

ST. MARTIN'S Weekly Announcements

August 11, 2013

Serving in Worship

Ushers:	Ches Lanham, Sue Lanham, Patty Laubscher, Joanne Lewis
Communion Assistants:	Sara Wetz, Jane Doyle, Judy Houston, Gretchen Haroth
Lector:	Donnaleen Trump-Starkey
Assisting Minister:	Doug Hole
Children's Message:	Doug Hole
Communion Bread:	Altar Guild
Communion Clean Up:	Jane Doyle and Gretchen Haroth
Hospitality:	Joanne Lewis and Beverly Lyall
Organist:	Timothy Smith
Preacher and Celebrant:	Rev. Russell Fink

Today's Prayer List: We include the following in our prayers: Ken Barnes, Robin Bolig, Charlene Brogan, Jamshed Chaudry, Jina Eckhardt, Louise Gebelein, Doug Hole, Sue Lanham, Ethel LaRue, Pr. George Mathews, June Peddicord, Sandy Raphael, Helen Rudderow, Charles Shott, Mike Taylor, Jack Teel, Pr. Alan Vomhof, Lily Ann Weeks, SSG Tony Cecil, SSG Brendan Fossum, SGT Francis, civilian Tim Junak, CAPT Robert Parsley, SGT Cara Riordan, OS1 John Shutt, Matthew Rhodes and family, and our homebound members—Ardith Diffendorfer, Muriel Eser, Louise Herklotz, Anna Robinson, and Betty Strohl.

Scripture Readings: Genesis 15:1–6, Psalm 33:12–22, Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16, Luke 12:32–40

Dedications: The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in thanks for the many contributions of Jack Teel to the life of St. Martin's by Betty and John Knupp. The candle is given today to the glory of God and in honor of our wedding anniversary by Tom and Barbara Freeman.

Today

We welcome **Rev. Russell Fink** today as our preacher and celebrant.

Service Opportunities

Lock-up Team: Thanks to Dave Edsall for locking up our church this past week. Darrell Dempster (410-263-4460) will be locking up this week. If you live near the church and could devote an occasional week to help keep our facility secure, please call Tim Doyle at 410-974-9033.

Sunday School Teachers Needed: Preparations are underway for the **start of Sunday School on September 8**. We are seeking teachers for this school year. If you are interested in teaching or assisting with Sunday School in other ways, please contact Sara Wetz at slwetz@verizon.net or 410-956-6515. Thank you for considering this very important ministry!

St. Martin's Garden Club News: Join us on **Tuesday, August 27** from 5:30 to 7:30 pm for our next garden workday.

Rain Gardens: Thank you to those who have agreed to adopt rain gardens this summer—weeding and watering them as needed: Joanne Lewis, Debra Mangin, Julianne Page, Tom and Barbara Freeman, and Betty and John Knupp. They keep them functioning well and looking beautiful! Contact Betty or John Knupp (410-956-4881) if you would like to adopt one. It's not too late!

Light House Shelter Dinners: The Light House is in need of a St. Martin's family or group to sponsor dinner on September 9th. Other open fall dates include October 14, November 11, and December 9. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex for availability. If you have any questions, please email Tara Chaudry Kovalski at solostyleforu@gmail.com. Dinners should serve 60 persons, and 3–4 people are needed for meal service. In addition to the dates given above, the shelter has the following dates open for dinner service: August 31, September 13, October 6, and November 3. If your family is interested in filling one of these evenings, please contact Carol Drum at cdrum@annapolislighthouse.org.

Mother's Helper Needed: The Light House Shelter houses a single mother with five children in a home on Smithville Road in Annapolis. This family is looking for a mother's helper to assist with chores around the house, such as cleaning, babysitting, and cooking. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Michele Marshall at marshall@annapolislighthouse.org.

Communion Cleanup: Each Sunday after the service, a small group of volunteers washes the communion ware, stores the linens, refills the communion trays, and cleans the sacristy. Two people usually complete this task in about 15–20 minutes. If you are interested in helping with communion clean-up or have any questions, please contact Barbara Freeman (410-798-6612/ tombarb.freeman@verizon.net). You do not need to be a member of the Altar Guild (although we would enjoy having you!) to help with communion clean-up. Thank you also to Martha Hollenbeck who regularly washes and irons the communion linens each week.

Other

St. Martin's SHY (Senior High Youth) are invited to join **Pastor Dave's Youth Group from Trinity Lutheran Church, Hagerstown**, for an afternoon at **Sandy Point Beach** after worshipping with us on **August 18th**.

St. Martin's YAG (Young Adults Group) are invited to Marta's for **Crabs at 5 pm** (& croquet if you wish at 4 pm) on **August 18th**. Bring food item to share, (appetizer, salad, side dish, or dessert), BYOB and \$15 (it might end up being less than that) for the crabs. Also, plan for **Boating at the Laubscher's on September 21st**, time TBD.

The **Light House B.E.S.T. graduation ceremony** will be held on **Wednesday, August 28th** from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at Mt. Olive Church in Annapolis. This program honors shelter residents who have completed job training over the course of several weeks. The Light House would love to see members of St. Martin's congregation attend! Tara and Brian Kovalski attended in May and were moved by the speakers and enthusiasm of the graduates. To attend, rsvp to Michele Marshall at marshall@annapolislighthouse.org.

