



Pr. Everson here

❖ Pr. Curt Everson will preach at St. Martin's on May 16



Confirmation camp

❖ Deadline on May 21; see page 3 for details



Baking bread

❖ Check the kiosk to sign up for making Communion Bread

CROSSWAYS

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Mother's Day concert & dinner a hit

At 4:00 pm. on Mother's Day, May 9, St. Martin's sponsored a Concert with Jonathan Overby and the Lighthouse Singers. A Spaghetti Dinner was held afterward, served by the men of St. Martin's. About 80 people attended including friends and family of the choir.

It was a wonderful concert full of the excellent showmanship that Jonathan Overby is known for, along with fine singing and piano fare.

Afterward we followed our noses downstairs to find the Fellowship Hall transformed into a dark and moody Italian bistro through the amazing talents of Virginia Diebold. It was astonishing to see how different that room had become.

We sat down to a wonderful Spaghetti Dinner. Then men came from the kitchen with food, sometimes followed by their sons, and served it at our tables. It was a role that



Jonathan Overby in action



Bistro Saint Martin's

they obviously enjoyed and did with humor and flair. The ladies enjoyed the role reversal hugely and many seemed quite amazed. Bill Diebold and Bill Wendorff toiled long hours over the stove to make it happen.

Pastor Rick leafleted the neighborhood

prior to the evening and reflected that this event has many benefits aside from the fun we had and the money raised. It also sends a message to the community that St. Martin's is not a private club but God's house and all are welcomed.

The dinner netted about \$200 for St.

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Sunday School ends on May 23

THANK YOU to the Sunday School and Confirmation teachers for their dedication in teaching this past year and for helping our kids come to know and love Jesus. We look forward to a celebration on Sunday, May 23, when we all come together for our last day of Sunday school. Teachers are asked to arrive



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JAM spring activities and update



National Apple Pie day was May 13 so we made Apple pies that day. The Kids at JAM used my great grandmother's apple peeler (see photo) with a date of May 24, 1800 stamped on it. It peels the apples then pops them off. The kids had a great time peeling the apples. On Thursday we devoured the pies.

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Sunday School

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at around 8:45 am. to be included in our recognition at that time.

The Sunday School kids will present the memory work they have learned this year and we will enjoy a light breakfast together! We will recognize each teacher and the grade they teach.

“Thank you” also to the Confirmation kids and their parents who staffed the Nursery each Sunday.

Schedule:

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

May 23 – Whole group activities to celebrate the end of the 2009-10 Sunday School year!

—Julie Schultz, Family Ministries Coordinator



From the Pastor

Announcing staff changes

The ministry of St. Martin’s Lutheran Church is the responsibility of all of our members. To enable you to do your ministry most effectively, the church hires some paid staff members and calls a Pastor to lead you in your ministries. As your Pastor, my responsibility is to minimize paid staff and maximize lay ministers!

In the last issue of Crossways I left readers hanging by mentioning that we were making some changes in our paid ministry team. For many months I have worked with the Personnel and Finance Teams, and the Church Council, to staff St. Martin’s efficiently and within our budget. Our goal is to care for our members, empower you in your ministry, and grow our congregation to serve Jesus Christ. I am excited to announce that we are ready to move forward. The basics are as follows:

• Youth and Family Ministry:

St. Martin’s volunteer Sunday School Director, Julie Schultz, will become a paid, part-time staff in a newly-created position called Family Ministries Coordinator. Julie’s primary responsibility will be Christian Education ministry on Sunday. She will also serve as Executive Director of our after-school JAM program. Virginia Diebold will continue her excellent work as Lead Teacher in the program. Julie will work with

our Senior High Youth Director, Tim Knipfer, to enrich and grow our ministry with youth and their families.

• Bookkeeping and Accounting:

The position of Bookkeeper/Accounting has been eliminated. We have contracted with Execu-Sec, run by Lois Weiland, to administer our finances and handle the bookkeeping needs of the Church. Lois has managed the business affairs of a number of not-for-profit businesses for many years. She is a long-time St. Martin’s member and is dedicated to the mission of our congregation. Payroll needs of our church will be contracted with The Payroll Company in Middleton. Our research concluded this is a safe, reliable, cost-efficient way to handle our payroll.

We are grateful to Donna Blumer for her service as our bookkeeper these past two years. It is never an easy thing to eliminate a person’s job, but the Church Council is tasked with making good stewardship decisions for St. Martin’s and they feel these changes are in the very best interests of our congregation and the mission God has given to us.

As your pastor, I ask for your prayers and help in growing our church and fulfilling our mission. Thank you for your support.

In Christ Jesus,

—Pastor Rick



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Youth update

The Youth will be taking orders for Butterbraids this Sunday, May 16, and will have samples available after the 10:30 service. Otherwise, email me at timmyk65@yahoo.com to order. The butterbraid orders will be delivered to the church on Thursday, June 3.

There will also be a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, June 5, at Applebees in Middleton. Please join us.

