



Mary-Martha Circle

❖ meets at 11:00 am on Monday, April 25.



Bethel Horizons

❖ Lindsey Scheid from Bethel Horizons here April 17



Cake will be served

❖ on Palm Sunday

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An evening in Turkey

At 4:00 pm. on Sun. May 1, in the church Library, Tom & Elaine Smiley will give a presentation of their recent trip to Turkey.



This will be followed by dinner at Oliva Restaurant, at the corner of Old Sauk Rd. and the west beltline in Madison. Owner and chef Mehmet Dayi, will prepare for us a four course Turkish meal made with
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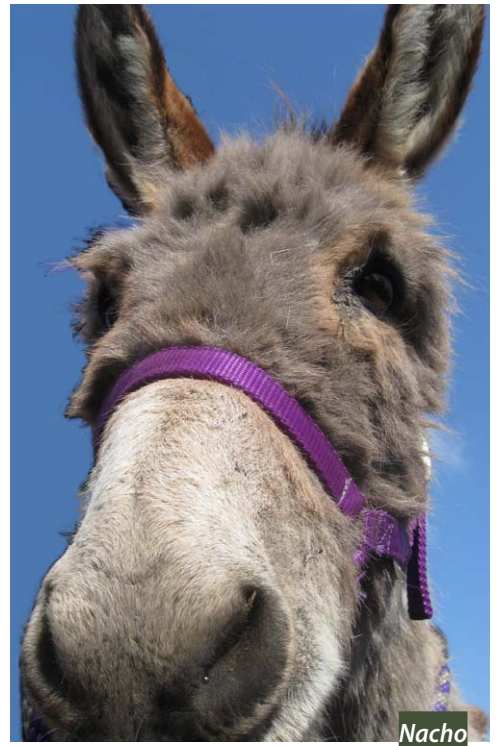
Palm Sunday brings back Nacho

With Palm Sunday coming on April 17, our favorite donkey, Nacho, will make his annual appearance. We welcome him back to St. Martin's and thank his parents, Wayne & Linda Schutte who will not be able to join us this year.

All four gospels describe the entry into Jerusalem with similar details. It is an entrance worthy of royalty. Whereas most people of that day walk into the city, Jesus rides. Unlike kings who come in a carriage, he rides on a donkey. Whereas most people enter the holy city without fanfare, Jesus draws a crowd of people who are willing to place their garments on the road. The crowd goes ahead of him, preparing the way for Jesus.

On Palm Sunday, the gospel, Matthew 27:11-54, will be read as we process. Jesus did not come with a sword or an army. He entered the city as royalty, but with humility.

—from ELCA Daily Discipleship



Nacho

Easter breakfast

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

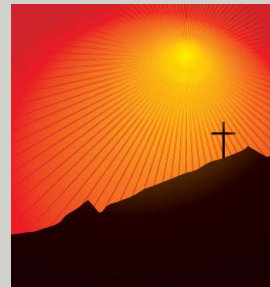
Breakfast items will be fresh fruit, sausage, pancakes, juice and coffee.

Please join us for this fun and nourishing event.



—Tim Knipfer

Holy Week Schedule



The Holy Week schedule is:
Maundy Thursday: 7:00 pm.
Good Friday: 1 & 7:00 pm.
Easter Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 am.
Easter breakfast is served from 9—10:15 am. in Fellowship Hall. New members will be received during the 10:30 am service on Easter.



Middleton Comm. Orchestra

St. Martin Social Activities for 2011

Sunday, May 1: Travelogue of Turkey: Road to Ephesus & Beyond

Wednesday, June 1: Dinner at Fitzgeralds & Concert of Middleton Community Orchestra

Tuesday, June 28: Garden Walk

Tuesday, July 19: Dinner cruise on Lake Mendota

Friday in August: Richland Center trip - Winery, tour of a large dairy farm and lunch

Friday in Sept: Waushara area trip, including lunch

From the Pastor

Time and Time Again

We mark time in many different ways. By days and months on the calendar. In seconds, minutes, and hours on the clock. By seasons. By stages and events of life. No matter how we measure time, one thing is certain. Time moves forward, never backward. Time does not stand still. Life is a constantly changing stream, and nothing remains the same.



In the Greek language of the New Testament, there are two ways of describing 'time.' *Kronos* ("chronological") is mark-able time. *Kronos* is quantitative. It measures time. *Kronos* answers the question "When?"

