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Deadline for May Tabletalk Articles 4/26

A Note from Pastor Bill at Easter:

William Barclay, a New Testament scholar, once said that those who oppose Christianity always seem to make a big deal out of the discrepancies that can be found in the various accounts of our Lord's resurrection.

In Mark, for example, the messenger in the tomb is a young man in a long white robe. In Matthew it is the angel of the Lord. In Luke it is two men in flashing raiment. And, in John it is two angels. Obviously, there are differences to be noted. However, the truth is that, "**the basic fact of the empty tomb never varies,**" and that is the fact that really matters.

Of course, people have always questioned the validity of the resurrection, and, no doubt, always will. Even the disciples refused to believe Mary when she first announced the news of the empty tomb to them. It just didn't seem possible, and for many it still remains unbelievable.

Barclay once addressed this by saying, "There are those who regard Jesus as the greatest man and noblest hero who ever lived, as one who lived the loveliest life ever seen on earth; but who then died. There are those who regard Jesus simply as a man whose life must be studied, his teaching analyzed. There are those who see in Jesus the perfect pattern and example."

But, the truth is, as Barclay clearly states, that "Jesus is not dead; he is alive. He is not merely a hero of the past; he is a living reality of the present. ...Jesus is not only someone to be studied; he is someone to be met and lived with every day. He is not only a figure in a book...he is a living presence. He is not only the pattern and the example. Jesus helps us and guides us and strengthens us to follow that pattern and example. He is not simply a model for life; he is a living presence to help us live."

There are far too many people today who continue to look for Jesus among the dead. But, Jesus isn't there. Jesus is Risen! And, the greatest proof relative to this truth is the disciples - those who were the first to question the reality of the resurrection.

In a book entitled *The Case for Christ*, Lee Strobel documented his search for Jesus. An unbeliever, he eventually converted to Christianity as a result of his search and became a pastor. And in his book, he makes the statement that the story of the disciples truly witnesses to the truth of the resurrection.

After all, as a theologian he interviewed told him, the disciples were a beaten bunch. Following the crucifixion, they went into hiding. They feared for their own lives because they would surely be identified as followers of Jesus, and, no doubt, be executed as well. But, within a few short days, they came out of hiding and began to proclaim publicly that Jesus had risen from the dead. What changed them? What took away their fear? That was the question. And the only answer is, "**They had seen the Risen Christ!**"

In a few short weeks, we will celebrate the resurrection of our Savior once more when Easter Day dawns for us again. I look forward to sharing that celebration with you, and proclaiming, as did those disciples, the joyous news that **JESUS IS RISEN**, and that because He lives, we shall live also.

THANKS BE TO GOD! HAPPY EASTER

April Joyful Hearts

Ladies of St. Martins, please join us **on Saturday, April 13, at 10:00 am** as we stuff Easter eggs and make cards for Pastor Dave and the troops. We hope you can join us!



Women's Fall Retreat

This year we have a two-day retreat planned for **October 11-13 (Friday dinner**

through Sunday breakfast) at the beautiful Hallowood Retreat Center in Frederick County. Our presenter will be Dr. Jennifer Houston McNeel, whose topic will be "Exile, Persecution, Empire: Three Stories of Faith in the Midst of Suffering." The cost for two nights, which includes room, all meals, unlimited coffee and tea, linens and soap, and our speaker's room and stipend, is \$240. Please indicate your interest to Linda Wetz, lkwetz@verizon.net, or Marianne Drumm, croftondrumms@gmail.com, by June 1, 2019.

