



Daylight Savings

❖ is on Nov. 6—turn back clocks by 1 hour



Elaine Smiley

❖ follow family and health updates at www.caringbridge.org



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❖ are due Nov. 1 and Nov. 6 online
Check the narthex for holiday specials

CROSSWAYS

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Consecration Sunday on Nov. 13

A very important day in the faith life of Saint Martin's is fast approaching on Sunday, November 13, as we gather for a special service and celebratory meal to renew our ties with our church and its mission for the new year.

The day will center upon recognizing how God has blessed our individual lives and the importance of St. Martin's in our spiritual welfare. The emphasis for the day will be on our personal spiritual growth.

The services on Consecration Sunday morning will be designed to assist us in evaluating our spiritual growth and biblical understanding of Christian stewardship. Dennis Zahrbock, a special guest speaker, will offer an inspirational message on the personal growth benefits of stewardship in the Christian community. A free, catered celebration luncheon in Fellowship Hall will follow the 10:30 am. service.



E. Dennis Zahrbock

You will receive a letter and blue RSVP



card inviting you to attend the service and the meal. We need this attendance information returned to plan for the luncheon meal. Please let us know if you will be present by returning the blue RSVP card to church or by contacting Sally Averkamp at 798-2777 or communicationsdirector@st-martinscp.org. If we do not hear back from you we will attempt to personally contact you to determine your attendance plans.

We hope your faith may guide you to attend on this important day.

*In Christ,
Bob Nelson, Consecration Leadership
Team Coordinator*

MOM news

Help for Seniors—Join our Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM) team to do small indoor and outdoor projects for seniors. Contact Esther Kim at esther@momhelps.org or 826-3409 to help.

Thanksgiving Baskets Program—Help us organize and distribute Thanksgiving baskets to families in need; contact Esther Kim (info above).

MOM Benefit: live radio play—On Dec. 3 & 4, the benefit play, *Young St. Nick*, will be at the Middleton Performing Arts Center. If you can donate a small auction items from a wish list or help organize, contact Esther Kim (info above).

Clothing Closet Volunteer Coordinator—MOM is looking for a Clothing Closet Volunteer Coordinator to help revitalize and reorganize our Clothing Closet! For more information, please contact Esther Kim (info above).

MOM Services—Need assistance with rent, utilities, employment, or auto repair? A MOM case worker can help. Call us at 836-7338 to make an appointment. Spanish-speaking case workers available.

Piano classes coming to St. Martin's Lutheran

Beginning in the near future, piano lessons by Diana Berryman will be offered at St. Martin's Lutheran Church. Miss Diana holds a Masters of Music degree in Piano Performance and has been teaching privately in the Madison area for 35 years. Interested parties may contact her at 233-0492 for more information regarding lesson length, cost, and other details.



Thanksgiving service and choir



Join us at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church for our Annual Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service at 7:30 pm. on Wednesday, Nov. 23.

Our Thanksgiving Choir is seeking voices—the practices are Nov. 13 & 20 at 5:00 pm. for the Youth Choir and 5:30 pm. for the Adult Choir at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

Youth coming up

I was recently off for a week of vacation so it feels good to be back and thinking of our Youth activities.

Our November schedule: Nov. 3—Creative Worship; Nov. 13 & 17—Lifeline (meal, music, message), and Nov. 27—no meeting on Thanksgiving Day.

DISCOVERY WORLD

We also have a fun trip scheduled on Saturday, Nov. 12, to Milwaukee Discovery World. We will leave at 9 am. and be there for lunch, a play called *Tesla Lives!*, and tons of science and nature exhibits. See their website at www.discoveryworld.org. We hope all youth will consider joining us.

Soon we will be thinking of Christmas and holiday events—how to stay out of the trap of making this time all about material things.

—Tim Knipfer, Youth Ministries
Director



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From the Pastor

Practicing God's greatest commandment

Two Sundays ago we heard Jesus tell us that the two most important commands of God are to "love the Lord with all your heart, mind and soul, and love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37) He said that all the prophets and the Law depend on this. St. Paul adds that when you "bear one another's burdens ... you fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)

Loving God. Loving those with whom we come in contact. Loving ourselves. Bearing each other's burdens. We might add to this, the Lord's command to forgive those who harm us. This is the essence of the Christian faith. Could anything in Christianity be clearer?

