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Deadline for April Articles: 3/17/20

Pastor's Corner

Things are not right. In our world, in our relationships, in our hearts- things are off. We walk through this life with the ever-present malaise that reminds us that we are “in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves”. The 40 days of Lent invite us to contemplate this reality and this year during Lent we will focus on the themes of *wilderness and darkness*. But of course, because Christ is victorious and loves us, we are reminded that even in the midst of the wilderness and darkness—we are children of light who have hope because of God’s great love and saving action on our behalf.

As we strive to keep the spiritual disciplines during Lent, I hope that you will anchor the whole season in worship where we hear God’s promises and share in the holy meal.

On March 1st we are reminded that Jesus went into the *dark wilderness* for 40 days to be tempted.

March 8th we hear about *Nicodemus who came to Jesus with questions by night*.

March 15th invites to remember the *Samaritan woman with a dark past who met Jesus while it was still dark*.

March 22nd our Gospel lesson re-introduces us to *a man born blind* who lived in darkness until he met Jesus.

And finally on March 29th we go to Bethany where *Lazarus, the dear friend Jesus, had died and was laid in a dark tomb*.

How might these lessons speak to our lives as we live in the shadowy wilderness of our present age? Come to worship to see how God will touch your heart and bless your days. The Lenten journey always takes us to back to Jerusalem during Holy Week where the quiet contemplation of Lent prompts us then to retrace the way of suffering that Jesus walked. But then as we go to the tomb again, all heaven breaks forth into joyful hymns as we remember the source of our love and hope. I hope to see you in church each week as we journey together.

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Additionally, we will again have worship each Wednesday during Lent and our drama series is called “Lost in Grace”. The themes of being in dark wilderness are explored as we contemplate various kinds of loss that come to us in life and how Jesus Christ helps.

I hope you will commit to keeping a good Lent this year. I am very much aware, however, that so many of you are busy—and at times unable to come to church because of demands upon your life or you simply are not physically able to do so. Thanks to a *very special and generous gift* we have installed technology in the sanctuary so that we will soon be posting worship on Youtube at a St. Martin’s Lutheran Church channel. This will help you keep a good Lent even when the demands of life pull you away from Annapolis on the weekends. I am extremely thankful for this gift to the church and hopeful that it will help many to stay in tune with the readings of the season and our mutual journey at St. Martin’s. Watch for more specifics that will come in an eblast soon.

Please know that I remain thankful for all of you and I am honored to serve alongside of you in the Gospel ministry of light people so badly need in the dark wilderness of this world. God bless you and I hope to see you in church very soon. – Pastor Dave+

FISH

Our theme for March is miracles from the Bible. We will be discussing miracle stories from both the Old and New Testaments. Join us at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings as we explore some of these stories from the Bible. Our project on March 1 will be to assemble the 120 school kits for the South Sudan orphanage. On March 1 we will be meeting in the Art room for the project instead of the fellowship rooms. All ages are welcome!

First Holy Communion

On Transfiguration Sunday, February 23 at the 10 am service, Emily Sindt, Olivia Scott Stephenson O'Dea, Carson Prost, Eli Shenk and Elliott Spain received their first holy communion. Please lift in prayer and congratulate them!

JOYFUL HEARTS



Come join us for a special *Joyful Hearts* program on March 14 at 10am. Phyllis Hatcher will do a power point presentation called **Quilt Detective**.

She has appraised over 4,000 quilts as an American Quilters Society certified

quilt appraiser in Annapolis since 1999.

She will show how she determines the date a quilt was likely made using her knowledge of a myriad of mysterious clues: dyes, color, pattern, size, fibers, and regional preferences, to name a few. She will bring quilts with her and invites you to bring along an old quilt to show and for Phyllis to date. Some curious stories and bits of textile chronicle are waiting to be shared.

Outie Lunch Group

The next "Outie" Lunch Group will meet on **Tuesday, March 10 at 1 pm** at: **Romano's Macaroni Grill in Annapolis**. Contact Christine at the Church Office 410-263-4723.

