

Pastor's Corner

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September is always an exciting time. As summer draws to a close, we set our sights on the fall to come. As Labor Day approaches we already notice that the pace of our lives changes because school is back in session and a new season of activities has begun.

Such is certainly the case at St. Martin's!

Rally Day marks the beginning of a promising new year of Christian Education. The journey of faith is full and exciting when we are learning and growing. This happens through worship, of course, but also through Sunday School, Bible Study, Confirmation, and in other ways. I hope and pray that you are taking time to worship and grow. If over the summer you've gotten out of the discipline of regular worship—now is the time to get back on track. On Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> we mark our Rally Day and also install our Sunday School and Day School teachers and staff. I hope all of us are present for this exciting new beginning!

This season of the church year is also extra-special at St. Martin's this year because we will see the improvements to our sanctuary that we have been planning. The chancel flooring, sound system, and video system will be installed in the coming months. I need to extend words of thanksgiving to all of you for the generous outpouring to support this campaign. As you know, our campaign goal was \$54,000. Presently, we are at approximately \$60,000 pledged and most of the money has already been given, meaning that the work can commence once all the details are in place. More information will be forthcoming about the schedule of improvements. Indeed, this is a time of expectation that will lead to celebration as we care for our Lord's House here at St. Martin's.

Thanks for your faithfulness to Christ, who is our hope. I hope to see you in worship soon and stand-ready to help in any ways I can. It remains an honor, privilege, and joy to serve as your pastor.

Pastor Dave+

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THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

To My St. Martin's Family,

I wanted to extend my heartfelt thanks for your kindness on the occasion of my 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordained Ministry. Your encouraging words, prayers, hugs, smiles, cards, cake, and thoughtful gifts will never be forgotten. Also, Sandy and I are very excited about a few days at the Inn at Perry Cabin. We plan to schedule our getaway in the coming months and will undoubtedly have a splendid time in St. Michaels. I realize that I say this fairly often...but...I am truly blessed among pastors to serve at St. Martin's Lutheran Church. I give thanks for you all and deeply appreciate your outpouring of love!

Pastor Dave+

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2016 Trip- Best of Germany, Czech Republic, and Austria- In the Footsteps of Luther- has been planned—Pastor Dave will lead a tour to the Lands of Luther visiting all the important sites having to do with our forbearer in faith, Martin Luther as the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation approaches. The trip will also visit Europe's most beautiful city, Prague, and include adventures in Vienna, Salzburg, and Munich. Pastor Dave and Sandy invite anyone interested in signing up for this 12 day journey in faith that will take place from July 11-22 next year. If you'd like a brochure that explains the itinerary and cost, they can be found in the church narthex or by speaking with Pastor Dave. He can also provide you an e-version of the brochure, if you'd prefer. Questions? Call Pastor Dave at 240-457-2043 or email [chapsdo@gmail.com](mailto:chapsdo@gmail.com). All are welcome!

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Save the date: The newly formed St. Martin's Hiking group will hit the trail again. Next scheduled date is the morning of Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. More details to come. Speak with Pastor Dave if you have questions. We hope you'll come enjoy God's creation with friends from St. Martin's...and it's a great opportunity to invite someone to join you too!



## Blessing of the Teachers

On **Sunday, September 13th** there will be a special blessing of all those who TEACH within the life of St. Martin's. Day School teachers and Sunday School teachers will be invited to come forward during the service for a special blessing as this exciting new year gets underway. Please pray for all the kids, teachers, administrators, and adults who are fed by God's grace in this place.

## Sunday School

Sunday School for students ages 2 through 5th grade will begin on **Sunday, September 13th**. The Pre-K (2s, 3s, and 4s) will have classroom style Sunday School. Students Kindergarten through 5th grade will do rotation style Sunday School. We are again looking for teachers for the rotations and shepherds to help assist. With the rotation style, each story is taught for three weeks, so teachers and shepherds could choose which rotations they are available for. If you are interested in assisting with Sunday School or would like additional information, please contact Sara Wetz at [slwetz@verizon.net](mailto:slwetz@verizon.net). Also, registration is open for Sunday School students on the church website at <http://stmartinsannapolis.org/connect/christian-education/>.

## Service Projects Update

**Shop for Hunger:** Come join us for a "God's Work, Our Hands" activity on **Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**. After church we will take a group shopping trip to Shoppers Food Warehouse to benefit Food Link Annapolis. Hunger

doesn't take a vacation and local food banks are always in need. We'll give you a list and you can fill up the cart. **So bring your coupons, bring a friend and let's go shopping!**



Also, 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, on **September 19th** from **9 am - 12 pm**. Wear your bright gold T-shirt that identifies you as a member of St. Martin's and the ELCA! Further details will be forthcoming. Questions? Contact Marianne Drumm, [croftondrumms@gmail.com](mailto:croftondrumms@gmail.com) or 410-721-2376.

