



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 8, 2013

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Ushers:	Ches Lanham, Sue Lanham, Ben Blomendahl, Kristin Blomendahl
Communion Assistants:	Sara Wetz, Linda Wetz, Judy Svoboda, Donnaleen Trump-Starkey
Lector:	Tara Chaudry
Assisting Minister:	Doug Hole
Children's Message:	Pastor Dave
Communion Bread:	The Drumm Family
Communion Clean Up:	Jean Gates andCarolynn Goldberg
Hospitality:	Everyone please bring something to share.
Organist:	Timothy Smith
Preacher and Celebrant:	Rev. Dr. David G. Oravec

Today's Prayer List: We include the following in our prayers: Robin Bolig, Charlene Brogan, Jamshed Chaudry, Jina Eckhardt, Louise Gebelein, Sue Lanham, Ethel LaRue, June Peddicord, 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—Muriel Eser, Louise Herklotz, Anna Robinson, and Betty Strohl.

Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15–20, Romans 12:3–13, John 15:1–5

Dedications: The flowers are given today to the glory of God with thanks for the contributions and dedication of our Sunday School and Day School teachers and support staff by Larry and Patty Laubscher.

TODAY

Teacher Blessing: Today within worship we will lift special prayers for all those who teach and provide leadership within our St. Martin's Day School and our Sunday School! We thank God for these dedicated people who regularly go above and beyond to teach in a spirit of Christian love and convey the Gospel through their witness. After worship, make sure to say THANKS to our teachers as you greet one another warmly.

The Music Note: Today's organ prelude demonstrates the organ's liturgical role in 17th century France. Brief colorful movements are based on early church melodies. The postlude exemplifies the splendor of 17th century North German organs: Buxtehude at St. Jakobkirche in Lubeck was idolized by a young J. S. Bach. The first and last hymns and the anthem hail from 20th-century British composers.

Our T-shirts have arrived! You can pick up your T-shirt in the narthex after today's worship service in the narthex.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Now that we have our T-shirts, **it's time to sign up and actually use "Our Hands" to do "God's Work!"** The **South River Federation Flood Bucket oyster restoration project** will take place on Harness Creek, close to the Church and School, **on September 21st**. That project will involve 30 St. Martin's volunteers, working alongside members of an elementary school football team. To volunteer, contact Heather Tuckfield for more information at HTuckfield@cbf.org. The **Chesapeake Children's Museum** workday will take place on **September 29th**. St. Martin's volunteers will be mulching a trail, painting both indoors and out, and redoing a playground (what fun!). To volunteer, contact Molly Edsall at mollyedsall@verizon.net.

Lock-up Team: Thanks to Rick Ruhf for locking up our church this past week. Bob Hruby (410-280-8862) 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.

“10 Ways to Share your Light with the Light House”

- 1. Pack a Lunch:** Help distribute bagged lunches to the residents and patrons of the shelter any weekday morning from 10 am until noon.
 - 2. Serve a Hot Meal:** Volunteer an hour of your time and a home-cooked meal to a dinner service.
 - 3. Mentor:** The shelter is always looking for volunteers to help their residents with resume writing, computer skills, preparing for an interview, etc.
 - 4. Clean out your Pantry:** Nonperishable items are always appreciated, so don't feel uncomfortable about giving away canned foods that have collected dust on your shelf. So long as they haven't expired, they will be put to good use in the kitchen.
 - 5. Clean out your Closet:** The first Saturday of every month, the Light House accepts clothing donations. Please keep in mind that this is the ONLY day that they accept these kinds of donations. Also, there are more men than women at the shelter, and clothing/outer wear/shoes for the fall/winter are needed. Please do not donate clothing that is out of season.
 - 6. Fundraise:** There are many ways to help raise funds: participate in an upcoming event, like the 5k Walk/Run on September 29 or the Pumpkin Patch held every weekend in October.
 - 7. Drive:** The facility is always looking for volunteers to drop off or pick up goods from various sites with their truck or SUV.
 - 8. Network:** The Light House offers job training programs in culinary, retail, and landscape. Each quarter, several graduates become ready to find employment. Are you well connected in any of these areas? Putting residents in touch with area businesses is a great way for you to help.
 - 9. Smile:** Residents at the facility come from various backgrounds. Being greeted by a friendly volunteer's warm smile and a few encouraging words are enough to brighten up their day and give them hope.
 - 10. Prayer:** Simply keeping the mission of the Light House in your prayers will go a long way toward helping the residents get back on their feet and into new homes.
- God wants to help you use your light in way that serves Him. If you ask, He will always answer.
- For more information about the Light House, feel free to email me at solostyleforu@gmail.com or Michelle Marshall at Marshall@annapolislighthouse.org.
- Have a Blessed Week! –Tara Chaudry Kovalski