Flying Quilters

Flying Quilters will meet again in March on **Mon., Mar. 9 and 23**, in fellowship A and B from **10:00 am - 2:00 pm** for regular quilting. No sewing skills are needed. We'd love to have you join us. Bring a lunch and stay all day or come when you can. Questions? Judy Houston (judyhouston2@gmail.com or 410-263-3888)

Prayer Shawl Ministry:

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 19, 1-4 pm** at the home of Judy Svoboda her address is 1273 Log Canoe Court, Annapolis, MD 21403. If you have questions, please call Judy at 410-267-9060. For those unable to meet, please keep knitting and crocheting; Pastor Dave 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 Dave, Chaplain Paula, or Dottie Hall (443-646-6630). We mail these "tangible hugs from God" out of town.

SWING INTO SPRING

Swing into Spring Dance: On **Friday, March 20, 2020**, we will be having a dance for the entire congregation in our gymnasium. The music will be provided by the **Shades of Blue Orchestra** and we will be dancing to tunes from the 1940's to the present. Tickets will be for sale after both services in March leading up to the dance.

Also, you are invited to consider taking **Ballroom Dance Lessons here at St. Martin's on Friday, March 13!** The lessons will be taught by Michael Sims, owner and operator of the LITE ON YOUR FEET dance studio. Michael will teach swing and cha cha from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. If you are interested, please sign up in the narthex. The cost has been covered by a special gift!!! Check out Michael's professional background:

<http://www.loyfdancestudio.com/bio>

New Members Class

For anyone interested in joining St. Martin's, you can attend a **new member orientation with Chaplain Paula on Sunday, March 1 and 8 in the library lounge at 9 a.m.** then a **class with Pastor Dave on Tuesday, March 10 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** We plan to receive new members on Sunday, March 15. Call the church office or speak with Chaplain Paula (410-703-2669) if you're interested.

LMS Clothes Sorting – Save the Date!

We will be gathering to sort clothes for the Lutheran Mission Society on **Thursday, April 9th, 9-11 am**. Look for the sign-up sheet soon!

Church Treasurer Needed

St. Martin's has been blessed for decades with Mick Thistle as our church treasurer. However, he has requested that it is time for someone else to take over this critical responsibility for the church. The Finance Committee is seeking a new church treasurer who ideally has an accounting or financial background with knowledge of QuickBooks and strong Excel skills. The duties of the Treasurer as defined in our constitution are as follows:

- The congregation treasurer is responsible for keeping the books of account suitable for audit, and for disbursing the funds on proper orders.
- The congregation treasurer shall make written reports of all financial transactions to the congregation Council monthly, and to the congregation at its annual business meeting.

Other responsibilities of this position include preparation of the church's annual budget and ensuring that all governmental taxes, reporting forms and regulations are met on a timely basis.

This position is an elected officer of the congregation and church council with a two-year term and is a member of the Executive Committee and Finance Committee.

If you would like to serve the church in this position please contact Tom Freeman at tombarb.freeman@verizon.net

Attention Thrivent Members— Would you like to help St. Martin's? Thrivent benefit members receive Choice Dollars throughout the year. These dollars can then be donated to a charity of your choice. Why not donate this free money to St. Martins? Money accumulated in 2019 may be donated until March 31, 2020. The online process is very easy. Questions, please contact Sara Wetz (slwetz@verizon.net) or Linda Wetz (lkwetz@verizon.net).

Learn How to Cook in an Instant Pot - A Game Changer for Dinner

Monday, March 2nd 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (Art Room) with Happel Kolakoski. Questions? Please contact Happel at: 443-994-4686 or if you would like to follow along with the recipe and bring your own ingredients, send an email to Happel at: happelyhealthy@gmail.com.

Amazon Smile

Are you looking for other ways you can support St. Martin's Lutheran Church? The church will soon be on Amazon Smile. This means that you can select St. Martin's Lutheran Church and shop smile.amazon.com. The church will earn 0.5% of all eligible purchases. There is no cost to you or the church. All Amazon items are available on the smile.amazon.com site that are available on the main site. You can also connect with Amazon Smile through the app. More information will be coming soon.

Garden Workday at St. Martin's – Please Join Us

On **Saturday, March 28 from 9:00-12noon**, 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 410-956-4881.





