

## President's Message

It has been almost a year since Pastor Peter left St. Martins. The Call Team has been hard at work most of that time. With the Holy Spirit guiding them they presented our council with the name of a gifted and passionate Shepherd to serve as our Pastor. Today that Pastor informed me that he has accepted the Call. His first service, provided he is approved by the congregation on August 2, will be on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, so Pastor Tim's last day will be August 16<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Tim's guidance allowed the Call Team to take the necessary time to prayerfully and diligently engage in the search process for a new Pastor. It is extremely important for potential Pastoral candidates and the church that the right match occur. Either, or both, can be hurt and the cause of Christ hindered by a careless or rushed search process.



Pastor Tim helped the church utilize this time to evaluate, refocus, heal, solve problems, and prepare for the calling of the next Pastor and we are grateful to him for his work. I truly believe we are better prepared and excited about moving on with a new Pastor after this interim than we were prior to Calling Pastor Peter. We need to thank Pastor Tim for his interim work and setting the standard for Calling a new Pastor. Many people would have loved to see him stay, but under synod rules an interim Pastor can not be Called by the congregation he is serving. There are going to be other congregations that will benefit from his presence and we will pray that God continues to give him the strength for continued interim work in the synod. Plan to join us as we gather after the August 16<sup>th</sup> service to thank him for his Pastoral care during this most difficult time at St. Martins.



I would like to share this Old Testament verse in Isaiah 42:9: "See the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare: before they spring forth, I tell you of them." Isaiah was God's spokesperson to the people of Israel during a time when they needed encouragement. God's response to Israel through Isaiah was I haven't forgotten you. You will be restored. My promises to you will be fulfilled. Behold I am going to do something new among you.

We are about to have something new among us and the Holy Spirit is working to make it happen. This is an exciting time for the people at St. Martins and we

need to focus on new beginnings. Let's welcome the new Pastor and his family by making them feel like part of our family and supporting him and the vision he sets with the leaders in the church for successful ministry within and beyond our church walls.

The council will be lifting up Pastor Rick Lund for a Call to St. Martins at a congregational meeting on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. He is now serving as one of eight Pastors at Bethel Lutheran Church in Madison. He was Called to Bethel to start a "satellite" or new mission congregation, but Bethel decided not to move forward with this ministry. His passion led him to Bethel to become a solo Pastor for that new mission congregation, but his ministry there has turned out to be very specialized. He has been a successful senior Pastor at several previous larger congregations and misses the hands-on, generalized experiences of ministry that St. Martin's will provide. His wife has been very active in church ministries and currently works for Clifton Gunderson Financial Services in Madison. His two sons have also been very active in church ministries and are enjoying their high school experience as a junior and senior at Madison West. Family is very important to him and for this reason they will remain in the Madison School District for the first two years of his ministry at St. Martin's until his sons graduate from West and then he and his wife hope to move to Cross Plains. Pastor Lund feels it is very important to live in and be a part of the community. He has been very active in community activities in previous congregations.

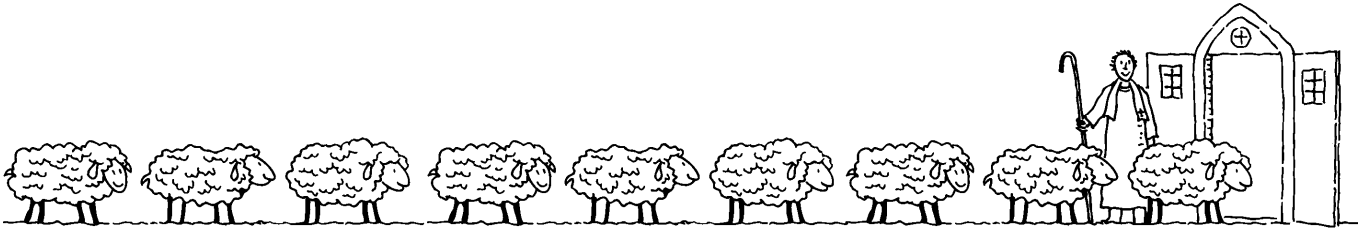
Pastor Lund will be taking a pay cut to come to St. Martin's, but to quote him "I know the salary and benefits are a stretch for St. Martin's right now, and I'm willing to share in the challenges. It's anywhere from a 6-13% reduction for us, but I'm more interested in where the ministry is at than the money." He believes the people at St. Martins have a strong spirit for ministry. We have shown in the past that we can grow our church to meet the challenges of the budget and all of us that have met him believe that under his guidance growth will happen. Last Sunday in church we heard one of my favorite bible verses in Psalm 23 – The Lord is my Shepherd. When I think of an effective Pastor, I have this picture of the Shepherd leading a flock of sheep. The Shepherd guides, protects, and provides for his flock without letting any get off the path. We have lost some sheep over the last 6 years and we need a Shepherd to lead and guide us with the same care and conviction that a Shepherd looks out for every last

