



Scrapbook Event

❖ Welcome new and experienced—Sat. April 9, 9 am-4:30 pm. at St. Martin's



ALPHA continues

❖ Sundays at 9:45 am. & Wednesdays at 7:45 pm.



Easter worship

❖ Sunday, April 24, at 8:30 and 10:30 am.

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Habitat homes coming to Mt. Horeb

Things are moving along for the Duplex Build in Mt. Horeb, WI this summer. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered so far to help with the build. We have had a great response! More are always welcome.

At the February meeting, the plans were reviewed and discussed. The duplexes

will make a great home for two families. Plans have been submitted to the plan commission for approval. People are getting excited!

It is anticipated that the build will start in July so the major push now is to finalize the fundraising effort for the build.

This build is a collaboration of Thrivent contributions, corporate contributions, private contributions and donations in-kind. GIK donations can include; excavation, plumbing, HVAC, electrical, roofing materials, gutters, siding, soffit, and fascia, insulation, drywall, and flooring. About \$3,000 is needed to start the build, with fundraising events scheduled throughout the summer to raise the remainder.

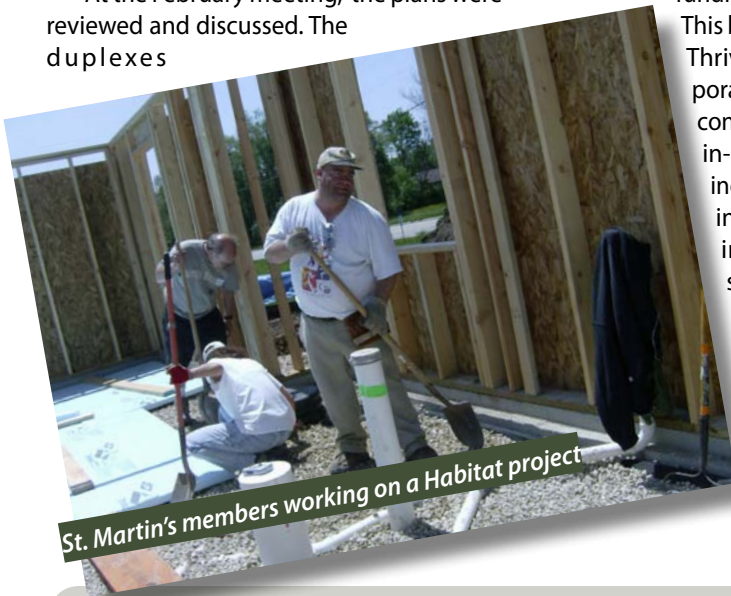
There are numerous

Duplex #1—Thrivent	
Construction cost	\$95,000
Thrivent Builds Sponsorship	-\$74,250
	\$20,750
Chapter donations raised to date-	\$4,402 cash
donations	
Amount to raise for Duplex #1	\$16,348
Duplex#2—Emp.Group & M3	
Construction cost	\$95,000
The Employer Group sponsorship	-\$24,000
	\$71,000
M3 Insurance sponsorship	-\$24,000
Amount to raise for Duplex #2	\$47,000

events scheduled during the summer to help raise funds. If you would be interested in helping with this, let me know and I will get you in contact with the organizer. Some of the events include:

- Helpers earn \$10 per hour for bike races: Horrible Hilly—June 18, the Insane Terrain—July 9, and Dairyland Dare—August 13
- Brat stand at Miller Foods in Mt. Horeb

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St. Martin's members working on a Habitat project

Midweek Lent

A Soup Supper will be held at 6:00 pm. each Wednesday during Lent followed by Lenten service at 7:00 and ALPHA at 7:45 pm.



MOM food drive for April 10



Lenten disciplines can help families in need in our community. If we each buy one item for the pantry each week, we'll have a barrel full on April 10! The top-ten most needed items are: rice, cereal, canned tomatoes, canned peaches, canned pears, canned turkey & chicken, cooking oil, crackers, shampoo, toothpaste & brushes, and sheets/blankets.



Youth event: 30 Hour Famine

I am excited about the 30 Hour Famine event which will be April 2-3 here at St. Martin's. We have several eighth-graders joining the Senior High folks this year.

Every year, we participate with thousands of other students to unite and do the 30 Hour Famine. They learn about hunger—and then they do something about it. They raise funds. They experience hunger for themselves by fasting for 30 hours. In the end, they help save lives. It feels good to do something about such a persistent problem.

