



New drop box

❖ *Jim Doyle made a new drop box which is in the narthex*



Culvers net Youth

❖ *A Youth fundraiser was held on Wed. Mar. 30 at Culvers*



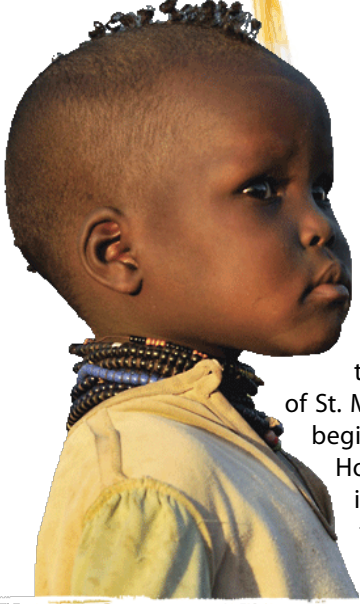
Easter worship

❖ *Sunday, April 24, at 8:30 and 10:30 am.; breakfast: 9:00-10:15 am.*

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Youth tighten belts

This weekend, Apr. 2 & 3, the Youth of St. Martin's will begin their 30 Hour Famine in cooperation with World Vision to aid the cause of world hunger. This has been a tradition at St. Martin's for over 10 years and we have raised over \$20,000 in these past years toward relieving world hunger.

The rate of hungry people in the world is rising. Over a billion people will not have enough to eat today, compared with 820 million people in 2006. That's more than the populations of the USA, Canada, and the European Union combined.

Children who are hungry often have

chronic malnourishment and vitamin or mineral deficiencies. The result is stunted growth, weakness, and weakened resistance to illness. Every 3.5 seconds a person dies because of hunger; it is a child that dies every 5 seconds.

World Vision also works with communities to promote long-term food security. They provide farmers with vital food production resources, such as drought-resistant seeds and training in improved agricultural methods. They help families enhance their methods of food storage, minimize post-harvest losses, and gain access to markets where they can sell their excess crops.

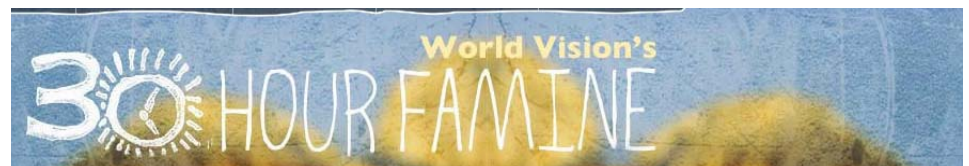
Our fast officially starts Saturday morning at 5 am. at home. (Some of us get up early to eat something before 5 am.) We will be at

church at 10 am. on Saturday. Our Saturday will be filled with games (outside and inside), spiritual exercises, music, fundraising duties, and some free time. We will stay overnight at church and break our fast during the 10:30 am. service with Communion. After worship we share breakfast in Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to support this cause, donation envelopes are available in my mail slot at church. Participating families are asked to set a donation goal with their youth. Every \$30 raised feeds a child for one month. Your youth can make a difference in another person's life. It's pretty awesome.

Please check out the World Vision website, www.30hrfamine.com

—Tim Knipfer, Youth Ministry Director



Nacho is back!

With Palm Sunday coming on April 17, our favorite donkey, Nacho, will make his annual appearance. We welcome him and his owners, Wayne & Linda Schutte, back to St. Martin's!

The Holy Week schedule is:
Maundy Thursday: 7:00 pm.
Good Friday: 1 & 7:00 pm.
Easter Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 am.



St. Martin's Basketball Team



St. Martin's sponsored a basketball team in a basketball league this year. St. Martin's players are Emmett Turley, Mike Mills, and Jeff Maas. They won all their games! Congratulations!



Easter breakfast

A delicious Easter Morning Breakfast will be served in Fellowship Hall from 9:00-10:15 am. with proceeds to go to the Senior Youth Mission Trip at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp in the Rocky Mountains of western Montana.

Breakfast items will be fresh fruit, sausage, pancakes, juice and coffee.

Please join us for this fun and nourishing event.

—Tim Knipfer



From the Pastor

Following the path

"Do not be afraid... he has been raised. Come, see the place where he lay." Mt. 28:5

"Do not be afraid... go and tell...go to Galilee; there [you] will see me." Mt. 28:10

Life is not static. Life is filled with comings and goings. Life is certainly not predictable. In pre-marriage preparation sessions I sometimes have couples do five

and ten year 'plans' to set some goals for their marriage and to see themselves in the future. I recall how meaningful that exercise was for Katherine and

me when we met with our pastor 31 one years ago in his Mercer Island church office as we prepared to marry. It was a joyful thing to wonder on paper where God would take us. We had no idea then what life would look like for us today. No idea at all!

