



Fun with Nacho

❖ meet at 1:15 pm.
Sun., Feb. 5 at church; call Michelle at 444-8990



Chili Cookoff

❖ on Feb. 19. See page 3 for details.



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❖ are due Feb. 7 at sites and Feb. 12 online. Check the narthex for info

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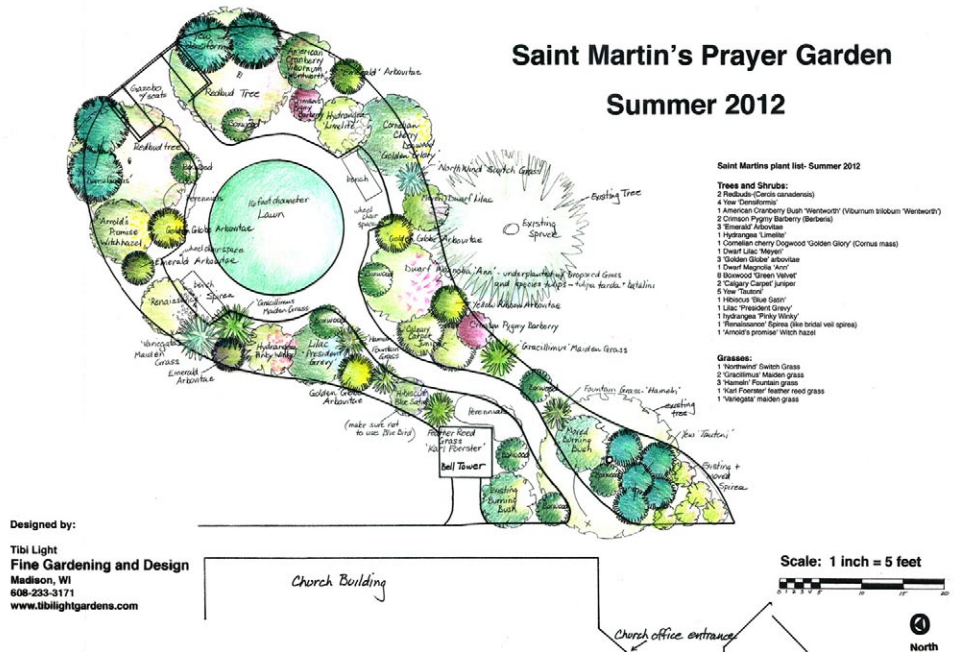
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Prayer Garden Project unveiled

Last Sunday, January 29, plans for a Prayer Garden at St. Martin's were presented which would be developed on the east side of the church building near the bell tower. The garden entrance would be near the side entrance to the church. It is an ambitious project with a large cedar gazebo, many small trees and shrubs, cedar benches, concrete walkway, water feature, and a paver-edged grassy area. This is planned to be a resource for the whole community to use.

Other sites on St. Martin's property were considered for this garden but the need for expensive terracing and accessibility to water eliminated these other the options.

The landscape plan was developed by noted local landscape designer, Tibi Light. (To see more of her work, see her website at www.tibilightgardens.com) Tibi has extensive experience in the Dane County area and was a garden designer at Allen Gar-



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- Saint Martin's plant list- Summer 2012
- Trees and Shrubs:**
- 2 Redbud (Cercis canadensis)
 - 4 New Doanberry
 - 1 American Cranberry (bush 'Wentworth' (Viburnum trilobum 'Wentworth'))
 - 2 Common Pignut (Berberis)
 - 3 Shrub Redbud
 - 1 Hydrangea Limelight
 - 1 Common cherry Dogwood 'Golden Glory' (Cornus mas)
 - 1 Dwarf Lilac 'Meyer'
 - 2 Rusty Blackberry
 - 1 Dwarf Magnolia 'Amor'
 - 8 Blomwood Green Yew
 - 2 Calgary Carpet Juniper
 - 2 New England
 - 1 Hibiscus Blue Gazebo
 - 1 Lilac 'President's Grace'
 - 1 Hydrangea 'Pinky Sherry'
 - 1 'Remembrance' Spruce (blue bracts will appear)
 - 1 'Arnold's Promise' Witch hazel
- Grasses:**
- 1 Northwest Switch Grass
 - 2 Cardinal Morden grass
 - 3 'Hummel' Fountain grass
 - 1 Tall Fescue feather reed grass
 - 1 'Hummel' morden grass

dens (on the UW campus) for many years.

