

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN

- Sun. 17 **SOS, 8:00 am ~ Anthem: Choir**
New Member Class/ Bible Study, 9:15 am
SOS, 10:30 am ~ Anthem: Choir
- Mon. 18 Dartball, 7:30 pm
- Tue. 19 **Nursing Home Communion**
Pine Manor, 9:30 am
Green Tree, 10:15 am
Kindred Hearts, 10:50 am
Aster, 11:15 am
Evangelism, 6:00 pm
- Wed. 20 YI Stamp, 7:50 am- 8:10 am
Chapel ~ Baptism Birthdays, 8:10 am
Public School Confirmation, 5:30 pm
Choir, 6:00 pm
Grades K- 4th Advent Service, 7:00 pm
- Thurs. 21 Sewing Bee, 8:00 am
St. Martin Bible , 9:00 am
Grief Support, 6:30 pm
- Fri. 22 Christmas Entertainment, 10:00 am
Christmas Room Parties, 2:00 pm
- Sun. 24 Christmas Eve
DS3C, 8:00 am
New Member Class/Bible Study, 9:15 am
DS3C, 10:30 am
DS3C, 4:30 pm



The Lutheran Hour: Tune into the Lutheran Hour broadcast each Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. on WJMQ (92.3) FM or WRVM 102.7 at 10:00 am. Check out their website at: www.lutheranhour.org.

Sunday Morning Fellowship: Each week organized groups or families of St. Martin sponsor fellowship in the Narthex between the Sunday church services. This week will be the Men's Club. Next week is the ?. Stop by and learn what they do for St. Martin.

From The Board of Evangelism: The Bible tells us that we are to pray for all people (Timothy 2:1) and that we are our brother's keepers. We encourage each of you to include five households selected each week in your prayers. This week: Tara, Avery, Jonathan & Hailey Moder; Jesse, Peggy & Adam Mohnen; Jennifer & Leah (Karlson) Monroe; Rodney, Judith, Colin & Alicia Moon; Mark, Valerie & Bekah Moran.

THE RADIO BROADCAST: Sponsorship for radio broadcast **either full or in part** is \$100.00. Dates available are December 31; January 14, 21 & 28.

THE BULLETIN: Sponsorship for the bulletin **either in full or in part** is \$30.00. Dates available are December 24 & 31; January 14, 21 & 28.

A GIFT was given to the general fund in loving remembrance of Roy Behnke by his Wife, Carla. December 16th would have been our 50th Wedding Anniversary. Love and miss you.

A GIFT of two Poinsettia Plants in the front of the church are given by the family of Harry Caskey in loving memory of their Dad who is celebrating his first Christmas in heaven with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Bible in a Year: In honor of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017, we are offering a program of selected readings for every day of the year. This will provide everyone an overview of the major lessons in the Bible. There are copies of the readings for the whole year available in the Narthex for you to take home, and the link is available on the St. Martin webpage. The Board of Parish Education sponsors this.

This Week's Readings Are (December 17- December 23): Sunday, Philippians 1-4; Monday, 1 Timothy 1-6; Tuesday, Titus 1-3; Wednesday, 1 Peter 1-5; Thursday, Hebrews 1-6; Friday, Hebrews 7-10; Saturday Hebrews 11-13.

A Huge Thank You to everyone who purchased goodies from our cookie walk. We raised \$530.00 to put in the Technology Fund. Merry Christmas and God's blessings to you all! From the Mom's Group.

Schedule Changes: In order to spend more time with our residents in local nursing homes, the pastors are changing the times and dates that they visit. December times will remain unchanged. Starting in January, a Pastor will make three visits on the third Tuesday of the month: Pine Manor at 9:30 am, Green Tree at 10:15 am and Kindred Hearts at 11:00 am. On the fourth Tuesday of the month, a Pastor will visit Care Partners at 9:30 am and Aster at 10:30. A short Bible Study will be offered along with communion for St. Martin members. Please help us to publicize this with any of your loved ones who may live in one of these residences.