Then, we were both bankers in Seattle. The thought of having children one day was unimaginable. Leaving my business career to become a student in Seminary at 33 years old would have been unthinkable. Both of us uprooting our lives with two pre-school boys to move from our childhood home in Tacoma to Wisconsin, a place we'd never

been before—well, God certainly had an amazing sense of humor, that's for sure! We could never have guessed what God had in store for us. Our responsibility was simply to be faithful to God's leading .

'Comings and goings' nearly always begin with fear mixed with joy and anticipation for what lies ahead. This is the Easter

message: life as the disciples knew it ended on Good Friday when Christ was crucified. It was a dark and terrifying time. Yet, God was faithful and, by the week's-end, Resurrection greeted them. The victory over sin and death was won and there is now no fear for the future. We who accept the free gift of God's grace in Jesus Christ have a future of endless joy with our Lord and Savior in heaven. Until then, our job as followers of Jesus is to "go and tell". As Jesus

assured the disciples before he ascended into heaven, it is in the "going and telling" that we will see him in our journey on earth.

Come to Jesus. Go and tell others.

May your faith in the Living Lord be born again this Easter.

—Pastor Rick



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Easter Garden order form

I would like to order an Easter Lily for St. Martin's Easter Garden.

My name _____

In Memory or In Honor (circle one) of: _____

Total ordered _____ x \$12.00 = \$_____

(Please make your check out to St. Martin's Lutheran with "lily" marked in memo line. DEADLINE to order is Wednesday, Apr. 20.)

- I will pick up the lily following the 10:30 am. Easter Sunday service, April 24.
 Please donate the lily to a homebound person.

Please place this order form on the usher's stand in the narthex or mail to:
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Putting faith into action

Where do you see St. Martin's in five years or in 2016? What would you like to see as a mission or how could our church family better serve your faith needs? Now, to help get there, it is simple and also rewarding: simply get involved or help others to get involved in something that is of interest to you and your family. All are welcome!

My wife, Gail, and I continue to meet monthly with our Faith Talk Small Group that has met now for over a year. Last night at this small intimate gathering of three couples, after some group discussion the realization hit me... that faith is incomplete without action. Jesus came down to earth and in his shortened life span GOT THINGS DONE. He was not only praying and meditating but he daily (probably hourly) was 'doing' the Lord's work with action. During this time of Lent we pause to reflect on His actions that led to that final action that we, by the grace of God, reap the benefit of his dying on that cross. BUT... we must temper that grace with action or living out our faith by doing.

If you are not now involved in a group, get together in your own Faith Talk group.

The Group can be six to ten people and it seems best to rotate meeting in homes on a monthly basis. There are sign up sheets in the narthex for anyone wanting to start up a new group. Existing groups are happy to meet with you the first time or so to help jump start your experience.

Looking at April, be sure to plan your Lenten journey with the many activities provided. Keep the youth in your thoughts and prayers as they participate in their 30 Hour Famine. Check out the Gardening Group's plans and become a part, if it interests you. Remember to bring food items on April 10 for the MOMS food pantry.

Your council is always looking for feedback and ideas. Every Council member and the church staff are open to listening to any positive comments or suggestions for the good of our church family.

Blessings,

—Tom Johnson, Council President



First Communion

At St. Martin's, we commune all baptized believers regardless of age. It is appropriate, we believe, to ask that a First Communion class precede taking Communion. Two separate opportunities will be offered for ages approximately three-years-old to about fifth grade. Please let me know at 798-2777 if you and your child(ren) can attend:

April 9, 9:00 am.—11:00 am.

April 16, 1 pm.—3:00 pm.

Only one session is required. Depending upon the ages of the children, we might add an afternoon session and morning session to each of these dates.

Their First Communion will take place at 7:00 pm. on Maundy Thursday, April 21.

Please RSVP as soon as possible.

—Pastor Rick

The Outlook

The **Mom Food Drive** will be on Sunday, 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.

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, April 14. 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 on the kiosk. Call Doris Fish at 203-5160 if you have questions.



Scrapbooking workshop on Saturday, April 9

Scrapbookers are welcomed from 9 am.-4:30 pm. Saturday, April 9, at St. Martin's Fellowship Hall.

Never scrapbooked before? Give it a try. Jan Hogle, Creative Memories Consultant, will give a 90-minute introduction to preserving memories and pictures in photo-scrapbook



albums, either traditional or digital. Bring some pictures printed (for traditional scrapbooking) or on your laptop (digital scrapbooking) or bring your bins to sort photos! If you've never scrapbooked before, take a look at www.myCMSite.com/janhogle prior to our workshop. The cost is \$10 for 8 ft. of table space. A lunch is provided; please bring a salad or snack to share. Proceeds will benefit St. Martin's Prayer Garden.

Please RSVP to me at mvas@charter.net or 279-0703.

