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Deadline for September Tabletalk Articles
8/23/19

A NOTE FROM PASTOR BILL:

As July draws to a close and we begin the month of August, I find myself reflecting on several different things!

In July, I was fortunate to have been involved in one of the most outstanding Vacation Bible Schools I have ever experienced. The enrollment was excellent, the planning superb, and the contributions made by the talented, dedicated, and devoted staff of volunteers provided an experience for the children attending that will, no doubt, leave them all with memories, songs, and scripture passages that will be in their thoughts for some time to come. I feel blessed to have been a part of that experience this year in Pastor Dave's absence.

And, since I mentioned Pastor Dave, I am happy to say that he and Sandy are together again as I write this note to you. Sandy went over a few weeks ago, spent some time with her daughter, and has now reunited with Pastor Dave in Germany, where he was sent for a conference, and some rest and relaxation. I heard from him yesterday. He is doing well, is glad to have some time to spend with Sandy and sends his love to all of you! When we exchanged messages last week, he said that he feels that after this visit with Sandy in Germany the time remaining on his deployment will go fast, and he will be home again soon. I know you join me in praying for him, for his safety, for those with whom and for whom he serves, and for his swift return to us.

As for me, August always seems to be a time of transition for the church. Since the end of May things have slowed down a bit. The choirs are not rehearsing. The schools (both Sunday and day) are closed for the summer. Committees have, in some cases, taken a break. The Council hasn't met as often.

With the arrival of August, however, our focus as a church begins to change as we anticipate the renewal of our regular schedule. Christian Education is working on the plans for FISH and Confirmation, both of which will return in September. Music and Worship is looking at the schedule for the coming months as we anticipate the Polka Mass on October 6, Reformation and All Saints' Sundays, and soon thereafter the arrival of Thanksgiving, Advent, and the Holiday Season, and the return of Pastor Dave.

So, as we enter the month of August, we are looking ahead - planning, preparing, anticipating - and that is always exciting and indicative of a strong, healthy, and happy congregation - a congregation I have been blessed to serve as your interim pastor.

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Over the next few weeks I will be away from time to time on vacation with my grandchildren prior to their return to school, which is something of an annual tradition for our family. In my absence, the Rev. Cam Fish will be celebrating and preaching on August 4th, which is the only Sunday I will miss in August. What a blessing it is to have so many wonderful pastors- both retired and active - as members of St. Martin's. I can't think of any other congregation that has six members of the clergy - not including the pastor - actively involved in its congregational life! That says a lot!

So, enjoy the remaining weeks of summer, and, hopefully, those weeks will not be as hot as the past few days. Take some time to be with your families, whether you are vacationing or staying home. And be prepared for a great new year of worship, education, programs, projects, and growth - as well as the celebration of Pastor Dave's return - all of which will kick-off for us with the advent of September.

In God's Peace!

Pastor Bill

Garden Workday

Garden Workday at St. Martin's – Please Join Us: On **Thursday, August 8 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm**, we need volunteers to help weed, prune and mulch the gardens at St. Martin's. Please come and help us anytime during those hours and enjoy some fellowship and satisfaction that you have made our gardens look beautiful! Bring gloves and a trowel. Thanks! Betty and John Knupp, 410-956-4881.

JOYFUL HEARTS

Our August gathering will be serving dinner at the **Light House Shelter on August 12th**. *We will meet again on Saturday, September 21 at the church at 10:00 a.m.*

New! A Women's Reading Group at St. Martin's

We are forming a women's reading group here at St. Martin's. We will have an **organizational meeting on Sunday, August 11, between services at 9:00 am in the library lounge**. If you are interested in joining this group, please plan to attend this gathering to discuss plans to kick off the program. We will select a gathering day and time and a coordinator. And, of course, we welcome any book selections you may have.

Flying Quilters

Quilters will meet **Monday August 19** in fellowship A and B from **10:00 am - 12:00 pm** for regular quilting. No sewing skills are needed. We'd love to have you join us. Questions? Contact Judy Houston at: judyhouston2@gmail.com or 410-263-3888)

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday August 21, 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, please keep knitting and crocheting; Pastor Bill and Chaplain Paula continue 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 Bill, Chaplain Paula or Dottie Hall (443-646-6630). We mail these "tangible hugs from God" out of town.

Pastor Dave's Birthday Box

Wednesday, September 4 is Pastor Dave's birthday, and we want to make it as "happy" as we can from so far away. A **"BIRTHDAY BOX"** is in the narthex, near Pr. Dave's mailbox. Here we are collecting cards and other small items for his birthday. One **gift** we know he would appreciate is a gift for the orphanage there. You may make your gift to St. Martin's and designated to **Pr. Dave Orphanage Fund**. To ensure his "birthday package" arrives in time, we will mail this package on August 21st.