**ST. MARTIN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
PRESENTS:**

SWING INTO SPRING

**ON FRIDAY MARCH 20, 2020,
WE WILL SWING INTO SPRING
TO THE MUSIC OF THE**

SHADES OF BLUE ORCHESTRA

**THE DANCE WILL BE HELD IN THE GYMNASIUM
FROM 8-10 P.M.**

**REFRESHMENTS AND DOOR PRIZES WILL BE
AVAILABLE.**

**THE COST WILL BE \$25 PER PERSON, AND FOR
THOSE PURCHASING 8 TICKETS, A TABLE WILL
BE RESERVED FOR YOU, YOUR FAMILY, AND
YOUR FRIENDS.**

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW AND WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE NARTHEX
FOLLOWING EACH OF OUR WORSHIP SERVICES.**

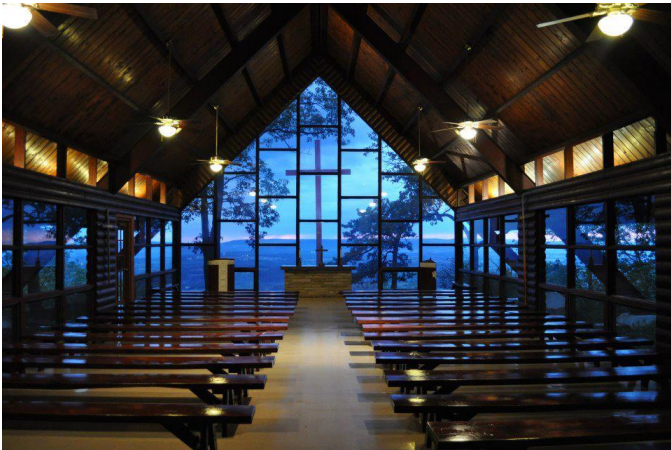
**COCKTAIL ATTIRE IS RECOMMENDED!
(WINE AND BEER MAY BE PURCHASED!)**

MAR LU RIDGE CAMP

Did you know that our Synod (Delaware-Maryland Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) has a FUN and FANTASTIC summer camp for kids and youth?

Mar Lu Ridge sits atop the Catocin Mountains in Frederick County and has been a source of Christian growth, love, and inspiration for many years. Perhaps you are looking for the right camp for your child or young person this year. Try Mar Lu Ridge-- the blessings and joy will bring enduring gifts. Here's a link-- check it out:

<https://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/>



St Martin's Soup Group



Calling all soup wizards or those who like to make, or who would like to help make soup to join us in a wonderful new ministry here at St. Martin's. We envision this soup ministry providing a fellowship

opportunity as we make soup together and a service opportunity as we deliver soup to folks in their home: post hospitalization, homebound, down with the flu, etc. So, think of the comfort of your favorite soup, dust off that old favorite recipe, and come join us – to plan the where, when and how of this new ministry – and *for soup, of course* - in the fellowship hall on **Wednesday, March 4** at 11:30 am. For more information, contact Chaplain Paula at 410-703-2669.



St. Martin's Women's Book Club

November 9, 2019

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens - fiction
- Marianne Drumm

This story is about Kya who is abandoned by her family and struggles to live in the marsh, where she might learn to support herself and fights loneliness and feelings of abandonment by her mother and Jodie. She immerses herself in nature which is vividly described by the author. "Nature had nurtured, tutored and protected her when no one else would...she was bonded to her planet and its life in a way very few people are" The kind Tate and scheming Chase provide challenging relationships. She is accused of killing Chase. Did she?

January 11, 2020

The Delight of Being Ordinary: A Road Trip with the Pope and Dalai Lama by Roland Merullo
- Betty Knupp

Arranged by the Pope's first assistant and his cousin, the Pope and Dalai Lama escape and travel under cover to discover what they could not in their official, recognizable positions. They want to experience and feel what ordinary people feel. The Pope wants: "A small vacation-- 4 days. I want my guest to see the beautiful Italian countryside, I want to see it myself. We desire only to be normal for a while--no aides, guards, photographers and no formality." They learn about themselves and what they have in common and about others.

