



Mother's Day

❖ a special Jonathan Overby concert with dinner—see page 2



Baptism

❖ George Endres was baptized on April 18



Potluck on Sunday

❖ There will be a potluck at 11:30 am. this Sunday

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St. Martin's member sent to Washington

In the Sunday, April 18, issue of the *Wisconsin State Journal* there was an extensive article about the WW II veterans that were honored by a trip to Washington on April 17. On this trip the surviving veterans were recognized as heroes for their service in World War II. Fewer and fewer men and women that served in this war are still alive today. Among these veterans was our own long-time (since 1955) St. Martin's member, Bob Shields. I spoke to him about his trip and what it meant to him.

Bob was in the Navy working in the Logistical Supply Corps during the war. He was aboard a ship as the Navy fought to take the island of Okinawa from the Japanese. He said the worst threat was from the kamakazes that would come by the dozens and try to crash their planes into the ships. After Okinawa was taken, he helped set up warehouses there.

Pastor Rick asked Bob if he felt the presence of God during the war. Bob said that during one raid by kamakazes, "a kamakaze plane flew right at our landing ship. But it flew right over us. It was so low that we could feel the heat of its engine." "Kamakazes," he explained, "generally were not armed with guns but were loaded with a bomb so they exploded on impact." This plane hit the destroyer, USS Pennsylvania, instead and killed 30 men on board. Bob later learned that



Bob shields reading one of the cards written by Madison area school children to the WW II veterans

Johnny Carson was aboard that ship. "I really felt the presence of God with us at that time, watching out for us," he said.

On Saturday, April 17, Bob arrived at the Madison airport at 4:30

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Thanks to the St. Martin's Choir!

Thank you to all the members of St. Martin's Senior Choir that have shared their love of music with all of us this past year. Your dedication and talents are greatly appreciated. Some of the highlights of this past year include:

- Ecumenical Thanksgiving



Service with St. Francis

- Christmas Cantata with guest musicians from Middleton High School
 - Palm Sunday Services
 - Good Friday Cantata
- The choir will take their summer break following the May 23 8:00 am. service. Check us out next fall and feel welcome to join us!

Current members include: Ron Goplin, Rick Weiland, Tom Johnson, Tom & Elaine Smiley, Phil & Doris Fish, Lee Swanson, Phyllis Wendt, Ruth Kerl, Bev Brunner, Deb Foster, Natalija Goomey, Linda Sebree, Jan Doyle, Accompanist—Director, and myself.

Thanks for all your hard work!
— Mary Vassalotti, Director

Children's Education

Sunday Schedule

May

May 2 – Phil Bramley from Bethel Horizon's will lead games and activities

May 9 – Opening and Instruction

May 16 – Opening and Instruction (Children sing at 10:30 worship today)

May 23 – Whole group activities to celebrate the end of the Sunday School year.



Teacher recognition and appreciation will take place at the end of the 8:00 am service on May 23.

—Julie Schultz,

Director of Children's Ministry



From the Pastor

Proclaiming the message

Think of all the images and roles of Jesus in the Scriptures: The Messiah; the Son of Man; the good shepherd; the true vine; the prince of peace, the Alpha and Omega—he even likens himself to a mother hen (Matthew 23:27)! Others titles come to mind, but here's one that would probably not be on your list: "Jesus the Business Administrator". Yet, Jesus knew that in order to get his saving message out to the whole world, he needed to organize his ministry and call, train, and empower leaders to do his work. Early on he made some decisions about who would be invited:

Jesus went up the mountain and called to him those whom he wanted, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve, whom he also named apostles, to be with him, and to be sent out to proclaim the message...

—Mark 3:14

Among my many responsibilities as your pastor is "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body

of Christ..." This is perhaps the most awesome responsibility I have. At St. Martin's Lutheran Church, as with all ELCA congregations, important decisions are made by the Pastor and the Church Council, and finally by the whole congregation at the Annual Meeting. Our decisions have as their ultimate goal "to proclaim the message."