Flying Quilters



The Flying Quilters will meet again on **Monday, April 8 and Tuesday, April 23** in **Fellowship Rooms A/B** from **10 am – 2 pm**. New quilters are always welcome –no experience required. Also, the quilters are in need of flat

fitted sheets (any color) and pillowcases. Thank you 😊

Outie Lunch Group

"Outie" Lunch Group - **Tuesday, April 9th at 1 pm** at **Double T Diner, Annapolis**. Hope you can be there. Contact Carole Komenda 410-266-7132.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 25, 1-4 pm** at the home of Sig Beecher her address is 1123 Pemberton Lane, Lothian 20711. If you have questions, please call Sig at 301-627-6560. For those unable to meet, please keep knitting and crocheting; Pastor Bill and Chaplain Paula continue to find loving homes for our efforts.

Memorial Garden and Columbarium (MCG)

MGC Update: Interest continues to grow with 27 niches purchased and an additional 4 niches pledged. Over \$90,000 in revenue has been received for niche purchases, memorial gifts and project donations. Thanks be to God! Later in April we will unveil the butterfly stone. Next month we are scheduled to have a point of egress constructed from the Narthex to the gardens. We still have much to do so please consider contributing to this important ministry. If you are not interested in purchasing a niche, please consider making a memorial gift in the name of a loved one and/or a project donation for any amount. God's blessings, Mel Tuckfield

Thursday Mid-Day Bible study

Every Thursday at 11:30 am at the Double-T Diner (West St and Solomon's Island Rd). This informal review sheds light on each week's lessons for our Christian lives and provides Christian fellowship as we share a light lunch and conversation. Join us Thursday.

Special Delivery for Pastor Dave!

While Pastor Dave is deployed, we have him in our thoughts and prayers. We can let him know we're thinking of him with notes, cards, and colored pictures... and these can go directly into his own mailbox in the narthex. Bring your notes and pictures to church and drop them in his mailbox. All will be collected and sent in one larger envelope each week. Thanks to all!

VBS Donations Needed

Vacation Bible School is just three months away! The crafts/mission group asks that you save and donate clean/empty frosting containers and empty toilet paper or paper towel rolls. There'll be a donation box in the narthex for your contributions. What a great way to recycle. Thanks so much. Also, if anyone has a kids swimming pool that they no longer need and would be willing to donate, that would be greatly appreciated.



Easter Sunday

There will be no FISH between services on Easter morning. Please join us instead for an **Easter Egg Hunt** for the children in the courtyard at **9:30 am**. Please gather in the Fellowship area to begin the hunt. All children from age 3 through 5th grade are welcome.



Full-Time Preschool Teaching Position available at:

St. Martin's Lutheran School, Annapolis, MD

Requirements: Certified in Early Childhood Education and college degree. Three years preschool teaching experience in independent schools preferred.

If you know anyone interested, please have them email a resume to our Head of School, Mr. Jim Moorhead at jmoorhead@stmartinsonline.org and Director of Admissions, Mrs. Kelly Peenstra at kpeenstra@stmartinsonline.org.

St. Martin's School Part-Time After Care Staff member for preschool, elementary and middle school students. 1:30-3pm and/or 3:00-6pm on certain weekdays.

Any interested candidates, please forward your resume to Kelly Peenstra at: kpeenstra@stmartinsonline.org.



EASTER DEDICATIONS

Dedications for Easter flowers to beautify our sanctuary on Easter, and/or gifts to our homeless and hungry neighbors will be received through Sunday, April 7th. The cost of flowers is \$20.00 per plant. Make checks payable to *St. Martin's Lutheran Church*. Plants may be picked up after the 10 a.m. service on Easter Sunday.

Please complete entire form and return in the offering plate.

