

SUMMER!!

June



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Acolyte</u> <u>Crucifer</u></p> <p>June 2 Austin Propst John Esswein June 9 Christian Gottlieb Justin Gottlieb June 16 Matthew Edwards Katie Kline June 23 Braydon Hill Payton Hill June 30 Maegyn Kelso Jordyn Kelso</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Worship Reader/Assistant</u></p> <p>June 2 Sue Wall June 9 Alison Poland June 16 Andrew Banks June 23 Diane Shewbridge June 30 Blaine Wilson</p>			<p>1</p> <p>Final day of Synod Assembly</p>	
<p>2</p> <p>10AM Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>Feed My Sheep</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:45 LYFE</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1PM Bible Study group trip to Quaker meeting house</p> <p>6:30PM Choir Rehearsal in the Chapel</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6PM Table Talk @ Daily Grind</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>10AM Worship</p> <p>Confirmation Sunday</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7PM Church Council in the Lounge</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:30AM Potomac East Conference meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30PM Choir meeting at Peking followed by final Rehearsal before summer break</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9AM CCAP Board meets</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Flag Day</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>10AM Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>Father's Day</p>		<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Pastor Matt at Camp Luther</p> <p>6:30PM Needlecraft in Luther Hall</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Summer Begins</p>	<p>22</p> <p>11AM-1PM Friends Feeding Friends</p>
		<p><i>CAMP</i></p>	<p><i>LUTHER</i></p>	<p><i>WEEK</i></p>		
<p>23</p> <p>10AM Worship w/ Pulpit Exchange</p> <p>1PM Book Club meets at home of Linda Riley</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7PM Mustard Seed Board meeting</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>10AM Worship</p> <p>Installation of Mustard Seed Director</p>	<p><u>USHERS</u></p> <p>June 2 Linda Payne/Jerry Olsen June 9 Doug Widmeyer/Rick Losh June 16 Baine Wilson/Bill Torbert June 23 Bev/Pat Murphy June 30 Jean/Ben DeAlexandro</p>					

NEWSLETTER

St. John's Lutheran Church

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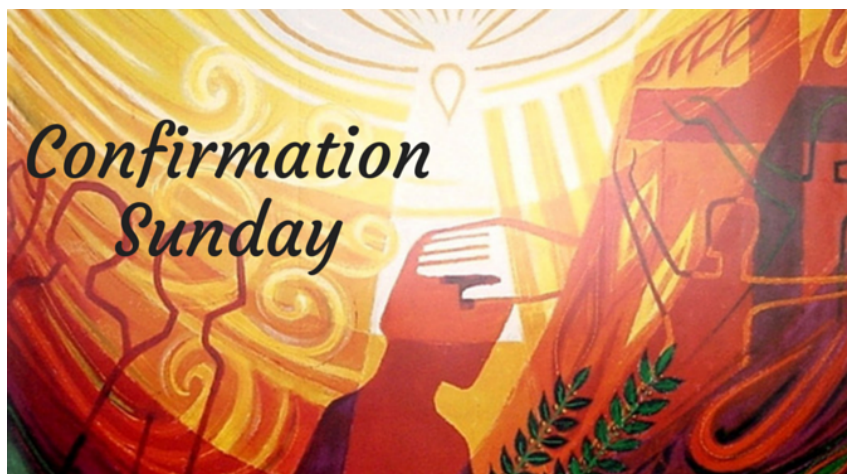
E-Mail: churchoffice@stjohnsmartinsburg.org

Website: www.stjohnsmartinsburg.org

Pastor: Matthew A. Day



JUNE 2019



June 9 at 10 am

Join us as we welcome Rebekah Root, Matthew Edwards, Justin Gottlie, Christian Gottlieb, Jordyn Kelso, Danica Propst & Dylan Walker to our congregation through the Rite of Confirmation.

Also in this issue...

