



MOM Food Drive

❖ 612.5 lbs. of food donated for the food drive April 10 - thanks to all.



SHARE orders due

❖ In office, May 6; online, May 8



Red Geraniums

❖ A Red Geranium garden is planned for June 12, Pentecost Sunday

CROSSWAYS

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There will be a special treat at worship on Mother's Day, May 8. Pianist, Jackie Bradley, will debut her new CD, *Disciplined Indulgence, Purely Piano*, and also play a few songs during the Prelude for each service.

In between services, she will play some songs from the CD. *Disciplined Indulgence* is autobiographical, featuring 16 beautifully haunting, timeless songs spanning four generations and written by some of our most iconic and enduring composers. Jackie's website is <http://www.jackiesmusic.net/>.

The CD will be sold in the narthex for \$15 with half the proceeds going to the Youth Mission Trip to Flathead, MT.

—Sally Averkamp



New Members are introduced at St. Martin

On Easter Sunday, April 24, at 10:30 am. Pastor Rick welcomed nineteen New Members into St. Martin Lutheran: Bill & Laurie Veenendaal, Paul, Kaeli, Ethan, & Elijah Schluter, Dave, Michelle, Ashlynn,

Madeleine, & Elaina Phaneuf, Laura Doty, Brenda Doty, Arlene Schmidt, Penny Eveland, and Corey, Tamara, Olivia, and Tyler Sutor.

Welcome to St. Martin Lutheran!

Plant Sale next Saturday

St. Martin's first plant sale is from 8 am. to 1 pm, on Saturday, May 7, (during Trout Days) on church property on Church St., near the sign. We will sell donated plants, drink coffee, eat homemade goodies, and have a good time. Volunteers are needed who can take money, answer questions, drink coffee, and generally enjoy themselves on a beautiful spring day.



Confirmation to be held this Sunday



This Sunday, May 1, at 10:30 am. St. Martin Lutheran will hold its Confirmation of 13 students: Max Boehnen, Clayton Brown, Kaitlin Conroy, Samantha Flogel, Kyle Gregory, Matthew Harper, Ben Kalvin, Derek Kalvin, Lauren Kalvin, Haley Joyce, Connor Mickelson, Liam Turley, and Travis Zander. (Pictured are part of the

2010 Confirmation group.)

Cookies to college

On Thursday night, April 28, eight Senior High Youth and one Confirmation student helped make about 20 dozen chocolate chip cookies for kids at ten different colleges across the U.S. (Colorado, Illinois and Alabama) as well as to colleges across Wisconsin (La Crosse, Oshkosh, Whitewater, Eau Claire and Stevens Point). Most of these kids had been active in youth group at one time or another and we wanted them to know we were thinking of them and proud of their accomplishments at college.

—Beth Dodsworth



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From the Pastor

Every Child is OUR Child

I love my parents and am thankful for the home and time God blessed me with growing up. However, our family was not much for church-going after my two siblings and I were baptized as small children at our neighborhood Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, congregation in Tacoma. As parent myself, I do not commend this to you. There are better ways to grow as a Christian.

At St. Martin's, we are committed to a rather traditional notion of raising families in Christ. In the 1520's, Martin Luther led the effort to return faith formation to parents and the home, rather than the institution of the Church. Luther believed—and so do we—that parents, grandparents, and other significant adults are the most important people to instill Christian values. Those adult church members who do not have children in the home, also have an important role in shaping these young people. The Church's commitment is to equip and support you in your family

ministry.

At St. Martin's we take this responsibility very seriously—and joyfully. We support a highly-devoted Youth Director, Tim Knipfer. Along with Tim and a number of church leaders, we offer Sunday morning education, Confirmation, and Youth Group. We are mindful of how important it is to have service and fellowship events in which the whole family, and multi-generations, can

participate. Last week, I was reminded again how important it is that we not schedule too many ministry events that pull families away from each other. One of this year's Confirmation students, whose family is very active at St. Martin's, told me that they try to participate in church activities "where our whole family can be together." They do mission projects, youth trips, etc. as a family, because time together is so precious.

Beginning in May, we will add a part-time Interim "Family Ministries Coordinator", Michelle Phaneuf, to our staff. Those who remember Julie Schultz in this role know how blessed we were to have a staff person to organize our Sunday morning education, Rally Sunday, the St. Martin Roundup event, First Communion class and, next fall, to be our primary contact with the School District's 4th Grade Kindergarten (4K) at St. Martin. I hope you will meet Michelle and family soon. Husband Dave, and their three beautiful girls, Ashlynn, Madeleine and Elaina are generally seen at 8:30 worship and also at most church events. Please go out of your way to thank Michelle and meet the Phaneufs.