## Save the Date for Pumpkin Patch!

The pumpkins are coming! The Lighthouse Shelter Pumpkin Patch is returning to St. Martin's the weekend of **October 17<sup>th</sup>**. 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 but we don't have our date yet. We will need several volunteers to help with weighing pumpkins and checkout. Watch for more information once we are assigned our work days.



**American  
Red Cross**

**Blood Drive  
September 16th  
1:30 pm – 6 pm**

Call Ches Lanham (410-268-4756) for a convenient appointment or drop by the Fellowship Hall on 9/16.



## St. Martin's Flying Quilters

Flying Quilters is a group of women who meet every other Monday to make quilts that are donated to **Lutheran World Relief**. We use fabric, sheets, curtains, mattress pads, blankets and other supplies donated by the congregation. At our meetings some of us pin together the quilts while others tie them and sew them. Twice a year we display the quilts on the pews in the sanctuary and then pack them up and deliver them to the warehouse in New Windsor, MD. From there they are sent around the world and given to victims of disasters and refugees. They are used as blankets, room dividers, tablecloths, shawls, sunshades and baby carriers.

The quilt group will meet on Mondays: **September 14, 28** and **October 12, 26** in Fellowship Room A/B from 10:00 am -2:00 pm. Bring a lunch and stay for the whole day or come for whatever part you can. We would love to have some new members. You do not need any sewing skills. If you can put in a pin or tie a knot, we can use your help.

if you have any questions, please contact Judy Houston at 410-263-3888 or djhouston1@comcast.net.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Pastor Dave has given prayer shawls and lap throws to many members of St Martin's during the short history of the Prayer Shawl Ministry. It is a way for our congregation to share our love and concern for family members both near and far. Recipients include those who have lost a loved one, a "shut-in", a person with medical issues, or anyone desiring the comfort and solace of a soft surrounding. We are always looking for people who knit or crochet or those who want to learn to make a shawl, lap throw or a white baptismal blanket. The group meets monthly, but several members work from home including Peggy Burkness, Delores Grauel, and Lissy Umlandt. At our July meeting, we welcomed Judy Svoboda to our group. We warmly thank each of the ladies for the lovely shawls they have made. If interested in being part of this important and rewarding ministry or if you have a name of someone who needs one of these "hugs from God", please contact Dottie Hall , 301-262-6213 or dotcom\_dottie@hotmail.com.

## St. Martin's Garden News

We are grateful for the many volunteers who helped beautify our gardens on August 25: Janet Clauson, Jane Doyle, Mary Ann Elliott, Tom and Barbara Freeman,Carolynn Goldberg, Martha Hollenbeck, Dan and Brynn Laird, Betty and John Knupp, Julia McClenahan, and Kristina Von Rosenvinge. Enjoy our beautiful gardens when you come to St. Martin's. Help us keep them that way! **Come to our next workday on Saturday, October 3 anytime between 9:00-12 noon.**

## Our Choirs

School's back in session and that means it's time for our choirs to get back to work as a team again as well. We hope the congregation enjoyed our varied musical offerings this summer and hope more members can join in the fun this coming choir year. Are you a new member, a long-time member, or someone Kerry's been politely harassing to sing with us? You know who you are. ☺ This opportunity offers a fun, friendly atmosphere without a heavy time commitment. Think of it as guilty pleasure, not guilty pressure. All are invited to join our adult choir family - Confirmation class and older. We sing a variety of musical styles and could really use help on all parts; beginners are strongly encouraged to give it a try. **Adult Choir Rehearsals** start **Wednesday, September 2 at 7 pm**, and last about an hour. The choir sings at the 10 am service, with a short 9:15 am rehearsal beforehand beginning September 13th. For those who do not like to drive at night, **daytime rehearsals are available!** Invite your friends to join you and please call Kerry Heyes at 410-757-6416 to arrange a time to suit your schedules. Stay tuned for info on **Bell Choir** rehearsals (usually held Wednesdays, 6 - 6:45 pm) and **Children's Choir** rehearsals (right after the 10 am Sunday service during coffee hour for about 15 minutes) for all children and friends that are Sunday and Day School age.

**DONATIONS FOR MUSIC:** Many of you have contributed generously for sheet music (music that Kerry or instrumentalists play or the choir sings) or for our concert series. When designating money for musical purposes, please clearly mark your envelope either **"SHEET MUSIC"** or **"CONCERT SERIES,"** and we will make sure the donation is properly applied. Thank you for helping to make the music at St. Martin's so wonderful!

## Memorials

These gifts are given in loving memory of LOUISE MARIE HERKLOTZ, a long-time member of St. Martin's along with her husband Ernie, from the following donors:

Faye S. Wetherhold, Jean L. Gates, Lowell and Thelma Repp, Bob and Lyn Englert, Claudia (daughter) and Gene Oaksmith and their family, and The Krause Family from Michael and Sharlene Krause.