member of the flock. The task of a Pastor for a congregation of believers is no less crucial and demanding than that of a shepherd. I sincerely believe that Pastor Lund, with the Grace and strength from God, will be the Shepherd that truly cares for and loves his flock. In addition he brings many experiences that will be very valuable in his ministry at St. Martins. My sense from reading his mobility papers and my discussions with him is that he has a compassion for the love of God, family and fellow man; confidence to grow the membership at St. Martins; consensus building skills; commitment to God, family and church; strong relational skills with all age groups, open to a variety of music and worship styles, along with sprinkles of humor and humility. Pray for Pastor Rick Lund and his family. We

should all be excited to begin work together with him in ministry as disciples of Christ.

There is so much to tell and so little space to say it in, so come to the Congregational Meeting following the church service on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Call Team will tell you why they are so excited to Call Pastor Rick Lund to St. Martins. It is only with your approval that we can make that Call, so give this meeting a high priority.

In Christ,  
*Van Valaskey*



## *Call Team Report*

The Call Team has recommended Pastoral candidate Rick Lund to Council. After meeting with Council on July 20, Pastor Lund has indicated that he is very interested in being our Pastor. Pastor Lund has been serving most recently as a Pastor at Bethel Lutheran Church in Madison. The Call Team and Council are very excited about this news and feel that Pastor Lund would be a great match for our church. The members of the Call Team were unanimous in selecting Pastor Lund out of the four candidates we interviewed.

There will be a congregational meeting after worship on August 2 to hopefully approve Pastor Lund's call. At this meeting we will share many more details about Pastor Lund. Please plan to attend.

On behalf of the Call Team I would also like to thank Pastor Tim for the excellent job he has done as our interim Pastor. Several of the Pastoral candidates ask us how our interim period has been, and our ability to say it has been excellent was definitely a big plus. Thanks Pastor Tim!

The members of the Call Team are Kris Rhude, Ann Boehnen, Elaine Smiley, Lee Swanson, Jeannie Hering-Schuman, Ann Houck and Jeff Postle. Feel free to contact any of these members if you have any comments or suggestions.

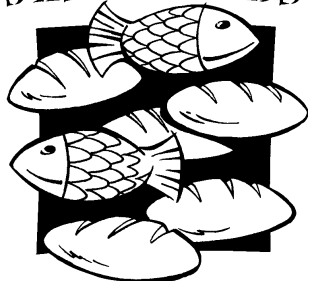
*Jeff Postle*  
Call Team Leader



## Pastor's Message

### Bread of Life

JESUS FEEDS



5,000

Mahatma Gandhi once observed that Christians were on to something by calling Jesus the Bread of Life. He said, "There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread."

We are in a stretch of the church year (July 26-August 23) called the Bread of Life Sundays. All of the gospel readings are from the Gospel of John, chapter 6. After feeding 5000 people with a few loaves of bread, Jesus begins a teaching dialogue and says, "I am the bread of life." (John 6:35) It is a powerful, nourishing image on which to meditate: Jesus Christ is Bread for the world, welcoming all who hunger physically and spiritually.

The Christian advocacy organization Bread for the World estimates that this year, 1.02 billion people on our planet will experience acute hunger every day. That means 1 out of every 6 human beings will go hungry every day this year. (See the website [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org) for more information about Bread for the World's ministry.)

Besides this tragic statistic about physical hunger, there are numerous forms of spiritual hunger. Loneliness, divorce, stress, illness, fear—to name a few. All of us hunger for God's presence, healing and compassion as we journey in life.

Jesus says to all, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Christ is our daily bread, our

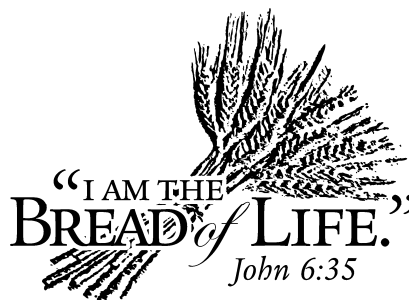
sustenance, our food and drink, the One who satisfies those who are starving.