—Tim Knipfer,
Youth Director



From the Pastor

An opportunity for sinners

In the 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday our Lord invites us to walk with him once again to the Cross. There is no resurrection without death. That's the unfortunate consequence of human sin, which severed the perfect relationship we had with our Creator, and introduced death and brokenness into the world. Thankfully, Christ's death on the cross bridges the way back to God for those who accept his free but costly offering.

Lent is the one rare time when we begin with ourselves, not God. For Christians, the starting point is in recognizing our own fallibility and imperfection. The prophet Jeremiah and the Psalmist both understand our human condition as distorted by sin:

*The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse — who can understand it?—*Jeremiah 17:9.

*They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one. —*Psalm 14:3

Classic definitions of 'Sin' have at their root the idea that we are disconnected from God and focused on ourselves. Perhaps the bravest theologian of the 20th Century was the German pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Bonhoeffer was one of the first Christian leaders in Germany who saw clearly the evil of Adolph Hitler. Bonhoeffer was integrally

involved in the Resistance, and was a key leader in several failed assassination attempts. He was executed in a Nazi prison April 9, 1945, just weeks before end of WWII. Bonhoeffer speaks of sin in this way:



Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"The most experienced psychologist or observer of human nature knows infinitely less of the human heart than the simplest Christian who lives beneath the Cross of Jesus. The greatest psychological insight, ability, and experience cannot grasp this one thing: what sin is.

Worldly wisdom knows what distress and weakness and failure are, but it does not know the godlessness of men. And so it also does not know that man is destroyed only by his sin and can be healed only by forgiveness. Only the Christian knows this.

In the presence of a psychiatrist I can only be a sick man; in the presence of a Christian brother I can dare to be a sinner."

One of the most freeing things in life is to acknowledge our sin and receive the unconditional, loving forgiveness of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is your opportunity to live as a forgiven sinner. What a joy that is!

—Pastor Rick



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on Saturday, Sept. 3.

As mentioned last month, we are looking at working one Saturday a month through the build, with a goal of five to eight people each Saturday. There will 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,



and work hard. Watch for work schedules next month.

—Phil Fish

Gardening group takes off

A group of St. Martin's members met on March 6 to discuss the interest and possibility of starting a gardening group here.

We wish to thank Mary Vassalotti who donated proceeds from her Scrapbooking Event towards our Prayer Garden. (Another Scrapbooking Event is also scheduled for April 9.)

Karen Windels has volunteered to help coordinate the planning and implementation of the Prayer Garden and is looking for a co-coordinator to help.

We talked about hiring a garden designer to draw up a plan.

I saw an interesting way of requesting donations that would potentially work for a Prayer Garden Project. We could have a drawing of the Prayer Garden with pictures of the plants (and their prices) tacked on. Donors could 'purchase' an item by removing the plant/s from the plan and writing a check for the purchase amount. Other funds would need to be raised to pay for the cost of the plan, supplies, and other costs but much of the gardening work itself could be done by members. I think

a Prayer Garden will be a popular project and should be a lot of fun for the team to put together.

I am hoping to find someone to assist me with communications for the Gardening Small Group or two people to coordinate the Gardening Group.

We also discussed having a plant sale during Trout Days, on Saturday, May 7. In anticipation of this, members can 1) save plastic plant containers, 2) sign up to donate plants on the sign up sheet in the narthex, or 3) grow seedling bedding plants for us to sell.

We welcome all input and help in getting this group and events started.

—Hallie Wendorff

Editor's note: Prayer gardens vary from the simple to the lavish as shown by these photos from Google—Images—Prayer Garden.



Join Us!



**Please join
St Martin's Youth Group
At Culver's Restaurant – Cross Plains**
(2523 Main Street - Corner of Main St. & Church St.)

Wednesday, March 30th
And help us reach our fundraising goal!

St Martin's Youth would like to join with Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp for a week focused on service along with the traditional camp experience. Service opportunities abound at Camp and in the community of the Flathead Valley. Our group will work with various organizations that provide services to the community such as neighborhood rehabilitation projects, housing construction, trail maintenance, and opportunities for service with senior citizens. There is also the possibility to work on service projects around camp.

On March 30th, Culver's – Cross Plains, is generously donating 15% of the day's sales to our group in order to help us reach our goal.

Your meal on this day contributes toward ensuring us reaching our goal and to provide services to fellow Americans. Please come and enjoy a meal or two at Culver's and make it a great day! Your contribution is much appreciated.

Sincere thanks from all of us...St Martin's Youth Group.

