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Social Ministry: Sara Wetz

Stewardship: Allison Poltorak

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**Deadline for November Tabletalk
Articles is October 21**

Dear St. Martin's Family,

Something special has happened since my last Table Talk entry. Here at St. Martin's Lutheran Church we've welcomed an important new member of our ministry team, Sister Stacie Lightner. Sister Stacie said farewell to her former congregation (St. John's Lutheran in Beatrice, NE), packed up her belongings, and drove 1230 miles to her new home with us! Since Sister Stacie is just coming on board, I thought it might be good for everyone if my October Pastor's Corner was about her. So, I interviewed her several days ago and the joy-filled conversation is below.

PD- Sister Stacie, we're so glad you're here now. As we get to know you, can you talk about where you grew up?

SS- Sure! I was born and raised in southwest Kansas in a place called Garden City. I grew up on a 700 acre grain farm. My dad, Richard, is a farmer, and grows wheat, corn, soy, and milo. My mom, Carol, is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and her primary work is with children and families.

PD- Do you have any siblings?

SS- I do. I have one brother and his name is Jess. He actually lives in Washington, DC and is a tuba player with the Air Force Concert Brass Band.

PD- What did you like to do as a kid growing up on a farm in Kansas?

SS- Well, there aren't a lot of trees in Kansas but we had this one tree on the farm and I really liked to climb it!

PD- When did you become interested in music?

SS- I had an older cousin named Shannon and she started taking piano lessons. I always looked up to her and wanted to do what she did, so when I was five years old I started taking piano lessons too. Music was a big part of my life because my mom was the organist at the church where I grew up.

PD- What is your home congregation?

SS- It's a little country church called Plymell Union Church. It's a non-denominational church and that's where my faith life began.

PD- When did you become a Lutheran?

SS- Later in my journey. I grew up at the little church in Kansas but through my years of study I worshipped and worked at everything from Anglican to Baptist churches. It wasn't until I was doing my doctoral work in Montreal that I started playing at a Lutheran church. When I did, I realized that it was a beautiful combination of hymnody and liturgy and it fit—and, A Mighty Fortress was always my favorite hymn growing up!

PD- Is it still your favorite hymn?

SS- My favorite hymn now is The Church of Christ In Every Age and it's actually my favorite because of the text more than the tune. I love the first line, "The Church of Christ, in every age beset by change, but Spirit led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead." Those words are so true.

PD- Yes! So, tell me about your music studies.

SS- I did my undergrad work at the University of Kansas with a dual major in organ and religious studies. My initial plan was to be a piano major but the plan changed. I decided to become an organ major instead and the timing was perfect because the university was just completing a new organ recital hall that is amazing! In fact, I helped carry in the pipes for the organ. Next I received a Fulbright Scholarship and went to Lubeck, Germany to study and perform. Then I returned to KU for my masters and that was in Church Music.

PD- You mentioned Canada for your doctoral work...

SS- Yes, at McGill University in Montreal. I was there for four years and earned a Doctorate in Music specializing in organ performance. It was at that time that I started playing at the Lutheran church and I knew I was home.

PD- I'm glad that happened! Tell me what you like to do in your spare time.

SS- I love Zumba and Pound. Pound is an exercise program where you have drum sticks and move to the beat to get the workout. I also like to crochet and be with my cat, Johnny Cashew. Oh, and I love small, quirky museums.

PD- What's the quirkiest museum you've ever visited?

SS- I'd say it was the German Wallpaper Museum in Kassel, Germany. It was *really* fascinating!

PD- What are you excited about here at St. Martin's?

SS- Well, it will be wonderful to worship the Lord with everyone and be able to provide leadership for the choirs and congregation. I'm excited about teaching the kids at our school. Also, since I'm studying to be a deaconess in the ELCA, in addition to being the Director of Music here, it will be my internship year. So, there are a lot of exciting, new challenges for me and I'm looking forward to all of them!

PD- Have you ever eaten a blue crab?

SS- No. But I'm ready to learn!

PD- Is there anything the congregation can do for you at this point?

