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Pastor's Corner

While the cold of winter sends trees into dormancy, some animals into hibernation or south toward warmer climates—this doesn't happen in the church. In fact, it is during these winter days of the epiphany season that we celebrate God's light...and then enter into the season of Lent (which literally means spring). Here at St. Martin's we continue to grow through these winter days as we worship, learn, gather in joy, and work diligently for the well-being of others. Some highlights:

- February 1st - Super Bowl Sunday is marked by the Souper Bowl of Caring where we will collect \$ for the hungry during the children's message. Bring change for the noisy offering! Following worship our youth will host a "soup bar" to continue raising \$ for their trip to the national youth gathering.
- First Communion instruction continues and culminates with several of our young people receiving the sacrament of grace for the first time on Sunday, February 15th. Such milestones enable all of us to celebrate how the Holy Spirit nourishes us and sends us into the world to serve.
- Shrove Tuesday, February 17th, prompts us to gather for our annual pancake supper (to support our wonderful Scout troop). As we feast, enjoy fellowship and share the joy of being together—this actually serves as a reminder that Lent comes the next day on...
- Ash Wednesday, February 18th. Worship will be held at Noon and 7 PM. Begin Lent aright by being in worship, confessing and remembering Christ's love. Keeping a good Lent together is a way we grow in faith and understanding. This Lent we will be blessed by special poetry for the season written by our dear friend Peggy Eastman. Each week via email, you will receive poems that will point to important spiritual themes that we'll focus on as we go through the 40 days. I'm already thankful for Peggy's offering to St. Martin's and trust that we will all be blessed by her holy gifts that will prompt reflection, conversation and renewal.
- Wednesdays during Lent: Through the holy season, we'll gather for a light supper at 6 PM followed by a short worship at 7 PM. We'll use parts of the beautiful Holden Village vespers and celebrate the Eucharist during this reflective and prayerful time of worship.
- On March 1st, the children's choir from Uganda will be with us. We will celebrate the joyful sounds of their songs and have time to share a meal and God's love with our new friends. The concert is at 4 PM and offers a great opportunity for you to invite a friend. I hope you will.

- On Saturday, March 14th, we welcome the Rev. Bill Tenny-Brittian for a special workshop for the whole congregation. Members and friends of SMLC are welcome. I'm excited about what this day will mean to us. Through Bill's wisdom, care, and energetic teaching style, we will grow in understanding and enthusiasm for being Gods people when we're gathered and when we're not. You'll be hearing more and more about this—and I hope that you give your church family this day on your calendar. Together we will be blessed!

In addition to the above list, many other good things are happening each week at your church: Bible study, volleyball, singing, quilting for the poor, helping kids and youth learn, serving neighbors in need (in various ways) and more. At the center of all of it is our worship life together! Thanks for your faithfulness and I hope to see you in church soon.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Dave+

A Note from Pastor Dave

I wanted to extend my deep gratitude to the St. Martin's family for your love, prayers, and many expressions of sympathy at the death of my dad and uncle. Sandy and I remain so thankful for God's ongoing grace within this caring and good faith family. Thank you!

Flying Quilters

The flying Quilters will meet on Monday, February 9th and 23rd in Fellowship Room A/B from 10:00 am -2:00 pm. Please consider joining us. You don't need sewing skills. If you can put in a pin or tie a knot, we can use your help. Bring a lunch and stay for the day, or come for whatever time you can. This is a great way to serve others and also meet some new people (and we always have a good time!). Any questions please contact Judy Houston at 410-263-3888 or djhouston1@comcast.net.

Volleyball At St. Martin's

Did you make a resolution to start exercising more? Volleyball is a great, low key way to stay active! Volleyball will continue through February at 7:00 pm on Tuesdays in the gym. Anyone 16 and older is welcome to play! Please come in the doors by the gym. Please contact Gary Shenk or Carin Smith (610-505-1608) with any questions.

More Info About The Ugandan Kids Choir

The Ugandan Kids Choir, a group of ten talented Ugandan children, has announced that they will be performing at St. Martin's Lutheran Church on March 1, 2015 at 4 pm. All ten children have been given hope through Childcare Worldwide's Sponsorship Program and now they are here to spread that hope to audiences all across the United States. The choir has performed nationwide at churches, schools, at Disneyland, on King 5 Television's "New Day Northwest," at Qwest Field, home of the Seattle Seahawks, and on the steps of the White House.