March 14, 2020

A Woman of No Importance the Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II
by Sonia Purnell
- Marianne Drumm

In this extensively researched and compellingly written book, readers learn about Virginia Hall, an amazing American who worked for Britain's spy organization during World War II. Overcoming great adversity, she established vast spy networks throughout France, arranged for weapons and explosives to be dropped from the skies and became a crucial part of the Resistance.



Caring for Creation Station

A space dedicated to preserving God's creation. Please keep an eye out for upcoming events and environmental tips. We will be highlighting composting and celebrating Earth Day on Saturday, April 18th.

For anyone who would like to be involved or wants more information, please contact:

Betty Knupp knuppster@aol.com,
Happel Kolakoski happelyhealthy@gmail.com,
Marianne Drumm (croftondrumms@gmail.com) or
Steve Raabe (steve@opinionworks.com)



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Support Groups Meeting at St. Martin's

AA Group – Meets weekly on Wednesdays and Sundays at 8 PM in Fellowship Room A

Debtors Anonymous – Meets weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Room A

St. Martin's School Open House

Join us at our School Open House on **Thursday, March 26th** from **9:00 to 11:00 am**. Come for a tour, learn about our educational programs, meet our teachers, students, and Head of School. St. Martin's educates students from 3 years old through 8th grade. For additional information, please call or email Mrs. Kelly Peenstra, Director of Admissions, at 410-269-1955, ext. 20 or visit www.stmartinsonline.org.

Daylight Savings Time Reminder
Sunday, March 8th - *Spring Forward!*

Join us on Wednesday evenings in Lent for a Worship and Drama Series. Beginning on the Wednesday evening of March 4th, get ready to be "Lost in Grace". There will be a series of 5 Lenten dramas focusing on loss, whether small or large.

The Worship and Drama Series will be held on:
Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25 and Apr. 1.

A Look Ahead at Holy Week.....

Palm Sunday, April 5th - 8 and 10 AM Services

Maundy Thursday, April 9th - 12 and 7 PM Services

Good Friday, April 10th - 12 and 7 PM Services

Easter Sunday, April 12th - 8 and 10 AM Services

(Easter Egg Hunt at 9 AM)



Vacation Bible School
July 13-17 9AM - 12 noon

“Knights of North Castle - Quest for the King’s Armor”

We will be exploring how to put our faith into action as we learn to Armor up with Truth, Justice, Peace, Faith, and Salvation.

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.

We will be opening registration on MARCH 29. Information on how to register will follow in the bulletin.

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



The Choir Crier

- SAINT MARTIN'S MUSIC MINISTRY -

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Annapolis, Maryland

CHOIRS! CHOIRS! CHOIRS, OH MY!

There are new ensembles around every corner!



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We have so many new things occurring at Saint Martin's! There is new life popping up around every corner! This year, two primary focuses for our music ministry will be building a vital children's/youth music program. Our Chorister Program will be for ages 5+ and those that are "a little too old" for children's choir will have the opportunity to serve as youth leaders for the younger members. They will also assist when the choristers sing with the Chancel Choir. We are looking for both categories. For those going through confirmation, this will count towards service hours and it would also count as service hours for organizations such as the National Honor Society and the Tri-M Music Honor Society. We will be making a soft transition into a new curriculum for ALL of our choirs (the adults included) through the Royal School of Church Music. Saint Martin's is an Affiliate Member of the Royal School of Church Music America and will soon be a practitioner of the *Voice for Life* curriculum. Service hours can be tallied and approved in conjunction with Pastor Dave Oravec and our Director of Youth Ministry, Laura Albanese. If you are interested in participating in this new program, please see Tyler Horton. We are also looking for adult volunteers (Choir Moms/Choir Dads) to sit in on Chorister rehearsals in order to be within the guidelines of our policies on working with children. This is an exciting time to be a part of St. Martin's! Come join us!



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ME? SING? YES!

It's time for you to join a choir!

Lenten Rehearsal Schedule

COME AND JOIN OUR CHOIR FOR EASTER!