The Prayer Garden could possibly be built in two phases: \$25,000 for the first phase and then up to \$40,000 (total) for the second. A team has been put together to look for grant resources and other ways to raise the funds.

This garden would be relatively easy to maintain with a flat site, low maintenance choices for plantings, and wood mulch to

retard weeds.

The Prayer Garden could potentially be used for church and community events such as meetings, small weddings, baptisms, and special services.

This project coordinates nicely with St. Martin's 2012 focus of 'church outside our walls' as we seek to broaden our property use, and expand our invitational space.

—Tom Johnson, Council President

To fellow members & friends at St. Martin's

We would like to thank you for all the prayers and kind expressions during and after the fire at our farm. You are a wonderful comfort in time of loss. We thank God that no life was lost in the fire. Possessions can be replaced. We are beginning the rebuilding process and making long term plans for the future.



Blessings, Tom & Kay Meier & family

Special Baptism on Saturday, April 7



If you have neighbors, friends, or relatives who have never been baptized, please have them contact Pastor Rick at 798-2777 or ricklund@stmartinlsc.org about the Easter Vigil Community Baptism Service, Saturday, April 7. Prior Church membership is not required. Instruction will be held earlier in the day for those wishing to be baptized.

4K Program for February



In the construction zone unit last month we talked about how buildings and roads are built. We are building all different kinds of things from towers to sand castles. Then for the "In the City, In the Country" unit we will explore where all these roads & buildings are, what they look like in different areas, and how they help us.

Construction Zone Unit:

Feb 6-10: Everybody Builds

In the City, In the Country unit:

Feb 13-17: Country Life

Feb 20-24: The Busy, Busy City

Feb 27-March 2: To the Market

—Elly Busch



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From the Pastor

Balancing Inreach and Outreach

One of the striking things to me about this year's Republican Presidential debates is how much the focus is on the US economy and domestic matters.



Why is this? In anxious times, people's fears and concerns turn inward, on their own personal well-being. It is not good to focus too much on ourselves when there is a world out there desperate for our leadership and aid. For a nation to be healthy there should be a balance in foreign as well as domestic policy.

In a way, the same is true for our church's ministry. When congregations focus too much on their own survival, or on the question "what is the church doing for me?" we neglect the command to reach out to others with the Good News and fail to serve those in our community and world in the greatest need. Healthy churches find a balance between 'inreach' and 'outreach.'

This Lent and in 2012 we will seek to find this balance. The Sunday morning Lenten theme is *Church Outside Our Walls*. Beginning on Feb. 19, with Transfiguration Sunday, through Lent we will hear guest preachers share their passion for a ministry we support through St. Martin's in the Cross Plains/Middleton area, or through our South Central Synod and the ELCA. This is 'Outreach.'

On Wednesday evenings, we gather for a meal and worship, and look inward as we examine our need to forgive and be forgiven. Using video clips from a film series called "The Power of Forgiveness" we are confronted with perhaps the most difficult thing, and most central feature of our Christian faith. This is 'inreach.'

The Sunday morning schedule is as follows:

Feb. 19: Mr. Jackson Founder, Executive Director, *Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM)*

Feb. 26: Bishop Bruce Burnside, South Central Synod, *Lutheran Christians in Palestine*

Mar. 4: Rev. Martha Nack, Lutheran Social Services, *Adoption and Foster Care Ministry*

Mar. 11: Rev. Mary Pharmer, St. Mark's Lutheran, *ministry with the poor in South Madison*.

Mar. 18: Rev. Brent Christianson, UW-Madison Lutheran Campus Ministry, *Camp and Campus Ministry*, along with Lindsey Sheid and Phil Bramley from Bethel Horizons Camp.