2018 Church Contribution Envelopes can be picked up in the Narthex. Please do not use until January 2018. If you do not find your envelopes or would like a set for your child, contact the office. Contributions for 2017 will be accepted until December 31, 2017. Any contribution received after that will be credited to 2018.

Lutheran Witness Renewals for the new subscription year is coming due. Please pay by Friday, December 22 in the church office. Cost is \$22.01 for the year, please make payable to St. Martin Lutheran Church. If you would like to receive a copy and are not receiving one now, you can bring in \$22.01, your name and your address to the church office and we will put you on the list to start receiving the Lutheran Witness.

Bethel Series Materials: If you happen to have the binder and materials from the Bethel Series course, and if you are willing to donate them, please contact Chris Cloeter at [\(715\)823-5323](tel:7158235323).

Did You Forget Your Envelope? Are you a visitor? Feel free to use the Sunshine Envelopes in each pew for your offering!

Family and Friends in the Active Service: We would like to update the list to be current by January of 2018. Please contact Beth at [\(715\)823-6538](tel:7158236538) Ext. 2110 with the name of the person in the military and the St. Martin member contact information (name, address and phone number). If we have not heard from a member of St. Martin, the name will be removed from the list to keep it current.

Starting Monday, January 8, 2018 Mission Mat Project Will Begin: We are meeting to work on the 2018 plastic mats, which are given to the Orphan Grain Train. Please consider donating your time between 2:00 pm-3:30/4:00 pm in the St. Martin fellowship hall to help with the mats that serve people worldwide. We need help for sorting plastic, folding and cutting plastic bags, looping the plastic into 'plarn', and of course, crocheting the mats. The group's men and women can train all helpers and will support your adventure if you wish to learn how to crochet the mats. In addition, the box will soon be in the main office hallway for collecting your clean plastic bag donations. Mission Mat contacts: Meta K. at [\(715\)823-3058](tel:7158233058), Myrtle K. at [\(715\)823-4567](tel:7158234567), Joy K. at [\(715\)823-6480](tel:7158236480) or Beth B. in the main office. There are starter mat kits in the office with directions and a crochet hook also for anyone that is interested in helping a good cause.

Sample Fair-Trade Coffee from Small Coffee Farmers: The coffee is available for sale for \$10.00/lb. for regular or decaffeinated. This is a discounted price from the usual \$11.95 regular price and \$12.95 for decaffeinated; 0.80 cents of each lb. goes to Lutheran World Relief to support their efforts. The remainder goes to the small family coffee farmers. To purchase coffee contact Mary-Beth Kuester at [\(715\)823-5133](tel:7158235133) or mbkuester@charter.net. St Martin is ordering in bulk to get the reduced price. Ambassador Dan Speckhard, president of Lutheran World Relief showed us photos and the story of this development effort.

Remember The Eyeglasses Ministry: This year 4 million eyeglasses will be thrown away in the United States, while 158 million people worldwide suffer from uncorrected vision. Each year MOST Ministries provides recycled glasses to people living in developing countries. Please bring your used eyeglasses and sunglasses to MOST Ministries box in the office.

Youth Group Calendars Are In! There are a few calendars that need to be picked up from the table outside the office. There is a yellow sticky note with your name on it for your order. Thank you for supporting the St. Martin's Youth Group!

Church Services During the Holidays:

December	20	<u>Midweek 4</u> 7:00 pm Special Anthem: Kindergarten- Grade 4 Advent Service
	24	<u>Advent 4 & Christmas Eve</u> 8:00 am, DS3C 10:30 am, DS3C 4:30 pm DS3C Anthem: Cornerstone, Steve Conradt & Grace Pingel
	25	<u>Christmas Day</u> 9:00 am DS3C, Anthem: Choir
	31	<u>New Year's Eve</u> 8:00 am DS4C 10:30 am Matins 4:30 pm DS3C

*****No church services on Wednesday, December 27, 2017*****



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