At the Church Council April 22, we approved changes in the way we staff our ministry and administer our finances. We are pleased that all of these changes will be financed from within the approved 2009-10 budget. Specifics will be explained in the next issue of Crossways. We are excited about what God is doing among us, and believe we are being good stewards with our people and resources.

We appreciate your prayers and your support for the shared ministry we have as Christ's disciples at St. Martins. To God be the glory.

—Pastor Rick

Jonathan Overby returns to St. Martin's

Back by popular request (yes, Jonathan requested to return and sing at St. Martin's) Jonathan Overby and The Lighthouse Singers will perform at 4:00 pm. in St. Martin's sanctuary on Mother's Day, May 9. Jonathan is creator, executive producer and host of "World Music with African Roots and more... Saturday Evenings 7:00-10:00 pm." on his Wisconsin Public Radio show, *Higher Ground*.

Afterward, the men of St. Martin's Lutheran Church will be serving a Spaghetti Dinner to all the women (and their guests) in honor of Mother's Day at about 5:30 pm.

The menu (headed up by Master Chef, Bill Diebold) is Tossed Salads with bread sticks, Spaghetti and Meat balls with garlic bread (or Spaghetti & sauce without Meat balls for vegetarians), and Hot Fudge Sundaes.

A free-will offering will be taken with the net proceeds going to—where else—



MOM! (Middleton Outreach Ministry, that is!) Please sign up at the kiosk to help us get an idea of how many are coming.

—Pastor Rick

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Youth: garage sale next big effort

The youth of St. Martin's joined thousands of teens to raise money to help feed starving children from around the world through World Vision on April 24 & 25. They raised a total of over \$2,000 for the cause! More information about this big effort will be in the next Crossways.

St. Martin's Youth is sponsoring a **Garage & Bake Sale** this weekend during Trout Days April 29 – May 1. Please consider donating items (except adult clothing). Articles can be dropped off now at Liz & Mark Wiebe's house (798-2199). Please bring 2-4 dozen baked treats to the Garage Sale location (Wiebe's house) any time throughout the weekend. This fundraiser will benefit the St. Martin's Senior High Mission Trip.

The **Youth Lifeline group** will be taking orders for Butterbraids on May 5-20. Orders will be delivered

to the church on Thursday, June 3 at 2:30 pm. (the Butterbraids are frozen).

St. Martin's Youth Group, Lifeline, meets weekly at 6:45—8:30 pm. on Thursdays. All high school kids are welcome.

—Tim Knipfer, Youth Ministry Director



Part of the Famine time was spend at the Gunderson Life Center

Summer: kids to camp

On June 20-23 (Sunday afternoon through Wednesday) confirmation-aged children (6th-8th grade) from St. Martin's can attend the wonderful Bethel Horizons camp with their peers.

Bethel Horizons is nestled on over 548 acres of hills, valleys, and cliffs inside the "Driftless Area" of Wisconsin. Many plant and animal communities make the forest, prairie, and wetland areas of Horizons their home. Horizons provides many unique opportunities to explore and discover the wonders of nature by striving to teach others the importance of the earth's wild places and by reconnecting people to the earth in which we live.

Trygve Lund will be the Senior Counselor, assisted by a Jr. Counselor. Special activities will include the ropes course, Art Ventures pottery making, the Camp Naturalist presentations, campfire, swimming, Bible study, and other activities. It will be a fun, bonding experience. The cost is \$240.50; a deposit of \$50 is needed. There is a limit of 12 students. Contact Pr. Rick at

798-2777 to attend.

Adventure Director Phil Bramley will be at St. Martin's this Sunday to introduce himself and Bethel Horizons to us.