Handbell Choir -

Wednesday's @ 6:15 - Music Room

Chancel Choir -

Wednesday's @ 7:30 - Music Room/Sanctuary

Chorister Program (Rehearsal & Pizza) -

Tuesdays @ 4:30-5:15 - Music Room



WHAT AM I GETTING OUT OF IT?

It's a proven fact that singing a chorus is more fun when we are surrounded by friends, belting it out at the top of our lungs. Maybe that doesn't seem like a proven fact, but according to recent research -- it actually is. Humans are wired for rhythmic togetherness; from choral singers, musicians, dancers, to rowers, the science is coming in that we bond best when we are making music with each other. Studies show that choral singing improves our mood, with a decrease in stress, depression and anxiety. These effects are often attributed to the deeper breathing associated with singing, that is also used in meditation. These benefits are enhanced in a group setting, compared to singing alone. Singing in a group offers us a sense of belonging to something bigger than ourselves. It helps us feel that we are needed by the larger community. In that light, choral singing programs are beginning to make big strides at senior centers, as a way to improve the quality of life for the older members of our society. Beyond these psychological effects, our physical health is also impacted for the better: lower blood pressure, increased blood oxygen saturation, elevated immunity, higher pain threshold, stronger respiratory muscles, and less stuttering. Music making produces measurable changes in the brain! These changes positively impact our ability to heal after strokes by assisting the formation of alternative pathways around damaged brain tissue. All of these factors can lead to a deeper sense of well-being and overall happiness. Another notion is that the experience of making music together provides a sense of awe not just for the observers, but for the participants, as well. If one voice, instrument, or dancer alone is amazing, a group of performers is more so. What does that awe lead to? Research shows that this emotion engenders an enhanced sense of altruism. It seems to shift our focus from our own narrow view to that of our common humanity. Those who report more awe in their lives have been shown to be more generous, more ethical, and more helpful towards others. Perhaps as we join with others to create an experience of great beauty, we diminish any sense of scarcity, while augmenting our connection to all in a way which is paradoxically self-affirming. We feel more comfortable and happier in our own skin. The statistics are in. In 2017, only 33% of Americans described themselves as happy. A full 40% said "they rarely engage in hobbies and pastimes they enjoy." It is time to turn that around.

<https://artistworks.com/blog/surprising-health-benefits-singing-choir>

SAINT MARTIN'S FINE ARTS SERIES PRESENTS

THE

United States Army Chorus



SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020

3.00 in the Nave

1120 Spa Rd., Annapolis, MD 21403



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ST. MARTIN'S YOUTH MARKET

HelpWanted

St. Martin's Youth Group will be opening up their Youth Market for the AIJN yard sale on Saturday, April 18th.

We are looking to sell homemade items (baked goods, pottery, stationary, jewelry, sugar scrubs, knitted items, quilts etc...). If you make it we would love to have it in our shop! All proceeds from the market will go towards AIJN legal fund.

Contact Laura Albanese at
youthdirstmartins@gmail.com
you can donate items.



OPEN TO ALL YOUTH ENTERING 6TH-12TH
GRADE IN 2020-21.

ST. MARTIN'S YOUTH SERVICE CAMP

— June 22nd- June 26th —

Spend a week in faith, fellowship and service to our church, community and the world.

Camp runs Monday-Thursday 9-4pm and Friday 9-12pm.

Cost: \$100 (financial aid available)-includes camp T-shirt, movie and ice cream.

Typical Day: Bible Study/Faith Formation, Service Project, Lunch, Complete Service Project and the rest of the afternoon is funtime (going to a movie, downtown photo scavenger hunt, ice cream etc...).

Registration and payment is due April 19th.

Space is limited to 30. Please email Laura Albanese youthdirstmartins@gmail.com for a registration form.

Anchored in Christ



Called to Serve!



The Chaplain's Corner

*Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
. Matthew 4:1*

Now we enter the time of Lent – that dark time of repentance, fasting and prayer. As we begin our Lenten journey let us pause to reflect on the past year. What wilderness have we experienced? What temptations have the devil thrown before us?

I recall as a child the annual Lenten proclamations, similar to the New Year's resolutions, which were declared with great flair and emphasis, only to be forgotten and shelved. Some typical Lenten practices were the giving up of candy, or a variety such as chocolate; giving up of some favorite, unhealthy food; giving up movies, dining out, and a myriad of other options – most of which lasted a week or two. Then the “temptation by the devil” became too great.

