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Newsletter of St. Martin's Lutheran Church – Cross Plains, WI

Pastor's Message

Vacation and Vocation

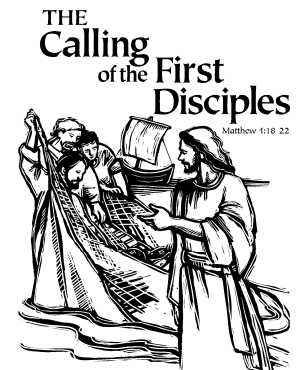
Have you ever noticed that the words “vacation” and “vocation” differ by only one letter? Might they be related? I think they are. And I also believe that both are absolutely necessary to a healthy, well-balanced life.

The words have their origins in the Middle Ages in the 14th and 15th Centuries. “*Vacacion*” is a French word that comes from the Latin root “*vacatio*”—“freedom.” The sense of the word is “a respite or a time away from something.” Sadly, our modern word “vacation” has taken on a much more restrictive definition as simply “time off from school or work.” We do need to schedule time away from our work to refresh our bodies and our minds. But modern life is too demanding for just 2-3 weeks a year to get away for some R+R. Vacations wear off quickly.

“Vacation” needs to be a *daily discipline* of vacating the demands, distractions and disturbances of life in order to reorient ourselves toward God. These vacations lead to real freedom.

Freedom is both freedom from and freedom to. Vacation is “freedom from.” Vocation is “freedom to.” We need *vacations* to experience the freedom to fully live out our *vocations*. “*Vocatio*” is the Latin word for “summons.” The essence of its meaning is “voice,” a calling. Its primary meaning, according to Webster's Dictionary, is this:

1 a: a summons or strong inclination to a particular state or course of action; *especially*: a divine call to the religious life **b:** an entry into the priesthood or a religious order.



Sadly, we have also beaten down the word “vocation” to mean simply “the job we do for pay.” In its fullest expression, vocation is the calling each of us has received from birth and commissioned at baptism, to be the special, unlike-anyone-else-in-history persons God made us to be. We are more than our work or our jobs. Our value as humans is not just what we produce or what we consume. We are more than simply parts in the machine—we are unique members of the very body of our Lord.

We need vacations to remind us of our vocation as treasured people of God, made holy through the sacrifice and suffering of Jesus Christ. Think about this while you're on vacation.

In Christ,
Pastor Rick

2010 ST. MARTIN'S COUNCIL



Bottom Row: Tom Johnson, Ann Houck, Bill Windels Top Row: Pastor Rick, Van Valaskey, Jeff Postle, Rick Weiland

Secretary's Report

Council met Saturday 2/13/10 to set up goals and objectives for the coming year (please see President's Message which follows). New officers were elected at this time. Tom Johnson is President, Bill Windels is Vice-President, Rick Weiland is Treasurer, and Ann Houck is Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Houck – Council Secretary

Simply Giving

It is not too late to sign up for the Simply Giving program. Simply Giving is a program through Thrivent which allows you to have your offerings automatically deposited in the church's bank account on a schedule you choose. For those already using the program: if you have changed your pledge amount for 2010, please remember to turn in an updated Simply Giving form. For more information contact Donna Blumer at the church office.

President's Message

Have you ever been tapped on the shoulder to do something? I felt a tap-tap when asked to take over Van's position as head of the Council this year. The Council is looking forward a great year and has already identified many goals to tackle. I hope you feel some tapping this year of your own; there is much you can do to serve within our St. Martin's family.

Your newly elected Council held it's annual Planning Retreat Saturday, February 13. Six main goals and objectives were identified for the 2010 Church year.

1) Community Outreach & Church Fellowship

- a. Implement Shepherding Groups
- b. Conduct Community Events
 - i. Church suppers
 - ii. Tailgate events
 - iii. Africa and Youth Band concerts
- c. Website innovation
- d. 50 new members with increasing attendance
- e. Narthex Greeters

2.) Emphasis on Faith Sharing

- a. Encourage Word –Share-Prayer
- b. Faith 5
- c. Faith Talk cards in small groups
- d. Faith Forums between services
- e. Personal Devotions
- f. Synod Option support of Book of Faith

3.) Communications

- a. Website
 - i. Supported/maintained with staff assistance
 - ii. Keep "active"
- b. Newsletter, E-letter as Weekly Update
- c. Council and Congregational feedback
- d. Photos and articles of members

4.) Stewardship

- a. Consecration Sunday event
- b. Organized and planned

5.) Staffing

- a. Complete planning
 - b. Hire, Train and Review
- ## 6.) Youth & Family Ministry
- a. Woman's Ministry
 - b. Middle School Ministry
 - c. Evaluate and Optimize JAM
 - d. Grow / Improve Sunday School programs
 - e. Adult activities during Sunday School
 - f. Continued funding for youth ministry

We all owe Van Valaskey an enormous amount of thanks for his tirelessly serving as Council President the past three years. Also, a huge thank you to Jeannie-Hering Schumann and Christie Howell-Yrios out-going board members for their dedicated service to St. Martin's.