Mar. 25 is not yet finalized.

I urge you to get on board this Lent and find health and wellness through being more forgiving, and also to cast your eyes outside our walls to a ministry that is calling your name!

—In Christ's love, Pastor Rick

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting for St. Martin's was held on Sunday, January 22.

During discussion, member Phil Fish mentioned the need to grow the church this year. President, Tom Johnson, noted that that is exactly what they want to brainstorm about at their 'Hopes & Dreams' Potluck next Sunday at 5:00 pm. and asked all to attend.

The two new Council members will be Mary Kay Knipfer and Doris Fish (at right). Van Valaskey and Ann Houck will rotate off the Church Council.

The 2012 Budget was passed after some discussion and the meeting was adjourned after about an hour.

First Communion Classes

First Communion preparation classes will be held each of the last Saturdays before Easter, February 25, or March 31, from 2—4:00 pm. Parents and children ages 3+ are invited to choose one of these dates. Please contact the church at 798-2777 or ricklund@stmartinscp.org if you plan to attend.

The First Communion Service will be on Maundy Thursday evening, April 5.

From Council President

Sunday evening a nice gathering of concerned St. Martin's members came out for a Pot Luck and to convey their "Hopes and Dreams" for the future of our church family.

Hundreds of ideas were talked about and shared that will be used in future planning for going forward. The council plans on discussing these ideas at the upcoming Council Retreat in a couple weeks.

Some of the summarized and highlighted points were:

Short Termed Goals

1. Marketing
 - a. Get all ages involved
 - b. Create a brochure
 - c. Improve narthex
 - d. Utilize social media
 - e. Welcome packages
2. Improve, contemporize, and differentiate second service
3. Prayer Garden completed
4. More inter-congregational/family events to build SM community (all congregational mission trip?)
5. Do more outreach community ministry beyond our walls
6. Explore Wed. eve. family night services and GIFT

Long Termed Goals

1. Explore Music Director or music expansion
2. Van or small bus —marketing on wheels
3. Fix lower parking lot
4. Outdoor/Indoor lighting—stained glass windows
5. Assisted living high-rise for seniors

Thanks to all who attended and provide such valuable input.

Tom Johnson, Church Council President

Aluminum can recycling

We are still collecting aluminum cans with the proceeds to go to resurfacing the parking lot. Ralph Schulenberg reports that collections are slow probably due to the competition of plastic and glass containers to aluminum cans.

Ralph has not yet had enough cans to take a full load to the recycling site but will report on the proceeds when that happens.

—Sally Averkamp

Bethel Horizons camperships available



Bethel Horizons is an ELCA camp near Dodgeville that provides camperships to children who would like to attend camp but whose parents cannot afford it. Children are chosen on a first-come, first-served basis so if you would like a campership for a child, call soon.

To apply, simply contact Angie at (608) 257-3577 x 228 or bhorizons@bethel-madison.org and ask to be placed on the campership list. She will ask you for contact information and preference of program and week.

For more information about the camp, see www.bethelhorizons.org

February Youth News

As we look toward the new year and the summer months, we are grateful for this solid program at St. Martin's Lutheran for our Youth. Coming up soon are the following events:

Saturday, February 6: Rock and Worship at the Alliant Energy Center with a Lock-In after the show

March 7: Culver's Fundraiser

April 28-29: 30 Hour Famine with a Lock-In; eighth graders and Sr. High are all welcome to join us.

Our February schedule for the Thursday Youth Group (6:30- 8:30 pm.) are:

Feb. 2: Life Line: (Meal, music and message)

Feb. 9: Creative Worship(Meal and message by Youth)

Feb. 16: Life Line: (Meal, music and message)

Feb. 23: Creation vs. Evolution by Jon Roll (Meal and message by Jon)

—Youth Ministry Director, Tim Knipfer

The Outlook

Chili Cook Off: If you love to make chili and think you have a good recipe, contact Bill Wendorff at wlwendor@wisc.edu or 798-3140 to join in our Chili Cook-Off at 5:00 pm. Sunday, Feb. 19. Also at this event will be a presentation, How Safe Are Our Bridges? by Phil Fish of Fish & Associates, Engineering. A free will offering will be accepted.