The **Light House** is excited to announce **new initiatives** for the upcoming year: launching a catering company and building a new restaurant! Both will provide transitional employment for graduates of the B.E.S.T. culinary program.

Pastor Dave's Installation Service and Reception: Pastor Dave's Installation Reception will be on **September 15**. The Service of Installation begins at 4 pm and will be followed by a reception of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, wine and fruit punch, cake and coffee. We need to plan for a large crowd as in addition to our congregation, we are inviting family and friends of Pastor Dave, friends from the Synod and Annapolis Area Ministries, as well as members of Pastor Dave's prior churches. We would like all to feel welcomed and well fed. For this we will need the help of the village, both for performing needed tasks and for helping to provide food by volunteering to prepare hors d'oeuvres or providing funds to purchase ingredients and supplies that are needed. Please help. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board opposite the lounge. If preparing hors d'oeuvres is not for you, you may contribute by writing a check to St. Martin's Church with the memo line marked for Installation Reception. Place the check (or cash) in a pew envelope with your name and envelope number on it and then place it in the offering plate. Cash gifts would work the same way. You may also include contribution using your regular offering envelope, indicating the amount given for the Installation Reception on a separate line from Current Expenses. Any way you give, time, talent or treasure, please give so we can make this reception reflect the joy we feel in welcoming Pastor Dave to our family.

Blood Drive at St. Martin's on September 18, 1 pm - 7 pm.

4th Annual Run for the Light House at Quiet Waters Park—Half Marathon, Sunday, September 29, 2013: This year's Half-Marathon is also complimented by the 6th Annual Jogging Joe Shafran Memorial Run, a 5K fun run in Joe's honor. It's a great way to spend time with loved ones, get exercise, take in the great outdoors, and give back. All proceeds from The Run For Shelter will benefit the Light House Shelter in Annapolis. Location: Sassafras Pavilion at Quiet Waters Park in Annapolis. Race Start: 7:30 am – Half-Marathon; 7:45 am – 5K Jogging Joe Shafran Memorial Run. For more information, contact events@annapolislighthouse.org or 443-569-4209. Register today at www.annapolisrunforshelter.com.

Pumpkin Patch (Light House Fundraiser) coming to St. Martin's on **October 4**. Details are coming soon.

ELCA's 25th Anniversary: As we celebrate 25 years together as the ELCA, we rejoice in all that we have accomplished as a church, but our work is far from over. Help us share the love of Christ far and wide by participating in a Day of Service some time this Fall. Our first T-shirt order has been made, for a total of 59!!! We should have the shirts in approximately three weeks. For those who have not yet ordered, you may order by using the gold forms and putting checks in Marianne Drumm's box, made out to her. Another order will be sent in, probably after school has been in session for a week or two. Thank you for making this effort such a success!

Gene Elliott's Memorial Service: Now available on video are the three tributes and Nick Drumm's violin solo at Gene's Memorial "Celebration of Life" at St. Martin's on April 27. Everyone can hear and see them on Shutterfly by using the following link: <https://geneelliottmemorialpix.shutterfly.com>. Also available for viewing are quite a few photographs from the reception.

Book of Reports: The annual book of reports is now available. Please contact the church office to request that a copy be e-mailed to you. A limited number of paper copies are also available in the office for those who do not have access to e-mail.

Summer Office Hours: The church office is closed on Mondays during the summer. Monday hours will resume on August 26 when school starts. If any need arises when the office is closed, please contact Pastor Dave (240-457-2043) or Larry Laubscher (443-995-2009).

Our Member Database: Did you get an Annual Meeting postcard from us this year? Are you getting your weekly e-mails? If not, please notify the church office so the database may be updated to keep you informed.

Flower, bulletin, and candle dedications can be made each week to honor, remember, or celebrate a special person or event. The cost for a flower arrangement ordered from Sandi's is \$50, or you may bring an arrangement yourself at no charge. You may use one of our vases here or bring your own. The Candle Dedication is \$12 and the Bulletin Dedication is \$15. Please take an envelope from the board across from the church office, complete it, and return it to secure your dedication dates.

Fellowship Hour: We need volunteers to host one of our Fellowship Hours on Sunday mornings immediately following our worship service. There is a hospitality sign-up sheet in the hallway with a schedule for upcoming Sundays. Find a Sunday that works for you and bring some goodies to share. We have written instructions for those of you who haven't yet had the opportunity to sign up.

Communion Bread: If you would like to provide or bake communion bread for worship some Sunday, please look for the sign-up sheet (and a suggested recipe if you like to bake) on the bulletin board by the church entryway.

Opportunities This Week

Sunday, August 11	10:00 am	Worship with Communion (S)
Monday, August 12	5:00 pm	Light House Shelter Dinner (Svoboda family)
Tuesday, August 13		
Wednesday, August 14	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (Conf)
Thursday, August 15	7:00 pm	Finance Committee (Conf)
Friday, August 16		
Saturday, August 17	10:00 am	Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)
Sunday, August 18	9:00 am	Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion (S)
	11:15 am	SHY - Sandy Point trip with Trinity Lutheran Youth
	5:00 pm	YAG - Crabs at Marta's (4 pm croquet opt.)

Ministers

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. David G. Oravec

Director of Music: Timothy E. Smith

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