Ministry partners are the lifeblood for the activities and programs at St. Martin's. Opportunities to serve are plentiful and can appeal to a wide variety of talents and skills. All are welcome to get involved in whatever ministry is comfortable and fulfilling to individual preferences.

Consider getting involved with our St. Martin's family. Saint Francis in a part of his ageless prayer says it simply, "For it is in giving that we receive".

Blessings,
Tom Johnson
Council President



Sunday School News

March Schedule:

3/7 -- Opening and Instruction:

Pre K- 2nd grade/ 3rd-5th will attend 1st Communion classes*

3/14 -- Opening and Instruction:

Pre K- 2nd grade/ 3rd-5th will attend 1st Communion classes*

3/21 -- Opening and Instruction

3/28-- Palm Sunday; Opening and Instruction

(Children sing at 10:30 worship today)

*Please RSVP to Pastor Rick if your child will be attending 1st Communion classes



FAMILY & FRIENDS VBS NEEDS YOU:

We need volunteers to help plan this summers *Family & Friends VBS* for St. Martin's. Our team consists of two people to date; our goal is to add two or three additional. Please consider volunteering your time to help get *Family & Friends VBS* planned for this year.

Contact Julie Schultz 608-798-1922 or tjschultz@charter.net



Megan Margaret Niesen, daughter of Jenny and Mark. Sponsors are Kris Ulfig & Jeff Wunder. Megan was welcomed into the body of Christ on January 10, 2010.

Quinn August McMahon, son of David & Erin. Sponsors are Allison Schweiger & Sarah McMahon. Quinn was born on Jan. 21, 2010 and welcomed into the body of Christ on February 21, 2010

Harley Russell Shaw, son of Christopher & Samantha. Sponsors are John & Jenny Shaw. Harley was born on Oct. 11, 2009 and welcomed into the body of Christ on February 21, 2010.

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

St. Martin's Scrapbook Event

Saturday, April 24th, 2010

8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per person - 4 foot table space

\$20 per person - 8 foot table space

- *Snacks and lunch provided*
- Proceeds to donated to St. Martin's
- area to be determined
- Hosted by Mary Vassalotti
- Jan Hogle - Creative Memories
Consultant

Reserve your spot now.

Send name and payment to:

Mary Vassalotti

4002 St. Francis St.

Cross Plains, WI 53528

Enjoy the inspiration of others!

Missions

"They will know we are Christians by our love"

Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM)

March and April brings the Feinstein Challenge to MOM. The Feinstein Group is a non-profit that challenges food pantries across the U.S. to make an extra effort to bring in donated food in March and April. Each pantry who participates is then given a percentage (based on how much food was collected) of 1 million dollars by the Feinstein Group. We have to take advantage of this!



St. Martin's will be having a food drive on Sunday, April 18. Non-perishable food can be brought to church anytime beginning March 1. I will make sure it gets to the party and is designated for the Feinstein Challenge. If you prefer to take your donations to the Distribution Center (8710-2 Montclair Dr., hours 10-2 Mon-Thurs and 9-12 Fri & Sat) please indicate that you are from St. Martin's and that the donation should be applied to the Feinstein Challenge.

Although all food is appreciated, remember, this challenge is based on weight so heavy food is good. Right now the most needed items are:

100% Fruit Juice	Personal Hygiene Items (Soap, Toothpaste, Deo.)
Condiments (Ketchup, Mustard, etc.)	Paper Products (Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Towels)
Laundry Detergent	Canned Beans (not Green Beans)
Cleaning Supplies	Cooking Oil

Consider picking up one item each week between now and April 18. You can save it and bring it all on Food Drive Sunday or drop it in the bin each week.

Thanks for all you do to help our neighbors in need. Please know that it is very much appreciated by the people who find themselves in a place where MOM is needed to help them feed their families. I see it every Friday and want to share those expressions of thanks with you.