Louise's account will remain active for three months until October when the money will be transferred to the Chancel

Project at Claudia's request. The Memorials Committee wishes to thank those who wish to remember Louise in this manner.

*- Faye S. Wetherhold, Memorials Committee Chair*

## Thank You....

Thank you to all the church families and church groups that have help prepare meals for the Light House Shelter this past year. We always have a tremendous response to this important mission of St. Martin's. Not only do we have lots of volunteers but also some excellent cooks! Thank you also to Brian and Tara Kovalski who provide a meal once a month on their own. A new sign-up sheet is available in the narthex for 2016 if you are interested in preparing a meal. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Freeman at 410-798-6612/tombarb.freeman@verizon.net

## Photo Reminder:

Recently, an e-mail was sent out from Rachel Sale which contained the link to the photo gallery for St. Martin's. If you have not already chosen a picture to be included in the photo directory, or have not placed your order for prints, please do so by September 24th. After this date, the gallery will be removed from the website. If you did not receive this e-mail or have any questions regarding your pictures, please let the church office know.

## 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

9/2 Mark Sindt  
9/4 Pastor Dave  
9/6 Matthew Lanham  
9/7 Norma Teel  
9/8 Joanne Lewis  
9/9 Kristin Blomendahl  
9/10 Robert Brock  
9/10 Marta Wallace  
9/11 Bob Drumm  
9/12 Steven Agriesti  
9/12 Larry Day  
9/12 Kelly Shenk  
9/14 Carin Antochy  
9/16 Greg Maxwell  
9/18 LeAnn Myhre  
9/19 Brynn Laird  
9/24 Stephanie Crabtree  
9/26 Jody Pilka  
9/29 Happel Kolakoski

### Anniversaries

9/2 Jody and Eric Pilka  
9/4 Michael and Stephanie Crabtree  
9/17 Robert and Susan Connell  
9/20 Charles and Ashley Jump  
9/20 Edward and Faye Wetherhold  
9/25 Ches and Sue Lanham  
9/30 Andy Foland and Karen O'Neill

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Coming Up.....

**St. Martin's Music Concert**  
**Ana Vidovic, Classical Guitarist**  
**Nov. 15, 2015, 3 pm**

Save the date for this unique opportunity! More details will be included in next month's Tabletalk.

**Attention all 6th – 9th Graders!**

Get signed up and registered for the **Fall Confirmation Retreat "FreeRide"** at Northbay Retreat Center – **Oct. 16 – 18!** Loads of fun, music, ziplines, giant swing, bible study and kids from all over our synod! Registrations and deposits (\$100) due by Sun. Sept. 20...(total cost \$175). Starts Friday night at 7 pm and ends Sunday at noon...Don't miss this...it's a blast and it's part of our confirmation program! Chaperones/Drivers needed too...See Marta for all the information!

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Please check our website for any new Calendar updates.

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7 am Men's Bible Study (Double T)  
10 am Staff Mtg  
7:00 pm Choir

\*Day School closed for students\*  
\*Church Office Closes at Noon\*

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8 am Worship  
10 am Worship

**Labor Day**  
**\*Church Office & School Closed\***

6:30 pm Finance Mtg

7 am Men's Bible Study (Double T)  
10 am Staff Mtg  
7:00 pm Choir

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8 am Worship  
8:45 am Rally Day  
9 am Ed. Hour/Confirmation  
9:15 am Choir  
10 am Worship  
11:15 am Shop for Hunger

10 am Flying Quilters  
5 pm LHS Dinner  
7 pm Bible Study (L)

7 pm Church Council

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10 am Staff Mtg  
1:30 -6 pm Blood Drive  
7:00 pm Choir

7 pm Back to School Night

9 am-12 noon Service Project - South River Flood Bucket (Harness Creek)

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### Ongoing Events

Sundays:	10:00 am	Orthodox Church (B)
	7:45 pm	AA (A, B, and C)
Wednesdays:	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (CF)
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts (G)
	7:30 pm	Boy Scouts (G)
	7:45 pm	AA (A)
Saturdays:	4:30 pm	Orthodox Church (B)



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Education Hour: 9:00 a.m.

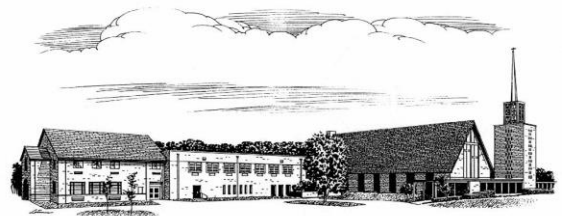
Sunday Worship: 8:00 am & 10:00 a.m.

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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!**