

ST. MARTIN'S Weekly Announcements

✠ ADULT EDUCATION 9:45 a.m. ✠ March 7, 2010

Date	Adult Forum Fellowship Room
March 7	C.S. Lewis The Screwtape Letters Leaders: Doug Oyler
March 14	C.S. Lewis The Screwtape Letters Leaders: Pastor Gerry

Our Stewardship Message...

“God, let us always remember that everything we have is yours. Please give us wisdom and strength to be faithful stewards of all your gifts. Amen”

—devozine

We offer with joy and thanksgiving...

✠ The undesignated offerings for the week of February 28, 2010 were \$9,665.50. The weekly average needed to meet our 2010 budget is \$12,343.00.

We Thank our volunteers. . . .

✠ **Thank you to our Altar Guild Members...**who are responsible for setting up weekly communion and preparing the chancel for worship. The chairs for March are Mimi Maggard and Jeanne Stewart.

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

✠ **Coffee Fellowship...**Please join us in the Fellowship Wing before the Education Hour and have a cup of coffee and refreshment before heading off to Adult Forum or Sunday School.

✠ **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. The more the merrier; to become a prayer chain partner, please call Nancy Shults.

For where God built a church, there the Devil would also build a chapel.

—Martin Luther

✠ **The 2nd Monday of each month,** volunteers from St. Martin's prepare a meal for 25 residents of the Lighthouse Shelter. The meal consists of a main dish, vegetable, soup or salad, bread or rolls. A dessert is a treat. Many thanks to the Christian Life Committee for preparing the meal on March 8. Volunteers are needed April—December. The sign up sheet is outside of the church office.

✠ **The Church Council ...** is receiving names of any who might be interested in serving as Treasurer of the congregation or as Council Member at Large to complete the term of Dave Emminizer. The Council has the responsibility of filling both of these council positions. If interested or if you would like to suggest any names, speak with John Miller, President of the Congregation. Please contact John via a note in his church office mail box or at 410-268-9133.

God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing.

—C.S. Lewis

✠ **M.A.D. ...** (Make A Difference) Envelope Fundraiser starts today. Check it out in the Narthex!

Dedications. . . .

✠ **Our 2010 dedication sheets** are on the bulletin board across from the church office; \$40 for one flower arrangement—\$15 for bulletin dedication—\$12 for candle dedication. Take an envelope and fill in your dedication information with your check and leave in the church office. We will add the information to the dedication sheet.

On Prayer. . . .

Luther Wrote:

We meet for worship and study. .

✠ **Adult Forum...** If you have any suggestions for our next Adult Forum following the completion of C. S. Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters*, please contact Norm Whitman at 410-867-0292 or cedarbay@att.net.

✠ **Prepare for Easter...** join us for a light supper, fellowship and children's activity at 6 p.m. followed by Lenten Message and Worship. Wednesday, March 10, March 17 and March 24. Food Offering Sign Up Sheet Outside of the Church Office!! This week: ***The Testing of Peter.***

[Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith. —1 Peter 5:8-9] ***“Peter has instructed us on how we should fight against the devil. It doesn't require a lot of running around or doing special kinds of works. Rather, it calls for nothing more than clinging to the Word through faith. If the devil wants to drive you to despair because of your sin, just grab the Word of God. It promises forgiveness of sins. Rely on God's Word, and the devil will quickly leave you alone.”***

(Luther 's Works, Vol. 30 p.142)

Other Notes. . . .

For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

—Psalm 63.3

✦ **Congregational Meeting Update:**

On January 24th, the congregation passed a resolution authorizing the Council to make preparations for, and to schedule, the first vote on whether or not St. Martin's should leave the ELCA and affiliate with another Lutheran denomination. At its February 16th meeting, the Council appointed a subcommittee whose task it will be to aid the congregation through this discernment process. The subcommittee will be making recommendations on how best to prepare, inform and communicate with the congregation concerning the ELCA and other Lutheran affiliations, as well as the steps to be taken, and timing to be followed, as the discernment process moves forward. Watch the bulletin and the monthly *TableTalk* for regular updates from the Council.

✦ **New Group Forming...** A group of members at St. Martin's is forming to study God's word, reaffirm and rededicate ourselves to Scripture, the Lutheran Confessions, historic Creeds, and traditional Lutheran doctrine. Our goal is to educate ourselves about, and advocate for Lutheran affiliation, organizations and congregations that are centrist in their approach to Lutheran teaching and practice. Please join us in the Fellowship Wing on March 14th from 3:30-5:00p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

✦ **Our Interim Choir Director...** Doug Hole needs your help! Now is the perfect time to join the Chancel Choir. We practice on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Room. Any questions, contact Doug at 410-268-3425 or d2hole@aol.com.

Music is the only language in which you cannot say a mean or sarcastic thing.

—John Erskine

✦ **As we continue our search for a new organist...** we thank Dr. Shirley Cann and Johnnel Hench for their service.

✦ **The Endowment Board...** has a vacancy due to the retirement of one of its longest serving board members. If you are interested in being a candidate for this calling and are comfortable dealing with financial issues, as well as our boards mission of building a legacy for St. Martin's, please contact Kim Shults at kjshults2006@comcast.net or by leaving a note in the church office.

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.

Church e-mail: Church@StMartinsOnline.org
Web site: www.StMartinsOnline.org

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

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

Sun., Mar. 7	8:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion Cherub/Choristers (M) M.A.D. Envelope Fundraiser Starts Adult Forum (B) First Communion Class M&M 7th Grade (YR) Sunday School, Confirmation, SHY Worship Youth Band Practice (G) MarLu Ridge chaperone meeting (L) Concert Series (FW) Flying Quilters (A) Lighthouse Supper (Christian Life Committee) Retiree Choir Choristers (M) Bell Ringers (M) Executive Committee (CF) Day School Chapel Church Staff Meeting (CF) Cherub (M) Homework Club (BC) Lenten Fellowship Meal (B) Lenten Activity for Children (C) Cub Scouts (G) Lenten Worship (The Testing of Peter) Boy Scouts (G) Daytime Bible Study (L) Praise & Worship Band (M) Chancel Choir Leave for MarLu Ridge Confirmation Retreat Altar Guild (L)
Mon., Mar. 8	6:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	
Tues., Mar. 9	10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	
Wed., Mar. 10	12:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 9:00 a.m.	
Thurs., Mar. 11	8:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	Worship Cherub/Choristers (M) Sunday School, SHY First Communion Class Adult Forum (B) Worship with Communion Return from MarLu Ridge
Fri., Mar. 12		
Sat., Mar. 13		
Sun., Mar. 14		

“Adam blamed Eve; Eve blamed the snake; and the snake didn’t have a leg to stand on!”

Ministers: The People of St. Martin's

The Rev. Gerald A. Miller, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	The Rev. Kenan Habetler, <i>Assisting Pastor</i>
Paula S. Thistle, <i>Associate in Ministry</i>	Doug Hole, <i>Interim Choir Director</i>
Jane Daugherty, <i>Principal</i>	Beth Rosencrans, <i>Vice Principal</i>
Marta Wallace, <i>Youth Director</i>	Norm Whitman, <i>Director Christian Education</i>
Donna Pruzinsky, <i>Church Secretary</i>	Susan McCahan, <i>Church Bookkeeper</i>
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Deb Dillner, <i>Council Secretary</i>	Melanie Schryver, <i>Financial Secretary</i>		

Good Thoughts for Tough Times!!

**Can't Sleep?
Don't Count Sheep
Talk to the Shepherd!**