



### Ash Wednesday

❖ Is on March 9; Lent is coming up.



### Easter

❖ Is late this year—April 24.



### Confirmation

❖ Feb. 16 will be a fellowship night

# CROSSWAYS

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## Valentine's Day celebrated at St. Martin's



Renewal of the Vows at the 8:30 service.

As the rest of the country focused on Valentine's Day (Feb. 14) as a day for young lovers, St. Martin's celebrated the love of enduring relationships.

On Sunday, Feb. 13, Pastor Rick led a Renewal of Wedding Vows at both services. There were some wet eyes as this poignant moment was held and couples thought about their relationship, the memories and stresses of the years, and how their life together has endured. For many, it has been the hardships that have made their love stronger.

It was also important to the children attending as it created a memory in which the value and importance of enduring re-

lationships was recognized and celebrated.

The Renewal of Wedding Vows set the stage for the sharing of wedding photos in the Library between services. It is fascinating to see photos of so many familiar faces with more hair and less wrinkles.

It was a meaningful Sunday.  
—Sally Averkamp



It was fun to see people as they were years ago.

### People who can sew needed

We are in need of a couple persons who can sew and do needlework as the sanctuary is in need of some new altar clothes. Contact Elaine Smiley at 767-2104 if you can help.



### India through Kris Rhude's eyes



Kris gave a presentation of his trip to India with Bishop Burnside on Feb. 6 in the Library. He will have an article in the next issue of the Crossways in case you missed his presentation.

## Sacred Stories



Come and join us Sundays, from February 20—March 6, between services at Gunderson Life Center as we hear stories from well known Christian authors and speakers Fred Buechner, Maya Angelou and James Carrol who will move you to both laughter and tears as they reflect on how God has been faithful through painful times in their lives.

They touch on personal experiences of desperation, terror, alcoholism, anorexia, each ending with very hopeful and life-giving experiences of God's presence.

—Pastor Rick



## From the Pastor

# Faith exploration New Members sessions to begin in Lent

In 1215 AD at the "Fourth Lateran Council" the Roman Catholic Church pronounced that *"Outside the Church there is no salvation—Extra Ecclesiam Nulla Salvos."* They meant, of course, their church, since there was no thought of a future "Protestant" church some 400 years later.

The most recent Catholic Catechism corrected this (mis)understanding to mean something like: *"All salvation comes from Christ the Head through the Church which is his Body."* If by Church they mean "all baptized believers"; by Salvation, "health, wholeness, eternal life, and life after death in heaven," we agree.

The next opportunity to explore faith

together with an eye toward becoming a Member will begin Sunday, March 13 (between Services) or Wednesday, March 16, and will continue for a total of five weeks. The Wednesday sessions will include a meal. Child care is available for both sessions. Attendance is expected, and make-ups can be done at the other session.

Our discussions will be based on the "ALPHA Course," and cover such questions as "Who is Jesus?" "Why did he die?" "How does God guide us?" "Why and how do I pray?"

New Members will be received on Easter Sunday, April 24. Please call the church office at 798-2777 to register.

—Pastor Rick

## The Outlook

**2010 Giving Statements here!** Giving statements for 2010 are on the table in the narthex and will be mailed soon if you do not pick them up.

**A Scrapbooking Event** will be held from 8 am.—5 pm. on Saturday, Feb. 26, in Fellowship Hall featuring Creative Memories Consultant, Jan Hogle. She will have a selection of creative products for purchase. She will also bring scrapbooking tools for all to use or try out. Proceeds will go toward a Prayer Garden. A crockpot of chili is provided for lunch. Please bring a compliment food item or snack to share. Coffee, tea and water is

provided. Call Mary Vassalotti at 798-1478 for more information.

**Mary Martha Circle** meets at 11 am. on the fourth Monday (Feb. 28) for a short Bible Study and brown bag lunch. All women are invited to come.