In many ways, "Christ is the Bread of Life" could serve as the mission statement of St. Martin's. We receive this bread in the words of Scripture and in the meal of Holy Communion, and then we are called to share the bread of Christ with others in word and deed. The diverse and vibrant ministries of St. Martin's all must revolve around the Bread of Life.

This is probably my last newsletter column, as you will likely be calling a new pastor at the congregational meeting on August 2. It has been my joy and privilege to serve as your interim pastor since last September. I am grateful for your gracious words affirming my ministry among you. But as I like to say, in the spirit of John the Baptist, "It's not about me!" My job has been not just to pave the way for a new pastor, but to point us all to Christ, who is present in our midst and strengthens us for our work and witness in his name. We are all one in our baptism into Christ. We are all one in the body of Christ, offered as food for the world.

Where would we be without the Bread of Life to keep us going? I am deeply thankful for the bread we have shared at St. Martin's. May this bread, Christ Jesus, keep us and hold us together in the one worldwide Church. May Christ continue to nourish us even as we give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

Yours In Christ,  
*Pastor Tim*



# South-Central Synod of Wisconsin Assembly 2009 *"And God Said it Was"*

On June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Phil and I traveled to The Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells for our church Synod Assembly. We started at 8am Saturday morning with greetings from our Bishop. The attendance at the Assembly was 368 voting members and 69 visitors for a total of 437.

We moved on to the presentation of candidates for the various offices. The first vote was called on Saturday morning and due to the fact that most of the offices had only the number of candidates needed for the office, they were elected by unanimous vote. The two offices that had more candidates than the required amount needed, were elected by ballot. Election was completed on the first ballot.

The Key note speaker, Barbara Rossing originally from Washington state, and now is a professor at Trinity Seminary in Chicago. She spoke on the book of Revelation "The Rapture Exposed" and the book of Mark "Healing Affluenza: Creative care and the Bible". She provided insights on God plans for us; how we should be living on this earth and more importantly how we should care for the earth.

The budget and compensation plans were adopted. Considerable discussion took place on the significant cuts in the budget due to the lagging economy. The compensation plan provides a guideline to congregations regarding the compensation of it's leaders.

There were seven resolutions presented at the assembly for vote.

1. Memorial for further action regarding ELCA Board of Pensions and Domestic Partners
2. Resolution on ELCA Board of Pensions and Domestic Partners
3. Growing in the use of the Means of Grace at Our Lord's Supper

4. A memorial Concerning Human Sexuality from the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin to the 2009 Churchwide Assembly
5. Grace Matters – It really does! A memorial to 2009 Churchwide Assembly
6. A memorial concerning requirements for a Super-Majority to change Ministry Policies
7. South-Central Synod of Wisconsin of the ELCA proclaim Reformation Sunday 2009 "God Says It Is Good" Sunday

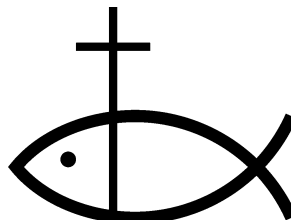
After much discussion in two days; the resolutions were passed and sent on to the National Council of the ELCA. We will post the resolutions in the Narthex so you may read them.

Saturday's session was concluded by a worship service with communion followed by a banquet. After dinner several congregations were recognized for their anniversaries and pastors new to the Synod were introduced. The evening concluded with a performance by St. Luke's Bottle Band from Chicago. They were very entertaining.

Sunday morning began with breakfast followed by worship and communion. On both days there were breakout workshops to choose from. Phil and I will report on the breakout workshops we attended in a later newsletter. There was a great deal of discussion on Resolutions 1, 2, 4 and 6 resulting in the assembly lasting until 1pm on Sunday.

Phil and I would like to thank the congregation for allowing us the opportunity to attend the Synod Assembly. Both of us learned a great deal and it was fun to re-connect with friends from other congregations.

*Doris Fish*



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Please let the office know if you would like to go  
"paperless".**

# Senior Youth Ministry



## **We have returned.**

The trip to Crownpoint was a great success. Our kids exceeded all my expectations. The three churches that went on the trip were divided into teams. Each team was assigned to a different job site. All the teens worked so hard. They took time to get to know the local people and were respectful and kind to all. They dug footings for foundations, stuccoed outside walls, shingled roofs and did various other repair jobs. I was so proud of them. The dedication they showed in helping others in need was AMAZING! I truly believe God was revealing himself through the actions of our kids.

All the teens have experienced God in new and personal ways. The way they worshiped in song and in daily devotions on this trip has both humbled and inspired me. Our Youth have returned to you with a greater

understanding of God's purpose for them and how they are going to live their daily life with Christ. Take some time and talk to them about their faith in God. They are ready!