Something else that is equally clear is that many of our families are suffering right now. Two women in our fellowship have tumors in their brains. One has signs of breast cancer. Another an aneurysm which needs to be removed or it could prove fatal. Two families have lost loved ones in the past week. I know of a St. Martin's couple whose daughter is addicted to methamphetamine. No doubt there are others who are drug and alcohol dependent. Many have a family member with autism,

or attention deficit disorder, depression, or anxiety issues. Some members are unemployed or anticipating threats to their income due to downsizing, layoffs, or pay cuts. I don't



know if things really are worse now than in recent years, but for so many people these are anxious and painful times. Our first obligation is to members of the Body of Christ, the church, as St. Paul declares in Galatians 6:10: "So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith."

Thank God for brothers and sisters in Christ in times like these. We have a duty, indeed a privilege, to "bear one another's burdens." We are the family of God. We are most pleasing to God when we minister to one another in times of need. May the Lord give you the desire and the strength to reach out in love to your brothers and sisters in Christ in their times of distress.

—In Christ's love, Pastor Rick

The Outlook

Thanks to our AV Team: Next Sunday, Nov. 6, we will thank our AV Team for their efforts in keeping our services running smoothly and so all can hear.

There are still a couple of tickets left for the **Nonsense dinner and play at the Dorf Haus** at 5:30 pm. on Friday, Nov. 18. For more information, contact Hallie at hwendorff@charter.net.

Indoor and outdoor Christmas Decorating will be done on Saturday, Nov. 26. To help, meet at 9 am. for fun and snacks while preparing for the Christmas season. Please contact Hallie at hwendorff@charter.net or Mary at 279-0703 for further information.

St. Martin's Christmas services for 2011:
Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve
4:00 pm. & 9:00 pm.
Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day
10:00 am.

Habitat Update

We had our third build on Oct. 22. Our crew consisted of Patty Neumueller, Jeff Postle, Van Valskey, Dale Johnson, myself, and the homeowners. The day was spent on Jean's side of the duplex dry walling a bedroom, two closets and a bathroom on the lower level. Jean has three children, so they will be utilizing the space on the lower level. They plan on moving in around Christmas time, so the emphasis has been on their side of the duplex which was ready for drywall taping this week. Karen's side of the duplex is not as complete; she plans on moving in February.

Lunch was provided by the Confirmation class, led by Beth Dodsworth, and included warm pie!

There may opportunities for future build dates. They are looking for skilled trades people to do finish work, so if you are interested in helping for an hour or a day, let me know at 279-3637.

—Phil Fish

Finances—ahead. . . while behind

Finance recently took a more in-depth look at how St. Martin's is doing in 2011, using data from the end of the third quarter. Following is a summary of our findings, and thoughts:

We have borrowed \$12,000 on our Line of Credit (LOC). This became necessary, in two stages, at the end of summer, when the traditional low attendance/giving of summer gets overtaken by our normal bills, and the costs of new activities for fall. Stronger giving as Christmas approaches is also normal, which will tend to mitigate or possibly even reverse the recent negative cash flow.

We are ahead in receiving gifts from those who submitted a pledge. In other words, those who pledged are giving more than they committed, if one assumes a straight-line giving rate. This trend is broad-based and significant receipts are about 7% higher than pledges! This is truly exciting, and we believe shows broad support for St. Martins. Thank you, thank you . . . to the many individuals and families who have precipitated this success.

However, we are behind in our overall financial goal for 2011, and the \$12K borrowed against the LOC is indicative of this.

And, we are pleased that several families who elected to not submit a pledge (some are new to our family) have stepped up their gifting to St. Martin's.

Let us try to explain this paradox. Finance prepared a budget for 2011 that was very lean, but that we also believed would keep us 'in the black'. This was based on pledges received in the last drive, plus estimates of 'loose offering,' net membership increase (hopefully), and outside income, etc. At

the annual meeting, the congregation – bless your hearts – refused to accept our leaned-out budget and voted to include another \$34,000 worth of activities. This meant that our new/approved budget exceeded our realistic income estimate by about \$34,000, leaving us with another 'leap of faith' to cover. Thus, though we are ahead of budget regarding expected receipts, we are also behind in what is needed to meet our approved budget.

Somewhat mitigating this \$34,000 shortfall is the fact that our folks have been prudent with spending, and we are running somewhat—not a lot—under budget in expenses.

For the remainder of the year, please consider the following: If you are behind in funding your pledge, please try hard to catch up. If you are able to help even more, it will really be appreciated. And, if you are responsible for team expenditures, please seek to be frugal. It would also be most helpful if we (our bookkeeper) could receive your gifts prior to the last couple days of the year.