The **church kitchen** is in need of a spring housecleaning and we would like to clean it before we get into the Lenten season. Please join us at 9 am. Tuesday, March 1, to clean cupboards, refrigerators, freezers and take an inventory of things needed. We hope to finish by noon. Call Doris at 203-5160 if you have questions.



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## Church Council is commissioned

Members of the 2011 Church Council were commissioned on Sunday, Feb. 13, during the services (see photo at right).

Tom Johnson will again serve as President, Frank Duram will be Vice President, Jeff Postle as Secretary, and Rick Weiland will again be Treasurer. The other members of the Council are Ann Houck and Van Valaskey.

—Sally Averkamp



From left: Tom, Van, Rick, Ann, Jeff, and Frank.

# MOM Top 10 Food List

The following items are the most requested items in the Food Pantry:

- Hearty Soups (chili, beef stew)
- 100% Fruit Juice
- Boxed Cereal
- Spaghetti Sauce/Pasta
- Canned meats (turkey/chicken/tuna)
- Canned Fruit
- Toilet Paper
- Diapers—Size 4, 5 and 6
- Towels and sheets
- Blankets and pillows

If you have an of these items and would like to donate them, please drop your donations off at:

Distribution Center  
Monday - Thursday, 10am - 2pm  
Friday & Saturday 9 am to Noon  
8710-2 Montclair Drive



Middleton, Wisconsin 53562  
608-826-3407  
(off Pleasant View Rd. in  
Middleton's Industrial Park)

—Judy Valaskey

## New area Habitat build starting



After our successful completed build in 2009, we have the opportunity to get involved in another Habitat build in our area. This summer a duplex will be built for two families in Mount Horeb, WI. It is a Thrivent build, thus all of the Lutheran churches in the area are encouraged to participate. The build is in the preliminary planning stages now, so the details will come later.

We are looking at working one Saturday a month through the build, with a goal of five to eight people each Saturday. There may be an opportunity to provide lunches similar to what we did previously. So, if you are interested in getting in involved please let me know, no skills are needed. You can participate on whatever days will work out for you. We have a lot of fun—we laugh, eat good food, we work hard, and sometimes we do some things more than once (oops), but that's ok.

Watch for more information next month.

—Phil Fish

## ALPHA starts March 13

Five sessions of the ALPHA Course will be offered during Lent this year. This course will be an opportunity for folks that are considering church membership to find out more about Christianity. Those attending will be given an opportunity to join St. Martin's after completion of the course. Current members of the church are also encouraged to be a part of the course as a way to learn more and grow in their faith. The class-

es will start with a 20 minute video of the week's topic and will include small group discussions after the video.

There will be two choices of times to meet:

Sunday mornings, 9:30—10:25 am.  
starting March 13

Wednesday evenings, 7:30—8:30 pm.  
starting March 16

Contact Bob Nelson (798-2964) or Pastor Rick if you have questions.

## Youth Ministry—God working through us

As usual, the Youth are busy as God works in us, around us, and through us.



We have rescheduled the 30 Hour Famine event for April 2 & 3 (was March 19 & 20) to help raise funds to feed starving people worldwide with the help of World Vision. This is a moving event each year that helps us reconnect with the needs of the world.

Our youth band is aging (as are we all) and has recommitted themselves as some see their last year to sing and grow with Rick Haller. They are sounding wonderful and are looking forward to a great year.

Last week (Feb. 10) Kris Rhude gave an India presentation to our group and Blake Hartung gave the message. It was so interesting to us all to hear experiences of such a different culture from our own.

—Tim Knipfer  
Youth Ministry Director

## Gardening Group

Are you a frustrated green thumber starting to think about spring? Consider coming to a brief meeting to look



at forming a Gardening Group at St. Martin's. This first meeting will be on Sunday, March 6, at 9:30 am. in the Library.

This group will look into offering a Plant Sale on Trout Days to raise funds for planning and planting a Prayer Garden on church grounds and coordinating the annual Garden Walk of member's gardens. If you can't make this date but are interested in joining, please contact me at 798-3140 for further information.