FISH – Year 2

Summer is winding down. School will start soon. Along with those changes, our next program year begins at St. Martin's. Welcome FISH – Year 2. The Christian Education committee along with Pastor Bill have been planning for our next year of the FISH program, our intergenerational education hour on Sunday mornings (which also includes a service component). We have made a few changes to the program for the upcoming year. We will be introducing a new gathering activity called Faith 5, which can actually be using at home as well. We are focusing on one theme per month tying Bible stories and service projects to that theme. We will also include some discussion on worship most Sundays. If there is anyone interested in assisting with this program, please contact Linda Wetz lkwetz@verizon.net.



Join us for our kick-off **Sunday, September 8**, where we will be hosting a **pet blessing** service at **9:00 am** in the courtyard. Bring your pet to be blessed as we celebrate the beginning of our program year with many of

God's creatures.



Outie Lunch Group

The "Outie" Lunch Group will be taking a summer break – We will get together again for lunch on **Tuesday, September 10th, 1:00 pm** at **The Green Turtle in Annapolis**. Hope you can be there. Contact Carole Komenda 410-266-7132.



**American
Red Cross**

There will be another **Red
Cross Blood Drive at St.**

Martin's on Friday, September 13th from 12:30 pm - 6 pm in the Fellowship Wing. If you are able to donate please register online: <http://www.redcrossblood.org/> or via the sign up sheet in the Narthex or contact Sara Wetz at: slwetz@verizon.net, or 410-956-6515. Also, if anyone is interested in assisting by checking people in please contact Sara Wetz.

Vacation Bible School

We had a great time going To Mars and Beyond. We learned to Go Beyond with Faith, Boldness, Kindness, Thankfulness and Hope. Ninety children learned about Daniel and the Lion's Den, Queen Esther saves her people, the Good Samaritan, Jesus Heals 10 men, and the Road to Emmaus. Each day started with an opening where we learned new songs and heard about the day's story and theme with help from the EP-3:20 puppet. We also saw videos about our mission to collect fuel to save the starship Galaxion. After that it was off to visit 6 stations – music, games, story, crafts, science, and snack. As part of the snack rotation the children worked on mission projects including packing 105 lunches for the Light House, making 90 cat and dog toys for the SPCA, 100 placemats for Meals on Wheels and worry stones to send to Pastor Dave to give to the troops. Our last day included a closing ceremony where we shared some of the songs we learned with our parents and reviewed the stories we heard. Then we celebrated with a wonderful picnic lunch for everybody.

The credit for the success of this year's VBS goes to the exceptional volunteers. Everyone stepped up and did a fantastic job and I think we all had a good time sharing God's love with the children. Special thanks to our Mission Commander Pastor Bill.

- Judy Houston, Linda Wetz and Sara Wetz



Sanctuary Sound

If you sit towards the back of the church, you probably have trouble hearing the service. The Worship & Music Committee has been addressing this issue, along with other sound concerns in the sanctuary. We are researching and will eventually purchase two state-of-the-art sets of speakers, one of which will replace the one upfront, and one of which will be located towards the back of the church. Adding these speakers should make the sound more even throughout the sanctuary and increase the clarity of both voice and music. The speakers are expensive, however, and we do not yet have the money needed—about \$8,000.

We've already purchased hand-held microphones to use for the children's message and for other announcements, and we've adjusted the chancel mics and the microphone at the lectern so that the choir, Pastor Bill/Pastor Dave and the lectors can be heard better. We've also installed sound in the narthex and made sure the speaker in the library/lounge is working. Worship & Music shares your concerns about the sound quality during all our services. If you have any comments or questions that this committee can address, please contact Marianne Drumm, Chairman of Worship & Music, croftondrumms@gmail.com or 410-703-0876.

Memorial Garden and Columbarium (MGC) Update:

We continue to make progress on the MGC Ministry. A total of 31 niches have been purchased. Walk thru the gardens and enjoy its beauty and serenity. Pray and meditate on the newly installed memorial benches. The narthex door is installed, and we will soon have direct access to the gardens. Next comes the construction of the terrace so we can enjoy the beauty of the gardens with the outdoor fellowship areas. If you are interested in contributing to the terrace project, please make your contribution to the MGC by designating your checks to the Rick Ruhf Memorial Terrace. If you are interested in purchasing a niche, making a memorial gift or simply donating to the project in any amount, please contact me at 410-971-7059 or Kim Rosekrans at 443-538-4446. Peace and God's Blessings, Mel Tuckfield, MGC Committee Chairman.



