

ST. MARTIN'S Weekly Announcements

March 24, 2013

Serving in Worship

Ushers:	Darrell Dempster, Joanne Lewis, Patty Laubscher, Faye Wetherhold
Communion Assistants:	Tom Freeman, Barbara Freeman, Judy Houston, John Knupp
Lector:	Heather Tuckfield
Assisting Minister:	Linda Wetz
Children's Message:	Marta Wallace
Communion Bread:	Altar Guild
Communion Clean Up:	Joanne Lewis and Donnaleen Trump-Starkey
Hospitality:	Glenn and Martha Hollenbeck
Organist:	Timothy Smith
Preacher and Celebrant:	Pastor Mary Miller-Zurell

Today's Prayer List: We include the following in our prayers: Kelly Adams, Ken Barnes, Charlene Brogan, Marianne Drumm, Jina Eckhardt, Martha Edsall, Gene Elliott, Angela Ellis, Louise Gebelein, Doug Hole, Jonathan, Don Kredensor, Sue Lanham, Ethel LaRue, Rhea Lee, Marilyn, Laird O'Neill, Pr. John Ranney, Sandy Raphael, Helen Rudderow, Charles Shott, Stephanie Spies, Mike Taylor, Lily Ann Weeks, SSG Tony Cecil, Sgt. Brendan Fossum, civilian Tim Junak, Capt. Robert Parsley, Sgt. Cara Riordan, OS1 John Shutt, Matthew Rhodes and family, and our homebound members — Donald Burkness, Ardith Diffendorfer, Muriel Eser, Louise Herklotz, Anna Robinson, and Betty Strohl.

Scripture Readings: Psalm 31:9–16, Philippians 2:5–11

Flowers: During the season of Lent, the sanctuary appointments are subdued and simple. Having no flowers or just dried twigs is most appropriate.

Dedications: The bulletin is given today in honor of the birthday of our grandson, Peter Morrison, by Jack and Norma Teel.

Holy Week

Come and Walk with Jesus! Holy Week 2013. A three-day drama begins today and continues Thursday and Friday evening. It is called "The Cry of the Whole Congregation" by Walter Wangerin. Thank you to all the participants, including you! Don't miss the full story! Be with us all week.

Maundy Thursday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. Worship! Our drama continues with a walk to the upper room, the last supper, the garden of Gethsemane, and Jesus' arrest. At the end of worship, the altar fixings (candles, cloths, etc.) are all removed as Psalm 22 is sung.

Good Friday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. Worship.....we continue to the foot of the cross with the solemn conclusion of our drama. As the service continues, we experience the darkness at Jesus' death and the silence of his absence.

Easter Sunday, March 31 at 10 a.m. Worship the risen Christ! Rejoice with glorious music! Proclaim the "Christ is risen!" Following the service: an Easter Egg Hunt for children on the lawn outside and a "Potluck" Brunch Reception in the narthex/entryway; everyone is invited to bring breakfast finger food to share!

Learning

The **Adult Forum** continues **TODAY** with Pastor Fink leading a series on the biblical book of Romans at **9 a.m.** in the library/lounge. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you forget your Bible, there are extras available—just come!

The **Monday Night Study Group** continues tomorrow evening at 7 p.m. in the library/lounge. The topic is "Being Christian in a Complex World." As the title suggests, the discussions will revolve around how our Christian faith guides us and makes a difference in our work, walk, and talk in a world that can be indifferent or even sometimes hostile to people of faith. Pastor Fink will also accompany this group.

For parents and children! Pre-communion classes are scheduled for **Mondays, April 8 and 15, from 6 to 7 p.m.** Parents, if your child or children have been asking about receiving Holy Communion, these classes are for you and your children! Please email Pastor Mary (primarym-z@comcast.net) by Easter with the names and grades (including preschool ages) of children that will be attending so materials may be ordered in advance.

Service Opportunities

Lock-up Team: Thank you 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.

Lighthouse Shelter Dinner: Volunteers are needed for the **April 8th** and **June 10th** Lighthouse Shelter Dinners. Saint Martin's is responsible for preparing dinner at the Lighthouse Shelter on the second Monday of each month. Please consider helping with this important ministry. Several families working together or a church group makes it an easier task. If you would like to prepare a meal and need any menu suggestions or other help, please contact Barbara Freeman at 410-798-6612 or tombarb.freeman@verizon.net.