SS- Actually, yes. There are lots of people and only one of me, so if everyone can repeat their names until I learn them all, that will help!

PD- That sounds easy enough. Thanks, Sister Stacie—we're very thankful that you answered the call to come and share in ministry with us at St. Martin's!

Please note that on Sunday, October 9th, Sister Stacie will be at the 9:00 AM Adult Forum and she will share more of her story and talk about the Deaconess program in the ELCA. I hope you can all attend!

Thanks to you all for your faithfulness. I hope to see you in church soon!

Your Brother in Christ,

Pastor Dave+

Pet Blessing

On **Friday, October 7**, there will be a **Pet Blessing** in the courtyard at **2:45 pm** for all members of St. Martin's Church and School.

Flying Quilters

The Flying Quilters will meet again on **Monday, October 10 and 24 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" Lunch - **Tuesday, October 11 at 1:00 pm** at **Panera Bread** - 3046 Solomon's Island Road (Rt. 2), Edgewater MD 21037. Hope you can join us. Contact: Carole Komenda, 410-266-7132.

LMS Clothes Sorting

We will be sorting clothes for the LMS on **Oct. 13 from 9:30 – 10:00 am** in fellowship rooms A, B. If you would like to help, please contact Beverly Fossum at 410-571-5810.

Pumpkin Patch

The pumpkins are coming! The Lighthouse Shelter Pumpkin Patch is returning to St. Martin's the weekend of October 15th. They are only receiving one patch of pumpkins this year and will run the patch until the pumpkins are sold out. St. Martin's will be responsible for helping to staff the patch on October 15th and 16th. We need several volunteers to help weigh the pumpkins and collect the monies. We will have two shifts each day from 10-2 or 2-6. If you can help staff a shift or have a couple of hours in between, please sign-up on the pumpkin poster in the narthex or contact Sara Wetz [410-956-6515](tel:410-956-6515)/slwetz@verizon.net. We also need people to help unload pumpkins at 9 am on October 15th.



Adult Forum

The Sunday Adult Forum meets between services from 9:00 am - 9:45 am in Fellowship Room B. We hope you can join us. On October 9th, Sister Stacie Lightner talks about what is a Deaconess and also about Music Ministry. October 16th & 23rd will feature discussion on Reformation. October 30th will be a discussion led by Cy Svoboda featuring why we are grateful to Luther from a Catholic perspective. We hope you can attend some or all of these wonderful lectures!

Monday Bible Study

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 20, 1-4 pm** at the home of Rita Moday. Her address is 1725 Tedbury St, Crofton, MD 21114. If you have questions, please call Rita at 410-721-1655. 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 (301-980-9105). We mail these "tangible hugs from God" out of town.

Garden Club

Our next Garden Club workday will be **Saturday, October 22, beginning at 9 am**. We will beautify the gardens for the fall. Save the date! - *Betty and John Knupp 410-956-4881*.

Joyful Hearts

[October 29th](#) - Clay Bakers, Main St Annapolis
Time: 10-12

Cost: \$25 plus tax due at the event

RSVP to Amy Stensland @ amystensland@gmail.com
by [10/20](#)

This is a BYO so everyone should bring a drink and snack to share.

You will have several clay items to choose from to paint.

You'll need to return on a following day to pick up your item. Alternatively, Clay Bakers will pack up your item and I'll pick it up and put it in the church library for you to retrieve.

Bountiful Harvest Gala

You're invited to the Light House Shelter's **Bountiful Harvest Gala** on **November 18** at the Loews Hotel with great music, local cuisine, and an auction. Tickets are \$100. All proceeds benefit the Light House – a homeless prevention support center. For more information see: <http://www.friendslhs.org/bountiful-harvest/>