- Photos from the Spring Work Day
- Summer Camp
- Trip to the Lutheran Monstary
- An update on VBS

2019 ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2019

Meeting called to order by: Rick Losh, President

Members present: Pastor Matt, Rick Losh, Shane Wagoner, Linda Payne, Darrell Propst, Mike Noll, Diane Shewbridge, Jerry Crites, Jane Kelley, Anne Moore, Drew Catrow, Blaine Wilson, Bess Day (Treasurer)

Members Absent: Trey Voorhees

Devotions: led by Pastor Matt

Minutes: April meeting minutes approved. **(M/S/P: Pastor Matt; Mike Noll)**

Confirmands: The youth were approved to be confirmed in June 2019: Matthew Edwards, Justin Gottlieb, Christian Gottlieb, Jordyn Kelso, Danica Propst, Dylan Walker and Rebekah Root
(M/S/P: Mike Noll; Drew Catrow)

Budget Report: Bess Day, Treasurer. Income was up but was noted that there were only four Sundays in April, but five Mondays and deposits are made on Monday. Mustard Seed continues to show positive income over expenses and our initial investment continues to be reduced.

Pastor's Report:

Upcoming Events:

- May 18th – Caroline Furnace will come to St. John's to bring a "family night" program activities with dinner, games, and campfire complete with S'mores. It will be a good opportunity to promote church camp/scholarship opportunities for our youth to attend Camp Luther.
- May 19th – Spring Work Day after church – painting Luther Hall and some smaller projects are planned.
- June 9th – Confirmation Sunday
- June 23rd – Pulpit Exchange

Other items:

- Shut-in visitation – due to the number of shut-ins, the Pastor is not able

to make frequent visits. Pastor has several church members who make visits, but the list is rather long. A discussion followed to assess whether some of those on the list would come to church if they had transportation. Pastor will investigate and see if some of them can be picked for church by other members. Possibility of investing in a van or small bus was discussed, although not financially feasible at this time.

Old Business:

Spring Work Day jobs list: Painting Luther Hall. Colors selected were Some future projects may include stripping and painting radiator covers, painting Pastor's office, colors selected were *Crème* for the walls and *Universal Umber* for the trim. **(M/S/P: Jerry Crites; Jayne Kelley)**. Some future projects may include stripping and painting radiator covers, painting Pastor's office, prepping and painting the youth room.

Welcome Bags will be packed and distributed in June

New Business:

- New member request for Mildred Noll. **(M/S/P: Jerry Crites; Drew Catrow)**

- Drew expressed interest in cataloging the choir music to make it easy to identify and locate music. He suggested a software package which our Church Office already has. Drew has volunteered to go forward on this project.

- Drew presented a written request from Priscilla Horner asking for permission for WELCA to move into the room upstairs that is not used for the Mustard Seed. A calendar/schedule will be kept and the room would be available to others when not scheduled for WELCA activities. Currently WELCA has items stored in several different places on the main floor. Moving these stored items into the room upstairs will free these storage spaces for others to use. Additionally, WELCA would like to move lotus logo plaque currently hung in Luther Hall to the room upstairs. Council approved the move to the third floor as requested, relocating the Lotus plaque to hang within the upstairs room, and approved using up to \$500 from the Scrip fund to purchase shelving or cabinets. **(M/S/P: Diane Shewbridge; Linda Payne)**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Christian Education: no report, but noted that the last Sunday on Monday for this season would be on Monday, May 20th.

Social Ministry: Jerry reported the following:

- The Tea was very successful, well attended, delicious!
- May 18th, Caroline Furnace family night at 5pm
- A “back to school block party” planning is in the works
- Friends Feeding Friends will be on Saturday, May 25th

Evangelism: no report

LYFE: no report but Pastor and Austin are working on summer programs and activities

Worship and Music: no report

Property/Tech: Arrangements are being made to have the lighting improvements. Termites and carpenter bees were detected in the playground equipment. The playset was treated and children were kept off of the playset for the recommended safe time period. There is a window in the back of Luther Hall that has been softened by water coming in. This needs to be looked at and remedied.

Mutual Ministry: no report, but a quarterly meeting will be scheduled.

Stewardship: The flower beds outside Luther Hall will be tended soon. There are plans to include some perennials.

