

ST. MARTIN'S Weekly Announcements

July 28, 2013

Serving in Worship

Ushers:	Tom Freeman, Barbara Freeman, Martha Hollenbeck, Carole Komenda
Communion Assistants:	Sara Wetz, Judy Svoboda, Glenn Hollenbeck, Bob Drumm
Lector:	Jeannette Brzozowsky
Assisting Minister:	Linda Wetz
Children's Message:	Marta Wallace
Communion Bread:	Altar Guild
Communion Clean Up:	Tom Freeman and Barbara Freeman
Hospitality:	Everyone please bring something to share.
Organist:	Timothy Smith
Preacher and Celebrant:	Rev. Ray Ranker

Today's Prayer List: We include the following in our prayers: Kelly Adams, Ken Barnes, Robin Bolig, Charlene Brogan, Jamshed Chaudry, Jina Eckhardt, Louise Gebelein, Doug Hole, Sue Lanham, Ethel LaRue, Pr. George Mathews, June Peddicord, the family of Mildred Pugh (mother of Bob Brock), who passed away on Monday, 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 18:20–32. Psalm 138, Colossians 2:6–15 [16–19], Luke 11:1–13

Dedications: The flowers are given today to the glory of God and to all the young adults who participated in last Sunday's joyful worship service from Betty and John Knupp. The bulletin is given today to the glory of God and in honor of daughter Beth Morrison's birthday, by Jack and Norma Teel.

Today

We welcome **Rev. Ray Ranker** today as our preacher and celebrant. Pr. Ray grew up in Reisterstown, MD, just outside of Baltimore. After attending the University of Maryland, he went on to serve a year in the ELCA's Young Adult in Global Mission program in Argentina. Before going to seminary, he did short term volunteer projects in Brazil, Africa, Jerusalem, and Eastern Europe. Since 2007 he has served as a commissioner for the World Council of Churches. In 2011, after graduating from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, he was called as the Lutheran Campus Pastor at the University of Maryland. He is married to Karin Brown, the coordinator of the ELCA Peace Not Walls Campaign, which is focused on peace and justice in Israel and Palestine.

We plan to present Pastor Ranker with school supply donations to support his Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Maryland College Park and the students' annual backpack outreach project. Please leave donations in the basket under the info easel in the Narthex today.

Service Opportunities

Lock-up Team: Thanks to Ben Blomendahl for locking up our church this past week. Ches Lanham (410-268-4756) 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.

Bookkeeper Needed: After many fine years of service, Ron Simmons will be stepping down as bookkeeper, effective September 1. If you are interested in serving St. Martin's in this vital position, please contact the church treasurer, Mark Sindt (410-897-1091). Some familiarity with QuickBooks would be helpful and training will be provided.

St. Martin's Garden Club News: A big thank you to the 13 people who helped on Wednesday to beautify the gardens at St. Martin's. What a fantastic turnout! We weeded and pruned the rain gardens and other landscaped areas. Look around to see the results. We give special thanks to Jonathan Aseltine, Jane and Tim Doyle, Mary Ann Elliott, Barbara and Tom Freeman, Martha Hollenbeck, Betty and John Knupp, Joanne Lewis, Deb Mangin, Julianne Page, and Kristina Von Rosenvinge. Come join us on **Tuesday, August 27** from 5:30 - 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: The Light House is in need of a family to sponsor dinner for 60 people in September. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex for more information. Tara and Brian Kovalski prepared/served dinner on Monday, where 55 persons attended. Turnout varies from week to week, but the shelter asks that we overestimate, (as far as food prep goes), to account for everyone. There is a liaison meeting on Tuesday, July 30th. If you have a particular concern or question to be addressed at the meeting, please email Tara Chaudry Kovalski at solostyleforu@gmail.com, and reference Light House in the subject line. Tara and Brian Kovalski have agreed to handle dinner prep/service on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, as the Light House has recently lost volunteer support on these evenings. If you are interested in helping them prepare or serve dinner on one of those nights, please email Tara at solostyleforu@gmail.com. Dinners normally serve 45 persons, and 3–4 people are needed for meal service. If your family is interested in sponsoring a Monday dinner this Fall, please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Communion Cleanup: Each Sunday after the service, there is a small group of volunteers who wash 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

Gene Elliott's Memorial Service: Now available on video are the 3 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.

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. A scenic run along the trails of Quiet Waters Park and through the beautiful Chesapeake Bay front neighborhood of Hillsmere Shores, this race is unlike any other in the greater Annapolis area! All proceeds from The Run For Shelter will benefit the Light House Shelter in Annapolis. Race organized by Friends of the Light House Shelter, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization. Location: Sassafras Pavilion at Quiet Waters Park, Annapolis. Race Start: 7:30am Half Marathon, 7:45am 5k Jogging Joe Shafran Memorial Run. **Register by August 1st and save \$10!!** For more information contact events@annapolislighthouse.org or 443-569-4209. Register today at www.annapolisrunforshelter.com.

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. We are a church that belongs to Christ. There is a place for everyone here. Help us share the love of Christ far and wide! **St. Martin's has set aside September 8, 2013, as a day of service to others**, along with ELCA Lutherans around the country. If 20 or more of us order the ELCA's bright yellow "God's Work, Our Hands" T-shirts, we can even have our church/school name printed on the back! Wearing our T-shirts around Annapolis and the surrounding area (even on vacation!) is a wonderful way to show our spirit, joy, and focus on others. We'll also be advertising our warm, inviting church, where God's Word is shared along with God's love! Shirts start at \$6.50 each. Please include a check for the amount of your order in the offering plate, along with the slip, or put it in Marianne Drumm's mailbox in the church office. All checks must be made out to "*Marianne Drumm*". **The deadline for orders is August 4th!** If you did not receive a form, the shirt information is posted in the hallway on the bulletin board along with the hospitality and communion bread sign-up sheets. Questions? Contact Marianne Drumm at 410-721-2376 or croftondrumms@gmail.com. For additional information, visit the ELCA website at ELCA.org/25years.

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 Earl (410-585-7158) 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.

Summer Softball/Kickball: On Mondays and Wednesdays, St. Martin's will be gathering to play softball (age 14 and up) and/or kickball (age 10 and up) at the Annapolis Middle School field. Games start at 6:30 pm so please arrive early. If you have any questions, please contact Ches Lanham at 410-268-4756 or email sueches4@comcast.net.

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, July 28	10:00 am	Worship with Communion (S)
Monday, July 29	6:30 pm	Softball/Kickball (Annapolis Middle School field)
Tuesday, July 30		
Wednesday, July 31	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting (Conf)
	6:30 pm	Softball/Kickball (Annapolis Middle School field)
Thursday, August 1		
Friday, August 2		
Saturday, August 3	10:00 am	Men's Choir Rehearsal (S)
Sunday, August 4	9:00 am	Men's Choir Rehearsal (S)
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion (S)

Ministers

Vice Pastor:	The Rev. Earl Janssen	Principal:	James D. Moorhead
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