USNA Tour Fellowship

On **Sunday November 13th**, Mel Tuckfield will be conducting a private walking tour of the **US Naval Academy** for the congregation and friends of St. Martin's Church. Mel gave the same tour last spring during the work week and many of you who work during the week asked if another tour could be scheduled on a weekend. Included in the tour are the beautiful grounds, Lejeune Hall, Dahlgren Hall, Bancroft Hall, Memorial Hall, Navy Chapel, John Paul Jones Crypt, Navy Museum, and more. A tour is typically 1 ½ hours but Mel has agreed to provide an extended tour of 2 ½ hours. The maximum number of guests are between 25-30 so first come first serve. Plan to be at the USNA Visitor Entrance rain or shine not later than 12:45 pm in order to get through Security. A 100% ID check is required so bring a picture identification. A 13 minute movie begins at 1:00 pm and the tour will begin promptly at 1:30 pm. Bring your walking shoes and note that the tour will cover approximately 1 ½ miles. The cost of the tour is \$8.00 for Students, \$9.00 for Retirees and \$10 for all others. Provide cash or check to Heather Tuckfield not later than October 31st since payment has to be made to the USNA two weeks in advance. A sign-up sheet can be found in the narthex. **GO NAVY!!!**

A note from your Church Council President

This past September has proven to be a busy time in the life of St. Martins. We've said farewell to Marta Wallace, our Youth Director of 14 years, and welcomed our new Director of Music Ministry, Sister Stacie Lightner. A new Christian Education year began with many opportunities to learn the Good News, including Sunday School, Adult Forum, Monday night Bible Study and Confirmation. We welcomed new members, many to the 8 AM service. The new Innies and Outies dinners have been organized, and plans are in the works for other great fellowship, social ministry, youth and stewardship events. It's going to be a great Fall.

A few highlights from the September Church Council meeting include:

- Nominations and election (and continuation) of Church Council officers:
President – Heather Tuckfield

Vice-President – Marianne Drumm

Treasurer/ Memorials – Mick Thistle

Recording Secretary – Sara Wetz

Financial Secretary – Glenn Hollenbeck
- Committee Chairs:
Christian Education: Linda Wetz

Evangelism: Jonathan Aseltine

Fellowship: Debbie Livingston

Finance Chairman: Greg Maxwell

Property/Design: Tim Doyle/Rick Ruhf

Youth: Elizabeth Haroth, Tony Tuckfield

Social Ministry: Sara Wetz

Stewardship: Allison Poltorak

Worship and Music: Marianne Drumm

We are blessed with dedicated leadership by your Council and Committee Chairs. Please feel free to contact any of us with questions and/or suggestions.

As always, the full minutes are available in the church office.

Your Friend in Christ,

Heather Tuckfield

Will you pray with me?

Do you pray in the morning? The evening?
Some other time during the course of the day?
Can you find a few extra minutes to remember others in prayer, without leaving the comfort of your home? We have church members, and family and friends of church members, who need our prayers all the time. Currently, the prayer chain has only six members. We would love to have twice that many - or more!

If you feel called to join this ministry of compassion, please contact Marianne Drumm at croftondrumms@gmail.com or 410-721-2376. You may receive the prayers either by email or by phone.



Oktoberfest at St. Martin's!

We will have beer, brats and an authentic oompah-pah band!!!

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 23rd**, for a special Fellowship Celebration immediately following the 10 am service. In lieu of our regular Fellowship gathering in the Narthex, we will move outside in the courtyard for a celebration of our Lutheran heritage. In case of rain, we will move inside into the fellowship wing.

We will have food, beverages, games and fun - and oh yeah - not to mention the oompah-pah band!! Please sign up to help make this a great event by bringing a side dish to share - German potato salad, sauerkraut, etc. or a dessert... Bavarian chocolate cake perhaps?? We are asking for a suggested donation of \$10 per person to cover additional costs --- kids are Free --. Brats and beverages will be provided.

We have folks lined up to grill the brats but we are in need of volunteers to help set-up, and clean-up. Please contact Heather Tuckfield at htuckfield@gmail.com or call 410-562-5561 if you are willing to lend a hand. Look for the sign-up sheet to RSVP on the bulletin board in the hallway directly across from the Library.





TRUNK OR TREAT NIGHT for the whole family!
at St. Martin's...Sun. Oct. 30th!!!