The last night of worship the question was asked "What is your' Next Step" to continue your relationship with Christ?" Our teens decided to not have youth group anymore. They decided to have a **Youth ministry** instead. To have a youth group is to think of their needs. To have a Youth Ministry is to think of the needs of all and their relationship with God. To that end, they are in the process in forming a Praise and Worship Youth band. They want to get a deeper understanding of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit by including Song, devotion and prayer in our weekly meetings. They have committed to inviting friends, going to church and reading their bibles. I couldn't be more excited.

We need the support of everyone at church. Prayerfully think of where you fit in this Ministry. Is it chaperoning events, financial support, helping at our weekly meetings with devotions, food or just hanging with kids, or is fundraising a gift of yours? We need your help.

Most importantly, I ask for your prayers in support of this vision of Youth Ministry here at St. Martin's.

We have a lot of work to do but my "Next Step" is to commit myself to this new vision of Youth Ministry. Great things are possible with God's help.

God's Peace to all,  
Tim Knipfer  
Youth Ministry Director

\*\*\*\*\*All youth going into 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited\*\*\*\*\*

**Every Thursday 7:00 – 8:30, Life Line Youth Ministry  
(music, devotion and just hanging out.)**

### Upcoming events

- **Wed. Aug 22** Devil's Lake day trip. (\$5)
- **Sat. Sept. 26** Mitch McVicker Concert. (Buy one & friend gets in free)  
**With Possible lock in**
- **Sun. Sept. 27** Childhood cancer walk/run (\$25)
- **Oct. 23-25** Aldo Leopold weekend (\$50)
- **Dec. 4-6** Senior High Youth Gathering at Alliant Center (\$150)

## Adult Education & Activities

**Friends of St. Martin's** – A group of adults that goes places and eats out together.

We will be gathering on Tuesday, August 18 for a day trip to Wisconsin Dells. We will have lunch in a Dell's restaurant and a boat trip on the Ducks. This is a change from our original plans for a boat cruise on Lake Mendota. We might be able to see the newly filled lake. Watch for a sign up and further information in the narthex the first Sunday in August.

### **Future Friends Activities**

- ❖ October 27 - Brewery Tour, Lunch and possible shopping in New Glarus.
- ❖ December – movie or Christmas Program. If you have any ideas, please let us know

**Adult Member Event Night (AMEN)** – members sharing their talents and interests with other members.

Our next AMEN activity will be "Pistols, Pasta and Passion", a mystery dinner presented by Virginia and Bill Diebold on Saturday, Sept. 19. Put this date on your calendar. There are parts for 4 men and 4 women. If you are interested in being an actor, please contact Virginia, Bill or Hallie.



### **Future AMEN Activities**

- ❖ Sunday, Dec. 6 – Christmas Caroling at homes of shut ins and nursing homes.
- ❖ December – working on a Cookie Sale. We need cookie bakers and volunteers to sell them. Also let us know if you have other cooking talents you would like to share at this event. We may consider a brunch or sale of food gifts. Contact Gail or Tom Johnson or Hallie.
- ❖ February – We are working on a return of a Cheese program by Bill Wendorff. He would like to put on a program spotlighting cheeses and chocolates with wine on the side.

Thank you to all those that opened their gardens for our first AMEN Garden Tour. Kathy and Brian Graedel, Jan Doyle, Virginia Diebold, Bill Wendorff, Bev Brunner, Tom & Gail Johnson and Karen Windels. If you would like to be in the garden tour for 2010, please let coordinators Tom & Gail Johnson or Hallie know.

If you have ideas for other Adult Activities, please let one of the Planning Team members know.

*Hallie Wendorff*, Cluster Coordinator  
Adult Education and Activities



## Share Food Buying Program

Save Time, Save Money, Join Share

August specials are SUMMER GRILL ASSORTMENT containing pork tenderloin, chicken strips, all-beef franks, lean beef patties, and brats w/cheese for \$15. Over 5lbs total. The second special is PIES GALORE with pre-sliced 29-oz Sara Lee Pies, three apple and three peach pies per order for \$12.

Also featured this month is 3lbs of BLACK EARTH MEATS brats for \$12. and 5 lbs of OCSAR MAYER Jumbo all beef franks \$13.50.

Other food packages also are available for \$ 15 or \$ 25 containing an assortment of frozen meat, fresh vegetables and other items. You can also purchase select items. Choices change each month.

If interested, please pick up a newsletter with order forms and more information in the church narthex, call Donna Blumer at 798-0114, or check out the internet at sharewi.org. The deadline for the August orders is 8/4.