Spring cleaning? Flying Quilters is currently in dire need of fabric to assemble into quilt tops. We also collect sheets for the backs. If you'd like to join us, we will meet **Mondays, April 15th and 29th, and May 13th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Bring a lunch and stay for the whole time or come for whatever part of the day that you can. If you can put in a pin or tie a knot, we can use you. No experience or sewing ability is needed. We hope to see you there. For more information, call Judy Houston at 410-263-3888 or email djhouston1@comcast.net.

Homework Club: The Homework Club meets most Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. tutoring children from the Newtowne Rec Center. We will be meeting **April 10, 17, and 24; and May 8**. We are in desperate need of some new volunteers. We usually have between six to eight children each week. Most of the students this year have been in 1–3rd grade so knowledge of calculus is not required! If you would like to help or have any questions, please contact Barbara Freeman at 410-798-6612 or tombarb.freeman@verizon.net.

Other

St. Martin's Middle School Variety Show: You are invited to attend the St. Martin's Middle School Variety Show on **Friday, April 19 at 7 p.m.** in the gym. The show is entitled "St. Martin's Meets the Mouse." Join us for an evening of great music, dancing, comedy, and a few surprises! To help with show expenses, we are asking for \$5 per person (children in grade 1 and younger are free!). Please enter through the courtyard or playground doors. Thank you for your support of St. Martin's Lutheran School!

NEW! Volleyball every **Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m.** Anyone 14 or older is invited to play. There will be lots of fun. For questions, call Ches at 410-268-4756 or email sueches4@comcast.net.

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.

How would you improve the world? Here's a chance to help shape the future of the world. The ELCA's advocacy ministry at the United Nations encourages you to participate in the "My World" survey on your priorities for creating a better world. See www.ELCA.org/WorldWeWant.

4th Annual Morgan State Campus Ministry Fundraising Concert—Prepare to hear the Spirit work through music! Come and hear The Morgan State University Choir on **Sunday, April 14th at 4:00 p.m.** at Christ Lutheran Church, 701 S. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21230. There will also be a performance by a Morgan State men's step group. Adult tickets: \$25; children/student tickets: \$10. Can we get a group together from St. Martin's? All proceeds benefit Lutheran Campus Ministry at Morgan State. For tickets, please contact Pastor Laura Sinche (LSinche@towson.edu or 540-903-3435) or Reggie Price (443-791-0074). To order tickets online, go to www.BaltimoreLutheranCampusMinistry.org.

Save the date! Sunday, May 19th is Pastor Mary's last day at St. Martin's. It is also Pentecost Sunday, Confirmation Sunday, and the last day of Sunday School. A reception to welcome the new confirmands will be held immediately after our worship service that day. We will then adjourn to the church courtyard for a light luncheon and celebration in Pastor Mary's honor. Please come and wish her Godspeed as she travels to her new home in North Carolina where she will be joining her husband, Bill. More details to follow!

Opportunities This Week

<i>Palm Sunday</i> , March 24	9:00 a.m.	Education Hour (L)
	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class (Y)
	9:15 a.m.	Choir (S)
	9:50 a.m.	Palm processional (Spa Rd. circle door entry)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion (S) <i>Including: Special Sunday School Lenten Presentation</i>
Monday, March 25	7:00 p.m.	Monday Night Study Group (L)
Tuesday, March 26	6:30 p.m.	School Board Meeting (B)
	7:00 p.m.	Volleyball (G)
Wednesday, March 27	1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting (Conf Rm)
	7:30 p.m.	Choir (S)
<i>Maundy Thursday</i> , March 28	10:00 a.m.	Grandfriend's Day Chapel Service (S) <i>School Closes at 12 noon</i>
	7:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service (S) <i>School Closed</i>
<i>Good Friday</i> , March 29	7:30 p.m.	Good Friday Service (S)
Saturday, March 30		
<i>Easter Sunday</i> , March 31	9:15 a.m.	Choir (S)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion (S)
	11:15 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt (Outside) and Brunch Potluck (Narthex)

Ministers

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