Sunday, Oct. 30th from 6:00-7:30pm

If you love to hand out treats...
Join in for a safe, family friendly evening...guaranteed to be fun for all ages!

We are looking for VOLUNTEERS....
to bring your car with fun décor and treats to pass out...
decorate your car as Creatively or simply as you like...JUST COME!

Arrive between 5:00-5:45 to set up in the church parking lot near the courtyard
then open the back of your vehicle or sit by your car and pass out your treats!!!

There will be a prize for the best decorated vehicle...
Do it as simple or over the top as you like...just come!

And we are looking for TRICK OR TREATERS!!!
The night is open to everyone at St. Martins-- School and church families!!!
Invite your friends and neighbors too...
All are welcome!

~Kids can walk from car to car in costume for an extra night of Trick or Treating,

So spread the word....
Sunday, Oct. 30 from 6:00-7:30pm
TRUNK OR TREAT

***Sign up** to bring your car and treats ... (signup sheet in narthex)
and
Bring the kids for a safe, fun Halloween Evening!!!

Contact the Church Office for any questions!
church@stmartinsonline.org

Happy Trunk or Treating!!!

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

10/6 Jessica Roberts
10/6 Penne Romar
10/12 Enid Roemer
10/16 Salvatore Cirone
10/18 Lisa Karam
10/21 Clarence Kragh
10/24 Julia Drumm
10/25 David Berg
10/27 Rick Ruhf
10/28 Cal Lebo
10/30 Emily Rafferty

Anniversaries

10/4 Vickie and Dan LeDuc
10/5 Matthew and Jolene Lanham
10/11 Greg and Tracey Maxwell
10/11 Gary and Kelly Shenk
10/13 William and Shelley Edgerton
10/16 Jeannette Brzozowsky and John Leventry
10/20 John and Jennifer Henley



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October 2016

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

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7 pm Bible Study (B)
 7 pm PTO Mtg.

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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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2:45 pm Pet Blessing (Courtyard)

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

10

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

11

1 pm Outie Lunch @ Panera's in Edgewater

12

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

13

9:30 am LMS Clothes Sorting (A,B)

14

12 pm School Dismissal

15

Pumpkin Patch Opens!

16

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

17

7 pm Bible Study (B)

18

7 pm Council Meeting

19

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

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1 pm Prayer Shawl Mtg (R. Moday's Home)

21

****School Closed****
 Youth Depart for "Free Ride" Retreat

22

9 am Garden Club Workday

23

8 am Worship (S)
 9 am Choir Rehearsal (S)
 9 am Ed. Hour/ Confirmation
 10 am Worship (S)
 11:15 am Oktoberfest
 *Youth Return from "Free Ride" Retreat

24

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

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26

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

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10 am Joyful Hearts Outing - Clay Bakers

30

****Reformation Day**
 8 am Worship (S)
 9 am Choir Rehearsal (S)
 9 am Ed. Hour/ Confirmation
 10 am Worship (S)
 6:00 pm Trunk or Treat (Parking Lot)

31

7 pm Bible Study (B)

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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)

3

7 pm Committee Planning Mtg. (B)

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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)

7

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)

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

14

7 pm Bible Study (B)
5 pm Light House Dinner (Joyful Hearts)

15

7 pm Council Meeting

16

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

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

26

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)

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December 2016

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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)

6

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

10

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)

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14

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

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16

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

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

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School Closed
 7 pm Bible Study (B)

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School Closed
 7 pm Council Meeting

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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

24

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

25

Christmas Day
 10 am Worship (S)

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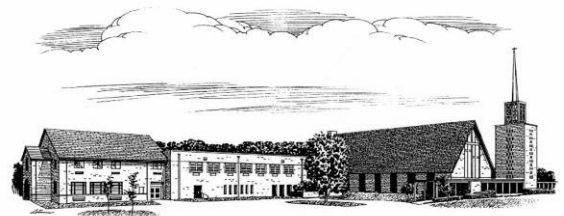
Sunday Worship: 8:00 am, 10:00 a.m.

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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!**