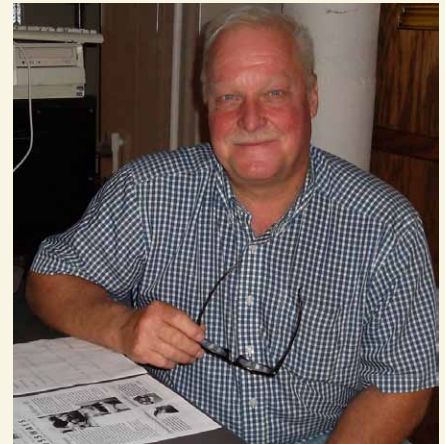
For St. Martin's Finance, Rick Weiland

Cookie Walk: Dec. 3

Our Third Annual Cookie Walk is 9—11:00 am. Saturday, Dec. 3. Leave the holiday baking to the 'St. Martin's church elves' to allow more time with family and friends. Walk through the many tables to select your favorite homemade cookies, homemade cookie/soup mix jars, homegrown herbs, gift items and more!

Please sign up in the narthex to make cookies, a craft item, prepare the jars and/or help with the sale. Contact Gail Johnson at 798-4186 or 575-0170.

New Building Manager



St. Martin's Lutheran is lucky to have hired Steve (Whitey) Hillebrand as our new Building Manager. (Steve's nickname is Whitey because of his very light blond hair.) Whitey has just retired as President of Stanz and Harrop, a drywall and finishing contractor where he worked for 37 years with a staff of sometimes 200 employees.

I asked Whitey how he liked going from President to Building Manager and he said, "I love it! It was 37 years of too much stress." He went on to tell of the business pressures associated with his position. Business was good but eventually it wears on a person.

Whitey comes with an impressive resume not only in management but also in knowledge of how building systems work. The Personnel Committee felt very fortunate to have such an accomplished applicant.

Whitey and his wife, Patty, have been St. Martin's members since 2000. They usually attend the 8:30 worship and have been active as ushers, counters, the Altar Guild, the Financial Committee, and, of course, helping with grilling and those activities.

We welcome Whitey to our staff!

—Sally Averkamp

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

	Lectors	Communion Asst	Accompanist	Counters	Altar Guild	Ushers	Jr. Ushers	Acolytes	Nursery	AV	Coffee
11/6 8:30	Deb/Ron Goplin	Deb/Ron Goplin	Jan Doyle	n/a	Patty Hillebrand	B. Wendorff Team	n/a	Lizanne Dodsworth	n/a	Hartung/Windels	Deb/Ron Goplin
11/6 10:30	Maureen Berghoefer	M. Berghoefer	Soul Purpose	Team 3	Ann Houck	McCauley Team	Savanna Jackson	Leif Mann	Rachel Zander	Siggelkow/Schluter	
			Ann Houck, Nancy McCauley, Patty Harper								
11/13 8:30	Deb Wipperfurth	Deb Wipperfurth	Mary Vassalotti	n/a	Jan Doyle	B. Wendorff Team	n/a	Galyn Hartung	n/a	Bill Wendorff	Karen Trappe
11/13 10:30	Kim Johnson-Schunk	n/a	Mary Vassalotti	Team 2	n/a	McCauley Team	Megan Lange	Katie Holden	Tyler Acker	Hormig/Hunt	
11/20 8:30	Tom Smiley	Tom Smiley	Jan Doyle	n/a	Deb Wipperfurth	B. Wendorff Team	n/a	Brynn Turley	n/a	Jason Niebuhr	Carmen Fowell
11/20 10:30	Kay Kalvin	Kay Kalvin,	SP & Jan Doyle	Team 1	D. Schulenberg	McCauley Team	Hannah Miller	Rachel Zander	Ryan Fogel	Neumueller/Windels	
		Bill Windels, Katherine Lund									
11/27 8:30	Doris Fish	Doris Fish	Mary Vassalotti	n/a	Deb Goplin	B. Wendorff Team	n/a	open	n/a	Phil Fish	Doris Fish
11/27 10:30	Cheryl Hartung	n/a	Mary Vassalotti	Team 5	n/a	McCauley Team	Delaney Osborne	Courtney Conroy	Lief Mann	Postle/Siggelkow	