Dedication to read as follows:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

of lily plants ordered: _____

of hydrangea plants ordered: _____

Flowers to be picked up _____

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS SECTION

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Your envelope number _____

I would like to offer the following:

For our homeless and hungry neighbors
\$ _____

For dedication of lilies/hydrangeas
\$ _____

NOTE to Sunday tellers: please initial here to verify receipt of payment. _____



Garden Workday at St. Martin's

Please Join Us on Saturday, April 6 from 9:00 am - 12 pm. We will beautify the gardens at St. Martin's before Easter. We will weed, rake leaves, and tidy up our rain gardens, the courtyard, and the area around the signs. We will plant pansies. Please come and help us anytime during those morning hours and enjoy some fellowship! Bring gloves and a trowel. Thanks! Betty and John Knupp (knuppster@aol.com)

Also, **Save the Date: On May 3 and 4**, we are planning to enhance the Columbarium area with beautiful plants and will need many volunteers. Thanks! Betty and John Knupp (knuppster@aol.com)

The Great Courses "The History of Christian Theology" Available Now in SMELC Library

How has Christianity addressed important issues of faith? You can explore more than 2,000 years of Christian thought by checking out The Great Courses audio disks entitled "The History of Christian Theology" and the accompanying transcript book from SMELC's library. In the 36 lectures (30 minutes each), Dr. Phillip Cary, Professor of Philosophy at Eastern University in St. David's, Pennsylvania examines the enduring power of Christian tradition as both an intellectual discipline and a spiritual path. And the good news is that Dr. Cary's favorite theologian is Martin Luther. You should hear him sing acapella "Ein feste Burg is unser Gott" (A Mighty Fortress Is Our God)!

Quarterly LMS Clothes Sorting

As the time grows closer, just a reminder that we will be gathering on **Thursday, April 11 from 9(ish) until we're finished sorting what they bring us, usually before 10:30**. Come for as long as you can. Many hands make light work, so please join us in the fellowship wing. Look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex starting March 30th with a place for your name and a contact number/e-mail so I can give you a personal reminder. If you have questions, don't hesitate to see me or call my home 410-757-8632. Thank you in advance!
~ Sandy Ourisson

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our Kids Council (elementary youth) raised \$505 for the SPCA with their bake sale last Sunday. Thank you to all who donated and baked yummy treats for the sale. Trisha, from the SPCA dropped by at FISH on March 31st to accept the donation and the pet toys made during FISH.





Vacation Bible School July 8 - 12, 9 am - 12 noon

To Mars and Beyond - Explore where God's Power can take you.
We will go beyond with Faith, Boldness, Kindness, Thankfulness and Hope

We will again have classes for age 4 through finished 4th grade. If you are in 5th grade or above, we would welcome you as a volunteer. We also need adult volunteers.

Registration is now open!!! You can register by clicking the link below, then hit the "register now" button at the top right of the page. This will take you to our registration page and you can choose to register a child. If you would be interested in volunteering as a helper, you can register there as well. You should receive a confirmation email.

<http://smartinsannapolis.org/outreach/vacation-bible-school/>

This year we again have the option of paying with PayPal. After registering, you can return to the church VBS web page and use the PayPal option there. This will allow you to pay with a PayPal account or major credit card. As before you may also send a check to the church office (1120 Spa Rd, Annapolis, MD 21403). Be sure to include VBS and the child's name on the memo line and put VBS on the outside of the envelope.

If you think you can help in any way or have any questions, please email us at vbsMLC@gmail.com or call Judy Houston at 410-263-3888. Hope to see you in July.

The Chaplain's Corner

a note from your Chaplain



Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples."

1 Chronicles 16:24

It is Spring! Our Lenten journey continues toward that glorious Resurrection of Easter Day. This day we celebrate as no other, for on this day ... on that **first** Easter Sunday ... Jesus' resurrection from the grave changed everything, forever. On that first Easter God gave us an incredible gift of love. Not even sparing His only begotten Son, God gave us the gift of Salvation.

When I work with children in preparation for their First Communion, typically I will ask them to recall a time when they were excited, because, whether for Christmas, a birthday, or other occasion, they received a special gift – perhaps something they really, really, really wanted. I will ask them to think about the first thing they do when they receive that gift. Yes, most will state eagerly, “We say ‘Thank you!’.” That’s great! **Now** I ask, what is the **second** thing you do? Then, after a gentle nudge or simple prod, I suggest they show that special gift to a friend and say, “Look! Look what I got!”