—Mary Vassalotti

Mary Martha Circle meets at 11 am. on the fourth Monday (April 25) for a short Bible Study and brown bag lunch. All women are invited to come.

Crossways April 1-15 Calendar

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| ❖ Sunday, April 3 | | ❖ Thursday, April 7 | | ❖ Wednesday, April 13 | |
| 8:30 a. <i>Worship w/ Communion</i> | S | 9:30 a. <i>Pal Zone</i> | N | 9:30 a. <i>Staff Meeting</i> | L |
| 9:15 a. <i>Sunday School</i> | B | 10:00 a. <i>Women's AA</i> | | 6:00 p. <i>Tiger Scout Pack 87</i> | |
| 9:30 a. <i>ALPHA</i> | L | 5:45 p. <i>Worship Planning Meeting</i> | L | 6:00 p. <i>Soup supper</i> | FH |
| 10:30 a. <i>Worship w/ Communion</i> | S | 6:30 p. <i>Youth Group Lifeline</i> | S | 7:00 p. <i>Lenten Worship</i> | S |
| (GIFT—Generation in Faith Together demonstration at both services) | | | | 7:00 p. <i>Confirmation—attend worship</i> | |
| 5:00 p. <i>The Project Practice</i> | S | ❖ Saturday, April 9 | | 7:30 p. <i>ALPHA</i> | L |
| | | 9:00 a. <i>Scrapbooking Day (till 4:30 pm.)</i> | FH | 7:45 p. <i>Senior Choir Practice</i> | MR |
| | | 9:00 a. <i>First Communion Practice</i> | S | | |
| ❖ Monday, April 4 | | ❖ Sunday, April 10 | | ❖ Thursday, April 14 | |
| 7:00 p. <i>Soul Purpose</i> | S | 8:30 a. <i>Worship w/ Communion</i> | S | 9:30 a. <i>Pal Zone</i> | N |
| | | 9:15 a. <i>Sunday School</i> | B | 10:00 a. <i>Women's AA</i> | |
| ❖ Tuesday, April 5 | | 9:30 a. <i>ALPHA</i> | L | 6:30 p. <i>Youth Group Lifeline</i> | S |
| 6:30 a. <i>Men's Bible Study</i> | L | 10:30 a. <i>Worship w/o Communion</i> | S | 6:30 p. <i>Men's Homeless Shelter</i> | FH |
| 6:30 p. <i>Women's Bible Study</i> | OS | 5:00 p. <i>The Project Practice</i> | S | 6:45 p. <i>Church Council Meeting</i> | L |
| 7:00 p. <i>Boy Scouts Troop 87</i> | FH | | | | |
| | | ❖ Monday, April 11 | | | |
| ❖ Wednesday, April 6 | | 9:30 a. <i>Quilting Group</i> | FH | | |
| 9:30 a. <i>Staff Meeting</i> | L | 6:00 p. <i>Town of Berry meeting</i> | L | | |
| 6:00 p. <i>Tiger Scout Pack 87</i> | | 7:00 p. <i>Soul Purpose</i> | S | | |
| 6:00 p. <i>Soup supper</i> | FH | <i>Deadline for April 15 Crossways</i> | | | |
| 7:00 p. <i>Lenten Worship</i> | S | ❖ Tuesday, April 12 | | | |
| 7:00 p. <i>Confirmation—attend worship</i> | | 6:30 a. <i>Men's Bible Study</i> | L | | |
| 7:30 p. <i>ALPHA</i> | L | 6:30 p. <i>Women's Bible Study</i> | OS | | |
| 7:45 p. <i>Senior Choir Practice</i> | MR | 7:00 p. <i>Boy Scouts Troop 87</i> | FH | | |
| | | 7:00 p. <i>Centering Prayer</i> | 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

April 1-15 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> |
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| 4/3 | 8:30 Katherine Lund | Katherine Lund | Jan Doyle | n/a | Patty Hillebrand | Trappe Team | Conner Mickelson | Tyler Acker | n/a | Hartung/Windels | Deb/Ron Goplin |
| 4/3 | 10:30 Ann Houck | Ann Houck | Mary Vassalotti | Team 2 | open | McCauley Team | Kaitlin Conroy | Cheyenne Ambler | Kyle Gregory | Neumueller | |
| | | Nancy McCauley, | Patty Harper, | Maureen Berghoefer | | | | | | | |
| 4/10 | 8:30 Cathy Kittle | Cathy Kittle | Mary Vassalotti | n/a | Jan Doyle | Trappe Team | Samantha Fogel | Ryan Fogel | n/a | Bill Wendorff | Karen Trappe |
| 4/10 | 10:30 Jennifer Niesen | n/a | Rick Haller | Team 5 | n/a | McCauley Team | Derek Calvin | Courtney Conroy | Ben Calvin | Postle/Hormig | |



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