



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

Welcome to St. Martin's! We're glad you're here today and invite you to fill out a blue attendance card (in the pew) and hand it to an usher as you come for Holy Communion. If you're a guest, we thank God for your presence and hope you're blessed through worship!

Dedications: The flower arrangement is given today to the glory of God and to celebrate the wedding of Lauren Carlson and Stephen Switucha here at St. Martin's yesterday! The bulletin is given today to the glory of God and in memory of our parents from Bob & Myrtie Bartel. The candle is given in honor of David and Kim Edsall celebrating their 1st Anniversary!

TODAY at 4 pm – Reformation 500 Hymn Festival: Dr. Wayne Wold will be leading us in singing hymns from our Lutheran heritage and from traditions around the globe. There will be brass, percussion, a choir and audience participation to help lead the music. We hope you can attend this uplifting event that helps us enter into the 500th anniversary of the Reformation as we remember how Luther blessed the Church and world in many ways, including the gift of music!

Community Feast - Spaghetti Dinner! Our dear friends at Heritage Baptist (next door) have invited us to be a part of this special meal that hopes to bring our whole neighborhood together around the gifts of food and fellowship. Pastor Dave will offer opening remarks and prayer. It will be held **THIS Wednesday from 5:45-7:15 PM** and is free of charge. If you'd like to help with set up or donate to offset some of the costs, please talk with Pastor Dave after worship. The inspiration for this came when we invited the folks from Heritage to join us for the annual pancake supper--- and now it is growing. We hope you can attend as we build friendships and serve together.

In the wake of Hurricane Maria we are again reminding everyone to give to help, as they are able. We continue to hear that the best way to help is through monetary donations. Go to elca.org to give! 100% of our gifts go to help the needy.

Flying Quilters Tote Bags are Back! The quilt group is very happy with the sewing machine we purchased with the proceeds from our tote bag sale and we would like to purchase a second one. We'll take orders for the bags (still \$20) from Sept 24 - Nov 19. We have 7 new designs including a Luther Rose to commemorate the Reformation anniversary. Check out our table in the narthex starting today. These will make great Christmas gifts for friends, family and teachers. The Flying Quilters will meet again tomorrow, **Sept. 25 in Fellowship Rooms A/B from 10 am – 2 pm**. New quilters are always welcome –no experience required.

Adult Bible Study reconvenes tomorrow, **Mon., Sept. 25 from 7 – 8:30 pm** in fellowship room b. We'll continue to examine the book of Acts. Everyone is welcome to join – even if you weren't present for the early part of the study.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The next meeting will be held on **Thurs., Sept 28, 1-4 pm** at the home of Jane Hilt. Her address is 2715 Price Road, Crofton, MD 21114. If you have questions, please call Jane at 410-451-1443. 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.

Reminder: There will be a special congregational meeting next **Sun., Oct. 1 immediately following the 10 am service**. We will be voting on the day school budget and also the Memorial Garden and Columbarium self funded project.

Yard Sale: The youth will be hosting a yard sale on **Sat., Oct. 7** to raise money for the ELCA Youth Gathering trip next summer. We are looking for LOTS of donations. If you are looking to part with furniture, household goods, toys, books, DVDs, electronics, gently worn clothes and sports equipment, please consider donating them to the sale. If you need help transporting items to the church, please let Laura know.

Memorial Garden and Columbarium (MGC)- We're grateful that so many folks have already shown interest in creating this holy, final resting space here at St. Martin's. Folks have also offered thoughtful and helpful feedback. To continue the dialogue, please plan to attend the **congregation MGC discussion meeting on Sun., Oct. 8 at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship wing**. Please let Pastor Dave, me or one of the committee members know if you are planning to attend so we can plan accordingly. In the meantime, please review the design on the easel in the Narthex. Also, feel free to pick up a brochure and fill in the information card.

Packing Food for Hunger - on Saturday morning, **Oct. 14 from 9-11 AM** in the gym, we will be joining forces with other folks from nearby Lutheran churches to pack 20,000 meals to help hungry folks in our community. We'd love to have you come and help- sign up in the narthex today!

Light House Shelter Dinner: Thanks to the Kolakoski, Prost, Shenk and Ruhf families for serving the meal at the Light House Shelter on Sept. 11. They served a delicious meal of tacos, rice, beans and brownies. Many thanks!

Save the date: Oct. 29 – Reformation 500 Service at the National Cathedral from 4 – 6 pm.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

8:00 am: **Assisting Minister:** Matt Lanham
Ushers: The Lanhams

10:00 am:
Preacher & Celebrant: Pastor Dave Oravec
Organist: Sister Stacie Lightner
Assisting Minister: Bob Drumm
Communion Assistants: Linda Wetz, Sara Wetz,
 Marianne Drumm, LeAnn Myhre
Lector: Marlys Sandve McDevitt
Ushers: Tom Freeman, Barb Freeman,
 Brian Kovalski, Martha Hollenbeck

Children's Message: Julie Dupree
Communion Bread: The Thistles
Communion Clean Up: Martha Hollenbeck, Myrtie Bartel

Scripture Readings: Jonah 3:10—4:11; Psalm 145:1-8

We include the following in our prayers: Chris Allegria, Carly Bastiansen, Chris Braun, Francis Budney, Jeff Dexter, Jina Eckhardt, Russell and Barbara Fink, Donna French, 1Lt Richard Gibson, Valinda Gilbert, Jeff Gunhus, Jim Herrington, Lydia Hegel-Huhn, Donna Hole, Mary Kilbourne, Shari Kristiansen, Sue Lanham, Lucas March, Julia McClenahan, Mollie Moday, Zoltan Modly, Charlie Pacher, Deb Ridel, Linda Ruhf, Russell Ruhf, Joy Shoemaker, Terri Sparks, Meghan Schuessler, Mike Thistle, Elaine Vatrál, Mildred Voytko and Betty Strohl.

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**Sunday, September 24**

8:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 9:00 am Sunday School (Music Room)
 Adult Forum (Fellowship Rm B)
 Confirmation Class (Youth Room)
 Sr. High (Laura's Office/Coffee Shop)
 Choir Rehearsal (S)
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 4:00 pm Hymn Sing (Sanctuary)

Monday, September 25

10:00 am Flying Quilters (A,B)
 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study (B)

Wednesday, September 27

7:00 am Men's Bible Study (Double T Diner)
 10:00 am Staff Meeting (CF)
 5:15-7:15 Community Spaghetti Dinner- Heritage Baptist
 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, September 28

9:00 am STMLC School Golf Tournament (Renditions)
 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Meeting (Jane Hilt's home)

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 Sr. High (Laura's Office/Coffee Shop)
 Choir Rehearsal (S)
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 11:15 am Congregational Meeting (S)

