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May Newsletter Deadline:

April 22nd

Dear St. Martin's Family,

In 2 Chronicles chapter 7 we read about The Dedication of the Temple:

7 When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. ² The priests could not enter the temple of the LORD because the glory of the LORD filled it. ³ When all the Israelites saw the fire coming down and the glory of the LORD above the temple, they knelt on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave thanks to the LORD, saying, "He is good; his love endures forever."⁴ Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD. ⁵ And King Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty-two thousand head of cattle and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep and goats. So the king and all the people dedicated the temple of God.

This passage from scripture came to mind because next week, work will commence on the renovation of the chancel of God's sanctuary at St. Martin's. As we take this important next step, we do well to remember why this project is underway. We are renovating to God's glory! We re-beautify the sanctuary for the joyful proclamation that says- "He is good; his love endures forever!" This phrase fits perfectly within this Easter season as our Alleluia's for Christ's Resurrection are sung and spoken over and over.

At this point, there are several things I wanted to convey to you all: 1) in terms of schedule, I anticipate that for three Sundays (April 10, 17, and 24) we will worship in the Fellowship Wing while the scheduled work is occurring; 2) projects like this can bring a mixture of excitement and anxiety. So, together we'll pray while also exercising patience and flexibility. I'm looking forward to these weeks because our time in the Fellowship Wing will both heighten our anticipation and give us the opportunity to experience a different dynamic within worship by being in another setting; 3) so many of you generous souls have given of your thoughts, time, and money to bring us to this point. Therefore, I again want to say thanks to you—and thanks be to God for you.

When the work is completed, I know that the improvements will point our hearts and minds towards heaven. I am certain that we will echo the words spoken so long ago at the temple dedication in Jerusalem, "God is good; his love endures forever." May these words of praise always be lifted at St. Martin's Lutheran Church and within our hearts.

Again, I thank you for your faithfulness and generosity and I hope to see you in worship (either in the Sanctuary or the Fellowship Wing) soon!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Dave+

Flying Quilters

The quilt group will meet **April 11** and **25** in the Fellowship foyer from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Bring a lunch and stay for the whole day or come for whatever part you can. We could use some more members. You do not need any sewing skills. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Houston at 410-263-3888/djhouston1@comcast.net.

Chipotle Youth Group Fundraiser

On **Tuesday, April 12**, from **4 to 8 pm**, the Youth Group will be having a dinner fundraiser at the Chipotle in Edgewater. We need everybody and their family, friends and neighbors to plan to come out. Eat in or take out (or both!) We earn 50% of the business we bring in so plan to enjoy supper at Chipotle that Tuesday. Come for the food, fellowship and to help the youth make this fundraiser a big success. Flyers can be found in the hallway.

New Members Class

A new members class will be held on **Thursday, April 14** from **7 - 9 pm**. We'll gather in the Fellowship Wing. Members will be received on Sunday, April 17. All who are interested in joining St. Martin's or just learning more about our life in Christ are welcome to come. Please call the church office 410-263-4723 to register or speak with Pastor Dave!

Light House Shelter News

Light House Taste of the Towne: The shops at Annapolis Town Centre host an annual fashion show that benefits the Light House on **Thursday, April 14** from **7 - 10 pm**. It is held at Great Gatherings with amazing food donated by the Town Centre restaurants and a fun silent auction with treasures from the stores. Tickets are \$35. For more information see: <http://www.friendslhs.org/taste-of-the-towne/>

Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry will meet on **Saturday, April 16**, at **9:00 am** in the fellowship wing for coffee, doughnuts, and a lively discussion of Christopher Buckley's "The Relic Master". If you need a copy of the book to read, please contact Marianne Drumm at croftondrumms@gmail.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 21, 1 - 4 pm** at the home of Sig Beecher. Her address is 1123 Pemberton Lane, Lothian, MD 20711. If you have questions, please call Sig at 301-627-6560. For those unable to meet with us, please keep knitting and crocheting; Pastor Dave continues to find loving homes for our efforts. If you have a family member or friend who would like a prayer shawl or lap throw, please contact Pastor Dave or Dottie Hall (301-262-6213). We mail these "tangible hugs from God" out of town.

Earth Day at St. Martin's

Our next Garden Club work day will be **Earth Day weekend, Saturday, April 23** from **9:00 am - 12 pm**. Come help us beautify the gardens at St. Martin's. Also, we invite individuals or families to adopt a rain garden or other area over the summer, weeding and watering as needed. Contact the Knupps if you can help at 410-956-4881 or Knuppster@aol.com. A big **thank you** to the people who worked in the gardens before Easter: Janet Clauson, Barbara and Tom Freeman, Martha Hollenbeck, Betty and John Knupp, and Lisa Lasfargues. We raked, pruned, and weeded the rain gardens and other landscaped areas

News from the Endowment Fund

St. Martin's Evangelical Lutheran Church Endowment Fund is constantly growing to assist the needs of St Martin's and community groups requesting support. Gifts to the Endowment Fund are invested and earn interest/dividends. Only these dividends, \$6,128.00 in 2014 and \$5,785.00 in 2015, are available to assist church and/or community groups. The principal, \$209,315.00 as of February 29, 2016, remains to earn interest/dividends for future support.

Fund support for St. Martin's groups in 2014 and 2015 include: Youth Group, \$2,250.00, Pastor's Fund for Christian Growth, \$2,400.00, and Flagstone Patio, \$1,500.00.