Over the years, along with others I would try to make the Lenten fasting discipline something more meaningful. I discovered that giving up the worldly treats of chocolate or dining out meant more money left over at the end of the week. That I could designate for some charitable cause – the homeless, the hungry, or others struggling day-to-day. *Giving up* turned into *giving*.

In today's world we have other, more difficult struggles: we have wars, we have those displaced by those wars; we have violent forces of nature and those displaced by the effects of that weather; we have homeless and those displaced by general poverty. We have people vs. people.

Psalms 4:6 reads, *There are many who say, “O that we might see some good! Let the **light** of **your** face **shine** on us, O Lord!”* As the light of the Lord shines on us this year, I offer the following suggestions for our Lenten abstinence. For Lent, let us **give up**: Let us give up quarreling – for that is unproductive. Let us give up hatred – Jesus warned of that. Let us give up idolatry and the *worship* of fame and riches. Let us give up prejudice and treat others with respect. Our Lord taught that “*just as you did it to one **of** the **least of these** who are members **of** my family, you did it to me.*”

As we progress through Lent and to the celebration of the Resurrection, let **our** Lenten abstinence be a model for others. Let **us** be that beacon of light and of hope. Let ours be the light that shows others the way to our Lord and Savior.

“let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven..” Matthew 5:16

Chaplain Paula

ST. MARTIN'S IS HOSTING A MULTI CHURCH
YARD SALE
WE HAVE INVITED OUR NEIGHBORING CHURCHES TO
PARTNER WITH US
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ANNAPOLIS IMMIGRATION
JUSTICE NETWORK LEGAL FUND

CHURCH YARD SALE!

APRIL 18TH 8AM-1PM
RAIN OR SHINE

Donations will be accepted starting
Saturday, April 4th 10am-12pm
and Sunday, April 5th 8am- 12:30pm

Items Needed:

Household goods, clean seasonal clothes (name brand/good-excellent condition), small appliances, baby items, kids toys, sports equipment and furniture*.

Please make sure items are ready to sell- no stains, rips, tears, and/or incomplete sets.

Please No: books (unless contemporary children's books), DVDs/CDs/VHF tapes, used toiletries and make up, undergarments, large exercise equipment or TVs.

Questions, more information, or to volunteer :

contact Laura Albanese at

youthdirstmartins@gmail.com or 443-699-2539.

"I want you to know all about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measure
Then your lives will be filled with all that God is." Ephesians 3:19



ST. MARTIN'S YOUTH GROUP MARCH NEWSLETTER



SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

- **Sunday, March 8th- Lunch and St. Patty's Parade-** We will meet at the church after the late service and then carpool downtown for lunch and see an Annapolis tradition. Bring \$5-10 for lunch and wear your Green! Parade starts at 1pm, we will be back at the church around 2:45-3pm.
- **Monday, March 9th 4:45pm-6:30pm- Lighthouse Shelter Dinner-** We will be preparing and serving dinner at the Lighthouse Shelter. [Please click here for SIGNUP Genius.](#)
- **Sunday, March 22nd Time TBA-Lunch and Movie-** Grab your tissues we are off to see "I Still Believe." It's a love story that will leave you in tears. We will announce time closer to the date.

CONFIRMATION

- **Sunday, March 1st-** Breakfast Out with Senior High
- **Sunday, March 8th-** Apostle's Creed- 1st Article
- **Sunday, March 15th-** Apostle's Creed- 2nd and 3rd Article
- **Sunday, March 22nd-** TBA
- **Saturday March 28-29th-** Confirmation Retreat to Son and Sand Retreat Center in Ocean City. Please see email for details.
- *****8th Grade Confirmands-** Pastor Dave would like to meet with all 8th graders on March 10th after school or early evening. Please email him directly to set up a time.***

PARENT AND TEEN BOOK CLUB

We are launching our first parent/teen (and anyone else who wants to join) book club. Our first book will be the awarding winning book "**A Long Way Down**" by Jason Reynolds. The book is written in free verse and is "an intense snapshot of the chain reaction caused by gun violence." If you are interested in joining us stop by my office to pick up a FREE copy of the book by March 17th and plan on joining us **Wednesday, April 8th** for a discussion.