Men's Homeless Shelter: St. Martin's will again be serving the evening meal for 120-150 at the Men's Homeless Shelter at 6:30 pm. on Thursday, February 9. People are needed to make food (main dish, salad, and dessert) and to serve. Please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex. Call Doris Fish at 203-5160 if you have questions.

February 1-29 Worship Volunteers (note Communion 1st & 3rd at 10:30 am.)

	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Communion Asst</u>	<u>Accompanist</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Jr. Ushers</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>AV</u>	<u>Coffee</u>
2/5	8:30 Lois Weiland	Lois Weiland	Jan Doyle	n/a	Patty Hillebrand	B. Wendorff Team	n/a	Ryan Fogel	n/a	James Hartung	Ron/Deb Goplin
2/5	10:30 Ann Houck	Ann Houck, Nancy McCauley, Patty Harper	Soul Purpose	Team 4	Ann Houck	McCauley Team	Alex Niebuhr	Tyler Acker	Grace Hartung	Paul Schluter	
2/12	8:30 Cathy Kittle	Cathy Kittle	Mary Vassalotti	n/a	Jan Doyle	B. Wendorff Team	n/a	Lizanne Dodsworth	n/a	Bill Wendorff	Karen Trappe
2/12	10:30 Jennifer Niesen	n/a	Mary Vassalotti	Team 3	n/a	McCauley Team	Lane Onken	Brynn Turley	Nicole McCue	Hormig/Siggelkow	
2/19	8:30 Tom Smiley	Tom Smiley	Jan Doyle	n/a	Deb Wipperfurth	B. Wendorff Team	n/a	Grace Hartung	n/a	Jason Niebuhr	Carmen Fowell
2/19	10:30 Bill Windels	Bill Windels, Katherine Lund	Jan Doyle & SP	Team 2	D. Schulenberg	McCauley Team	Danny Schunk	Nicole McCue	Kyra Ripp	Jeff Postle	
2/26	8:30 Bev Brunner	Bev Brunner	Mary Vassalotti	n/a	Deb Goplin	B. Wendorff Team	n/a	Kyra Ripp	n/a	Phil Fish	Doris Fish
2/26	10:30 Katherine Lund	n/a	Mary Vassalotti	Team 5	open	McCauley Team	Samantha Roll	Galynd Hartung	Savanna Jackson	Bill Windels	

