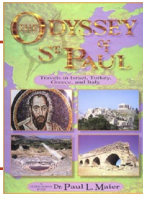




Blessing of quilts

❖ will be on Sunday, Oct. 2, during worships



Odyssey of Paul

❖ this video series is being held each Sunday at 9:30 am.



SHARE orders

❖ are due Oct. 4 and Oct. 9 online

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GIFT begins

St. Martin's new GIFT (Generations in Faith Together) program began on Sept. 18 and, according to Reneé Frey, has received a good response so far. She cautions that "it's all a learning process, though, and we are still trying to figure out what are the best ways to present to different ages, structure the material, and engage kids with different strengths."

Pursuant to this, a team consisting of Ann Boehnen, Michelle Phaneuf, and Renee Frey are planning a road trip to Faith Lutheran in Fargo, ND on Oct. 8 to observe their program. Faith has been using the program for ten years and have over 100 kids participating with 70% of the fathers assisting. "Now that we have gotten our feet wet a little, we hope to see how they handle areas that we are challenged with," Reneé said.

"We welcome feedback from parents and hope to streamline the program to allow people to sign up for helping in different areas of leadership and preparation for each week," she said.



St. Martin's 4K

St. Martin's 4K program officially began on the first day of school and has 13 little 4-year-olds enrolled. Although eventually the hours may go to 6:30 am. to 6:00 pm., there are no children enrolled in the all day childcare portion of the program at this time so the hours are currently about 8:45 am. to 3:00 pm.

The two teachers are Ms. Elly and Ms. Gina. Each day is structured to allow time for free play, circle time, snack, center time, and outside play. The themes for October are Hello Neighbor!, Community Helpers, Using My Senses, and Outside our Door. Volunteers are always welcome to help with activities. You can contact Ms. Elly at mcpasd4k-kelly@gmail.com and Ms. Gina at mcpasd4kgina@gmail.com if you would like more information or volunteer.

—Sally Averkamp



Orchard Tour & Lunch at The Whitehouse

At 10:30 am. on Friday, October 7, St. Martin's members will gather to take a tour of the Oakwood Orchards and have lunch at The Whitehouse restaurant in Richland Center. Sign up in the narthex or call Hallie at 798-3140.



Stuff the Truck for MOM

We collected 776.5 lbs. of food, toiletries, and laundry detergent at the "Stuff the Truck" drive for Middleton Outreach Ministries held at Terry's Piggly Wiggly on September 17. Thanks to the Sr. Youth Group for giving up their Saturday morning to help with this worthwhile event.



—Judy Valaskey

Pal Zone



Pal Zone is a program designed for parents and their preschool aged children to meet other families and enjoy a variety of activities with the aid of a facilitator. Pal Zone meets every Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 am. at St. Martin's Lutheran and receives its funding from the United Way. Parents with small children looking for free activities during the day are encouraged to join us.



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From the Pastor

You never really know

Today, a man in his 50's came into the church looking for financial assistance. He had a hearing aid. His body was covered with tattoos. He said his father had died recently in Milwaukee and he needed to go there to talk with his stepmother about what to do with his ashes. I told him we have limited financial resources, but if he answered some questions and provided me some information to confirm his story, I'd see what I could do. He showed me his Wisconsin driver's license and gave me his Social Security number. His home phone number was valid. He had no criminal record or other public record, except a traffic violation. The wife he claimed was at the number when I called. His stepmother was, indeed, at the nursing facility in Milwaukee. I called there and left the church number for her to call me back. By his own admission, he told me he was a recovering alcoholic—"I quit cold turkey in 2009." Still, his story didn't quite make sense.

While we waited for his stepmother's phone call, he told me his sad life's story. He had worked as a steel worker until a motorcycle accident in 2008 left him permanently disabled. He had had a dozen surgeries to reconstruct his ear, which still was badly misshapen. He showed me the 6-inch scar on the back of his neck, the evidence of a tumor removed from his brain.

Since he had provided me all the information I had asked for, I felt my "due-diligence" entitled him to help. I told him that we don't give out cash, but I would be willing to provide gas at Kwik Trip or a gift card at Piggly Wiggly. He said he got a gas card from another church, but that he would take the food card. I prayed with him, that he would stay sober, that the Lord would care for him and that he would have a safe journey to Milwaukee. Then I saw him to the door of a rusty, badly-broken down old car.

Instead of feeling good about helping him, I was still haunted by the feeling that he was not telling me the whole truth. As an afterthought, I called Middleton Outreach Ministry—he had mentioned that they had helped him in the past but too recently to do so today. MOM cannot give out information because of privacy laws, but the case worker's silence when I described

the situation and gave his name left me with the queasy feeling that I'd been had! Now, about two hours later, there still has been no return call from the grieving stepmother nor the social worker at the nursing home. I want to believe his story but it just doesn't make sense.