Crossways November 1-30 Calendar

❖ Tuesday, November 1		❖ Thursday, November 10		Children's Choir sings	
6:30 a. Men's Bible Study	L	8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	12:00 p. Craft Class	FH
8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	9:30 a. Pal Zone	N	❖ Monday, November 21	
3:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	10:00 a. Alcoholics Anonymous	B	8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH
5:45 p. Worship Planning Meeting	L	3:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	3:00 p. 4K children depart	FH
7:00 p. Boy Scouts Troop 87	FH	6:30 p. Youth Group—Lifeline	FH/S	7:00 p. Soul Purpose	S
7:00 p. Youth Music	S	6:30 p. Women's Bible Study	OS	❖ Tuesday, November 22	
7:00 p. Thrivent Meeting	L	❖ Friday, November 11		6:30 a. Men's Bible Study	L
❖ Wednesday, November 2		8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH
8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	3:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	3:00 p. 4K children depart	FH
9:30 a. Staff Meeting	L	❖ Saturday, November 12		7:00 p. Boy Scouts Troop 87	FH
3:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	9:00 a. Youth Trip to Discovery World	OS	7:00 p. Youth Music	S
6:00 p. Tiger Scout Pack 87	FH	❖ Sunday, November 13		<i>Deadline for December 1 Crossways</i>	
6:30 p. Confirmation meeting	S	8:30 a. Worship w/ Communion	S	❖ Wednesday, November 23	
7:30 p. Adult Choir	MR	9:30 a. Generations in Faith Together	S/FH	8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH
❖ Thursday, November 3		9:30 a. The Odyssey of Paul	L	9:30 a. Staff Meeting	L
8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	10:30 a. Worship w/o Communion	S	3:00 p. 4K children depart	FH
9:30 a. Pal Zone	N	11:30 a. Consecration Sunday meal	FH	7:30 p. Ecumenical Worship with	
10:00 a. Alcoholics Anonymous	B	❖ Monday, November 14		St. Francis Catholic Church—at St. Francis	
3:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	❖ Thursday, November 24	
3:00 p. Youth Group—Creative Worship	S	9:30 a. Quilting	FH	Church office closed for Thanksgiving	
6:30 p. Women's Bible Study	OS	3:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	❖ Friday, November 21	
❖ Friday, November 4		6:30 p. Town of Berry meeting	FH	No 4K Program today	
8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	7:00 p. Soul Purpose rehearsal	S	❖ Saturday, November 22	
3:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	❖ Tuesday, November 15		9:00 a. Christmas Decorating	
5:15 p. Courtney Moser Recital Rehearsal	S	6:30 a. Men's Bible Study	L	❖ Sunday, November 27	
❖ Friday, November 5		8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	8:30 a. Worship w/ Communion	S
10:00 a. Knipfer Birthday Party	FH	3:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	9:30 a. Generations in Faith Together	S/FH
❖ Sunday, November 6		7:00 p. Boy Scouts Troop 87	FH	10:30 a. Worship w/o Communion	S
8:30 a. Worship w/ Communion	S	7:30 p. Church Council	L	❖ Monday, November 28	
9:30 a. Generations in Faith Together	S/FH	❖ Wednesday, November 16		8:30 p. 4K children arrive	FH
9:30 a. Reception for Jim Doyle & AV vol.	N	8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	3:00 p. 4K children depart	FH
10:30 a. Worship w/ Communion	S	9:30 a. Staff Meeting	L	7:00 p. Soul Purpose rehearsal	S
2:00 p. Courtney Moser Piano Recital	S	3:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	❖ Tuesday, November 29	
❖ Monday, November 7		6:00 p. Tiger Scout Pack 87	FH	6:30 a. Men's Bible Study	L
8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	6:00 p. Confirmation Extravaganza	OS	8:30 p. 4K children arrive	FH
3:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	7:30 p. Adult Choir	MR	3:00 p. 4K children depart	FH
6:30 p. Consecration Leaders Meeting	OS	❖ Thursday, November 17		7:00 p. Boy Scouts Troop 87	FH
7:00 p. Soul Purpose rehearsal	S	8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	7:00 p. Youth Music	S
❖ Tuesday, November 8		9:30 a. Pal Zone	N	❖ Wednesday, November 30	
6:30 a. Men's Bible Study	L	10:00 a. Alcoholics Anonymous	B	8:30 p. 4K children arrive	FH
8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	3:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	9:30 a. Staff Meeting	L
3:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	6:30 p. Youth Group Lifeline	FH/S	3:00 p. 4K children depart	FH
7:00 p. Boy Scouts Troop 87	FH	6:30 p. Women's Bible Study	OS	6:00 p. Tiger Scout Pack 87	FH
7:00 p. Centering Prayer	S	❖ Friday, November 18		6:30 p. Confirmation—Christmas decoratg	L
❖ Wednesday, November 9		8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	7:30 p. Adult Choir	MR
8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	3:00 p. 4K children depart	FH		
9:30 a. Staff Meeting	L	5:30 p. Dorf Haus Dinner Theater	OS		
3:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	❖ Sunday, November 20			
6:00 p. Tiger Scout Pack 87	FH	8:30 a. Worship w/ Communion	S		
6:30 p. Confirmation meeting	S	9:30 a. Generations in Faith Together	S/FH		
7:30 p. Adult Choir	MR	10:30 a. Worship w/ Communion	S		

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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