Mustard Seed: Interviews for the Mustard Seed director are underway with 3 candidates’ resumes to be forwarded to the Mustard Seed Board for consideration.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer. **(M/S/P: Jerry Crites;Darrell Propst)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Shewbridge

Announcements!

Table Talk

Table Talk will resume is monthly gatherings in September. Enjoy the Summer and we will see you September!



Lutheran Youth Friendship Everywhere

We will have a meeting on June 3rd and then take a break for the summer on Monday Nights. We have some events being planned for the summer

Lutheran Thank You to everyone who donated to the Luther Hall Painting Project

In total, we recieved \$1,134.00 in donations. After expenses, we still have \$612.70 to paint the rest of Luther Hall. Thank you for donating your time, talent, and your treasures.

We still have some work to do, but we accomplished a major project because we all worked together.

We are looking for a small group of people who really like to paint to help finish the project. Let us know if you can help paint the trim and the stage later this summer.

Be Sure to Check out the Photos on Page 15

Official Acts

Deaths

Rosalee L. Ettinger

Born: November 11, 1922

Died: May 15, 2019



Teen Week 2019 June 23-27

Worship-Study-Action... and tons of fun!

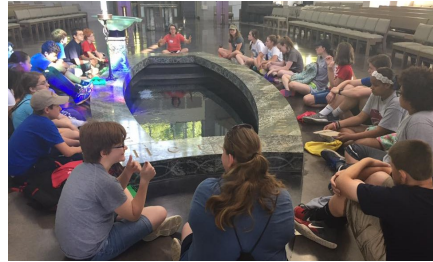
If you fall somewhere in the spectrum of having finished 6th grade and having just graduated from high school.

If you wonder about our world and the people therein, and you hear yourself say, "Why can't we all just get along?"

If you are longing for all to be right with the world and for people to be treated fairly and with dignity...

Join us for Teen Week 2019

Justice For ALL!



The plan... which is subject to change...:

Sunday 3:00-7:00– Opening worship at St Agnes with a conversation on justice and a group art project.

Monday– 11:00-8:00- Discussion on **Economic Justice** and an opportunity to talk with and serve the homeless and struggling folks of Martinsburg at Immanuel’s House.

Tuesday- A trip to Baltimore and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services to learn about **Immigration Justice** and the struggles that Immigrants and Refugees experience.

Wednesday– A visit with youth from various religious and cultural backgrounds to explore **Racial and Cultural Justice**.

Thursday– Closing Worship and conversation and a picnic and beach time at Greenbrier Park in Boonsboro, MD



Teen Week is sponsored by the Shepherdstown Ministerial Association

To register call the Shepherdstown Lutheran Parish at 304-876-6771
\$50 Registration fee

For more information call
Pastor Karen 304-676-9974
or Pastor Dee Ann 304-876-2362



You're Invited

AS WE OFFICIALLY INSTALL
MRS. CHRISTY COSTELLO
AS THE NEW DIRECTOR
OF THE MUSTARD SEED

JUNE 30 AT 10AM

COME AND CELEBRATE WHAT GOD IS DOING
AND WELCOME MRS. CHRISTY
INTO HER NEW ROLE





Gas up the all-terrain vehicle and head out on a wilderness adventure like no other. Get up close and personal with elephants and egrets, polar bears and penguins, cockatoos and crocodiles, and so much more! This summer kids will focus in on some amazing, real-life encounters with Jesus and discover the most amazing truth of all—Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the Son of God, and by believing we can have life in His name.

Vacation Bible School begins:

Sunday, July 7, 2019-Friday, July 12, 2019

5:15 PM-7:30 PM

(date and time)

St. John's Lutheran Church

(church name)

101 W. Martin St. Martinsburg, WV

(church address)

(304)-263-9291

For more information, call: _____

(name and telephone number)

or email: **Register online at: www.stjohnsmartinsburg.org** _____



Visit the Lutheran Monastery

In Oxford, Michigan

Thursday, July 18—Sunday, July 21

Cost: ~\$100+ donation to monastery
(your choice for the donation);

Come, for a weekend away, to the only Lutheran Monastery in the country. Join in prayer. Take time to read, relax, or enjoy God's creation.