Judy Valaskey

LAMP – Could this be your calling?

**Lutheran Association of Missionaries & Pilots
Coming to St. Martin's**



LAMP is a non-profit organization that has been providing spiritual witness and nurture in communities in northern remote areas of Canada for over 35 years, through the ministry of pastor/pilots, and short and long-term volunteers-in-mission. LAMP teaches Vacation Bible School, youth and adult Bible study and leads soccer camps in the summer months to youth who would otherwise not have these opportunities. If you are interested in learning more about this mission ministry opportunity, plan on attending the presentation scheduled between services on 4/11 at the Gunderson Life Center. For more information, please contact Maureen Berghoefer at home 798-4820, or the church office 798-2777.



On Monday, March 22 at 9 a.m. volunteers will gather at St. Martin's to clean the church in preparation for Holy Week. Please bring dusting clothes, polish and Windex. Let's roll up our sleeves and make St. Martin's sparkle! Call Jeannie Hering-Schumann at 767-2789 with questions.

FRIENDS MARCH EVENT

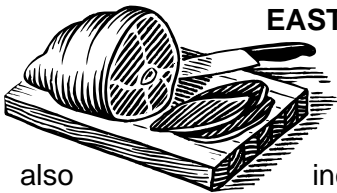
On March 16th The FRIENDS of St. Martin's will visit the National Ice Trail Office, 1,200 miles of trails, with the main office located in Cross Plains; followed by lunch at Cross Ways Coffee Shop on Main Street, Cross Plains. Join us!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

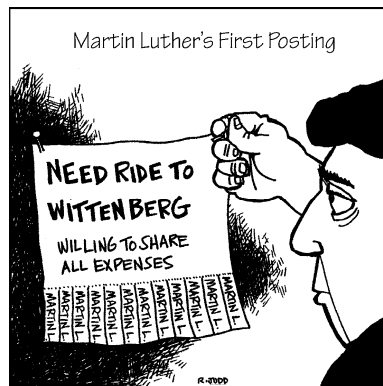
The Youth Ministry invites you to join friends and family as we celebrate our Risen Lord!
 We will be serving delicious breakfast items in Fellowship Hall
 8:45 - 10:15AM on Easter morn.
 We hope to see YOU there!

SHARE



EASTER DINNER PACKAGE - ham, frozen vegetables, pineapple, hot roll mix, cheese cup, 7 kinds of fresh fruit and vegetables and a 37 oz Sara Lee wild berry pie w/lemon crust. **SUPPERTIME MENU FROZEN ENTREE ASSORTMENT** is the March special with 7 different 8 oz entrée's serving two for \$20. March selections

also include Italian meatballs, chicken in cream sauce, BLACK EARTH'S organic ground beef, a ribeye steak box containing 6 8-oz steaks with \$1 from each order going to SHARE Cares Food Fund and a breakfast bonanza of frittatas, sausage, pork and hash brown patties. Other food packages are available for \$25 or a mini-package for \$15 containing an assortment of frozen meats, fresh fruits and vegetables, and other items. Choices change each month. Shipping and handling charges are added. For more information visit sharewi.org, or call Donna Blumer at 798-0114 The deadline for **March orders is March 9th or March 14th** if ordering online. Please call Donna if ordering after these dates.



Volunteers In Worship - March



Lectors (also Communion Assistants)

3-03 Lent 7:00 Trygve Lund
3-07 8:00 Deb or Ron Goplin
10:30 Maureen Berghoefer
3-10 Lent 7:00 Deb Wipperfurth
3-14 8:00 Deb Wipperfurth
10:30 Jennifer Niesen
3-17 Lent 7:00 Sue Losen
3-21 8:00 Tom Smiley
10:30 Kay or Kendra Kalvin
3-24 Lent 7:00 Phyllis Wendt
3-28 8:00 Doris Fish
10:30 Cheryl or Blake Hartung

Communion Assistants – 10:30 a.m.

