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**Deadline for December Tabletalk
Articles is November 18**

Pastor's Corner - A Pastoral Word in this Election Season

Dear St. Martin's Family,

November 2016 will go down in our nation's history as a time when the people of the United States weren't too *united*. Folks, for whom I care deeply, are on opposite ends of the political spectrum and plan to vote their convictions for what they think is the best way forward.

So, it feels to me like we are a people being pulled apart from one another- beyond normal differences of approach, etc. Such describes the "powers and principalities" (Ephesians 6:12) of this world that want us to be at enmity with each other. The descriptive word that comes to mind regarding our current situation is *dismember* (*Webster's- to cut or separate something into smaller parts*).

But the Church is called to be a beacon light of hope during times like these. When the evil powers of the world are pulling us apart, Christ desires for us to be messengers of healing; to be the ones who *re-member*. First of all, we remember that He has won the final victory over death and evil. We also remember that the marks of His children always include: caring for the poor and lowly, proclaiming news that all are beloved, living generously, being kind, showing mercy, walking with humility, and speaking prophetically for justice. In all these things we embody His love and seek to *re-member* a world that is divided by sin. Christ's Church has been doing this Gospel work for two thousand years and we're good at it.

Regardless of who wins the Presidential election, all of us will have a job to do in the days to come. How will you be a vessel of the Holy Spirit among those who see things differently? How will you be a blessing to a world that needs healing?

The answers to these questions emerge when we listen to His Word and feast at the Table of Thanksgiving. Now is a time for us to draw close to Him and one another as we pray for our country and God's world. I hope to see you in worship soon.

In Christ's Great Love,

Pastor Dave+

All Saints Sunday is November 6th

It's a day when we remember that we are all God's saints through the waters of baptism. It's also a day when we intentionally thank Jesus for all those who have died within the last year and now have eternal rest in heaven. If you have a loved-one who has passed into the nearer presence of Christ recently and would like to have their name added to the prayer list, please call the church office 410-263-4723 by noon on Thursday, November 3rd.

It's time for the St. Martin's Children's Choir!

We will start rehearsals on Nov. 6th right at the conclusion of the 10:00 am service in the sanctuary. The first time we will sing for worship will be December 4. Please join us!

Flying Quilters

The Flying Quilters will meet again on **Monday, November 7 and 14 in Fellowship Rooms A/B at 10:00 am.** We would welcome some new members. You do not need any sewing skills. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Houston at 410-263-3888; djhouston1@comcast.net.

Outie Lunch

"Outie Group" - Lunch on **Wednesday, November 9, 1:00 p.m.** at "Glory Days Grill" (3 Lee Airpark Drive, Edgewater 21037 off Route 2). Hope you can join us! Contact: Carole Komenda (410-266-7132)

Adult Forum

The Sunday Adult Forum meets between services from 9:00 am - 9:45 am in the fellowship wing. We hope you can join us. On Nov. 6th, Mari Dorn-Lopez will lead a discussion on how to "Love Thy Neighbor" which will focus on undocumented minors in the U.S. Looking ahead, Betty Knupp will lead a discussion on "Great Altar Pieces" on Nov. 13 and 20. We hope you can attend some or all of these wonderful lectures! - No Adult Forum on Nov. 27th.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 15, 1 - 4 pm** at the home of Betty Cirone. Her address is 251 Lindenhall Court, Riva, MD 21140. If you have questions, please call Betty at 410-956-6619. 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 (443-646-6630). We mail these "tangible hugs from God" out of town.

Christmas Boxes for Seafarers

It's time to begin collecting: shoe boxes (regular not boot size), small toiletry items (small shampoos, soap, combs, manicure kits, lotions, shaving items, chapstick); warm hats, socks, gloves, scarves; play cards, small crossword & sudoku books, pens, pads, flash drives—so that St. Martin's can again bless the Christmas of mariners who will be on the high seas, far from home on Christmas day. The Seafarer Box to receive these gifts is in the narthex. **We'll assemble the gifts at our annual Advent Workshop to be held on Sunday, Nov 27 after church.**

Advent Workshop

November 27th is the 1st Sunday of Advent this year. In keeping with our custom it's also the day when we'll share in an Advent Workshop—a time to make wreaths for our homes, receive devotions to guide us through the four week journey to the manger, make gifts for homebound folks, pack boxes for Seafarers and enjoy the warmth of Christian fellowship as we listen to Christmas music together. This year, we're holding our workshop *right after the 10 AM service*. Since the event is a pot-luck, we hope you'll bring a dish to church (dishes can be left in the warming kitchen) and then we'll share lunch and the joy of the workshop. More information will be in the bulletin as we draw closer to this wonderful event.

Advent Wreath Help Needed

Martha Hollenbeck has created our beautiful Advent wreath for many years. Unfortunately for us, she would like to retire from this duty. We have the base of the wreath and the candles that are used each year. She would be more than happy to serve as a consultant but we are looking for someone(s) that would be interested in taking over this task. November 27th is the first Sunday in Advent this year. If you have any florist skills and are interested in helping to beautify our sanctuary, please contact Barbara Freeman, 410-798-6612/tombarb.freeman@verizon.net.