These children delight audiences with traditional African songs and dances. Megan DiRienzo, Curator of Education at the San Angelo Museum of Fine arts says, "All of you have amazing talents, beautiful voices and some serious dance skills! A performance like yours was a once in a lifetime opportunity. We fully support you on your mission to end child poverty!"

The Ugandan Kids Choir is a ministry of Childcare Worldwide, which has been dedicated to empowering children in the developing world since 1981. Through child sponsorship, Childcare Worldwide brings hope to children in need by providing them with an education that will set them up for future employment and break the cycle of poverty in their lives. *(Information on sponsorship is available on their website, www.childcareworldwide.org, and we will include a FAQ sheet with another concert poster in our e-blast before the concert.)*

By coming to this event, you will enjoy traditional African song and dance, as well as help children in need all around

the world. So don't miss this unique and authentic performance by the children of the Ugandan Kids Choir. *Please look for the flyer enclosed in Tabletalk and share with your friends.*

More Ways to Help the Ugandan Kids Choir

As a non-profit the Ugandan Kids Choir is always on the lookout for donated services. The choir will be in our care until Tuesday morning, March 3rd, when they move on to their next location. If you happen to know someone who would like to be involved and donate their time and resources in these areas, they would be blessed: Dental care, Eye Exams, Professional Audio or Video Recording for making a CD/DVD, Studio Photography, Bus maintenance. To assist them in getting visas for the next choir any newspaper articles, media, news announcements, or recording from the church of the performance is helpful. Newspapers, links, CDs, or DVDs can be given to the tour leader or sent to their office.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE- SATURDAY, MARCH 14!!

On this special day, we welcome the Rev. Bill Tenney-Brittian to be with us for an inspiring day at St. Martin's. Bill will help us understand how healthy churches position themselves for growth and vital ministry. He'll help each one of us clearly understand how we can engage in ministries within the congregation so that our efforts *together* best glorify God. Pastor Dave gives Bill his highest recommendation and 4 key leaders returned from one of his recent workshops extremely excited about how his presence among us will bless and guide us for years to come. All members and friends of St. Martin's are invited. More information to come...but PLEASE do save the date!

Golf League Players Needed!

We are in the process of trying to determine interest in forming a Thursday night 9 hole golf league at Compass Pointe in Pasadena. The attraction of this course is that we could play a different 9 hole course in a 4 week rotation. The league will run Mid-April thru early October and will start each week at 5:00PM. The cost is \$33.00 per golfer per round and there will be weekly prizes. The goal is to start the league with 50 golfers and there are already other congregations who have expressed interest in joining us. If interested contact Pastor Dave or Lenny Bosley at 443-354-2947; lenbos2000@yahoo.com

Ugandan Choir Potluck Dinner - You're Invited!

After the **4 pm concert on March 1st**, all are invited to join us for food and fellowship in the gym. Please bring a covered dish to share. There will be outlets available for crockpots. Coolers and the kitchen refrigerator will also be available to keep things cool during the performance, which will be about 40 minutes in length. If you have any questions, please email Nicole Gunhus, Ngunhus@aol.com.

Adult Choir Music for Easter and Lent Worship

Here's your chance to join the choir for a temporary run again if you're still hesitant to commit year-round. Please join us on Wednesdays 2/4 and 2/11 at 7 pm in the sanctuary for an hour rehearsal. Rehearsals will shift during Lent. Please stay tuned via the Weekly Announcements for which day and time they will take place for the 5 weeks after Ash Wednesday, 2/18. We will continue to rehearse Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in the sanctuary, so feel free to drop in any time before worship and sing along with us, even if it's just for fun. We promise not to pressure you, but hope you enjoy it enough to stick around for a while! 😊

Children's Choir for Easter

Please check the Weekly Announcements for Children's Choir rehearsals in February and March. All enthusiastic children, Kindergarten age through Confirmation age, are welcome. We rehearse after 10 am worship (about 11:15 am) in the sanctuary for about 15-20 minutes while parents can enjoy coffee and fellowship in the narthex. This is an easy choir to belong to, with very little time commitment, so please consider joining us for this series of rehearsals before Easter.

Do you play an instrument?