YARD SALE TO BENEFIT AIJN LEGAL FUND

The youth with help from our congregation as well as other local congregations will be hosting a yard sale on Sunday, April 18th 8am-1pm. We are looking for donations and volunteers for the yard sale. All proceeds will benefit the Annapolis Immigration Justice Network legal fund. We are also looking for youth families to contribute homemade items to our youth market which will be open during the yard sale. We will be selling homemade goods such as baked goods, homemade dog treats, jewelry, sugar scrubs, hair ties etc...see flyer for details. [Please click here for SIGNUP Genius to volunteer for the yard sale and donation collection day.](#)

ST. MARTIN'S SUMMER SERVICE CAMP

Registration for St. Martin's 2020 Youth Service Camp is now **OPEN**. Camp will run from June 22-26th. Registration and information can be found on the church webpage or by emailing me directly. Registration is due by April 15th. And please note space is limited to 30 youth.





Metropolitan Washington-Baltimore

January 15, 2020

St. Martin's Evangelical Lutheran Church
1120 Spa Rd
Annapolis, MD 21403

Dear Friends:

On behalf of USO of Metropolitan Washington-Baltimore (USO-Metro), please accept our personal thank you for your generous donation! USO-Metro is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization and your contribution is fully tax-deductible. It is thanks to generous acts of support such as yours that the USO is able to fulfill its mission to strengthen America's military members by keeping the connected to family, home and country.

Throughout the Washington-Baltimore region, USO-Metro supports active duty military members, their families, and our nation's wounded, ill and injured service members and their caregivers. With the help of thousands of dedicated volunteers who generously donate their time, USO-Metro manages four airport lounges and six USO centers, including the two largest in the world, the USO Warrior and Family Center at Fort Belvoir and NSA Bethesda, home to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. USO-Metro makes available USO services to the nearly 300,000 military members living throughout the National Capital Region, and the 150,000 who travel through local airports every year.

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USO of Metropolitan Washington-Baltimore could not continue the important work of serving our active duty men and women in uniform without your donation. Thank you for supporting the members of our nation's Armed Forces and their families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elaine B. Rogers".

Elaine B. Rogers
President & CEO

For your records

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199 Taylor Avenue
Annapolis, MD 21401

February 4, 2020

St. Martin's Church
Pastor Dave Oravec
1120 Spa Road
Annapolis, MD 21403

Dear Pastor Dave,

On behalf of the Annapolis Police Department, I want to thank you and your Youth Group, the "Acts of Random Kindness" (A.R.K.) for the gift bags which were delivered to our Department. There were enough gift bags for everyone!

Words alone cannot adequately express our appreciation for their overwhelming thoughtfulness in thanking the Police for the work that they do.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks, and that of our police department, for recognizing us with these gift bags.

Sincerely,


Edward Jackson
Chief

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

March 2020

1

8 A.M. Worship
9 A.M. F.I.S.H. (A,B);
Confirmation Class &
Sr. High Breakfast @
LH Bistro; New
Member
Orientation(L)
10 A.M. Worship;
Elodie Masoud
baptism

2

7 P.M. Adult Bible
Study (L)

3

4:30 PM Chorister
Program (Music
Room)

4

7 A.M. Men's Bible
Study
10 A.M. Staff Mtg
11:30 AM Soup
Group Mtg. (B)
6:30 PM Bell Choir
7PM Lenten Drama
Service
7:30 Chancel Choir