Annual Book of Reports

Reminder: The submission date for the Annual Book of Reports is **Monday, November 28.**

Monday Bible Study

Monday evening Bible Study continues in November from **7 - 8:30 pm in fellowship room B** each week. Pastor Dave and Pastor Nicki will continue studying the Gospel of Mark, Chapters 15 and 16 during the month. All are welcome - it's easy to join this study at any time. Great fellowship so come and learn!

St. Martin's Gardens

A big thank you to the volunteers who helped last month to beautify the gardens at St. Martin's: Tom and Barbara Freeman, Martha Hollenbeck, Betty and John Knupp, Lisa Lasfargues, Deb Mangin, Donna Trump-Starkey and Caroline Melles and her twin boys from the school. We weeded and pruned the courtyard gardens, the narthex view garden and two rain gardens. God's work, our hands! Our next Garden Club workday will be in the spring. We appreciate all who helped during the year.

Adult Forum Continued

Thanks to Dr. Jen McNeel for an informative two week study on Philemon last month. We read that the Apostle Paul wrote as an advocate to his friend Philemon to accept his returning slave, Onesimus, in a new relationship. Slavery was part of the culture and norm of the early church, but Paul asked Philemon to accept his slave not in the former master/slave relationship, but as a beloved brother. If you are interested to read a follow up thought on understanding slavery in context of the Old Testament and how to comprehend it in today's fractured society, go to Jen's new blog at www.thetextincontext.com

School News

St. Martin's has the **2017** Chick-fil-A Cow Calendar for the low price of \$7. This is \$1 less than Chick-fil-A stores offer it. The benefit of purchasing through the school is **HALF** the proceeds go to St. Martin's! This 12-month calendar includes a promotional card that, once activated, may be redeemed monthly throughout **2017** for free featured offers. Calendars are in the school office.

St. Martin's Lutheran Seniors:



You are cordially invited to St. Martin's Lutheran Day School's Annual Thanksgiving Feast on **Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 11:30 am**. The event will take place in the School's Gym.

If special arrangements are required for a handicap person, please advise Libby Morley when responding to this invitation. Please R.S.V.P. Libby Morley by **Friday, November 11** via telephone number 410-269-1955, ext. 17. You can also email her at schooloffice@stmartinsonline.org. Reservation limited to 25.

Stewardship

November is the perfect month for a congregational stewardship emphasis! Why? Because in November we 1) celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday and 2) it's also a time when we start looking at a new year that is fast approaching.

Stewardship begins with *thanksgiving*. The word steward is another term for manager. We remember that everything we have in this life is a gift from God—and we are to be managers of these blessings. Our time, our gifts, our resources...all come from the Lord. So being a steward means that we take inventory with thanksgiving and then decide how we will share in gratitude in the coming year. In the Bible, people modeled first fruits giving by setting aside a tenth (or tithe) for God's purposes. Tithing is sometimes called "first fruits giving" and it's still the model Christians look to for guidance. Our denomination, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, invites members to give 10%, save 10%, and live on 80%. Not everyone is able to do this, but many consider it to be a wonderful model of generous living.

Members of St. Martin's will soon receive a stewardship letter with a pledge card enclosed. On November 13th and 20th we will focus on this theme within worship. Pastor Russell Fink will preach about stewardship on the 13th and that message will be powerful. Also, we will have two lay testimonials. On November 20th, we'd ask folks to bring your pledge card to worship and drop in the basket as you come forward for Holy Communion on that day.

Another goal of our stewardship this year is to encourage more and more folks to give *electronically*. E-giving is a real blessing to churches because even if folks aren't able to worship for some reason, their gifts are still enabling the day to day work of the church to happen smoothly and predictably. Perhaps you'll add your name to the list of e-givers at St. Martin's this year.

At St. Martin's we have so many generous and wise stewards! We are blessed and so we, as a family, are called to exercise wise stewardship together. I believe we are doing this and so will close by extending my deepest thanks to all of you who live and give generously. I trust that 2017 will bring many blessings as we share in the Gospel work of our Lord, Jesus Christ. May His blessings abound in your life always.

Pastor Dave+

St. Martin's is advertising for a new **Director of Youth Ministry**. We are seeking an enthusiastic, mature, Christian person able to work with middle and high school students and by extension, their families for this 20 hour per week position. This director will help to facilitate the Christian growth of our young people through class/youth Bible study and organize events (fun, service, retreats, fundraising) in coordination with Pastor Dave and the Youth Support Committee during regular meetings. The position will require occasional overnight retreats and annual multi-night service retreat or ELCA gathering. Must meet SMLC Child Safety standards. For full position description or to submit a resume', interested applicants may contact Marianne Drumm at [410-703-0876](tel:410-703-0876) or croftondrumms@gmail.com or Pastor Dave at [240-457-2043](tel:240-457-2043) or chapsdo@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

Gary Shenk	11/1
Mary Rosekrans	11/4
Matt Cline	11/6
Dottie Hall	11/9
Jesse Brogan	11/15
Myrtie Bartel	11/22
Cheryl Gallina	11/25
John Livingstone III	11/29

Anniversaries

Gary & Kelly Shenk	11/3
Larry & Louisa Day	11/25

A Thank You Note from the Congregational Council President

A Huge Thanks to All

I just want to express my sincere thanks to everyone who so generously gave of their time to help make this year's Oktoberfest a success!