Jesus says to us, his faithful followers: "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves." I am also reminded of this Scripture: *Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.* —Hebrews 13:2

Right now, I feel neither wise or innocent, only stupid. But maybe—just maybe—St. Martin's Lutheran Church entertained an angel without knowing it. I guess you never really know.

—Pastor Rick



The Outlook

Men's Homeless Shelter: St. Martin's will again be serving the evening meal for 50-75 at the Men's Homeless Shelter at 6:30 pm. on Thursday, October 13. People are needed to make food (main dish, salad, and dessert) and some people are needed to serve. Please watch for a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Call Doris Fish at 203-5160 if you have questions.

St. Martin's next date to work on the **Habitat** build in Mt. Horeb is Saturday, October 22. They need at least 8 people and to provide lunch that day as well. We leave church at 8:00 am and return by 4:00 pm. If you are interested in helping out please contact Phil Fish (Home: 608-203-5160; Cell: 608-279-3637 pdfish@charter.net).

At 5:30 pm. on Friday, November 18, St. Martin's members and friends are invited to a **dinner and play at the Dorf Haus**. More information about this event will be forthcoming.

Plant-A-Row reaps 250+ lbs of veggies

The PAR garden is almost done for the year and some are thinking ahead of frost and tilling the soil for the fall.

But during the hot days of the summer, St. Martin's PAR garden supplied over 250 lbs. of fresh produce to the Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM) in 2011. The person responsible for making most of this happen was Ralph Schulenberg with his trusty garden tiller. He always kept the garden neat and weed free. Others helped occasionally harvest or transport vegetables.

We thank Ralph for his hard work on behalf of the families who use MOM.

—Sally Averkamp



Ralph Schulenberg

Youth

On Tuesday, October 11, the Youth Team met and created the following schedule to guide us through the year:



Tim Knipfer

Thursday Youth Group

Schedule:

October 6—Off-site devotion: bonfire at the Calvin's with dinner

Oct. 13—Lifeline: Meal, Music & Message

Oct. 20—Service with dinner

Oct. 27—No Youth Group

Nov. 3—Creative Worship

Nov. 10—Lifeline: Meal, Music & Message

Nov. 17—Lifeline: Meal, Music & Message

Nov. 24—No youth Group; Thanksgiving

Dec. 1—Off-site Devotions (location TBA)

Dec. 8—Lifeline: Meal, Music & Message

Dec. 15—Christmas Party; bring a Secret Santa gift

Dec. 22—No meeting. Merry Christmas!

Dec. 29—No meeting. Happy New Year!

Events:

Tuesday, Oct. 11—Youth Team Meeting

Saturday, Oct. 22—Corn Maze in Cambridge

Saturday, Nov. 12—Discovery Museum in Milwaukee

Mar. 9-11—Quake Zone in Wisconsin Dells; staying at the Chula Vista Resort

Apr. 28-29—30 Hour Famine; Lock-in at church

We hope all will feel welcome in joining us at any of these activities.

—Tim Knipfer, Youth Ministries Director

"Head to Heart" Confirmation

Confirmation at St. Martin's is a three-year program beginning in grade 6. We have 20 students, down from last years' 28. We meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Each month there are two Power Nights, one night for service projects, and one for a Fellowship Event. This year we are covering the New Testament.

Our curriculum is from Faith Inkubators of Stillwater, MN., developed by a Lutheran Pastor, Rich Melheim. We begin and end our Power Nights as a large group gathering in the sanctuary using music, skits, testimonials and Bible study discussions. Then we break into small groups figured by

gender and grade with one or two Adult Guides to shepherd discussion.

Students are expected with their parents to do a daily exercise called *The Faith Five* in their homes. This requires as little as 5 minutes per day involving: sharing highs and lows; reading Scripture; talking about it relates to your highs/lows; praying; and blessing each person in simple words.

Regular worship, taking notes, service, and attending church camp are also expected in the program. Students are confirmed as 8th graders. Confirmation is led by myself, Tim Knipfer, and parents of the students.

—Pastor Rick

October 1-31 Worship Volunteers (note Communion 1st & 3rd at 10:30 am.)