And please continue to share your own family with us in God's wonderful ministry here at St. Martin's. God bless you all.

—Pastor Rick



The Outlook

Mary Martha Circle meets at 11 am. on the fourth Monday (May 23) for a short Bible Study and brown bag lunch. All women are invited to come.

Wednesday, June 1: **Dinner at Fitzgeralds** and a concert of the **Middleton Community Orchestra**.

Tuesday, June 28, at 4:30—8 pm. St. Martin's third annual **Garden Walk**. Gardens are needed so if you might

be interested in offering your garden, call contact Jan Doyle at 798-4524 or doylejce@yahoo.com.

On Tuesday, July 19, there will be a **Dinner Cruise** on Lake Mendota in Madison.

Friday in August: **Richland Center trip** to a Winery and tour of a large dairy farm with lunch.

A Friday in Sept., a **Waushara area trip** is planned including lunch

From the Treasurer



For multiple valid reasons, Finance is delaying their periodic outlook until next month. For instance, Easter activities sometimes fall in the first quarter [last year], and sometimes the second quarter [this year], so it is more useful to look at performance after four months, to eliminate that variable. Also, it is not very meaningful to extrapolate only three months of data and project results. Please look for a more comprehensive picture from that team in May.

But in the interim, here is a bit of data, and this relates to the General Fund, which forms the basis for all or our planned commitments, setting aside any financial activity from self-supporting ministries. The General Fund budget is about \$280,000, out of a total budget of \$330,000.

In the first quarter we took in General Fund revenue of \$76,170. This is 27% of the annual budget, and therefore tends to give us some comfort that we are doing O.K. It is most meaningful, however, to compare this with the percentage of revenue that we normally receive in the first quarter, and the same reasoning goes for expenses. As it turns out, the first quarter is the 'most normal', and historically we have received 25.3% of our annual revenue in that period. So, again, 27% isn't bad. Let's thank ourselves, and those generous folks sitting next to us!

So how are expenses doing? Well, in the simplistic sense it looks pretty good. However, once again a three month period is a pretty short window. Expenses are logged when paid, which tends to lag when they are incurred. This has the most notable effect early in the year, so after three months, we may have recorded only 10+/- weeks of expenses. Also, mid winter [yeah, I know, that may last for five months this year] is traditionally a time for modest expenses—once again with the variability of Easter. Finally, we have not yet begun to incur any expenses for the revised Jr. Youth program. Given all that background, our expenses of \$61,266 for the first quarter do seem to indicate a degree of thrift, and certainly no cause for alarm due to overspending.

Going forward, the key to our financial stability this year is revenue. In response to direction from the congregation, we are moving forward with commitments to maintain and extend various ministries, and we need contributions considerably in excess of what have been indicated through our pledging results in order to fund these activities. It appears we have a good start. Let's not falter in our mission.

For St. Martin's and our vision,
—Rick Weiland, Treasurer

The river is rising . . .



April showers bring May flowers . . . they also bring swollen lakes, rivers, streams and the threat of flooding. St. Martin's has joined other congregations in our area as a partner of Lutherans United Assisting After Disasters (LUAD) and is on alert to potential flooding which may threaten our neighbors this season. Let's be prepared to roll up our sleeves and go to work should need be. LUAD's mission is to provide immediate assistance to help survivors return to independent living following a disaster such as flooding.

There could be need for many volunteers of varying abilities and interests. Can you sandbag, clear debris, provide

or distribute food and water for workers? Can you offer short term lodging, care for a pet that has lost its home, provide refrigeration and/or storage for food, clothing and household items? Can you give comfort to victims and assist with transportation to grocery stores, doctor appointments, child care? Can you pray with victims, read scripture and listen compassionately? Please examine your heart and determine how you might serve should the need arise.

Sign up on the Missions Bulletin Board, you will be contacted to determine your interests and availability. For additional information please call me at 798-4820.

Missions Coordinator,
Maureen Berghoefer

MOM events

Construction Event (a community competition to end hunger): May 13 at KEVA Sports Center—5-8 p.m. Suggested admission: a can of food. Construction Madison is a competition of 20 teams to build fantastic, giant sized structures, made entirely out of canned and packaged food. After the structures are built and the winners declared, all food used in the structures will be donated to the MOM Food Pantry.