Service Camp Highlights

We had a total of 30 youth and 4 adults hear God's call to serve in our community and we made a huge impact during our inaugural service camp. In just one week we were able to:

- Make 100 lunches to the Light House Shelter
- Create almost 200 cards made for the "Cards for the Troops" organization
- Build and paint 10 Birdhouses for Cheryl's Rescue Ranch as well as raising \$540 in a monetary donation and over \$300 in food donations.
- Weed strawberry fields at Chesapeake Bay Foundation Clagett Farm for over two hours.
- Visit and share a service project with the residents of Cadia Nursing Center.
- On Friday to top it off we packaged 10,000 meals with the help of some of our congregation members to be delivered to AA County Food Bank.

Thank you for all your support and prayer and a special thanks to Kim Edsall, Stephanie Fraser, Nicole Gunhus and Molly Michaelson for being adult leaders and Doug Hole for help with transportation.





what's coming up in
AUGUST



4TH ANNUAL ANNAPOLIS CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

August 9, 2019 @ 7:30 p.m.

August 10, 2019 @ 7:30 p.m.

St. Martin's Lutheran Church - Annapolis, MD

For tickets, please visit: chambermusicannapolis.org/2019tickets

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2019 @ 7:30 P.M.



**NEVER SUCH INNOCENCE AGAIN:
SONGS AND CHAMBER MUSIC OF
WORLD WAR 1**

Join Grammy-nominated baritone Randall Scarlata, soprano Melissa Wimbish and the ACMF musicians for a one-of-a-kind event exploring the songs and chamber music of World War I. Trace the arc of the war through ripped-from-the-headlines masterpieces from Debussy, Bartok, Irving Berlin, Charles Ives, and host of others. Then, take a tour through the new styles and trends that arose from the war's ashes, from neoclassicism to cabaret jazz. With a whirlwind of short works on the program, this concert shows off the incredible diversity of music written during the biggest period of upheaval the world has ever known.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2019 @ 7:30 P.M.



SACRED/PROFANE

In Sacred/Profane, we explore two ways of looking at life through the lens of great music. Energetic, humorous pieces by Guillaume Connesson and Jean Francaix celebrate the energy and sensuality of everyday existence. Then, Mozart's Ave Verum Corpus and selections from Bach's Musical Offering lift our sights to the heavens. Finally, Osvaldo Golijov's searingly beautiful Tenebrae attempts to unify the human and the divine. It's our last concert of the 2019 season, so come celebrate wonderful music with us!

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Annapolis, Maryland

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St. Martin's Lutheran Church Golf League - 2019

Date	Course	Comment
5 August 2019	Bay Hills	
12	South River	Need players' names no later than Sunday, August 11
19	Bay Hills	
26	Bay Hills	
9 September 2019	Bay Hills	
16	Bay Hills	

Contact Alan Bitonti via email (ajbitonti@verizon.net) and cell phone (781-608-8508) if interested.

Our "home" course is Bay Hills this year due to construction at Eisenhower. The cost is the same as last year, \$25 which includes a cart. South River is \$40 with a cart. We need to let South River know 24 hr. ahead to allow them to have carts ready for us. As before we will have a 4-person best ball format and a group dining opportunity will be available at a local restaurant as before.





The Chaplain's Corner

You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word. Psalm 119:114

The long, hot “dog days” of a Maryland August are upon us. Many are taking that annual get-away or trying for one more weekend or long weekend before the summer ends, school starts, and life returns to its seemingly non-stop hectic pace. Sometimes we just need a place to be alone and quiet – with family for sure.

Whether it's a condo on the beach or that well-worn cabin high in the mountains, we seek our hiding place from the outside world to be refueled and rested. Sometimes in these quiet moments we look to our Lord for strength, for comfort, and for guidance for our lives. In these moments, God's Word gives us direction and the assurance of God's protection in our lives. Psalm 121 assures us of God's constant presence and protection:

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?

² My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴ He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵ The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

⁸ The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

As we go to our various get-away places this month, let us remember to pray for Pastor Dave. His time away from us is more than half over, and we pray God will walk with him the remainder of his tour. And we offer this prayer for him...

May the Lord keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forever more.
Psalm 121:8

Chaplain Paula

St. Martin's Youth Newsletter

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We had a great crowd (28 youth) for our summer kick off. An evening cook out on the front lawn with lots of games and good times. Thank you to everyone who helped including Martin and his dad Steve for grilling.

News from Mrs. Laura: This is a combined newsletter for the summer (June, July and August) to help you plan. Please check your weekly emails for updates and/or changes in the schedule and for a few Pop Up Youth Events. Friends are welcome to come to all events and RSVP'ing (even if it's last minute) makes coordination easier. Every event requires at least one additional adult leader so please consider volunteering. Parents, please use your own discretion with our Movie, Dinner, and Devotion nights as some movies are PG-13. All events are for rising youth in 6th-12th grade unless noted. Younger siblings are welcome to attend events if parents stay.