## Missions

### **A Letter from Tracy Hills, Director of McKallies Home – Malawi Africa**

**George Phiri  
December 1961-  
May 2009**



I'd like to thank all of those who prayed for me and our village manager George during these past weeks while I was in Malawi. It was a

difficult time during his illness, death, burial, and especially so on his 4 orphaned children left behind. The Bible says in Isaiah 41:10 "Fear not, for I am with you: be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." I can certainly say I felt the Lord's hand with me during these past weeks.

In a message I gave in church this past winter I said **"A God ordained vision can appear impossible, they are too big for us to handle, there are obstacles and many unanswered questions but an assurance that God has called you into uncharted waters for a divine purpose. During times of uncertainty it is our job to do what we know how to do and wait on the Lord to reveal the rest"**. What I knew to do during this recent trip to Malawi was care for George through his illness with unconditional love and mercy. I will forever be thankful to the Lord for His divine timing of allowing me to be in Malawi for George who had lost his wife the month before, and for his children.

The Lord called George and myself together for the purpose of McKallie's Home of Future and Hope Children's Village. George's job must have been finished. The Lord used George as a vessel for creating meaningful relationships within the village in such a way that the people are happy we are there to help them. George was a loving, caring, Christian father, partner and friend who will be greatly missed.

As I was caring for George, the Lord began to make the path clear as how to proceed with the village. The steps were already in place but those of us left behind had no idea it would be implemented so soon. Two young men who have been with us from the very beginning, who graduated from the University of Malawi this June, had been working with George for the past two years. Prior to George's death he had even said "Mike was his left hand". These Christian men and brothers, Mike and Drycon, along with our teacher Patrick have all clearly been called to this vision just as George and myself had. During this difficult time all the other village workers carried on as if George was there out of love and respect for him. They have continued to do the same since and will into the future.

The timeline for the village remains the same with completion of 2 of the 4 orphan houses being fully

finished by the end of September and the other 2 to be enclosed with roofs on. We will work on furnishing these 2 homes in the fall and be preparing for orphan placement. The other 2 will be finished as resources allow. We are prepared and taking the steps necessary for the electricity to be placed in the children's village, which will be a huge asset to the surrounding village and community. As well the fish farm concept for revenue generating and community development is starting to take root along with other agricultural activities. We are praying for the Lord to bring forth a second teacher as we have the room for another classroom of 30 to 40 community orphans and/or vulnerable children to attend school.

This fall we will again be having revival in the children's village for the surrounding village children with vacation bible school, adult bible teaching, health education and a team with the Jesus Film Ministry to show the film in the Chewa language as well as to train a team of local evangelists to take it out into parts of Southern Malawi.

As for George's four children the Lord has been faithful and the details for their care are being worked out. Continue to pray for these children as we listen to the Lord's leading for their lives.

May God continue to give us the strength and guidance that only He can give.

*Tracy Hills*



### **RETURNING TO AFRICA**

God-willing, I will be returning to Malawi, Africa in September 2009. I will be part of the group that Tracy spoke of in her letter. My work, this fall, will be to go into the nearby village of Mdala, and begin a program of health education with the people. By going to their homes, sitting with them, I know that not only will I be able to provide needed health education, but I will learn from them too. I am also hoping to make visits with the village caregivers, to witness the care that is given to those that are homebound and to assist in any way possible. As in past years, I will go as the Lord directs me. If I am called to paint more walls, I will! If I am needed to assist with Bible School, I will! My mission work is the work of the Lord...as the song says "Here I am Lord, is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart!"

I ask for your prayers as I prepare for this journey. Also, as in past years, I depend on financial support from you, the congregation members of St. Martin's. If you feel called to support my mission work, checks can be written out to St. Martin's. Please include, "Meri/McKallies mission work" on the check. If you'd like gift cards for your donation, just let me know. Thank you for your support both in the past and in the future!

God's Peace,  
*Meri DeGarmo*

## **MIDDLETON OUTREACH MINISTRY (MOM)**

**School Supply Drive:** MOM puts together, and distributes, school backpacks for children of MOM clients in grades K-12. They collect items needed to fill the backpacks with necessary school supplies from the MOM churches and the community. The backpacks are assembled with specific supplies for the school and grade that the child attends.

A list of items needed for this year can be found on the MOM Food Donation Bin in the Narthex, please check the list carefully, the items on the list are the only items that can be used. For instance, they have enough crayons left over from last year to fill this year's packs. A local corporation has donated all of the backpacks, no additional ones are needed. Items need to be turned in to the MOM office at 7432 Hubbard Ave. by August 20, or you can leave them by the food donation bin and I will deliver them. Monetary donations are also appreciated to purchase supplies that are not donated. Thanks for your help.