Everything from set-up to great toasts, preparing and grilling brats, side and dessert offerings, corn hole, serving, and running out to get more food and drink! And, of course, all of you who supported this event. It was a wonderful community effort and great fellowship!

Let's do it again next year!

Many thanks!

Heather Tuckfield

Oktoberfest Memories:



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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November 2016

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****Election Day****

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7 am Men's Bible Study
 8:40 School Chapel
 10 am Staff Mtg
 7 pm Choir Rehearsal (S)

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****All Saints Day****

8 am Worship (S)
 9 am Choir Rehearsal (S)
 9 am Ed. Hour/ Confirmation
 10 am Worship (S)
 11:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal (S)

7

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

8

7:30 pm Finance Mtg (CF)

9

7 am Men's Bible Study
 8:40 School Chapel
 10 am Staff Mtg
 1 pm Outie Lunch @Glory Days
 7 pm Choir Rehearsal (S)

10

7 pm Committee Planning Mtg. (B)

11

Veterans Day
 Church Office Closed

12

13

8 am Worship (S)
 9 am Choir Rehearsal (S)
 9 am Ed. Hour/ Confirmation
 10 am Worship (S)
 11:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal (S)

14

7 pm Bible Study (B)
 10 am Flying Quilters (A,B)
 5 pm Light House Dinner (Joyful Hearts)

15

7 pm Council Meeting
 1 pm Prayer Shawl Mtg @ B. Cirone's

16

7 am Men's Bible Study
 8:40 School Chapel
 10 am Staff Mtg
 11:30 School Thanksgiving Feast (Gym)
 7 pm Choir Rehearsal (S)

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19

20

8 am Worship (S)
 9 am Choir Rehearsal (S)
 9 am Ed. Hour/ Confirmation
 10 am Worship (S)
 11:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal (S)

21

7 pm Bible Study (B)

22

12 pm School Dismissal

23

****School Closed****
 7 am Men's Bible Study
 10 am Staff Mtg
 7 pm Choir Rehearsal (S)

24

****Thanksgiving Day****
****School Closed****
****Church Office Closed****

25

****School Closed****
****Church Office Closed****

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27

8 am Worship (S)
 9 am Choir Rehearsal (S)
 9 am Ed. Hour/ Confirmation
 10 am Worship (S)
 11:15 am Advent Workshop

28

7 pm Bible Study (B)

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7 am Men's Bible Study
 8:40 School Chapel
 10 am Staff Mtg
 7 pm Choir Rehearsal (S)

Sun

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8 am Worship (S)
 9 am Choir Rehearsal (S)
 9 am Ed. Hour/Confirmation
 10 am Worship (S)

5

7 pm Bible Study (B)

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7

7 am Men's Bible Study
 8:40 School Chapel
 10 am Staff Mtg
 7 pm Choir Rehearsal (S)

8

7 pm New Member Class (B)

9

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11

8 am Worship (S)
 9 am Sunday School Rehearsal (S)
 9 am Choir Rehearsal (M)
 9 am Ed. Hour/Confirmation
 10 am Worship (S); New Members Rec.; SS Christmas Program
 11:30 Christmas Caroling

12

7 pm Bible Study (B)
 5 pm Light House Dinner (Houser/Spain Families)

13

14

7 am Men's Bible Study
 8:40 School Chapel
 10 am Staff Mtg
 7 pm Choir Rehearsal (S)

15

16

10:30 am School Christmas Program
 12 pm School Dismissal
 7 pm Yankee Gift Swap (Tuckfields)

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18

8 am Worship (S)
 9 am Choir Rehearsal (S)
 10 am Worship (S)

19

****School Closed****
 7 pm Bible Study (B)

20

****School Closed****
 7 pm Council Meeting

21

****School Closed****
 7 am Men's Bible Study
 10 am Staff Mtg
 7 pm Choir Rehearsal (S)

22

****School Closed****

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****School Closed****

24

Christmas Eve
 4 pm Family Service (S)
 7 pm Service (S)
 9 pm Service (S)

25

Christmas Day
 10 am Worship (S)

26

****School Closed****
****Church Office Closed****

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****School Closed****
****Church Office Closed****

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****School Closed****
 7 am Men's Bible Study
 10 am Staff Mtg
 7 pm Choir Rehearsal (S)

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****School Closed****

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****School Closed****

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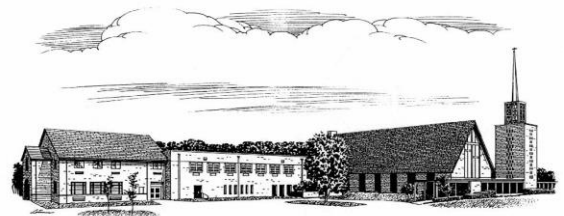
Sunday Worship: 8:00 am, 10:00 a.m.

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