Besides viewing and voting for favorite sculptures, there will be food concessions, music, children's activities, and a visit by 1999 Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne. Go to www.constructionmadison.org for information.

Spring Chores for Seniors: MOM is looking for groups or individuals who are interested in helping Seniors with chores that are difficult to accomplish on their own (outdoor chores such as washing windows, vacuuming, moving furniture, replacing batteries in fire alarms, changing light bulbs, raking, cleaning gutters, weeding, planting, etc.). If you would like to volunteer or know of a senior who could use help, call Maureen Berghoefer at 826-3410.

MOM is looking for two volunteers to co-chair the ChristmasFest Dinner held at St. Bernard's in Middleton on Christmas Day. The co-chairs would coordinate activities with regard to 1) recruiting and placing volunteers to support event, and 2) soliciting food donations from churches for event. Time commitment runs October through December with 1-2 hours per week in Oct., 2-4 hours per week in Nov. and 4-6 hours per week in Dec. Must be comfortable with Excel spreadsheets and managing communication via e-mail along with attention to detail.

If interested, contact Val Hartjes at 826-3409.

—Judy Valaskey

Crossways May 1-15 Calendar

<p>❖ Sunday, May 1—Palm Sunday 8:30 a. <i>Worship w/ Communion</i> S 9:00 a. <i>Confirmation photos</i> 9:15 a. <i>Sunday School</i> B 10:30 a. <i>Worship w/ Communion</i> S 5:00 p. <i>The Project Practice</i> S</p> <p>❖ Monday, May 2 7:00 p. <i>Soul Purpose</i> S</p> <p>❖ Tuesday, May 3 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, May 4 9:30 a. <i>Staff Meeting</i> L 6:00 p. <i>Tiger Scout Pack 87</i> FH 6:30 p. <i>Confirmation Power Night</i> L 7:45 p. <i>Senior Choir Practice</i> MR</p> <p>❖ Thursday, May 5 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>❖ Saturday, May 7 8-1:00 p. <i>Trout Days Plant Sale parking lot</i></p> <p>❖ Sunday, May 8 (Mother's Day) 8:30 a. <i>Worship w/ Communion</i> S 9:15 a. <i>Sunday School</i> B 9:30 a. <i>Jackie Bradley on piano</i> 10:30 a. <i>Worship w/o Communion</i> S <i>Baptism: Krause</i> 5:00 p. <i>The Project Practice</i> S</p> <p>❖ Monday, May 9 6:00 p. <i>Town of Berry</i> L 7:00 p. <i>Soul Purpose</i> S <i>Deadline for May 15 Crossways</i></p> <p>❖ Tuesday, May 10 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 7:00 p. <i>Centering Prayer</i> S</p>	<p>❖ Wednesday, May 11 9:30 a. <i>Staff Meeting</i> L 6:00 p. <i>Tiger Scout Pack 87</i> 6:15 p. <i>Confirmation: Festge Park Fun</i> 7:45 p. <i>Choir Practice</i> MR</p> <p>❖ Thursday, May 12 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>❖ Sunday, May 15 8:30 a. <i>Worship w/ Communion</i> S 9:15 a. <i>Sunday School</i> B 10:30 a. <i>Worship w/ Communion</i> S 5:00 p. <i>The Project Practice</i> 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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May 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>
5/1	8:30 Ron/Deb Goplin	Ron/Deb Goplin	Jan Doyle	n/a	Patty Hillebrand	Wendorff Team	Travis Zander	Rachel Zander	n/a	Windels/Hartung	Ron/Deb Goplin
5/1	10:30 M. Berghoeffter	M. Berghoeffter	Soul Purpose	Team 5	n/a	Postle Team	Liam Turley	Brynn Turley	Ryan Flogel	Patty Neumueller	
5/8	8:30 Deb Wipperfurth	Deb Wipperfurth	Mary Vassalotti	n/a	Ann Houck	Wendorff Team	Matthew Harper	Lief Mann	n/a	Bill Wendorff	Karen Trappe
5/8	10:30 Ron Siggelkow	n/a	Mary Vassalotti	Team 4	open	Postle Team	Ben Calvin	Lizanne Dodsworth	Lauren Calvin	Hormig/Postle	



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