3-07 Nancy McCauley & Donna Blumer
3-14 Mary Kay Knipfer & Patty Harper
3-21 Scultz/Vike/Lund Team
3-28 Tamra Harder & Jack Hagman

Accompanists

3-07 Jan Doyle
3-14 Mary Vassalotti
3-21 Jan Doyle
3-28 Mary Vassalotti

Song Leaders

3-07 8:00 Deb Lohr-Foster
10:30 Paula Elver
3-14 8:00 Open
10:30 Karen Windels
3-21 8:00 Deb Lohr-Foster
10:30 Paula Elver
3-28 8:00 Open
10:30 Karen Windels

Acolytes

2-07 8:00 Lauren Kalvin
10:30 Samantha Roll
3-14 8:00 Samantha Fogel
10:30 Danny Schunk
3-21 8:00 Travis Zander
10:30 Matthew Harper
3-28 8:00 Ben Kalvin
10:30 Lauren Kalvin



Counters

3-3 Lent Calvin Team 3
3-07 Schunk Team 2
3-10 Lent Niesen Team 1
3-14 Hillebrand Team 5
3-17 Lent Hillebrand Team 4
3-21 Calvin Team 3
3-24 Lent Open
3-28 Schunk Team 2

Altar Guild

3-07 8:00 Patty Hillebrand
10:30 Ann Houck
3-14 8:00 Jan Doyle
10:30 Darlene Schulenberg
3-21 8:00 Debbie Wipperfurth
10:30 Julie Schultz
3-28 8:00 Deb Goplin
10:30 Open/Deb Goplin

Ushers

3-03 Lent 7:00 Trappe Team
3-07 8:00 Hillebrand Team
10:30 Schulenberg Team
3-10 Lent 7:00 McCauley Team
3-14 8:00 Hillebrand Team
10:30 Schulenberg Team
3-17 Lent Bill Wendorff
3-21 8:00 Hillebrand Team
10:30 Schulenberg Team
3-24 Lent 7:00 Blumer Team
3-28 8:00 Hillebrand Team
10:30 Schulenberg Team

Junior Ushers (10:30 a.m.)

3-07 Garrett Knudtson
3-14 Julia Tibbetts
3-21 Mariah Carlson
3-28 Alison Faber

Nursery (10:30)

3-07 Hannah Miller
3-14 Allison Faber
3-21 Savanna Jackson
3-28 Sarah Faber

AV

3-07 8:00 James Hartung
10:30 Jeff Postle
3-14 8:00 Bill Wendorff
10:30 Randy Hunt
3-21 8:00 James Hartung
10:30 Patty Neumueller & Jeff Postle
3-28 8:00 Phil Fish
10:30 Randy Hunt

ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN

2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Girl Scouts 188 FH 6:30pm Soul Purpose 7pm Concert For Haiti 7pm	2 Men's Bible Study LB 6:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Boy Scouts 87 FH 7pm	3 Confirmation 6:30pm Tiger Troup 87 6pm Soup Supper 6pm Adult Choir Practice 7:30pm	4 Pal Zone 9:30am Women's AA 10am TOPS 5pm Youth Group Lifeline 7:15pm	5	6
7 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:15am Sunday School K-5 FH 9:15am 1st Comm Classes Grade 3-5 10:45am Sunday School Pre K 5pm The Project practice	8 Quilting 9:30am Girl Scouts 188 FH 6:30pm Soul Purpose 7pm Historical Society 7pm	9 Men's Bible Study LB 6:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Boy Scouts 87 FH 7pm Centering Prayer SC 7 pm	10 Confirmation 6:30pm Tiger Troup 87 6pm Soup Supper 6pm Lenten Worship 7pm "Word For Lent" 7:30pm Adult Choir Practice 7:30pm	11 Pal Zone 9:30am Women's AA 10am TOPS 5pm Youth Grp Lifeline 7:15pm Finance Mtg 7pm	12	13
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21 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:15am Sunday School K-5 FH 10:45am Sunday School Pre K Noon-5pm FH Reserved 5pm The Project practice	22 Girl Scouts 188 FH 6:30pm Soul Purpose 7pm	23 Men's Bible Study LB 6:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Boy Scouts 87 FH 7pm	24 Confirmation 6pm Soup Supper 6pm Lenten Worship 7pm "Word For Lent" 7:30pm Adult Choir Practice 7:30pm	25 Pal Zone 9:30am Women's AA 10am TOPS 5pm Youth Grp Lifeline 7:15pm	26	27
28 Palm Sunday 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:15am Sunday School K-5 FH 5pm The Project practice	29 Girl Scouts 188 FH 6:30pm Soul Purpose 7pm	30 Men's Bible Study LB 6:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Boy Scouts 87 FH 7pm	31 Confirmation 6pm Soup Supper 6pm Lenten Worship 7pm "Word For Lent" 7:30pm Adult Choir Practice 7:30pm	SC - Sanctuary. LB - Library	MR - Music Room FH - Fellowship Hall	YR - Youth Room CR Choir Room

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