—Hallie Wendorff

# Crossways Feb 16-28 Calendar

<p>❖ <b>Wednesday, February 16</b>            9:30 a. <i>Staff Meeting</i> L            6:00 p. <i>Tiger Scout Pack 87</i>            6:30 p. <i>Confirmation Fellowship</i> OS            7:30 p. <i>Adult Choir Practice</i> MR</p> <p>❖ <b>Thursday, February 17</b>            9:30 a. <i>Pal Zone</i> N            10:00 a. <i>Women's AA</i>            6:30 p. <i>Youth Group Lifeline</i> S  <i>Pastor Rick gone Feb. 17 &amp; 18</i></p> <p>❖ <b>Sunday, February 20</b>            8:30 a. <i>Worship w/ Communion</i> S            9:15 a. <i>Sunday School</i> B            9:45 a. <i>Sacred Stories—video</i> L            10:30 a. <i>Worship w/o Communion</i> S            10:30 a. <i>Children's Choir sing</i> S            5:00 p. <i>The Project Practice</i> S            6:00p. <i>Mission Trip/Service Youth mtg</i> S</p>	<p>❖ <b>Monday, February 21</b>            7:00 p. <i>Soul Purpose</i> S  <i>Deadline for March 1 Crossways</i></p> <p>❖ <b>Tuesday, February 22</b>            6:30 a. <i>Men's Bible Study</i> L            6:30 p. <i>Women's Bible Study</i> OS            7:00 p. <i>Boy Scouts Troop 87</i> FH</p> <p>❖ <b>Wednesday, February 23</b>            9:30 a. <i>Staff meeting</i> L            6:00 p. <i>Tiger Scout Pack 87</i> FH            6:30 p. <i>Confirmation parents only</i> L            7:30 p. <i>Adult Choir Practice</i> MR</p> <p>❖ <b>Thursday, February 24</b>            9:30 a. <i>Pal Zone</i> N            10:00 a. <i>Women's AA</i>            6:30 p. <i>Youth Group Lifeline</i> S</p>	<p>❖ <b>Friday, February 25</b>  <i>Sally gone till Mar. 1</i></p> <p>❖ <b>Saturday, February 26</b>            9:00 a. <i>Scrapbooking till 4:00 p.</i> FH</p> <p>❖ <b>Sunday, February 27</b>            8:30 a. <i>Worship w/ Communion</i> S            9:15 a. <i>Sunday School</i> B            9:45 a. <i>Sacred Stories—video</i> L            10:30 a. <i>Worship w/Communion</i> S            5:00 p. <i>The Project practice</i> S</p> <p>❖ <b>Monday, February 28</b>            7:00 p. <i>Soul Purpose</i> S</p> <p><i>S—Sanctuary; L—Library; B—Building;            MR—Music Room; FH—Fellowship Hall;            CR—Choir Room; OS—Off Site;            N—Nursery; GLC—Gunderson Life Center</i></p>
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## February 16-28 Worship Volunteers

	<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>
2/20 8:30	Katherine Lund	Katherine Lund	Jan Doyle	n/a	Jan Doyle	Wendorff Team	Lauren Kalvin	Danny Schunk	n/a	James Hartung	Carmen Fowell
2/20 10:30	Bill Windels	n/a	Soul Purpose	Team 2	n/a	Postle Team	Liam Turley	Sarah Faber	Lauren Gregory	Postle/Neumueller	open
2/27 8:30	Bev Brunner	Bev Brunner	Mary Vassalotti	n/a	Deb Goplin	Wendorff Team	Ben Kalvin	Cheyenne Ambler	n/a	Phil Fish	Doris Fish
2/27 10:30	Katherine Lund	Katherine Lund, Cheryl Hartung	Mary Vassalotti	Team 1	Darlene Schulenberg	Postle Team	Conner Mickelson	Tyler Acker	Lizanne Dodsworth	James Hartung	open



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