	Lectors	Communion Asst	Accompanist	Counters	Altar Guild	Ushers	Jr. Ushers	Acolytes	Nursery	AV	Coffee
10/2	8:30 Lois Weiland	Lois Weiland	Jan Doyle	n/a	Patty Hillebrand	Hillebrand Team	Sarah Faber	Brynn Turley	n/a	Hartung/Windels	Deb/Ron Goplin
10/2	10:30 Ann Houck	Ann Houck	Soul Purpose	Team 3	Ann Houck	H. Wendorff Team	Alex Niebuhr	Leif Mann	Cheyenne Kerl	Siggelkow/Schluter	
			Ann Houck, Nancy McCauley, Patty Harper								
10/9	8:30 Cathy Kittle	Cathy Kittle	Jan Doyle	n/a	Jan Doyle	Hillebrand Team	Hannah Miller	Ryan Fogel	n/a	Bill Wendorff	Karen Trappe
10/9	10:30 Jennifer Niesen	n/a	Jan Doyle	Team 2	n/a	H. Wendorff Team	Lane Onken	Tyler Acker	Courtney Conroy	Hormig/Hunt	
10/16	8:30 Elaine Smiley	Elaine Smiley	Mary Vassalotti	n/a	Deb Wipperfurth	Hillebrand Team	Megan Lange	Katie Kolden	n/a	Jason Niebuhr	Carmen Fowell
10/16	10:30 Bill Windels	Bill Windels, Katherine Lund	SP & Mary V.	Team 1	D. Schulenberg	H. Wendorff Team	Danny Schunk	Grace Hartung	Lizanne Dodsworth	Neumueller/Windels	
10/23	8:30 Bev Brunner	Bev Brunner	Jan Doyle	n/a	Deb Goplin	Hillebrand Team	Savanna Jackson	Cheyenne Ambler	n/a	Phil Fish	Doris Fish
10/23	10:30 Katherine Lund	n/a	Jan Doyle	Team 5	n/a	H. Wendorff Team	Samantha Roll	Courtney Conroy	Katie Kolden	Postle/Siggelkow	
10/30	8:30 open	open	Mary Vassalotti	n/a	open	Hillebrand Team	Delaney Osborne	Courtney Conroy	n/a	open	open
10/30	10:30 open	n/a	Mary Vassalotti	Team 4	n/a	H. Wendorff Team	Sarah Faber	Ryan Fogel	Brynn Turley	Hartung/Hormig	