As we celebrate our Lord’s Resurrection this Easter. Let us be like little children, delighted and excited with our **greatest gift ever**. Christ is risen! Let us go into all the nations, declaring His marvelous works.

“After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.... ‘He has been raised from the dead... So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples!’” Matthew 28:1, 7b-8

Chaplain Paula

St. Martin's Youth Newsletter

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Just wanted to highlight our younger youth who raised \$500 to donate to the SPCA. We are so proud of your hard work and thank you for all the yummy goodies at the bake sale.

News from Mrs. Laura....Our service week camp (July 29-August 2nd) registration is almost ready to share. We just need a few more details ironed out. I hope to have it out by the end of the month.

This Easter may you feel the bright, joyful blessings God has to offer you and may you share it with others.

Reminder: My days off are Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays unless there is a youth event.

March Fellowship and Service Events

Saturday, April 6th 9am-noon- Garden Workday- Youth will be helping the garden club beautify St. Martin's before Easter. Join us for a morning of

fellowship, weeding, raking, planting and tidying up the church grounds. If you can't stay the whole time, no worries, please join us for whatever time you can. RSVP by April 4th. Bagels, fruit and water will be provided so sleep in.

Tuesday, April 16th- It's back! Movies, Dinner and Devotions- We'll be meeting at Annapolis Mall food court for dinner and devotions and then we are off to see the movie "Shazam". Please watch your email for the time. Please bring money for dinner and movie snacks. Movie is FREE. Parents- we will need at least one other adult leader to attend.

Sunday, April 28th 11:15-Lunch, Devotions, and Scavenger Hunt- Join us for an afternoon of faith, fellowship and fun. We'll enjoy a taco bar lunch in our youth room and a devotion. Then we're off to downtown Annapolis for an awesome scavenger hunt that ends with free ICE CREAM at Annapolis ice cream company. Please RSVP by April 25th. Friends are welcome. Parents- I will need at least 2 other adult leaders to attend as well as drive.



Senior High Sunday Mornings at 9am

All senior high youth, friends and middle school friends already confirmed are invited to join us Sunday mornings.

- Sunday, April 7th- We will be working on our prayer stations for FISH the following week.
- Sunday, April 14th- FISH- Prayer Stations
- Sunday, April 21st- - Easter Sunday- No Senior High 9am
- Sunday, April 28th- God on the small screen with breakfast in the youth room

Confirmation Students

- **Reminder- Please turn in your Service Hours and Worship Reflections!**
- Worship Reflection requirements have changed- please turn in **12** worship reflections instead of 15. We have a few students almost done with this requirement.
- Confirmation Make-Up Wednesday will be **Wednesday, April 24th** at 7pm in the library lounge. Please RSVP to Laura by 4/23.

March Lessons

- Sunday, April 7th- FISH (8th graders will do a catechetical review with Mrs. Holly in the art room)
- Sunday, April 14th- FISH- Prayer Stations
- Sunday, April 21st- Easter Sunday- No Confirmation Classes
- Sunday, April 28th- Emmaus

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The Old Mill Steel Drum Band is a group of performers...

who play a unique style of music from Trinidad right here in Maryland. The Old Mill Steel Drum Band started in 2000 with a small group of students who gave up their lunch period to play the steel pans. Now, the program has grown to 100 students. The ensemble performs many musical styles including soca, calypso, reggae, jazz, classical, pop, and others.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH
3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**



**ST. MARTIN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14: 8 AND 10 AM

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 18:
12 AND 7 PM**

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19: 12 AND *7 PM

(*TENEBRAE SERVICE: A SPECIAL AND
EXTREMELY DRAMATIC PRESENTATION
OF OUR LORD'S PASSION)