Kairos time is quite different. *Kairos* is qualitative time. It doesn't really answer any question, but begets its own question: "What might this mean?" *Kairos* is "a time in between," an indeterminable moment of time in which something special happens. In the New Testament, *kairos* is "the appointed time in the purposes of God", the time when God acts. Jesus' first words in the Gospel of St. Mark speak of *kairos* time: *The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news.* (Mark 1:15)

God's desire is for us to experience life in the *kairos* way. What that means is be fully alive and mindful of God's Holy Spirit each moment of life, as much as possible anyway. We will never achieve perfect God-mindfulness, but with practice we will become better at it. When we live in God's *Kairos*, we worry a whole lot less, because we aren't fretting the future, and we regret a whole lot less, because we aren't looking backward so much. Instead, we live in a state of "wonder and joy," asking "What is God saying to me?" or "Where is the Holy Spirit leading?" or "How is Jesus teaching me?"

Easter is a great time of rebirth, of life after death. Resurrection is what we call this. *Kairos* is the entryway. Don't wait. Let these words of St. Paul guide you:

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For the Lord says,

"At an acceptable kairos I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

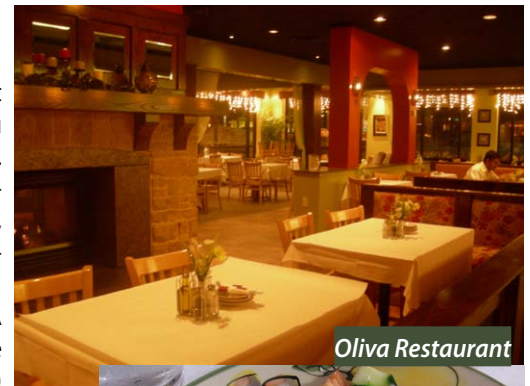
See, now is the acceptable *kairos*; see, now is the day of salvation!

—Pastor Rick

Evening in Turkey

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fresh and homemade ingredients. It begins with Turkish tea (a must if you want to truly experience Turkey!!). Next, appetizers called meze (homemade Turkish bread, humus, charman, Kisir, and tapenade); cheese plate, dolma (stuffed grape leaves, borek, and possibly Baba ganush will be served. A cup of red lentil soup and family style entrees: Karniyarik (eggplant dish) lamb shish kabab, and a non-meat dish called Imam Fainted (eggplant dish), will all be served with rice. For dessert will be Turkish coffee and baklava. None of the above are 'hot spicy' because Turkish cuisine (especially from western Turkey) is not spicy, although it is wonderfully flavored!! Beer and wine are available at an extra cost. Dinner reservations need to be made by Apr. 29. Sign up in the narthex at church or call us at 767-2104.



Oliva Restaurant



—Tom & Elaine Smiley



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Youth 30 Hour Famine



The 30 Hour Famine was a great success this year.

We had over 25 kids decide to do something about world hunger on April 2-3. They went without food for 30 hours to raise money for starving children throughout the world. The organization leading this effort is called World Vision.

Our youth raised \$1,550.

To put that in perspective: \$30 will feed a child for one month. This means our teens fed 51 children for a month. They are literally saving lives. It's pretty incredible to think we have young people in our church and in our community that think globally. They saw a need and did what they could. It sounds a lot like what Jesus asks us to do.

We met at St. Martin's on Saturday morning. After awhile, we played some group games, hung out and got to know each other, listened to live music from the Project, worshiped together, and watched a movie on the



big screen. We also used this time to work on a letter-writing fundraiser. Bedtime was on sleeping bags at church. On Sunday morning, we broke our fast with Holy Communion. There is something so special about being really hungry for communion. The 'bread of life' seems to take on a deeper meaning for us. We were not only hungry for food but also for the relationship with our God. After the service, we shared a meal together. And it was good!

I offer many thanks to Mike Calvin and Tami Roll who chaperoned and fasted with us. They helped with worship and often gave our kids a fresh perspective on faith. Also, thanks to all those who helped make breakfast on Sunday so wonderful.

I think we understand hunger a little better and know why Jesus asks us to help those in need.