If you'd like to help enhance Sunday worship at any time with your musical talents, please let the organist, Kerry Heyes, know. Often there are opportunities in choir accompaniment that call for additional strings, woodwinds or brass, and it would be great to use our own members' talents on those occasions.

"THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON" - LENTEN BIBLE STUDY, led by Pastor Kendall Summers:

Explore the biblical story of the return of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15: 11-32) in group fellowship on Sunday mornings

through the season of Lent, beginning Sunday February 22 through Good Friday, March 29, 2015.

With insights from Henri Nouwen, discovery the depth of meaning which sheds light on every aspect of our lives, as people of God, and in our relationships to one another. This bible study opened up profound insights and earth changing discoveries in my own journey, and I hope it will be a like catalyst for you.

Fellowship, discussion, insight, and *donuts* – what could be better - through Lent, 9-10am in the Study/Lounge. Please join the discussion, for one Sunday or all seven!

Contact Pastor Kendall Summers for questions or further information, at (410) 991 – 0293.

Troop 771 Pancake Supper:

Boy Scout Troop 771 Pancake Supper will be held **Tuesday February 17 from 4:45 to 7:00 pm**. If Anne Arundel County School cancels school on February 17 due to weather, the Troop will postpone the Pancake Supper and it will be held the following Tuesday February 24, 4:45 - 7:00 pm. You may purchase your tickets from any scout after the 10 am service in the Narthex beginning the first Sunday in February, or at the door the day of the supper. Questions? Please call or text Linda Danckwerth at 410-279-2376 or email danckwerth@verizon.net.

Vacation Bible School 2015

Vacation Bible School for 2015 will be July 6-10. Our theme is "G-Force – God's love in action". The children will be exploring how to put their faith into action as they "Move!", "Act!", "Care!", "Follow!", and "Share!" As before we will be presenting 5 Bible stories (2 from the Old Testament and 3 from the New Testament).

I know it seems like July is a long way off, but we are already making plans. We can always use volunteers. If you can't volunteer during the week of VBS, we will have some opportunities for helping with crafts or decorations that can be done evenings or after church on some Sundays.

The theme includes action items like skateboards, bikes, scooters and race cars. If you have anything that could fit the theme that we could use that week, we would appreciate it (things like old license plates, bicycle wheels, skate boards, etc.)

If you think you can help in any way or have any questions, please email me at judyhouston2@gmail.com or call me at 410-263-3888.

Let me tell you a story...

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Please join them

MARCH 1, 2015 CONCERT
4:00 PM

St. Martin's Lutheran Church
1120 Spa Road, Annapolis
410-263-4723

See you there!

A free-will offering will be taken to support the ministry of Childcare Worldwide, empowering Ugandan Children and other children in the Developing World.

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Bus Trip to National Cathedral and National Museum of Women in the Arts:

Saturday, March 7th: 9:30AM-4:15PM

Sign up for a wonderful day of fellowship on a bus trip to Washington, DC.

1. Enjoy a docent-led tour of the National Cathedral followed by a worship service in Bethlehem Chapel led by Rev. Kendall Summers, a member of St. Martin's.
2. Have lunch at the Cathedral café, or bring your own to eat on the bus when we depart.
3. Visit the National Museum of Women in the Arts. Special exhibition: *Picturing Mary*. See works of art focusing on Mary, the mother of Jesus, in all media (paintings including triptychs, sculpture, textiles, prints by Durer and Rembrandt) and covering the period from the 1300s to the 1800s. The exhibit, which includes 60 works of art from around the world, addresses the most frequently painted woman in Western art until the 18th century. Many well-known artists, including Albrecht Durer, Fra Lippi, Botticelli, Luca della Robbia, Michelangelo, Caravaggio, Artemisia Gentileschi are represented in this impressive exhibit.

We will depart at 9:30AM by coach bus from St. Martin's Lutheran Church.

The cost of the trip is \$36.00. Checks should be made out to Elizabeth Knupp.

*Price includes bus, tip for driver, admissions and tours, and snacks on the way home.

For questions, contact Betty Knupp (410-956-4881; Knuppster@aol.com). Please **sign up no later than February 22**.

