contact the architect or the elevator installer to get to the source of the leak in order to address correcting it.
- **Mutual Ministry:** The committee met on August 28th over dinner for a good discussion. A concern was expressed that kneeling at the altar is hard for some members. Communion issues will be put on the agenda for Council's October meeting. The Panhandle Conference is going well and plan to meet soon.
- **Stewardship:** The Blood Mobile sponsored by the Stewardship Committee will be moved to the Fire Station on the corner of N. Raleigh and W. Martin Streets on Saturday, September 29th from 9:30 am to 2:00pm. The Covenants were developed and are ready for both paper and fillable online versions and will be distributed on Sunday, September 23, 2018. A day will be scheduled to clean up the flower beds at St. John's. Volunteers are needed.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.
(M/S/P: Jerry Crites: Linda Payne)

Respectfully submitted Diane Shewbridge

SUNDAY ON MONDAY

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. JOHN'S

After a meeting of the Christian Education committee where we reviewed the surveys as well as the past year, we decided it was time to revamp our program. Instead of Sunday morning education, we will have "Sunday School" on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month starting September 17. Hence the name, Sunday on Monday.

The Evening Schedule:

5:45pm - Pot Luck Dinner in Luther Hall

6:15 pm - Class

7:15 pm - 20 minute Evening Prayer to wrap up the night. The entire community is welcomed to come even if you cannot make it to the class!

Classes and number of teachers:

Nursery (to the age of Kindergarten) 5th-Middle School

1st-4th grade: High School

Adult Class

Curriculum

Nursery through 4th Grade will use the Spark Bible. Typically, we will have an Old Testament Lesson the first week and an New Testament Lesson the third week.

October 1 - Joseph and his Brothers

October 15 - Love Your Enemies

November 5- Joseph helps his Family

November 29- Bible Trivia

December 3- Angels Visits

December 17- Jesus is Born

January 7th- First Communion

January 21st- First Communion

February 4- Naomi and Ruth

February 18- Pick your favorite Parables

March 4- Daniel and the
Lions Den

March 18 - Superhero Jesus
(Healing the Blindman, Water to
Wine, Calm the Storm, Feeding of
5000 people, Walks on water)

April 1 - Jesus is Betrayed
April 15 - The Empty Tomb

May 6 - Trivia Night

May 20 -Baptism - Your Baptism
and Jesus

Feed My Sheep

First Sunday of the month




When Jesus fed over 5000 people,
his command to the disciples was,
"You give them something to eat."

Bring in your non-perishable food items on the first Sunday of the month and place them in the bin below. The food donated will be dispersed throughout our community through our own food pantry here at church as well as through CCAP, Berkeley County Backpack Program, Shenandoah Women Shelter, The Rescue Mission, Bethany's House, Immanuel's House, Faith Collation for the Homeless, and The Martinsburg Children's Shelter.

"If you love me, feed my sheep."

John 21:15-19



Theology & Bible

TABLE TALK

Food & Drinks

JOIN US

1st Thursday of the
Month

OCTOBER 4
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 this month will be on Martin Luther's Sermon on John 6. This sermon was used by Pastor Matt in August, but there was so much that could not have been included. We will look at the sermon and the insights Luther had on the Eucharist and John's words.

Welcome to WOMEN of The ELCA

Up Coming Events:

1. Potomac Cluster October 13 – meeting in parking lot at 8 AM (details below)
2. WELCA MEETING – Sunday, October 14, after service (2nd Sundays)
3. Needlecraft Night – 6:30 in Luther Hall (2nd Wednesdays)
October 9
November 14
December 12
4. Soup/Sandwich/Craft Sale – November 9 & 10
 - Prep days for soup/sandwich – Nov 6, 7, 8
 - Details below
5. Thank Offering service, Nov 11 – during meeting
 - If you have a Thank Offering, but cannot attend, please give contribution to Priscilla or Connie Provard
 - Thank Offering supports the ministries and programs of church wide WELCA
6. December Dates to be decided
 - Graham Cracker House decoration
 - Dutch Treat Lunch

Soup/Sandwich/Craft Sale

This is the “big” fund raiser for St. John’s WELCA. Any monies raised will go to various individuals or agencies within Berkeley County.

- Days of Sale – Friday, Nov 9 and Saturday, Nov 10
- Craft Sale – watch for reservation forms to reserve your space
Drew Catrow is handling the reservations and publicity for this
- NEW THIS YEAR – LUNCH FOR PURCHASE FRI AND SAT.
- HELP NEEDED – Sign up sheets will be circulated in late October
 1. Prepping ingredients for soups and sandwiches
 2. Cooking of soup and assembling sandwiches – includes canning quarts of soup
 3. Packing orders for pick-up at church; helping with pick-up
 4. Help with lunches on Fri and Sat
 5. Donations of money, WalMart cards, canning jars to help us purchase ingredients needed
- See Priscilla with questions or more details

Prayer Shawls and lap blankets are needed!!!