*Blessings to you all, Tim Knipfer
Youth Ministry Director*

Preparing for first Plant Sale

Preparations are under way by St. Martin's gardeners for their first plant sale to be held on Saturday, May 7, (during Trout Days) on church property on Church St., near the sign. Jim Doyle will set up the church tent and tables/chairs and we church members will sell donated plants, drink coffee, eat homemade goodies, and have a good time. We need volunteers who can take money, answer questions, drink coffee, and generally enjoy themselves. (Fellowship comes in many ways.) Old and young are invited to make this happen. Bring children! This is a fun event for them, too, and they will learn from it.

The sale will be held from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. There will be plants for sun and shade including lobelia, bleeding hearts (miniature and standard), epimediums, gaura, Japanese toad lilies, Rodgersia, goatsbeard, cranesbill geraniums, wildflowers, European ginger, tall yellow flag iris (3' tall), and many other interesting perennials, biennials, vegetables, and annuals. Knowledgeable gardeners will also be available to answer questions. All plants will be priced to sell (or make us an offer) as we will not want any leftovers to dispose of.

Proceeds will go toward St. Martin's Prayer Garden. Join us for this fun and first-time event to help kick start our Gardening Group!

—Sally Averkamp



Crossways April 16-30 Calendar

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| <p>❖ Sunday, April 17—Palm Sunday 8:30 a. <i>Worship w/ Communion</i> S 8:30 a. <i>Lindsey Scheid of Bethel Horizons</i> B 9:15 a. <i>Sunday School</i> B 10:30 a. <i>Worship w/o Communion</i> S <i>Nacho, the donkey, will be here</i> 5:00 p. <i>The Project Practice</i> S</p> <p>❖ Monday, April 18 7:00 p. <i>Soul Purpose</i> S</p> <p>❖ Tuesday, April 19 6:30 a. <i>Men's Bible Study</i> L 6:30 p. <i>Women's Bible Study</i> OS 6:45 p. <i>Church Council</i> L 7:00 p. <i>Boy Scouts Troop 87</i> FH</p> <p>❖ Wednesday, April 20 9:30 a. <i>Staff Meeting</i> L 6:00 p. <i>Tiger Scout Pack 87</i> FH 6:30 p. <i>Confirmation—parents mtg</i> L 7:45 p. <i>Senior Choir Practice</i> MR</p> | <p>❖ Thursday, April 21 9:30 a. <i>Pal Zone</i> N 10:00 a. <i>Women's AA</i> S 6:30 p. <i>Youth Group Lifeline</i> S 7:00 p. <i>Maundy Thursday Worship</i> S</p> <p>❖ Friday, April 22 1:00 p. <i>Good Friday Worship</i> S 7:00 p. <i>Good Friday Worship</i> S</p> <p>❖ Sunday, April 24—Easter 8:30 a. <i>Worship w/ Communion</i> S 10:30 a. <i>Worship w/ Communion</i> S</p> <p>❖ Monday, April 25 7:00 p. <i>Soul Purpose</i> S <i>Deadline for May 1 Crossways</i></p> <p>❖ Tuesday, April 26 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>❖ Wednesday, April 27 9:30 a. <i>Staff Meeting</i> L 6:00 p. <i>Tiger Scout Pack 87</i> S 6:30 p. <i>Confirmation: God & Science</i> S 7:45 p. <i>No Choir Practice</i> MR</p> <p>❖ Thursday, April 28 9:30 a. <i>Pal Zone</i> N 10:00 a. <i>Women's AA</i> S 6:30 p. <i>Youth Group Lifeline</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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April 16-30 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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| 4/17 8:30 | Elaine Smiley | Elaine Smiley | Jan Doyle | n/a | Deb Wipperfurth | Trappe Team | Haley Joyce | Leif Mann | n/a | Bill Windels | open |
| 4/17 10:30 | Bill Windels | Ann Houck | Soul Purpose | Team 4 | n/a | McCauley Team | Max Boehnen | Lizanne Dodsworth | Katie Holden | Neumueller/Postle | |
| 4/24 8:30 | Bev Brunner | Bev Brunner | Mary Vassalotti | n/a | Deb Goplin | Trappe Team | Ben Kalvin | Katie Kolden | n/a | Phil Fish | Doris Fish |
| 4/24 10:30 | Brenda Hagman | Brenda Hagman | Mary Vassalotti | Team 1 | open | McCauley Team | Kyle Gregory | Lauren Gregory | Connor Mickelson | Siggelkow/Hartung | |



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