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21:
8 AND 10 AM SERVICE**

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

4/4 Keith Daniels
4/7 Caroline Gunhus
4/7 Daniel Gunhus
4/7 Amy Schaeffer
4/8 Jacqueline Janovsky
4/9 Alaric Wheaton
4/10 Paige Hruby
4/10 Megan Hruby
4/10 Carleen Parker
4/11 Lillian Albanese
4/11 Hadley Septembre
4/12 Robert Antochy
4/12 Landon Currie
4/12 B. Riggins Longergan, Jr.
4/12 Nina Ritter
4/13 Pat Wagner
4/15 Stephanie Edsall Michaelson
4/18 Timothy Burkhart
4/18 Ed Littleton
4/19 Leo Pacher
4/21 Donnaleen Trump-Starkey
4/21 Katherine Ann Winstead
4/22 Maggie Albanese
4/22 Joann Marsden
4/23 Ray Blanset
4/27 Christian Converse
4/27 Donna Hole
4/28 Evan Roemer
4/29 Audrey Burkhart
4/30 Louisa Day

Anniversaries

4/16 Jonathan and Nicole Aseltine
4/17 Carolynn and Robert Goldberg
4/26 Molly and Ben Michaelson

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Calendar Rev. 4/1/19
Please continue to check our website's News & Events tab for any new updates.

April 2019

1

7 pm Adult Bible Study (B)

2

4:30 pm Kids Choir Rehearsal (Music Rm)

3

7 am Men's Bible Study
8:40 School Chapel
10 am Staff Mtg
6:00 pm Bell Choir (Music Room)
6 pm Yoga (B)
7:00 pm Lenten Service & Drama (S)
8:00 pm Choir (MR)

4

11:30 am Mid-Day Bible Study (Double - T Diner)

5

6

9 am Garden Work Day

7

8 am Worship (S)
9 am Ed. Hour/ Confirmation
9 15 am Choir Rehearsal (S)
10 am Worship (S)
3 pm Old Mill HS Steel Drum Band Concert (S)

8

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

9

1 pm Outie Lunch (Double T Diner, Annapolis)

10

7 am Men's Bible Study
8:40 School Chapel
10 am Staff Mtg
12 pm W & M Meeting (L)
6:00 pm Bell Choir (Music Room)
6 pm Yoga (B)
7:00 pm Lenten Service & Drama (S)
8:00 pm Choir (MR)

11

9:30 am LMS Clothes Sorting (A,B,C)
11:30 am Mid-Day Bible Study (Double - T Diner)

12

13

10 am Joyful Hearts (A, B)

14

-Palm Sunday-
8 am Worship (S)
9 am Ed. Hour/ Confirmation
9 15 am Choir Rehearsal (S)
10 am Worship (S)

15

School Closed
7 pm Adult Bible Study (B)

16

School Closed
4:30 pm Kids Choir Rehearsal (Music Rm)
7 pm Executive Meeting (CF)

17

School Closed
7 am Men's Bible Study
8:40 School Chapel
10 am Staff Mtg
6 pm Yoga (B)
6:30 pm Bell Choir
7:30 pm Choir

18

-Maundy Thursday-
School Closed
12 pm Worship Service (S)
7 pm Worship Service (S)

19

-Good Friday-
School Closed
12 pm Worship Service (S)
7 pm Worship Service (S)

20

21

-Easter Sunday-
8 am Worship (S)
9:30 am Easter Egg Hunt (Courtyard)
9 15 am Choir Rehearsal (S)
10 am Worship (S)

22

Church Office Closed
School Closed
7 pm Adult Bible Study (B)

23

10 am Flying Quilters (A, B)

24

7 am Men's Bible Study
10 am Staff Mtg
6:30 pm Bell Choir
7:30 pm Choir

25

11:30 am Mid-Day Bible Study (Double - T Diner)
1 pm Prayer Shawl Meeting (Beechers)

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28

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

29

7 pm Bible Study (B)

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Sunday School: 9:00 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!**