



## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL 20, 2014

As we gather to lift our praises for God's love in our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, we extend a special **welcome to guests** who are with us today! We would be deeply appreciative if you record your presence and contact information on the small blue Communion/Attendance cards in your pew. Our custom is to follow-up with a note, call, or email to extend a warm welcome and these blue cards enable us to do that. Ushers collect the cards as you come forward to Holy Communion. If you live in the area and have interest in joining the congregation or just learning more about the Christian faith (and St. Martin's), we invite you to attend a **New Member/Explore Belonging** class with Pastor Dave. The next class will be held *this coming Wednesday*, April 23rd from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the fellowship wing of the church. You can speak with Pastor Dave after worship if interested or call the church office at 410-263-4723 to register. We'll receive new members next Sunday morning (April 27th). *If you have any pastoral or prayer needs, please note these on the blue cards and Pastor Dave will be in contact- we're here to help!*

**St. Martin's is a place where you can grow in faith, fellowship, and opportunities to serve God's people.**

Here are a few things on the horizon (and we hope you'll join):

Today - **food and fellowship** between services! For the kids - **Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 am!**

Still room (but not much!) - for our upcoming **Women's Retreat**. The theme is: Getting Out of the Boat- Water Walking! It will be held next weekend, Friday, April 25th at 4 pm through Saturday, April 26th at 4 pm at a beautiful retreat center in Centreville, MD. Cost is \$65. Please email Pastor Nicki (RevNicki2951@gmail.com) with questions or to register.

Still room (but not much!) - for **Vacation Bible School** this July 14 - 18. Classes will be held for age 4 - 4th grade (5th grade and above can volunteer to help). To register a child, visit <http://stmartinsannapolis.org/outreach/vacation-bible-school/> and click "Register Now!" at the top right of the page. Registration payments can be made through PayPal or by credit card. There is no charge for children/grand-children of volunteers for the week. Questions? Call Judy Houston 410-263-3888 or email her at [judyhouston2@gmail.com](mailto:judyhouston2@gmail.com).

Our **Flying Quilters** lovingly make quilts that are sent around the world to help the needy. If you sew and would like to join, you are welcome! The next quilting session will be Monday, April 28th from 10 am - 2 pm in Fellowship Room A. Interested? Contact Judy Houston-410-263-3888 or email her at [judyhouston2@gmail.com](mailto:judyhouston2@gmail.com).

Help our needy friends at the **Light House Shelter** by donating organic food items for their pantry. We need: olive/coconut/ghee/canola oil, steel cut oatmeal, brown rice/pasta, quinoa, whole wheat crackers, whole grain cereals, low sodium canned veggies, veg/tomato juice/sauce, pasta sauce, salsa, canned fruits in natural juices, apple sauce, dried fruits, jam/jelly, canned fish/chicken/chili, bean soup, beef stew, natural peanut butter, nuts, seeds. Please bring your items to the corner baskets in the Narthex no later than next Sunday.

**Flamingo Fun(d)raiser for our Youth**. This summer 8 of our youth are headed to southern California to help needy people there. You can help get them to this life-changing ministry experience by stopping at the Flamingo Flocking Table in the Narthex. Youth members will start flocking people's yards soon so you'll want to buy flamingo insurance to make sure it's not you!

**Fore!! Golf Outing** scheduled for May 10th at Old South Country Club. Lunch at noon followed by tee-times beginning at 1:30 pm. Details and sign-up sheet in the Narthex. All golfers (of all skill levels) ARE welcome!

**Teacher of the Year** honors go to Erin Kolarik who was named the 2013-14 independent school teacher of the year in Anne Arundel County. Erin teaches math and science at our day school and we congratulate her and all of our amazing faculty and staff! **St. Martin's Lutheran School** offers a stellar, Christ-based education for kids (pre K- 8th grade). Need more information? Call the school office at 410-269-1955. Enrollment is open and you'll thank God for this wonderful ministry that shapes the lives of our kids every day!

**Sunday Bible Study** each week with Paula Thistle (resumes on April 27th); **Monday Bible Study** each week with Pastor Dave, 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Library Lounge; **Wednesday Men's Breakfast and Bible Study** with Pastor Russell Fink at the Double T Diner (corner of West St. and Rt. 2), 7:00 - 8:00 am.

**Kids Items** for readers and non-readers to color, study, enjoy during worship can be picked-up at the back table! If your little ones get fussy during worship, please know that the Library Lounge is a great place (with a basket of toys) and you can still hear the service via our speaker system. Ask an usher and they'll help.

**About our Easter Offerings** - 1) if you have come here today as a person exploring faith in Jesus Christ, we hope that you see this service as our gift to you and that you don't feel obligated at the time of the offering. Our prayer is that you will experience the love of God through the worship and people here. Our hope is that this time will bless you! 2) for those who understand your blessings as coming from the Lord and who desire to return thanks through your financial gifts - we thank you for your generous offerings today. Each week I see how hundreds and hundreds of people are blessed in mind, body, and spirit through the ministry of St. Martin's Lutheran Church. It happens within the congregation, in the larger community of Anne Arundel County, and, indeed, around the world. Truly, God's love is made known through your gifts and faithfulness and I am grateful for how our generosity will enable Christ's work to happen in the days to come. Again, many thanks and Halleluiah! - *Pastor Dave+*