**Volunteers Needed:** Many volunteer opportunities are available at the Distribution Center (DC). The food pantry needs client hosts, front desk help, and inventory support. These are usually 2 or 3 hour shifts. The clothing closet is always in need of people to sort clothes and restock the racks. Hours for this can be anytime the DC is open and it would be a great, one-time, service project for the youth group (age 15 or older or with a parent) or any adult group. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Carole Klopp, Volunteer Director at 826-3409.

The POP (Project for Older People) is also in need of volunteers to help clients with lawn care and indoor chores (laundry and light housekeeping tasks), and driving clients to appointments. If you can help in this way please contact Diane Bright, POP Coordinator at 826-3410.

**Food Needed:** Right now we have little or no: Corn, Canned Meat, Canned Fish, Dry Soup Also Needed: Meals In a Can, "Crackers, Rice, Jelly (no grape please).

**New Distribution Center Manager:** In May, Kim Grafenauer left MOM to work for Second Harvest. We were sorry to see her go but the good news is that the position has been filled, Cheri Farha is the new DC manager. She brings wonderful skills and will be a great addition to the MOM staff.

Judy Valaskey



## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Look at all those smiling St. Martin faces pictured above on a recent "Build Day" at the Mazomanie site. Sign up for the August 29<sup>th</sup> Build on the kiosk in the narthex and you'll be smiling too! No construction experience needed, you will be trained. Also needed food and servers of food for all the happy workers.

## **LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

The Middleton Youth Service Club, who meets Tuesday through Thursday in Fellowship Hall this summer, assembled 25 Health Kits for LWR. They plan a fundraiser to purchase more supplies for the kits – what a great group of kids!

I extend a challenge to the congregation to match their efforts and assemble 25 additional. Several "start up kits" (containing one toothbrush, a washcloth and band aids) have also been assembled and await a few more basic items from those of you who would like to help meet the challenge. These partial kits will be available soon in the narthex for you to add the additional items; tie them with string, yarn or pretty ribbon and return to St. Martin's where they will receive a blessing prior to shipment.

Additional items needed for the start up kits are: a hand towel, a bar of soap (4-5 oz.), a large tooth comb or pick and a nail clipper. Let's lend a hand so refugees or those in exile can maintain personal hygiene and a sense of dignity – with your help St. Martin's will ship 50 of them – wouldn't that be wonderful!

*Maureen Berghoefer*  
Missions Cluster Coordinator

*"They will know we are Christians  
by our love."*



**St. Martin's will be serving at the Men's Homeless Shelter "Porchlight" in Madison on Aug 13. Food donors & servers needed. Sign up on kiosk**

**ST MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**TIME & TALENTS 2009-10**  
**"SERVING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS"**

Please check all activities you would like to be a part of from Sept. 2009 to Aug. 2010 and return the form to kiosk in the narthex. If you are currently involved, please fill out a form to let us know if you want to remain involved in the same way or make changes for the coming year.

**ADULT ACTIVITIES & EDUCATION** (Hallie Wendorff, coordinator–798-3140; [hwendorff@charter.net](mailto:hwendorff@charter.net))

- Friends Planning Team** – Plans & coordinates about six daytime adult activities a year.
- AMEN Planning Team** – Recruits members to present or participate in a program or activity showcasing their knowledge or interests. Helps plan and coordinates these programs.
- Adult Education Planning Team** – Decides educational programs or Bible studies to present during the year. Recruits leaders to present, coordinates & schedules.
- Small Group Planning Team** – Develops special interest groups for adults.
- Outdoor Christmas Decorating** – Create additional nativity figures for outdoor Christmas display or help put up the display on the Saturday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 28).
- Christmas Cookie Sale** - Plan & coordinate a cookie sale as a fund raising activity. Could include a luncheon, sale of gift items and creation of a cookie recipe book.

**COUNCIL TEAMS** (Christie Yrios, coordinator – 206-2295; [yrios@charter.net](mailto:yrios@charter.net))

- Audit Team** - Reviews and verifies the financial records for the year. Three year elected term.
- Nominating** – Recruits candidates for Council, Audit Team, Nominating Team and Synod Representatives. One-year elected term.
- Council** – Oversees the operations of the church. Three-year elected term.
- JAM Team** - Oversees the after school program; advises the director & interviews prospective staff.
- Cluster Coordinator** – Coordinator needed for the Membership Services Cluster. Coordinate and mentor the teams in this cluster.
- Outreach (Evangelism)** Welcome new residents to our community; invite them and others who may be unchurched to join us for worship; work with staff on submitting events and news of the congregation to the media.

**MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS** (Rick Weiland, Coordinator – 831-1224; [rcweiland@aol.com](mailto:rcweiland@aol.com))

- Finance Team** - Prepares annual budget and oversee its implementation; Three year appointed term
- Counting Team** – Counts monetary offerings after worship. As a team member serve once every five or six worship days, including Sundays and special services.
- Personnel Team** – Mentors staff.
- Stewardship Team** – Gathers Faith Promises of the congregation to help guild the church in the upcoming year.
- Office Staff Support** – Assists with clerical duties, answers phones, prepares Crossways for mailing.

**MEMBERSHIP SERVICES** (cluster coordinator needed)

- Befrienders** – Visit & serve communion to shut in's; send cards to the ill; provides & coordinate meals for needy members; help with hospital visits; provide support & information to the needy. Eight week training/study course.
- Email Prayer Chain** – Receives requests from church office to follow up with prayer.
- Have a Heart Team** – Helps other members with tasks such as washing windows, cleaning basements, raking leaves. etc.
- Sunday Coffee Crew** – Prepares coffee and donated treats before the 8:00 worship or cleans up after the 10:30 worship.
- Funeral Meal Team** – Plans, coordinates, provides food and serves at funeral meals.
- Kitchen Crew** – Prepares and serves food for special occasions. Supervises kitchen clean up and oversees groups using the kitchen. Coordinates & recruits help for the Lenten Soup Suppers.

**MISSIONS** (Maureen Berghoefer, coordinator - 798-4820; msberghoefer@tds.net)

- Mission Board** - Recommends financial support of mission programs, evaluates current programs, considers new mission programs.
- Middleton Outreach Ministries** - Food drives, clothing drives, fundraise, deliver items; promote MOM activities.
- Equal Exchange Coffee and Candy** - Sell coffee & candy once a month after service.
- Habitat for Humanity** - Builds home, prepares food & serves to workers.
- Lutheran World Relief** - Collect & assemble health care or school kits.

**MISSIONS (continued)**

- Christmas Giving Tree** - Prepare ornaments, sort, deliver & wrap gifts for adopted families.
- Men's Homeless Shelter** - Prepare food &/or serve at Porchlight, Madison every other month.
- Christians In Action-Mazomanie Food Pantry** - Collect food, deliver & serve at pantry.
- Plant A Row** - Plant, weed, harvest vegetables in church garden & deliver to food pantries.
- Quilters** – Meet monthly during the day to sew quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

**WORSHIP & MUSIC** (Elaine Smiley, coordinator – 767-2104; elaine.smiley@tds.net)

- Provide special Music** during worship services. List when available, vocal or instrumental and type of music.  
(Need resources? Let the church office know.)
- Artistic Seasonal Participation:** Create a themed banner; Design a Sunday bulletin; Make posters for musical concert; Arrange fresh flowers for the altar; Do a liturgical dance; Choose a specific season to design and create a setting for the front of the church (fall, Christmas, Lent, Easter, etc); Do hand stitch on altar cloths (needlepoint, counted cross stitch, etc.) Do a dramatic reading; Write a seasonal poem/story to share. (Circle area of interest.)
- Senior Choir** - Sings at 8:00 am worship.
- Handbell Ringers**
- Usher Team Leader** – Openings for a team leader at both the 8:00 and 10:30 worship. Coordinates with team members four months each year to assure two team members are scheduled for each of your team's assigned worship times.
- Usher Team Member** – Join either an 8:00 or 10:30 worship usher team that will supply ushers for four months each year on a rotating schedule.
- Audio Visual Team** – Provides sound and power point during worship or for special events. Training and mentoring is provided.
- Altar Guild** – Prepare altar area for worship; clean and maintain the communion items.
- Lector and/or Communion Assistants** – For 8:00 – one person serves as lector and communion assistant every other month. For 10:30 – teams are formed to be the lector and/or communion assistant once a month or once every other month. (Circle your preferred worship time.)