Crossways March 16-31 Calendar

<p>❖ Wednesday, March 16</p> <p>9:30 a. Staff Meeting L</p> <p>6:00 p. Tiger Scout Pack 87</p> <p>6:00 p. Soup supper FH</p> <p>7:00 p. Lenten worship S</p> <p>7:00 p. Confirmation—attend worship</p> <p>7:30 p. ALPHA L</p> <p>7:45 p. Adult Choir Practice MR</p> <p>❖ Thursday, March 17</p> <p>9:30 a. Pal Zone N</p> <p>10:00 a. Women's AA</p> <p>6:30 p. Youth Group Lifeline S</p> <p>❖ Sunday, March 20</p> <p>8:30 a. Worship w/ Communion S</p> <p>9:15 a. Sunday School B</p> <p>9:45 a. ALPHA L</p> <p>10:30 a. Worship w/o Communion S</p> <p>10:30 a. Children's Choir sing S</p> <p>5:00 p. The Project Practice S</p> <p>❖ Monday, March 21</p> <p>7:00 p. Soul Purpose S</p> <p>❖ Tuesday, March 22</p> <p>6:30 a. Men's Bible Study L</p> <p>6:30 p. Women's Bible Study OS</p> <p>7:00 p. Boy Scouts Troop 87 FH</p>	<p>❖ Wednesday, March 23</p> <p>9:30 a. Staff Meeting L</p> <p>6:00 p. Tiger Scout Pack 87</p> <p>6:00 p. Soup supper FH</p> <p>7:00 p. Lenten worship S</p> <p>7:00 p. Confirmation—attend worship</p> <p>7:30 p. ALPHA L</p> <p>7:45 p. Adult Choir Practice MR</p> <p>❖ Thursday, March 24</p> <p>9:30 a. Pal Zone N</p> <p>10:00 a. Women's AA</p> <p>6:30 p. Youth Group Lifeline S</p> <p>❖ Friday, March 25</p> <p><i>Deadline for April 1 Crossways</i></p> <p>❖ Saturday, March 26</p> <p>8:30 a. Thrivent till 12:30 FH</p> <p>❖ Sunday, March 27</p> <p>8:30 a. Worship w/ Communion S</p> <p>9:15 a. Sunday School B</p> <p>9:45 a. ALPHA L</p> <p>10:30 a. Worship w/Communion S</p> <p>5:00 p. The Project practice S</p> <p>❖ Monday, March 28</p> <p>7:00 p. Soul Purpose S</p>	<p>❖ Tuesday, March 29</p> <p>9:30 a. Pal Zone N</p> <p>10:00 a. Women's AA</p> <p>6:30 p. Youth Group Lifeline S</p> <p>❖ Wednesday, March 30</p> <p>7:00 a. Youth Fundraiser at Culvers</p> <p>9:30 a. Staff Meeting L</p> <p>6:00 p. Tiger Scout Pack 87</p> <p>6:00 p. Soup supper FH</p> <p>7:00 p. Lenten worship S</p> <p>7:00 p. Confirmation—attend worship</p> <p>7:30 p. ALPHA L</p> <p>7:45 p. Adult Choir Practice MR</p> <p>❖ Thursday, March 31</p> <p>9:30 a. Pal Zone N</p> <p>10:00 a. Women's AA</p> <p>6:30 p. Youth Group Lifeline S</p> <p>S—Sanctuary; L—Library; B—Building; MR—Music Room; FH—Fellowship Hall; CR—Choir Room; OS—Off Site; N—Nursery; GLC—Gunderson Life Center</p>
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March 16-31 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>
3/20	8:30 Doris Fish	Doris Fish	Jan Doyle	n/a	Deb Wipperfurth	Hillebrand Team	Samantha Flogel	Katie Holden	n/a	James Hartung	Carmen Fowell
3/20	10:30 Kay Kalvin	n/a	Mary Vassalotti	Team 1	open	Schulenberg Team	Kyle Gregory	Lauren Gregory	Max Boehnen	Neumueller/Hartung	
3/27	8:30 Doris Fish	Doris Fish	Mary Vassalotti	n/a	Deb Goplin	Hillebrand Team	Liam Turley	Brynn Turley	n/a	Phil Fish	Doris Fish
3/27	10:30 Cheryl Hartung	Cheryl Hartung	Mary Vassalotti	Team 4	n/a	Schulenberg Team	Travis Zander	Rachel Zander	Lief Mann	Hartung/Siggelkow	

Bill Windels, Katherine Lund, Cheryl Hartung



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