—Sally Averkamp



JAM for May



**Calendar of Events for May
ONLY SEVEN WEEKS OF SCHOOL
LEFT!!! School ends on June 11.**

Week of May 3-7

The JAMMER's will be making Mother's Day presents/cards all week getting ready for Mother's Day. They will also be breaking a Piñata on May 5 and learning about Mexican traditions.

Week of May 10-14

The JAM kids will be flying kites, if the weather permits, making apple pie, and learning the Chicken Dance.

Week of May 17-21

Early Release Day is May 18. A Cross Plains Police officer will be joining us at the church to talk to JAMMER's about bike safety. Please bring your child's bike the day before Monday-May 17, along with their helmet, and we will lock them up in the storage room overnight for the bike safety speech the next day. If your child doesn't have a bike, but would like to bring roller blades, scooters (NOT motorized), they can; the speech will still apply to safety, helmet wearing, knee pads, etc.

www.terracycle.net

Miss. Jenny brought this site to my attention. They pay non-profit groups for their trash and make it into merchandise (see below)!!! Miss Jenny thought it might be a good money maker for the JAM fund. Please take a look at it and give the JAM staff your feedback. She thought if we wanted to start collecting items now, we could have quite a haul by the Fall start-up for JAM.

—Virginia Diebold, JAM Director



Missions: Plant a Row

"Bit by bit, row by row, gonna make this garden grow. All it takes is a rake & hoe and a piece of fertile ground."

God has provided the fertile ground, Ralph Schulenberg has provided the rake and hoe (and the volunteer time - thanks Ralph) and now comes the planting. We need volunteers who will adopt a row, or a part of a row, and tend it during the growing season. While it is early for tender vegetables, Ralph tells me the time is right for onion sets and potatoes. Raise your hands if you are ready to get them dirty, sign up on the kiosk or call us with questions or for additional information. While potatoes and onions will be new to the garden this year, we are also seeking a small team, who would like to grow and tend flowers for summer and fall altar display. Ralph will designate a section of the garden for this new ministry team if interest is shown. Tomatoes, peppers, green beans and possibly lettuce will be planted as the weather warms and there may be other vegetables that are included - give us your suggestions and input.

Besides our planters and weeders, harvesters are needed to pick the produce as it ripens and deliver it to Middleton Outreach Ministry or the Christians In Action Food Pantry (Mazomanie). If you know of families or individuals in the area who are struggling economically and might benefit from the PAR harvest, please let me know so I can make contact with them. As stewards of God's beautiful and rich earth, let us tend the land and provide a bounty for others who need to be fed - we are called to do so.

In Christ, Maureen Berghoefer -
TLC Missions, 798-4820

Ralph Schulenberg - Plant A
Row, 798-2774

From the Church Council President

More change for St. Martin's



St. Martin's is on the move! We had a wonderful First Communion 'event', the Youth Band brings a new vitality to our services, and we are going to two services this summer. Good things are going on and we are a blessed church family.

Upcoming happenings are the Garden Tour, our Senior High trip to Mississippi, and a Mother's Day Concert and Dinner. Get involved and do the Lord's work as a Christian Church family!

JAM (Jesus And Me), the after school program has been addressed for a restructuring. For the next school year, starting in September, plans are for a Director to administer the program and let teachers teach and take care of the children. This new structure is being set up to ensure a continued quality program and one that is fiscally sound. It is an ongoing effort to build this wonderful mission for youth that St. Martin's set up many years prior. Virginia

Diebold and her staff do such a great job with the children they care for each day after school. Thanks JAM staff and keep up the super work and vital function for area families!

Mark the 4th of July on your calendar this summer for a fun Sunday service at the old St. Martin's Church building. There will be some old fashioned fun for all members of our Church family!

I am really excited about this fall and the Consecration Sunday event with Pastor Dave Larson as our leader. We are looking at November 7 for the main Sunday event with the week prior to explain and work through this very healthy program for our future. More to come in future communications.

Consider getting involved with our St. Martin's family. Saint Francis, in a part of his ageless prayer, said it simply, "For it is in giving that we receive".