This is NOT a silent retreat.

This is a retreat simply to get away for some prayer, refreshment among God's faithful, and some fellowship together.

Talk to your pastor or to Pastor Christine (304-995-1491) to learn more.

Please sign up by June 16.



SAFEGUARDING God's children

Protect your children. Protect your ministries.



Training Is Free

We are recommending anyone who works with children should take this training. Many states and insurance companies are in the process of making trainings like this mandatory. It is also a good stewardship to ensure that everyone in our congregation can worship and learn safely.

Recommended for all: church leaders

- who have contact with children in the church
- who have a child or grandchild they love
- who care about children

The Next Training Session is scheduled:

At St John, Martinsburg—(split session): **Sundays, August 18 & 25, 1:30 to 4:30pm.** ***In-order to get the full training, you will have to come to both sessions.***

Safeguarding God's Children provides participants with the information they need to protect the children they know and care for in their personal lives and in the ministries in which they serve. The program is based on the philosophy that if every adult can protect just one child, they will forever change one life. If we can each change one life, together we will make a difference in this generation of children.

Register by contacting Pastor Christine Olson by email:
avcomen@msn.com.

Class Participants are limited to 20 for each session.

Summer CAMP

2019



2019 Camp Theme

“Transformed Community”

June 16 - 22, 2019

Located at Camp Caesar
in Cowen, West Virginia

**register online by visiting
camplutherwv.com/**



CAROLINE FURNACE
Lutheran Camp & Retreat Center



register online by visiting www.carolinefurnace.org/

Scholarships available to both camps

Evangelism Corner

As a way to engage our visitors, we have put together a welcome bag that will be dropped off at the home of all first time visitors.

The Welcome Bags include flyers about our congregation, a chip clip, a pocket-size hand sanitizer, a carabiner, a couple of pens, a bag of hard candy, and a pocket cross.

You still play a major role in showing hospitality to all who come to our place of worship.

The BEST Evangelism tool of any congregation is the people. Be yourself and welcome everyone who joins for worship!



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.

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.

Milestones in JUNE

Birthdays

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| 1 | Mike Janney | 26 | Bess Day |
| 3 | Matthew Losh | 27 | Robin Robinson |
| 6 | Asa Arrington
Pearl Brown
Linda Gillet | 29 | Arnold Bock
Jennifer Moss |
| 8 | Rebekah Eyer
Wayne Middleton | | |
| 9 | Sarah Cosner | | |
| 10 | Amy Hartley
Abigail McBee | | |
| 13 | Sandra Eckberg
Pat Hartley
Edward Robinson
Sarah Shewbridge | | |
| 14 | Tim Gochenour | | |
| 16 | Happy Father's Day | | |
| 17 | Spencer Byers | | |
| 18 | Amelia Park | | |
| 19 | Ralph Baker | | |
| 20 | Charlotte Hutzler | | |
| 21 | Jennifer (Propst) Arrington | | |
| 22 | Donna Aikens
Andrew Crites
Nicholas Crites
Stephen Crites
Ray Watkins | | |



Vacation Bible School

July 7 - July 12

Anniversaries

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|----|---|
| 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 |

Photos from Spring Work Day 2019



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Ways

Give

to



At Worship



By Mail



Online

Online giving enables those who no longer enjoy carrying a checkbook or likes to write checks to donate safely and securely to our congregation. It is easy to use and you can even set up recurring donations.