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Pastor Dave's Installation Service and Reception on September 15: The Service of Installation begins at 4 pm and will be followed by a reception of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, wine, fruit punch, cake, and coffee. We are planning for a large crowd and would like all to feel welcomed and well fed! For this we need the help of the village, in performing needed tasks and helping to prepare hors d'oeuvres or providing funds to purchase ingredients and supplies. To help, please see the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board opposite the lounge or you may contribute by writing a check to St. Martin's Church with the memo line marked for Installation Reception. Place the check (or cash) in a pew envelope with your name and envelope number on it and then place it in the offering plate. You may also include your contribution using your regular offering envelope, indicating the amount for the Installation Reception on a separate line from Current Expenses. Any way you give—time, talent, or treasure—please give so we can make this reception reflect the joy we feel in welcoming Pastor Dave to our family!

Blood Drive at St. Martin's on September 18, 1–7 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Call Ches Lanham (410-268-4756) for an appointment.

A Proposal for Ministry Redevelopment: As a result of a retreat held last spring under the leadership of Bishop Herz-Lane, the church council has adopted a plan for the next three years at St. Martin's. The plan is incorporated in a document titled “A Proposal for Ministry Redevelopment at St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Annapolis.” It focuses on 1) worship and hospitality; 2) outreach and evangelism; 3) prayer and Bible study; 4) leadership development; and 5) stewardship. Please contact the church office to have a copy of the proposal e-mailed to you. In addition, a limited number of paper copies are available in the office. The proposal will be submitted to the congregation for approval the next time we have a congregational meeting.

Fall Adult Bible Study! On **Sunday, September 15th at 9 am**, you are invited to a meeting in the Music Room to learn more about two adult education opportunities at St. Martin's this fall. Pastor Dave plans to teach “Bible 101” which will enable participants to better understand God's Word! As Paula Thistle continues her seminary work, she will also teach a course on “The Epistles” that will offer an in-depth look at Paul and his journeys and writing. We also want to ASK participants about your hopes for upcoming classes. Please join us on September 15th!

Please email your weekly announcements by **Wednesday at 12 noon** to church@stmartinsonline.org. Thank you!

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 8	8:45 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	Rally Sunday for Sunday School and Confirmation Class (Gym) Choir (S) Worship with Communion and Blessing of the Teachers (S) SHY & parents - Workcamp Planning Meeting (Youth Room)
Monday, September 9	5:00 pm	Light House Shelter Dinner
Tuesday, September 10	6:30 pm	Finance Committee (CF)
Wednesday, September 11	10:00 am 7:30 pm	Staff Meeting (Conf) Choir Rehearsal (S)
Thursday, September 12		
Friday, September 13		
Saturday, September 14		
Sunday, September 15	9:00 am 9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 3:00 pm 4:00 pm	Sunday School/Confirmation Class Adult Education Meeting (Music Room) Choir (S) Worship with Communion (S) Choir (S) Service of Installation and Reception for Pastor Dave



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