*Blessings,
Tom Johnson, Council President*

New summer worship schedule



many Sundays, along with our High School Worship Band, *The Project*, *Soul Purpose Singers*, and others.

Holy Communion will be offered each week at 8:15, and on first Sundays at the 9:45 service. To bridge the 8:15 and 9:45 worshippers, coffee and refreshments will be served between services. Members are invited to sign up to bring goodies to serve each week.

On Sunday, July 4, a special 8:15 Service will be held at the Old White Church, with an "Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social" to follow. An outdoor worship service and picnic will be held on August 8 at 9:45.

You can see that we do not slow down over the summer. Our Lord is still to be worshipped and praised, and God's people still need the nourishment of the Word and Sacrament, so please join us—and bring your friends and neighbors, too!

—Pastor Rick

The Outlook

The Outlook section includes upcoming events at St. Martin's listed in chronological order with the most immediate events listed first.

Please take a minute to check the kiosk in the narthex and sign-up on the sheet for baking **Communion Bread** for the next few months. The recipe is there for anyone who needs it. Call Jeannie Hering-Schumann at 767-2789 if you have questions.

Women's Bible Study, led by Mary Kay Knipfer and **Men's Bible Study**, led by Tim Knipfer are held each Tuesday. See the calendar on page 6.

SHARE orders are due May 4 or May 9 if ordering on line. SHARE is celebrating its 25th year so look for many specials this year. Again, a portion of SHARE funds families in need. Check the narthex for the SHARE display and newsletters, online at sharewi.org, or call Donna Blumer at 798-0114.

The **Youth Lifeline group** will be taking orders for Butterbraids on May 5-20. More info is on page 3.

Bob Shields *continued*

am. and a continental breakfast was waiting for him and other veterans. Their chartered plane left for Washington, DC at 6:30 am. and they arrived in Washington at 9:30. They boarded buses and were taken first to the Arlington National Cemetery where they saw the Honor Guards which have been stationed at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier for every minute since 1937. He said it is a very impressive place and the guards paced (they call it "walking the mat") for the entire time stationed there. They all saw the changing of the guards there and Bob said it was a very moving event.

Next they were taken to the World War II Memorial where they spent about one and a half hour. It was a large and very impressive me-



memorial. After that, they visited the Korean and Vietnam War Memorials and spent about 45 minutes at each. He was also very impressed by the Korean War Memorial, "You could even see the look of fear on their faces," Bob said.

Their hosts gave them boxed lunches and dinners to eat on the bus as they barely had enough time to get everything in.



They were back on the plane at 6:30 pm. and in Madison at 9:30 pm. "It was so impressive when we came in to Madison," he said. "There were 1,500 people, a band, and an Honor Guard there to greet us in Madison," he said. It was like a hero's welcome, "a very emotional experience." A general was there to thank us and gave us an envelope of items including mementos, brochures, and, what, impressed Bob the most was, about 20 handmade cards of thanks written by local school kids. He was especially touched by one long letter written by a sophomore girl from Sun Prairie and he plans to write her back.

All in all, it was a wonderful and moving event and a tremendous, thoughtful gift to these remaining men and women who fought in this huge war on our behalf.

—Sally Averkamp

JAM geocaching

We began our treasure hunt with two GPS devices and logged onto www.geocache.com to find the coordinates of the 'treasures' in our area. We divided our kids into two groups and one group waited for the other to finish.



The JAMMER's typed the coordinates into the GPS and started out from the church heading for Westview Park, our starting point. On the way, the kids were given an egg carton with 11 different colors and one free spot painted in each section. They were told to try and find at least one thing of all the different colors and put them in the correct section. When we arrived at the park we divided into two groups and headed out. The geocache was way on top of the hill behind the Old Lutheran Church graveyard.

After finding it, we all recorded our initials and the date, then replaced it for someone else to find.

In addition to looking for the geocache, we observed nature and picked up garbage along the way.

