

ST. MARTIN'S Weekly Announcements

WADULT EDUCATION 9:45 a.m.W August 24, 2008

Date	Adult Forum Fellowship Room A
August 24	<u>Summer Survey of the Bible</u> Acts, Romans, I Corinthians, II Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, I Thessalonians, II Thessalonians
August 31	<u>Summer Survey of the Bible</u> Wrap-Up Session

Our Stewardship Message...

And he [Jesus] said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear; the measure you give will be the measure you get, and still more will be given to you."

—Mark 4:24

We offer with joy and thanksgiving...

+ The undesignated offerings for the week of August 17 were \$10,233.21. The weekly average needed to meet our 2008 budget is \$15,055.00.

- + **A Message from the Treasurer...** Greetings fellow St. Martin members from your new treasurer. After a short period on the job, I'd like to share some good news and some bad.
- Good News: our expenses are running about \$53,000 under our projected 2008 budget. The staff and committees are doing a great job in pinching their pennies and watching their spending.
 - Bad News: our income is about \$105,000 below what was projected for 2008.

Obviously, this isn't a good trend. There are plenty of reasons for the income to be down and I don't think there is one single solution to the problem (unless one of us happens to hit the lottery). However, I would like to offer one idea that I think could make a big difference to our fiscal health and not significantly affect our member's finances.

Are you ready? It's 10!!! That's 10%. What I'm suggesting is for you to look at your budgets and see if there's room to increase your giving by 10%. If you're currently giving \$50.00 per week, could you add \$5.00 without hurting your finances too much? If you're giving \$100.00, could you add \$10.00? It may not seem like a lot but if we all gave just a little bit more each week it would go a long way in securing the health of our church.

Now there's nothing magic about 10%. If that's too much, please give what extra you can. Likewise, if you can afford to give more, please do. This may not be a complete cure but it would be a big help. Would you please give it some thought?

Thanks,
Kent A. Damschroder
St. Martin's Lutheran Church Treasurer

We serve and share at St. Martin's...

+ **Sunday School...** On Sunday, September 7 the Sunday School teachers and assistants will have a staff meeting and orientation from 8:30-10:45 a.m. in the conference room. Please consult your email for detail. On Sunday, September 14 the first class of Sunday School begins! Start in the gym with an introduction of teachers who will take the children to their classrooms. Parents will remain for Orientation presentation. **Registration continues in the Narthex before and after services. Please return forms ASAP so we may plan for the children and their teachers.**

+ **Prayer Chain...** There is always someone who will pray for you or for a loved one. The members of our Prayer Chain are committed to doing this. Requests for prayers may be made by placing a request card from the pew rack in the offering plate, by speaking to the pastors, Nancy Shults 410-849-3430, or by calling the church office, 410-263-4723 email church@stmartinonline.org.

+ **Fall Kick Off Choir Picnic...** The Music Ministry will have a picnic on Thursday, Sept. 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Tuckfield home in Arnold. All Chancel, Retiree, Contemporary Band and Bell Choir members are invited. All families of children's choirs are also included. New members are also invited, if you are interested in joining a musical group this year. Sign up on the Music Bulletin Board to bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to share. Swimming available.

We meet for worship and study. . .

+ **Next Contemporary Praise and Worship Service...** Sunday, September 21 at 11:00 a.m.

+ No Contemporary Band rehearsal, this Wednesday, August 27.

+ **Save the Date...** August 31 at 9:45 a.m. in the Youth Room. All 9-12th graders (& parents) interested in going to New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering July 2009 are invited to attend an informational meeting to reserve a spot for the trip!

+ **Women's Prayer Afternoon Tea...** Saturday, Sept. 6 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Nourish your body and soul. Join us in our lovely courtyard (weather providing) for talk, prayer and sweets and savories. Bring your mother, sister, daughter and/or granddaughter, best friend or new neighbor.

+ **Bible Study...** Monday Night Bible study is having an identity crisis and will be meeting on Tuesday nights this year! We will start the year with a study of the book of Daniel. We will be learning lots of things about the history of the Jewish people in the years before the birth of Christ, reading some old favorite stories from our Sunday school years (Lion's Dens and fire furnaces) and studying some really strange visions. So bring your Bible (or we can provide one) and join us starting Tuesday, September 9 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Library. For more information call or email Judy Houston 410-263-3888 djhouston1@comcast.net or Sally Dempster 410-263-4460. We look forward to seeing you there.