5

10 AM Staff Goal
Mtg. (CF)

6**7****8**

8 A.M. Worship
9 A.M. F.I.S.H. (A,B);
Confirmation Class
(Art Room); New
Member Orientation
10 A.M. Worship

9

10 A.M. Flying
Quilters
5 P.M. LHS Dinner
7 P.M. Adult Bible
Study (L)

10

1 P.M. Outie Lunch
(Romano's
Macaroni & Grill)
4:30 PM Chorister
Program (Music
Room)
7 PM New
Members Class
(A,B)

11

7 A.M. Men's Bible
Study
10 A.M. Staff Mtg
6:30 PM Bell Choir
7PM Lenten Drama
Service
7:30 Chancel Choir

12

10 A.M. Staff Mtg
11:30 A.M 'Not
Bread Alone' –
Lunch @ Double T

13

7 PM Dance
Lessons (Gym)

14

10 AM Joyful Hearts
(A,B)
12:30 PM Women's
Book Club

15

8 A.M. Worship
9 A.M. F.I.S.H. (A,B);
Confirmation Class
(Art Room)
10 A.M. Worship;
New Members Rec.
3 PM Army Chorus
Concert

16

7 P.M. Adult Bible
Study (L)

17

4:30 PM Chorister
Program (Music
Room)

18

7 A.M. Men's Bible
Study
10 A.M. Staff Mtg
6:30 PM Bell Choir
7PM Lenten Drama
Service
7:30 Chancel Choir

19

11:30 A.M 'Not
Bread Alone' –
Lunch @ Double T
1 pm Prayer Shawl
Mtg (Judy
Svobodas Home)

20

8 PM Swing into
Spring Dance (Gym)

21**22**

8 A.M. Worship
9 A.M. F.I.S.H. (A,B);
Confirmation Class
(Art Room)
10 A.M. Worship

23

10 A.M. Flying
Quilters
7 P.M. Adult Bible
Study (L)

24

4:30 PM Chorister
Program (Music
Room)

25

7 A.M. Men's Bible
Study
10 A.M. Staff Mtg
6:30 PM Bell Choir
7PM Lenten Drama
Service
7:30 Chancel Choir

26

9 AM School Open
House
11:30 A.M 'Not
Bread Alone' –
Lunch @ Double T

27**28**

9 AM Garden Workday

29

8 A.M. Worship
9 A.M. F.I.S.H. (A,B)
10 A.M. Worship

30

7 P.M. Adult Bible
Study (L)

31

4:30 PM Chorister
Program (Music
Room)

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

3/1 Eli Shenk
3/2 Susan Connell
3/3 Betty Strohl
3/5 Robert Connell
3/8 Asher Donnay
3/9 Norma Hetrick
Holly Stock
3/10 Kim Rosekrans
Emma Young
3/11 Jean Gates
3/12 Nicki Parrish
3/18 Betty Knupp
3/19 Andrew Gebelein
Lisa Mielke
Laura Roberts
Lauren Smith
3/20 Thomas Hoffman
3/21 Drew Parrish
3/23 Rebekah Schrier
3/24 Quinn Crabtree
3/25 Asher Carey
Aaron Ochalek
Davis Arthur Roberts
Dawn Wheeler
3/26 Margerete Washington
3/27 Cathy Elliott
3/28 Charlene Brogan
Sarah Gatchel
3/30 Janina Wolfe
3/31 J. Ryan Parker



A Few Words of Thanks

Dear Church Family, thank you all for your visits, calls, cards, gifts and prayers during my convalescence from shoulder replacement surgery. Your kindness and love are most appreciated. God's blessings, - Mel Tuckfield

A huge thank you for all the prayers, cards, letters, visits and best wishes while I was at AAMC and Waugh Chapel Rehabilitation. Special thanks to Pastor Dave, Chaplain Paula, and Director Tyler for their visits and prayers.

- Sig Beecher

Anniversaries

3/8 Mike and Pat Wagner
3/21 David and Nicki Parrish



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chapsdo@gmail.com

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

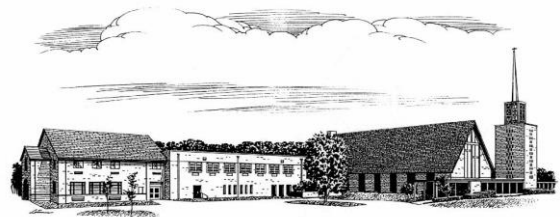
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

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Pre- K 3's through Grade 8

410-263-8016 or 410-269-1955

Mr. James D. Moorhead, Principal



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**Welcoming all and growing together
to share God's love and serve Christ
with energy and joy!**