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND EDUCATION** (Julie Schultz, coordinator – 798-1922; tjschultz@charter.net  
Tim Knipfer, senior high youth director– 798-0209; timmyk65@yahoo.com)

- Nursery** – Watch over our youngest members during worship - arrive by 10:15 a.m.
- Sunday School Planning Team** – Seeking team of four to coordinate Sunday School during the summer for the upcoming day. Offers leadership, helps choose curriculum, sets the schedule. Available during Sunday School to mentor and assist Sunday School teachers.
- Sunday School Teacher** - Teach Sunday School during the 2009-10 school year. Indicate grade or age you would prefer. Grade Level/Age: \_\_\_\_\_
- Sunday School Christmas Program Team** – Coordinates, helps with practices, costumes &/or music & the celebration to follow.
- Vacation Bible School Team** – Reviews new formats for 2010, assists with coordinating program.
- Confirmation Team** – Help as a confirmation guide/team or parent helper during the 2009-10 school year on Wednesday evenings.
- Senior High Youth Group Ministry** – Weekly meetings with music & devotions, mission trips, fundraising & fun events with the purpose of growing closer to Christ.
- Adult Senior Youth Team** – Help with senior high youth ministry (see Sr. High Youth Group Team above).

Someone will contact you to give you further details and to answer your questions. You may also contact the cluster coordinators to ask questions.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

# JAM News

## ("Jesus & Me" after school program)

JAM let out for the summer on June 11th after having another successful year! We were blessed with GREAT teachers with GREAT ideas that helped make the program fresh this year. We are looking to have another good year when school starts up again in the fall.

JAM is taking applications for the fall semester. We have openings for both full and part-time students. We also take students on a weekly call-in basis if parents are on a flex schedule at their work. JAM is state licensed for 32 students. We offer a semi-structured schedule, with fun and religious based values interjected in our daily routine. Homework help, snacks and themed days/weeks are also part of our itinerary.

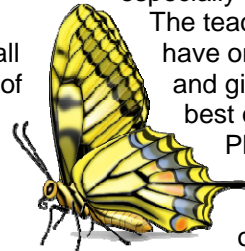


Ms Virginia & her staff on Capt. Underpants Day

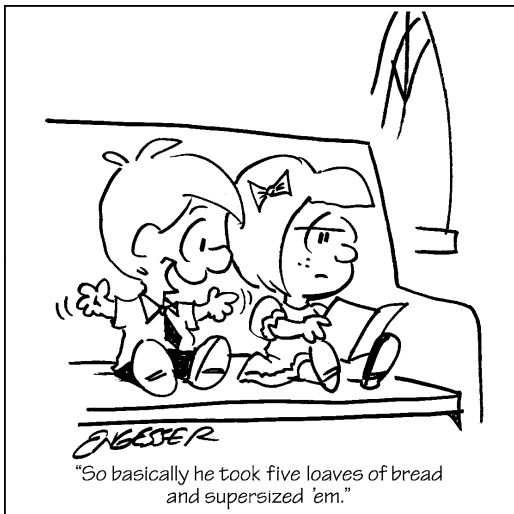


"Jammers" get ready to chow down on Capt. Underpants Day

With the economy the way it is right now, JAM will not be raising prices this coming school year, we will try to do more with less. The cost is \$12 per day with a sliding scale for families of multiples. Scholarships are available for those who may need them. The JAM teachers and I agree that NO CHILD should be turned away and have to go home alone after school. Please let your friends and families know that we are willing to work with them, especially in these hard economic times. The teachers, and board members of JAM all have one objective, and that is taking care of and giving the children the best of what we can offer them. Please call Virginia Diebold on the JAM line 798-5085 for information or stop in the church office for a registration packet or for more information.



*Virginia Diebold*



"So basically he took five loaves of bread and supersized 'em."



## For Fall

Please contact Julie Schultz at 798-1922 or Kim Johnson at 798-1972.

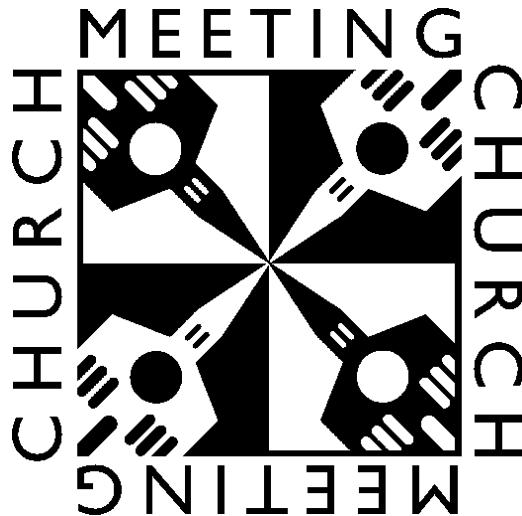
Opportunity for a volunteer to explore the Sunday School rotational model with Julie Schultz in Sun Prairie on Saturday, August 8. Please contact her at 798-1922 – she'd love to have your company!



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