Crossways February 1-29 Calendar

❖ Wednesday, February 1		❖ Sunday, February 12		❖ Tuesday, February 21	
8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	8:30 a. Worship w/ Communion	S	6:30 a. Men's Bible Study	L
9:30 a. Staff Meeting	L	9:30 a. GIFT	S	8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH
12:30 a. 4K children depart	FH	10:15 a. Nursery open	N	12:30 a. 4K children depart	FH
6:00 p. Tiger Scout Pack 87	FH	10:30 a. Worship w/ Communion	S	7:00 p. Boy Scouts Troop 87	FH
6:30 p. Confirmation fellowship	L	12:00 p. Craft Class	FH	❖ Ash Wednesday, February 22	
7:30 p. NO Adult Choir	MR	❖ Monday, February 13		8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH
❖ Thursday, February 2		8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	9:30 a. Staff Meeting	L
8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	9:30 a. Quilting	FH	12:30 a. 4K children depart	FH
9:30 a. NO Pal Zone	N	12:30 a. 4K children depart	FH	6:00 p. Tiger Scout Pack 87	FH
10:00 a. Alcoholics Anonymous	B	6:30 p. Town of Berry meeting	FH	6:30 p. Adult Choir warm up	S
12:30 a. 4K children depart	FH	7:00 p. Soul Purpose	S	7:00 p. Ash Wednesday Service	S
6:30 p. Youth Group, Lifeline	FH/S	7:00 p. Prayer Garden meeting	L	(Confirmation group attends)	
6:30 p. Women's Bible Study	OS	❖ Tuesday, February 14		❖ Thursday, February 23	
❖ Friday, February 3		6:30 a. Men's Bible Study	L	8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH
8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	9:30 a. Pal Zone	N
12:30 a. 4K children depart	FH	12:30 a. 4K children depart	FH	10:00 a. Alcoholics Anonymous	B
❖ Sunday, February 5		5:45 p. Worship Committee	L	12:30 a. 4K children depart	FH
8:30 a. Worship w/ Communion	S	7:00 p. Boy Scouts Troop 87	FH	6:30 p. Youth Group Lifeline	FH/S
9:30 a. GIFT	S/FH	7:00 p. Church Council	L	6:30 p. Women's Bible Study	OS
10:15 a. Nursery open	N	7:00 p. Centering Prayer	S	❖ Friday, February 24	
10:30 a. Worship w/ Communion	S	❖ Wednesday, February 15		8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH
1:15 p. Fun with Nacho	OS	8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	12:30 a. 4K children depart	FH
❖ Monday, February 6		9:30 a. Staff Meeting	L	❖ Sunday, February 26, w/ Bishop Burnside	
8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	12:30 a. 4K children depart	FH	8:30 a. Worship w/ Communion	S
12:30 p. 4K children depart	FH	6:00 p. Tiger Scout Pack 87	FH	9:30 a. GIFT	S/FH
7:00 p. Soul Purpose rehearsal	S	6:30 p. Confirmation meeting	S	10:15 a. Nursery open	N
❖ Tuesday, February 7		7:30 p. Adult Choir	MR	10:30 a. Worship w/o Communion	S
6:30 a. Men's Bible Study	L	❖ Thursday, February 16		New Members welcomed	
8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	❖ Monday, February 27	
12:30 a. 4K children depart	FH	9:30 a. Pal Zone	N	8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH
7:00 p. Boy Scouts Troop 87	FH	10:00 a. Alcoholics Anonymous	B	3:00 p. 4K children depart	FH
❖ Wednesday, February 8		12:30 a. 4K children depart	FH	7:00 p. Soul Purpose rehearsal	S
8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	6:30 p. Youth Group, Lifeline	S	❖ Tuesday, February 28	
9:30 a. Staff Meeting	L	6:30 p. Women's Bible Study	OS	6:30 a. Men's Bible Study	L
12:30 a. 4K children depart	FH	❖ Friday, February 17		8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH
6:00 p. Tiger Scout Pack 87	FH	8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	12:30 a. 4K children depart	FH
6:00 p. Confirmation meeting	S	12:30 a. 4K children depart	FH	7:00 p. Boy Scouts Troop 87	FH
7:30 p. Adult Choir	MR	❖ Sunday, February 19, w/ Jackson Founder		❖ Wednesday, February 29	
❖ Thursday, February 9		8:30 a. Worship w/ Communion	S	8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH
8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	9:30 a. GIFT	S	9:30 a. Staff Meeting	L
9:30 a. Pal Zone	N	10:15 a. Nursery open	N	12:30 a. 4K children depart	FH
10:00 a. Alcoholics Anonymous	B	10:30 a. Worship w/ Communion	S	6:00 p. Tiger Scout Pack 87	FH
12:30 a. 4K children depart	FH	5:00 p. Chili Cook-Off & Bridges Pres.	GLC	6:00 p. Soup Supper	FH
6:30 p. Youth Group Lifeline	FH/S	❖ Monday, February 20		7:00 p. Lenten Worship	S
6:30 p. Women's Bible Study	OS	8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	7:45 p. NO Adult Choir	MR
6:30 p. Men's Homeless Shelter	K	12:30 a. 4K children depart	FH		
❖ Friday, February 10		7:00 p. Soul Purpose	S		
8:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH				
12:30 a. 4K children depart	FH				
Church Council Retreat					

Deadline for March 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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