**Scan the QR Code
or visit our website at
stjohnsmartinsburg.org
and click Online Giving
And Thank You!**

Pastor's Report

April 2019

VISITATION

April Visits: 22

CONFERENCE AND SYNOD

Caroline Furnace Committee Meeting - Buttonwood Lodge

Conference Meeting

Chrim Mass in Morgantown

WORSHIP

6 Sunday Worship Services

2 Evening Prayer

2 Wednesday in Lent (Morning and Evening Prayer)

2 Maundy Thursday

2 Ecumenical Good Friday

1 Good Friday

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Council Meeting

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS

Easter Breakfast Prep

Easter Breakfast

Graduation for ACDS program

EDUCATION

2 Sunday on Monday

Conference Confirmation

Table Talk

VBS Meeting

MUSTARD SEED

2 Chapel Services with Mustard Seed

Mustard Seed Board Meeting

CHOIR

2 Choir Rehearsals

MILEAGE

Pastor Day's Mileage for the month of April was 621 miles.



My brothers and sisters in Christ,
As we find ourselves approaching another summer filled with many activities such as vacations, gardening, camp and so much more, I do hope that you can find some rest and relaxation. I recently planted my garden and I

found it to be very soothing and relaxing. Truth be told, I would love to be a farmer and being in my garden fills that desire.

Lately, Thomas has been wanting to play outside all the time so this spring was spent improving our outside area. I organized the garage, cleaned out a bunch of junk, and got busy with adding small touches to make outdoor living enjoyable. Since Easter Sunday, things have quieted down significantly. The quiet days mean I get to spend more time being a dad and husband. So, I hope you find some quiet, down time this summer. Spend it with the people you love and the people who love you.

We do have a few things to get ready for here this summer. Camp Luther and Camp Caroline Furnace is gearing up for their respective programs. **If you haven't taken advantage of Summer Camp, please do. We have scholarship money available to send any child to summer camp with little to no cost for the family.** I spoke with Pastor Jason who is the director for Camp Luther and if you decide you want to go camp on June 16, they will have a place for you. But do not wait that long, register now!

Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it. It is scheduled for July 7-11. The theme this year is "In the Wild" and we will learn about God's creation. It will be a wild adventure (yes, the pun was intended)! We always need volunteers so if you can help, talk to Shane and Jess Wagoner. And register by click on the link on our home page. Simply go to stjohnsmartinsburg.org and get signed up!

In the middle of May, we said goodbye to Michelle Seidel who has served as our director for the past 11 years at the Mustard Seed. After an extensive search, interviewing seven candidates, the board moved ahead and hired Christy Costello as the next director of the Mustard Seed. Christy has served as the Pre-K teacher her for the past 18 years. I just learned that her first class that she had here is

graduating High School this year! Christy brings a wealth of experience and new ideas to the center. I am thrilled to have her here. **She will be officially installed into the Director's office on June 30 at our 10am worship.** This is a fifth Sunday so our theme this day is all things Mustard Seed. Please come out and meet Christy and celebrate what God is doing here at the Mustard Seed.

I am delighted to say we have seven confirmands who, on June 9, will publicly confirm their faith. They are Rebekah Root, Matthew Edwards, Justin Gottlieb, Christian Gottlieb, Jordyn Kelso, Danica Propst, and Dylan Walker. They have completed our two year program. Please join us on this special occasion.

I know with vacation and travel plans that it might be hard to join us for worship. Know that we keep going through summer with our mission to be proclaimers of hope. When you are with us, we sing louder, we pray stronger, and we see the Christ that is in you. Do not ever think that showing up to worship does nothing for anyone else. You matter here! I know travel will keep you away and/or it is really nice to sleep in on Sunday mornings. I get that, but we need you. You make a difference here at St. John's.

I also want to mention that we also need your financial contributions. I know money is a taboo thing to speak while at church, but our finances have not doing well. While we still have money in our endowment, if we continue on these trends, we will not have a sustainable ministry model. The summer is when we feel some of the greatest strain on our checking account. We still have bills to pay and while we try to go as lean as possible during these months, the summer months are scary. **Online giving is a great way to set up a schedule donation that will happen whether you can make it here on Sunday or not.** If you do not like online giving, remember that you can drop your envelop in any mailbox without a stamp. While we might be able to take a vacation, the mission of the gospel does not. **Thank you for your continued support of our ministry!!! We are who we are because of the people like yourself.**

In Christ,



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Return Service Requested