+ **Men of St. Martin's...** The next Men's Morning Fellowship breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, September 13 at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing Men of the Bible with a focus on Solomon. If able, please bring a dish to contribute to the meal. For more information contact Doug Oyler at 410-451-9131 or email daoyler@capitolbuildingsupply.com. See you on September 13!

+ **St. Martin's Adult Forum...** will begin the 2008-09 year on September 7 at 9:45 a.m. in Fellowship "B" with a 14-week series, "What Lutherans Teach" — *Life With God*. We encourage you to join us as we study and discuss our Lutheran Theology.

+ **Also Beginning...** on September 21 at 9:45 a.m. in Fellowship "A" a 6-week Bible Study, *Parenting The Early Years*, led by Rebecca Canning (10 Biblical Traits Your Kids Will Remember You For). Please sign-up for this series ASAP so that we can purchase adequate study materials.

We Thank our volunteers. . . .

+ **Thank you to our Altar Guild Chair** who is responsible for setting up weekly communion and preparing the chancel for worship: The co-chairs for August 24 is Carola Grubbs and Judy White.

+ **Thank You Fine Arts Committee...** volunteers who scraped, sanded and painted the women's and men's bathrooms located on the gym hall this summer. The committee also selected and hung several beautiful framed art prints in the bathrooms. Both spaces are now much more pleasing environments for our congregation, staff, students and visitors. Betty Knupp is the visionary and energetic Fine Arts Committee chair.

+ **Flower Delivery Help Requested...** Currently, Altar Guild monthly chairs are responsible for delivering the altar flowers that have been designated to go to the ill or homebound. With the rising gas prices, we are hoping that some members of the congregation will volunteer to help the guild by delivering flowers to members or to local nursing homes. If you are able to pick up flowers after the 11:00 a.m. service or on Monday mornings for occasional delivery, please call the church office and leave your name,

the area in which you live, and your phone number or email. Another option would be for those who donate flowers to fill out their dedication forms, indicating they will TAKE the flowers themselves. You could then deliver your special dedication flowers to a family member, friend, or neighbor who would appreciate them. Questions, suggestions or comments? Contact Donna Hole or Judy White, Guild Co-chairs.

Other Notes. . . .

+ **Church Family Picnic...** Immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service, will be held in the church courtyard. Please sign up to bring a salad, side dish or dessert—hamburgers and hot dogs cooked on the grill, and drinks will be supplied. Also, volunteers are needed for set-up, grilling, games and activities for the children, and clean up. To help with anything, please call Doug Schrader 410-841-5010 sparky914@comcast.net and watch for sign up sheets in the bulletin and in the Narthex after services in the next few weeks. Mark your calendars to attend this Congregational Event to Socialize and Worship our Lord together, under (hopefully) blue skies on the first day of Autumn!

+ **Youth Fund Raiser...** MSY & SHY will be selling Macy's "Shop for a Cause" discount tickets. The tickets are \$5.00 which will entitle you to a 20% discount on most items at Macy's on Saturday, September 20. You can purchase the tickets in the Fellowship Wing after both services.

+ **Retirees'...** will not meet Tuesday, September 2. Watch for information about our plans for October and November.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

Sun., Aug 24	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Worship Workcampers Share (G) Contemporary Praise & Worship (G) Adult Forum (A) Worship with Communion Commission Day School Staff FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL CASA (A) School Board Meeting (B) Church Staff Meeting (CF) Christian Education (L) Pr. Kenan's Bible Study (L) YSC Meeting (Thoemke's)
Mon., Aug 25		
Tues., Aug 26	5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	
Wed., Aug 27	1:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	
Thurs., Aug 28	12:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	
Fri, Aug 29		
Sat., Aug 30		
Sun., Aug 31	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion National Youth Gathering Meeting (YR) Worship

From the church office. . . .

A reminder that all bulletin announcements are due to the church office by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Church Office Hours
9:00 a.m. to noon
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Please remember that if you leave phone messages outside of office hours, including Saturdays or Sundays, we will respond the next day that the office is open.

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