- We give prayer shawls to church members who are ill or injured
- Lap Blankets are needed by Hospice

- You are welcome to join our needlecraft group OR work on your own to help with this project.
 - We have had LOTS of yarn donated that you are welcome to use.
 - Patterns are available, too. OR use your own.
- Just let Priscilla know if you can help.
Thanks!!!

SWO Officers for 2018-2019

- President – Beverly McDonald – Trinity, Arden
- Vice-President – Priscilla Horner - St. John's, Mtsbg
- Secretary – Barbara Chewning – Grace, Fairmont
- Treasurer – Denise Porter – Grace, Fairmont



2018 Christmas Craft Sale

Our annual Christmas Craft sale will be November 9 from 10AM - 6PM, and November 10 from 10:00 - 4:00.

Spaces are available for displaying your items, and will be reserved on a first come first served basis.

Each space will be approximately 10' X 10'.

Cost for members is \$25.00, non-members \$30.00, non-refundable after November 1, 2018.

Set up will be Thursday from 6-9PM or Friday at 8AM.

All tables will need to be ready by 10AM Friday and stay till 4PM Saturday.

All family oriented crafts and vendor items will be welcome!

Please see Drew or Martha for a space.



DECORATE YOUR CAR FOR OUR ANNUAL

TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 28 | AFTER LUNCH | CHURCH PARKING LOT

PET BLESSING

October 7 | 1 pm

St John's Parking Lot

It is customary that around October 4th (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) to bless those furry little creatures who bring us so much joy and blessing in our lives.

**Bring your cats, dogs,
birds, fish, hamsters,
parrots, alligators, snakes
etc.**

We will gather on grassy-area of our parking lot for some prayer and barking!



EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

AROUND THE CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 2018

Remember that you are a member of the larger church. So, please feel free to attend any of the spiritual and life-giving events happening at our other Lutheran Churches

At St. Thomas...

Lydia's Bible Study

October 11 at 6pm - A monthly Bible Study for women who enjoy gathering in the evening for study and fellowship. We meet at St. Thomas.

At Trinity...

Spaghetti Dinner

October 12 from 5-7pm - Come by for dinner. Bring the whole family! Menu: Spaghetti with or without meatballs, salad, garlic bread and fresh homemade desserts! Cost: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 5-16 years old ,4 years and under are FREE

Hayride, Bonfire, & Movie

Friday, October 26 at 7pm. Come for a hayride in the dark, S'mores around a bonfire, and a movie in the park. Bring your favorite chocolate bar (or other candy) to put on the S'mores.

SCRIP SPOT

August 2018 - \$ 180.52

YTD - \$ 1,497.53

August 2018 Bank Balance - \$5,929.98

Don't forget with each purchase you can take the percentage for St. John's as a charitable contribution. AND we take check or cash.

Holidays are COMING!!

What to buy, what size, color, style - these are questions we all try to answer for those Christmas gifts - BUT what if you child, grandchild, or other family member lives somewhere else? Gift cards to Penney's, Target, WalMart can solve that problem.

There are plenty of restaurant cards available, too - from fast food to nationwide chains.

AND, of course, there are grocery cards - do that holiday shopping using a Scrip card. You purchase your groceries and still make a contribution to St. John's. Purchase a \$100 Martin's Card - \$4 goes to St. John's, but you still have the \$100 to use.

Orders must be in by Sunday; cards are available by Friday - each week.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

With Pastor Matt



Got Questions? Need to catch up with the pastor? Do you just like Coffee? You can do all three before worship on Sundays this fall. The gatherings will be informal and the coffee will be hot!

Sunday mornings
at 9am in the
Chapel

CONFIRMATION WITH POTOMAC EAST CONFERENCE

Schedule

Date		Subject - Year 1	Reinforcement Activity	Teacher	Subject - Year 2	Reinforcement Activity	Teacher
October	7	What is a Lutheran?				Member Panels talking about their faith.	
November	4	Commandments 1-5		Bess	The Torah		
November	9-10	Middle/High School Confirmation Lock In 6-7th Grade 1st Year Confirmants 2nd Year Confirmants					
December	9	Commandments 6-10	West Wing Episode - Take this Sabbath Day: Discussion on the Death Penalty	Bess	The Nativity Story	Film - Nativity Story	Pastor Karen
January	6	Apostles' Creed		Pastor Matt	Gospel and Parables		
February	24	Importance of Prayer...why do holy places matter... (Class this day will need to take place in the restaurant over lunch.)				Field Trip - Shrine of Elizabeth Seton in Emmitsburg, MD	Pastor Christine
March	15-17	Confirmation Retreat - Topic: Sacraments					Pastor Matt
April	7	Lord's Prayer		Pastor Christine	Paul	"What is the Church?" Activity from Luther Quest	Pastor Matt
May	5	Confession and Forgiveness/ Office of the Keys			Stewardship Social Justice	Spiritual Gifts Inventory Learn how to make a budget	
Confirmation Sunday - Pentecost (or at your congregation's preference)							

3 YEAR GOALS

For St. John's

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

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.