Mrs. Laura's Summer Schedule: Office Hours: You can find me in my office on Sundays and Wednesdays. I will be working at home as well...best way to reach me is via text or email. I will be out of the office July 4- July 21st on family vacation.

Congratulations to seniors, Jackson Gunhus and Rachel Edlich. Jackson is graduating from Severn School and will be attending University of Colorado majoring in Business and Rachel is graduating from Annapolis High School and attending Anne Arundel Community College pursuing an Education degree. Many blessings and prayers to Jackson and Rachel.





Anchored in Christ
Called to Serve

Monday July 29th- August 2nd 9am- 4pm- St. Martin's Service Camp-

Join us as we meet at church each day for faith, service, and fellowship. See attachment for details and registration. Join us for the whole week or the days you can come. This is a fun and meaningful way to knock out your service hours for school and/or church. **Registration closes July 2nd.** Friends are welcome.

August Fellowship and Service Events

Sunday, August 11th 8:45am- FREE BREAKFAST! Join us for a yummy breakfast at Panera. Meet in Mrs. Laura's office and we'll head over for breakfast.

Tuesday, August 13th -- Movies, Dinner and Devotions Lighthouse Shelter

Lunches- Movie: DORA AND LOST CITY OF GOLD Devotion Conversation: do you hear the call? We will meet at church this time and make lunches for the Lighthouse Shelter first and then head off to the movies. Please bring money for dinner and \$7 for movie.

Tuesday, August 20th- Movies, Dinner and Devotions- Movie: ANGRY BIRDS 2

Devotion Conversation: Is it okay to be angry with God? Bring money for dinner and movie is **FREE**.

Sunday, August 25th 11am-2:30pm- Farewell to the Summer Picnic and

Kayaking- Join us as we say so long to summer with a picnic at Quiet Waters Park and an afternoon of kayaking. More details to come.





Vacation Bible School Memories

**To Mars and Beyond -
Explore where God's Power
can take you!**



Go beyond with Faith, Boldness, Kindness, Thankfulness and Hope



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

8/4 Royce Bradshaw
8/5 Rena Woodland
8/6 Connor Wolfe
8/7 Evan Anderson
Max Anderson
Karl Kamp
Jolene Lanham
McKenzie Littleton
8/8 Alex Carlson
8/11 Glenn Hollenbeck
8/12 Robert Hanson
Dan Wheaton
8/15 Dave Mattingley
8/16 Barbara Jean George Elliott
8/17 Jeannette Brzozowsky
8/19 Tyler Horton
8/21 Tony Anzalone
Sue Lanham
8/23 Adeline Albanese
Valia Bradshaw
Paul Skreptack
8/25 Luci Aseltine
8/26 Abigail Freeman
8/27 Benjamin DeVinney
8/28 Rita Moday
Lissi Umlandt
8/29 Joan Bitonti
8/31 Carolynn Goldberg



Anniversaries

8/2 Bob and Marianne Drumm
8/6 Glenn and Martha Hollenbeck
8/8 Robert and Carin Antochy
8/10 Tom and Barb Freeman
Mike and Tracey Skreptack
8/23 Bob and Jackie Janovsky

*Sun**Mon**Tue**Wed**Thu**Fri**Sat**Calendar Rev. 8/1/19*

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for any new updates.

August 2019

1

9 am St. Martin's
Service Camp

2

9 am St. Martin's
Service Camp

11:30 am Meal
Packing Event
(Gym)

3**4**

8 am Worship (S)
10 am Worship (S)

5

5 pm Golf (Bay Hills)

6**7**

7 am Men's Bible
Study (Double T)
10 am Staff Mtg

8

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

5 pm Garden
Workday

9

7:30 pm ACMF
Concert (S)

10

7:30 pm ACMF
Concert (S)

11

8 am Worship (S)
8:45 am Youth
Breakfast @ Panera
10 am Worship (S)

12

5 pm Golf (South
River)
5 pm LHS Dinner
(Joyful Hearts)

13

12 pm Worship &
Music Mtg. (L)
(Time TBA) Youth
Movie, Dinner &
Devo./LHS Lunches

14

7 am Men's Bible
Study (Double T)
10 am Staff Mtg

15

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

16**17****18**

8 am Worship (S)
10 am Worship (S)

19

10 am Quilters
5 pm Golf (Bay Hills)

20

(Time TBA) Youth
Movie, Dinner &
Devo.

21

7 am Men's Bible
Study (Double T)
10 am Staff Mtg

1 pm Prayer Shawl
Mtg. (J. Hilts Home)

22

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

23**24****25**

8 am Worship (S)
10 am Worship (S)
11 am Youth Picnic

26

5 pm Golf (Bay Hills)

27**28**

7 am Men's Bible
Study (Double T)
10 am Staff Mtg

29

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

30**31**



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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!**