Crossways October 1-31 Calendar

❖ Sunday, October 2	6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	❖ Friday, October 21	6:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH
8:30 a. <i>Worship w/ Communion</i>	7:00 p. <i>Boy Scouts Troop 87</i>	FH	6:00 p. 4K children depart		FH
9:30 a. <i>Generations in Faith Together</i>	7:00 p. <i>Centering Prayer</i>	GLC	❖ Sunday, October 23	8:30 a. <i>Worship w/ Communion-baptism</i>	S
9:30 a. <i>The Odyssey of Paul</i>	7:00 p. <i>Youth Music</i>	S	9:30 a. <i>Generations in Faith Together</i>	S/FH	
10:30 a. <i>Worship w/ Communion</i>	❖ Wednesday, October 12		9:30 a. <i>The Odyssey of Paul</i>	L	
—blessing of quilts at both services	6:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	10:30 a. <i>Worship w/o Communion</i>	S	
7:00 p. <i>Reserve for Postle</i>	9:30 a. <i>Staff Meeting</i>	L	❖ Monday, October 24	6:30 p. 4K children arrive	FH
❖ Monday, October 3	6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	
6:30 a. 4K children arrive	6:00 p. <i>Tiger Scout Pack 87</i>	FH	7:00 p. <i>Valley Home Cemetery</i>	FH	
6:00 p. 4K children depart	6:00 p. <i>Confirmation trip to Stoughton</i>	OS	❖ Tuesday, October 4	6:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH
7:00 p. <i>Soul Purpose rehearsal</i>	7:30 p. <i>Adult Choir</i>	MR	6:30 a. <i>Men's Bible Study</i>	L	
7:00 p. <i>Worship w/ Communion</i>	❖ Thursday, October 13		6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	
6:30 a. 4K children arrive	6:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	7:00 p. <i>Boy Scouts Troop 87</i>	FH	
6:30 a. <i>Men's Bible Study</i>	9:30 a. <i>Pal Zone</i>	N	7:00 p. <i>Youth Music</i>	S	
6:00 p. 4K children depart	10:00 a. <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i>	B	❖ Wednesday, October 5	6:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH
7:00 p. <i>Boy Scouts Troop 87</i>	6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	6:30 a. <i>Staff Meeting</i>	L	
7:00 p. <i>Youth Music</i>	6:30 p. <i>Youth Group Lifeline</i>	FH/S	6:00 p. <i>Tiger Scout Pack 87</i>	FH	
❖ Wednesday, October 5	6:30 p. <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	OS	6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	
6:30 a. 4K children arrive	6:30 p. <i>Men's Homeless Shelter</i>	OS	6:30 p. <i>Confirmation meeting</i>	S	
9:30 a. <i>Staff Meeting</i>	❖ Friday, October 14		7:30 p. <i>Adult Choir</i>	MR	
6:00 p. <i>Tiger Scout Pack 87</i>	6:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	❖ Thursday, October 6	6:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH
6:00 p. 4K children depart	6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	9:30 a. <i>Pal Zone</i>	N	
6:30 p. <i>Confirmation meeting</i>	❖ Sunday, October 16		10:00 a. <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i>	B	
7:30 p. <i>Adult Choir</i>	8:30 a. <i>Worship w/ Communion</i>	S	6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	
❖ Thursday, October 6	9:30 a. <i>Generations in Faith Together</i>	S/FH	6:30 p. <i>Youth Group—at Calvin's</i>	OS	
6:30 a. 4K children arrive	9:30 a. <i>The Odyssey of Paul</i>	L	6:30 p. <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	OS	
9:30 a. <i>Pal Zone</i>	10:30 a. <i>Worship w/ Communion</i>	S	❖ Friday, October 7	6:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH
10:00 a. <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i>	❖ Monday, October 17		6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	
6:00 p. 4K children depart	6:30 p. 4K children arrive	FH	6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	
6:30 p. <i>Youth Group—at Calvin's</i>	6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	7:00 p. <i>Boy Scouts Troop 87</i>	FH	
6:30 p. <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	7:00 p. <i>Youth Music</i>	S	7:00 p. <i>Youth Music</i>	S	
❖ Friday, October 7	8:00 p. <i>Church Council</i>	L	❖ Tuesday, October 18	6:30 p. 4K children arrive	FH
6:30 a. 4K children arrive	❖ Wednesday, October 19		6:30 a. <i>Men's Bible Study</i>	L	
6:00 p. 4K children depart	6:30 p. 4K children arrive	FH	6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	
❖ Friday, October 8	9:30 a. <i>Staff Meeting</i>	L	7:00 p. <i>Boy Scouts Troop 87</i>	FH	
<i>Lutheran World Relief train in Madison</i>	6:00 p. <i>Tiger Scout Pack 87</i>	FH	7:00 p. <i>Youth Music</i>	S	
❖ Sunday, October 9	6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	8:00 p. <i>Church Council</i>	L	
8:30 a. <i>Worship w/ Communion</i>	6:30 p. <i>Confirmation Meeting</i>	S	❖ Wednesday, October 19	6:30 p. 4K children arrive	FH
9:30 a. <i>Generations in Faith Together</i>	7:30 p. <i>Adult Choir</i>	MR	6:30 p. 4K children arrive	FH	
9:30 a. <i>The Odyssey of Paul</i>	❖ Thursday, October 20		6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	
10:30 a. <i>Worship w/o Communion</i>	6:30 p. 4K children arrive	FH	6:30 p. <i>Confirmation Meeting</i>	S	
❖ Monday, October 10	9:30 a. <i>Pal Zone</i>	N	6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	
6:30 a. 4K children arrive	10:00 a. <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i>	B	7:00 p. <i>Boy Scouts Troop 87</i>	FH	
9:30 a. <i>Quilting</i>	6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	7:00 p. <i>Youth Music</i>	S	
6:00 p. 4K children depart	6:30 p. <i>Youth Group-Service w/ dinner</i>	S	8:00 p. <i>Church Council</i>	L	
6:30 p. <i>Town of Berry meeting</i>	6:30 p. <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	OS	❖ Wednesday, October 19	6:30 p. 4K children arrive	FH
7:00 p. <i>Soul Purpose rehearsal</i>			9:30 a. <i>Staff Meeting</i>	L	
❖ Tuesday, October 11			6:00 p. <i>Tiger Scout Pack 87</i>	FH	
6:30 a. 4K children arrive			6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	
6:30 a. <i>Men's Bible Study</i>			6:30 p. <i>Confirmation Meeting</i>	S	
5:45 p. <i>Worship Planning</i>			7:30 p. <i>Adult Choir</i>	MR	
			❖ Thursday, October 20		
			6:30 p. 4K children arrive	FH	
			9:30 a. <i>Pal Zone</i>	N	
			10:00 a. <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i>	B	
			6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	
			6:30 p. <i>Youth Group-Service w/ dinner</i>	S	
			6:30 p. <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	OS	

Deadline for November 1 Crossways

S—Sanctuary; L—Library; B—Building;
MR—Music Room; FH—Fellowship Hall;
CR—Choir Room; OS—Off Site;
N—Nursery; GLC—Gunderson Life Center



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