Theatre event for St. Martin's members and friends: *Murder in the Cathedral*

You are invited to come to this dramatic play on **Sunday, February 22 at 2pm** at Compass Rose Theater at 29 Spa Road. It will be a chance to get together for fellowship. *Murder in the Cathedral* is T. S. Eliot's dramatization of the murder of Thomas Becket at Canterbury in 1170. It was the winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature. This gripping drama portrays the assassination of Archbishop Thomas Becket who struggles with four tempters, with each posing a different challenge. Praised for its poetically masterful handling of issues of faith, politics, and the common good, T. S. Eliot's play bolstered his reputation as the most significant poet of his time. After the show, there will be a specially-arranged post-show discussion with the actors and the artistic director and founder of the theater, Cindy Merry-Browne. People can carpool from St. Martin's. The group rate is \$25 per ticket (rather than \$35). Make your check payable to Elizabeth Knupp or give cash in an envelope with your name on it to Betty (410-956-4881; Knuppstser@aol.com) or Heather Tuckfield by February 16. Come join us!

Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 1, after 10 am worship: Super Bowl Soup Bar Fundraiser.

Sunday, February 15 during 10 am worship, 1st Holy Communion for 5th graders.

February 17: 4:45 pm – 7:00 pm: Pancake Supper (Gym)

February 18, Ash Wednesday Service at Noon and 7 pm

February 25: Lenten Supper/Worship: Soup and Salad - 6:00 pm; Service – 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 1, 4 pm: Ugandan Children’s Choir Concert

Saturday, March 14, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm: Rev. Bill Tenney-Brittan Workshop

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

Carole Komenda	February 4
Robert Bartel	February 6
Peter Fischer	February 9
Beverly Fossum	February 10
Nicholas Drumm	February 17
William Edgerton	February 18
Dr. Robert Pribble	February 18
Tim Doyle	February 19
Brian Wetz	February 21
Elinore Pribble	February 23
Barbara Freeman	February 28

Anniversaries

Clarence and Juliette Kragh	February 21
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Sun

Mon

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Sat

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 for any new updates.

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8 am Worship
 9:00 Sun. School
 9:00 Parent Adult
 Forum (Art Rm)
 9:00 Adult Study –
 Prayer (L)
 9:15 am Choir
 10 am Worship

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7 pm Adult Bible
 Study (L)

3

7 pm Volleyball
 (Gym)

4

7 am Men's Bible
 Study
 10:45 am Staff
 Meeting
 7 pm Choir (S)

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8 am Worship
 9:00 Sun. School
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 9:15 am Choir
 10 am Worship

9

7 pm Adult Bible
 Study (L)
 10 am Flying
 Quilters (A,B)

10

7 pm Finance
 Committee
 Meeting
 7 pm Volleyball
 (Gym)

11

7 am Men's Bible
 Study
 10:45 am Staff
 Meeting
 7 pm Choir (S)

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8 am Worship
 9:00 Sun. School
 9:00 Parent Adult
 Forum (Art Rm)
 9:15 am Choir
 10 am Worship;
 1st Holy
 Communion

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Presidents Day
***Church Office
 Closed***
School Closed
 7 pm Adult Bible
 Study (L)

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School Closed
 7 pm Church
 Council Meeting
 4:45 pm Pancake
 Supper (Gym)

18

School Closed
Ash Wednesday
 7 am Men's Bible
 Study
 10:45 am Staff
 Meeting
 12 pm Service (S)
 6 pm Choir (S)
 7 pm Service (S)

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School Closed

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School Closed

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8 am Worship
 9:00 Sun. School
 9:00 Parent Adult
 Forum (Art Rm)
 9:00 Lenten Bible
 Study (L)
 9:15 am Choir
 10 am Worship

23

7 pm Adult Bible
 Study (L)
 10 am Flying
 Quilters (A,B)

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7 pm Volleyball
 (Gym)

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7 am Men's Bible
 Study
 10:45 am Staff
 Meeting
 6 pm Lenten
 Soup/Salad
 7 pm Service (S)

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

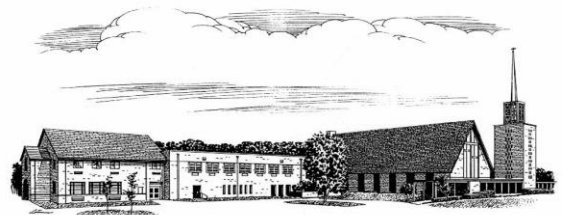
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

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!**