—Virginia Diebold, JAM Director



Crossways MAY Calendar

❖ Sunday, May 2

8:00 a. *Worship* S
 9:15 a. *Sunday School K-5* FH
 10:30 a. *Worship* S
 10:45 a. *Sunday School Pre K*
 11:30 a. *Potluck* FH
 5:00 p. *The Project Practice*
 6:00 p. *Financial Peace University* L

❖ Monday, May 3

5:45 p. *Girl Scouts 188* FH
 7:00 p. *Soul Purpose* CR

❖ Tuesday, May 4

6:30 a. *Men's Bible Study* L
 6:30 p. *Women's Bible Study* OS
 7:00 p. *Boy Scouts* FH

❖ Wednesday, May 5

6:00 p. *Tiger Troop 87*
 7:30 p. *Adult Choir Practice* CR

❖ Thursday, May 6

9:30 a. *Pal Zone* N
 10:00 a. *Women's AA*
 5:00 p. *TOPS*
 6:45 p. *Youth Group Lifeline* YR

❖ Friday, May 7

Crossways Deadline for May 15 issue

❖ Sunday, May 9

8:00 a. *Worship* S
 9:15 a. *Sunday School K-5* FH
 10:30 a. *Worship* S
 12:00 p. *Craft Class*
 4:00 p. *Jonathan Overby Concert* S
 5:30 p. *Spaghetti Dinner* FH
 6:00 p. *Financial Peace University* L

❖ Monday, May 10

9:30 a. *Quilting Group* FH
 6:00 p. *Town of Barry Meeting* L
 6:30 p. *Girl Scouts 188* FH
 7:00 p. *Soul Purpose* CR

❖ Tuesday, May 11

6:30 a. *Men's Bible Study* L
 6:30 p. *Women's Bible Study* OS
 7:00 p. *Boy Scouts* FH
 7:00 p. *Centering Prayer*

❖ Wednesday, May 12

6:00 p. *Tiger Troop 87*
 7:30 p. *Adult Choir Practice* CR

❖ Thursday, May 13

9:30 a. *Pal Zone* N
 10:00 a. *Women's AA*
 5:00 p. *TOPS*
 6:45 p. *Youth Group Lifeline* YR
 7:00 p. *Church Council* L
 7:00 p. *Finance Committee*

S—sanctuary; L—library;
 MR—Music Room; FH—Fellowship Hall;
 CR—Choir Room; OS—off site;
 GLC—Gunderson Life Center

May Worship Volunteers

Lectors

5-2 8:00 Elaine Smiley 10:30 Maureen Berghoefer
 5-9 8:00 Deb Wipperfurth 10:30 Cathy Kittle

Communion Assistants – 10:30 am.

5-2 Nancy McCauley, Donna Blumer
 5-9 Mary Kay Knipfer, Patty Harper

Accompanists

5-2 Jan Doyle
 5-9 Mary Vassalotti

Song Leaders

5-2 8:00 Deb Lohr-Foster 10:30 Paula Elver
 5-9 8:00 open 10:30 Karen Windels

Acolytes

5-2 8:00 as needed 10:30 as needed
 5-9 8:00 as needed 10:30 as needed

Counters

5-2 Hillebrand Team 5
 5-9 Hillebrand Team 4

Altar Guild

5-2 8:00 Patty Hillebrand 10:30 Ann Houck
 5-9 8:00 Jan Doyle 10:30 Darlene Schulenberg

Ushers

5-2 8:00 Bill Wendorff 10:30 Donna Blumer
 5-9 8:00 Bill Wendorff 10:30 Donna Blumer

Junior Ushers (10:30 a.m.)

5-2 as needed
 5-9 as needed

Nursery (10:30)

5-2 as needed
 5-9 as needed

AV

5-2 8:00 James Hartung 10:30 Randy Hunt
 5-9 8:00 Bill Wendorff 10:30 Jeff Postle



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