Community groups receiving Endowment Fund support in 2014 and 2015 include: Arundel House, \$500.00, Samaritan House, \$500.00, and Ministry of St. Dymas, \$2,000.00.

Please make a personal gift to the Endowment Fund or consider honoring/memorializing a friend or loved one by making a gift in his or her name. Endowment Fund envelopes are in the pews or simply mark "Endowment Fund" on your check. Your tax deductible gift to the growth of the fund will be greatly appreciated.



Vacation Bible School 2016

Vacation Bible School for 2016 will be **August 1-5**.

Our theme is "Surf Shack - Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love". The children will be exploring how to put their faith into action as they learn how God "Creates", "Helps", "Loves", "Calms", and "Sends". As before we will be presenting 5 Bible stories (2 from the Old Testament and 3 from the New Testament) all different from last year. We had a wonderful experience last summer and hope to make this one even better!

Registration for VBS is now open. Registration can be accessed at:
<http://stmartinsannapolis.org/outreach/vacation-bible-school/>.

We could use some props to decorate the church. We could use pool noodles, boogie boards, beach towels, buckets and sand toys, beach balls, inflatable life rings etc., beach umbrellas, drift wood, large shells, leis, party lanterns or other beach related items.

We could also use Powdered Laundry detergent, Sandwich size Ziploc bags, dryer sheets, quart size Ziploc bags, and potting soil for Missions. There is a container in the church narthex for any donations.

If you can help in any way or have any questions, contact us at vbsSMLC@gmail.com.

Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, please provide the church office with the information so you can be included next time!

Birthdays

Jacqueline Janovsky	4/8
Darrell Dempster	4/9
Carleen Parker	4/10
Shelley Netzer-Edgerton	4/11
Robert Anthochy	4/12
Julianne Page	4/13
Ruth Schmale	4/13
Donnaleen Trump-Starkey	4/21
Sally Dempster	4/22
Joseph Morrison	4/26
Donna Hole	4/27
Louisa Day	4/30
Carol Shaw	4/30

Anniversaries

Robert &Carolynn Goldberg	4/17
Ben & Molly Michaelson	4/26



Innies Group is Happening!

If you have a young family and want to get to know other families in the church, consider joining the Innies Group for a fun dinner in. Contact Kelly Sherk for more information at 410-507-2659.

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

April 2016

Calendar Rev. 3/31/16
Please continue to check our website's **News & Events** tab for any new updates.

Sunday	7:45 pm	AA (5th Grade Rm)
Monday	3 pm	Extended Day Prg (Art & G)
Tuesday	3 pm	Extended Day Prg (Art & G)
Wed	10 am	Staff Meeting (CF)
	3 pm	Extended Day Prg (Art & G)
	6 pm	Cub Scouts (G)
	7:30 pm	Boy Scouts (G)
	7:45 pm	AA (A) (5th Grade Rm)
Thursday	3 pm	Extended Day Prg (Art & G)
Friday	3 pm	Extended Day Prg (Art & G)

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8 am Worship
9:00 Sun. School & Conf. Class
9:00 Adult Forum
9:15 am Choir
10 am Worship

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7 pm Adult Bible Study (B)

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7 am Men's Bible Study
10:00 am Staff Meeting (CF)
7 pm Choir (S)

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7 pm Volleyball (Gym)

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7 pm YAG Game Night (The Lairds)

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10 am Flying Quilters (Fellowship)
7 pm Adult Bible Study (B)

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7 pm Finance Committee Mtg
4 pm Chipotle Fundraiser (SHY)

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7 am Men's Bible Study
10:00 am Staff Meeting (CF)
7 pm Choir (S)

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7 pm New Members Class (B)
7 pm Volleyball (Gym)

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9 am School Open House

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9 am Women's Ministry Breakfast

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8 am Worship
9:00 Sun. School & Conf. Class
9:00 Adult Forum
9:15 am Choir
10 am Worship
5 pm MSY Mini-Golf

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11 am Doll Club (Fellowship)
7 pm Adult Bible Study (B)

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7 pm Church Council Mtg (B)

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7 am Men's Bible Study
10:00 am Staff Meeting (CF)
7 pm Choir (S)

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1 pm Prayer Shawl Mtg (Beechers)
7 pm Volleyball (Gym)

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7 pm Daddy Daughter Dance (Fellowship Rms)

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9 am Garden Workday

24

8 am Worship
9:00 Sun. School & Conf. Class
9:00 Adult Forum
9:15 am Choir
10 am Worship
2 pm Baysox Game

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10 am Flying Quilters (Fellowship)
7 pm Adult Bible Study (B)

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7 am Men's Bible Study
10:00 am Staff Meeting (CF)
7 pm Choir (S)

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7 pm Volleyball (Gym)

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Sunday Worship: 8:00 am, 10:00 a.m.

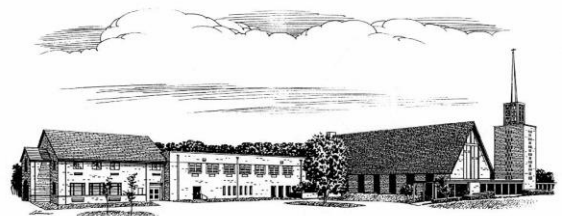
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

St. Martin's Lutheran School

Pre K 3's through Grade 8

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Mr. James D. Moorhead, Principal



**St. Martin's Mission Statement:
Welcoming all and growing together
to share God's love and serve Christ
with energy and joy!**