OCTOBER MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Tonya Fleming
- 2 Aaron Gatrell
Lauren Oliver
- 4 John Haarman
Nathan Houpt
Jennifer Lewis
- 5 Megan Ruth
- 7 Harrison Banks
- 8 Kathy Chapman
- 9 Jerry Crites
Linda Riley
- 10 Sharon Brumback
- 11 Jonathon Chapman
- 13 Dylan Brewbaker
Sydney Brewbaker
Anthony Gillet
- 14 Matthew R. Clarke
- 15 Douglas Widmeyer
- 16 Marc Eckberg
- 18 Jim Chapman
- 20 Henry C. Eyler
Charlotte Hutzler



ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Margaret & Arnold Bock
- 5 Bess & David Day
- 12 Roxanne & Jeff Spoon
- 18 Frances & Dennis Coffinberger
- 23 Sandy & Ken Stroeck
- 27 Joyce & Gary Roth

October News



September was filled with new faces and new routines. All the children seem to be adjusting well to their new classrooms and teachers. We had our first Parent Career Week. The children enjoyed the fire company, librarian, police officers and dental day. Teachers then coordinate classroom activities and crafts that day around each subject. Thanks to our parents who volunteered and made career week a success.

October is going to be another busy month for The Mustard Seed. We are looking forward to the playground renovation on October 6th and playing outdoors on our new equipment. Our Annual Pumpkin Patch trip will be on Monday, October 8th. This year we will enjoy a trip to Orr's Farm and lunch at Poor House Farm.

Our Parent Committee is hosting a special night at Blaze Pizza on Monday, October 8th. They will receive a percentage of your purchase. Please bring the family and support The Mustard Seed.

On October 31st the children will walk in our Fall Parade on Queen Street. Some of the shops will have treats for them to stop and collect.



We will also have a Rada Cutlery fundraiser. 40% of the proceeds will go to our playground renovation. Rada products will be on display in Luther Hall on October 11th from 2-4:30, if you would like to check things out. You may also go online to:

<https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=1791265.309387>.

Pastor's Report

September 2018

VISITATION

August Visits: 19

CONFERENCE AND SYNOD

Conference Meeting

Conference Leaders Gathering

Compline Workshop

Table Talk with Bishop Riegel

Caroline Furnace Board Meeting

Marriage Retreat Planning Meeting

WORSHIP

4 Sunday Worship Services

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Special Council Meeting

Christian Education

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS

EDUCATION

MUSTARD SEED

2 Chapel Services with Mustard Seed

Mustard Seed Board Meeting

WEDDINGS

FUNERALS

Sonny Rodgers Visitation and Funeral

Gary Garrish Visitation and Funeral (same day)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

CHOIR

MILEAGE

Pastor Day's Mileage for the month of August was 574 miles.



My brothers and sisters in Christ,
501 years ago, a German monk changed Christianity with a document famously called the 95 Theses. This document turned the whole church upside down and created a major division in the church. Since then,

Lutherans have remembered October 31st as the day when we broke our chains of tyranny by remembering how our founder ran the church in Wittenburg and nailed that document to the church doors. And we have been nailing each other ever since...

500 years is long enough to continue this separation. Much has been done to unite our two churches though there is still much to do. I think it is time we stop with the nailing and look towards the future. Instead of Reformation Sunday being that pep-rally of sorts, I want to make this particular Sunday to be more about the principles of the Reformation. This year in particular, I want to focus on the Word of God.

After attending LARCUM this past year, I learned in the United Methodist tradition that there is usually a Bible Presentation Sunday held once a year. Children in the 3rd grade receive their first "real" Bible. I thought that sounded like a very Lutheran thing to do. After talking with council, they liked the idea of it too! So, on October 28, any child in the 3rd grade and up who would like a Bible can receive one this day. We are also asking that everyone bring their own Bibles with them this day as well. We want to bless them and give thanks to God for the words of hope that these books contain. If you are younger and would like a children's Bible, we will have them available too! There is no reason anyone who comes to our worship this day shouldn't leave with the word of God in their hands! To me, that would be a wonderful gift of the Reformation!

After worship, the social ministry committee is organizing a German Potluck. Now, I know some of you are not German so if you don't have a favorite German dish, bring your favorite, delicious dish. We won't turn it away. This dinner went over really well last year and everyone seemed to really enjoy it. After lunch, bring your costumes for our Annual Trunk or Treat. Pray that we have some nice weather but if we don't, we will move the Trunk or Treat inside.

Also happening in October is Work Day and Fall Planting. There are a lot of projects that need to be taken care of around our church. The church is not a building, but we have been given this space to do ministry, vital and important work of the gospel. We need to be good stewards and maintain the space so that the work of the gospel can be done. Will you help us out? We have a lot of little chores including, putting together plastic shelves, cleaning, installing new technology, carpet cleaning, garden work and a few other things. Wear your work clothes to church or bring some to change into. If we all stick around, the list of things to do could be accomplished in one afternoon!

In Christ.

Peter Matt Day



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Send an email to announcements@stjohnsmartinsburg.org to sign up for weekly emails and announcements.

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Return Service Requested