St. Martin’s Youth Group, Lifeline, meets from 6:45—8:30 pm., Thursdays. There are usually from 15-22 high school kids attending. We start with dinner then look at Bible verses and consider how they pertain to our lives or what they mean to us. The band, The Project, plays songs and we talk. Of-



Guest soloist, Brooke Obregon, with Nick Dodsworth & Jake Knipfer

ten we get silly. Silly is good and often a relief from the seriousness of life. I like to remember how flawed we all are and how we are always changing and considering choices. We must ask ourselves, “Where we are loved?” This is often critical.

Coming up fast is the Youth Summer Mission Trip to Hancock County, MS, on June 19—27. Twenty-three youth will be attending of which 19 went last year. We will work on hurricane relief projects.

—Tim Knipfer, Youth Ministry Director

The Outlook

THRIVENT members: Please check the magazine that you received recently and vote for your favorite charity. Thrivent will distribute one million dollars to the charities listed depending on how many members voted for each charity. If 350,000 members or more vote they will add another million to distribute. Please vote and send in the pre-paid postcard or vote online at www.thrivent.com. Also read the information on THRIVENT CHOICE beginning shortly. The deadline is Wednesday, May 19.

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.

Pastor Rick will be on vacation from May 15—22.

Pastor Curt Everson (originally of Black Earth) will preach at St Martin's as Pr. Rick's replacement on May 16, June 27 and August 15.

Friday, May 21, is the final deadline for **Summer Confirmation Camp** for 5th-8th graders at Bethel Horizons. The camp dates are June 20-23. The total cost is \$240.50 per student. A \$50 deposit is required. Need-based scholarships are available. Contact Pastor Rick ASAP.

Confirmation at St. Martin's for 2010 will

Mother's Day *continued*

Martin's JAM ministry. A second big outside concert dubbed, Jam for JAM, is planned for Tuesday, June 8, featuring Jonathan Overby and the Highway to Heaven Brass Band. This

concert and cook-out will be held at 10:30 am. on May 23.

The Women's Circle will meet at 1:30 pm. on Thursday, May 27.

Beginning Memorial Day weekend, May 30 through Labor Day, St. Martin's will move to a **NEW summer worship schedule** with two worship services, 8:15 am. and 9:45 am. The early service will be a traditional Morning Prayer Service of about 45-50 minutes. The 9:45 service will be led by an assortment of St. Martin's musicians and will be 'contemporary' in nature. Please sign up in the narthex to bring a treat to be enjoyed between services this summer.

St. Martin's will hold a **Baccalaureate service** at 9:45 am. on June 6 for our 2010 graduates.

Gardens needed for 2nd Annual St. Martin's Garden Tour—on Tuesday, June 29. All types of gardens are welcome: mix of flower, vegetable, water, perennial and shade gardens would be ideal. If you are interested, or know of someone who has a nice garden, please contact Gail Johnson at 798-4186.

At 8:15 am. on **Sunday, July 4, St. Martin's Lutheran** will hold the early service at the old church. Stay tuned for details.

concert and cook-out will be held under tents with the loud swing, gospel melodies echoing throughout Cross Plains. Bring a blanket and invite your neighbors, as we sit on the grass, eating, and enjoying the concert. The net proceeds of a free-will offering will benefit JAM.

—Sally Averkamp

JAM *(continued)*



A Cross Plains Police officer will be joining us on May 18, early release day, to talk to JAMMER's about bike safety. Children will have their bikes that day along with their helmets. The presentation will be on safety, wearing helmets, knee pads, and other safety considerations.

We have a new JAMMER to add to our JAM family. Zach Hooper has joined and will be a full-timer. He is a first grader at Park Elementary. Yeah, Zach!!! Welcome to our family! His mother reports that he is making the transition to JAM well.

The Trout Day garage sale netted JAM a little over \$200! I would like to thank Billi Waugh and Donna Blumer for helping at the sale, and Sue Nelson and Jessica Barrett and her girls for their donations.

Our school year ends on June 11.

—Virginia Diebold, JAM Ministry



Van serves the ladies



James treats his family

Crossways MAY Calendar

❖ Sunday, May 16

8:00 a. *Worship* S
 9:15 a. *Sunday School K-5* B
 10:30 a. *Worship* S
 10:45 a. *Sunday School Pre K* B
 5:00 p. *The Project Practice* L
 6:00 p. *FPU: Buyer Beware* L

❖ Monday, May 17

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

❖ Tuesday, May 18

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

❖ Wednesday, May 19

6:00 p. *Tiger Troop 87*

❖ Thursday, May 20

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 21

Crossways Deadline for June 1 issue

❖ Saturday, May 22

4:30 p. *Confirmation Practice* S

❖ Sunday, May 23

8:00 a. *Worship* S
 9:15 a. *Sunday School K-5*
 9:15 a. *Teacher Appreciation* FH
 10:30 a. *Worship* S
 11:30 p. *Reception for Confirmands* N
 6:00 p. *FPU: Clause & Effect* L

❖ Monday, May 24

6:30 p. *Girl Scouts 188* FH
 7:00 p. *Soul Purpose* CR

❖ Tuesday, May 25

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

❖ Wednesday, May 26

6:00 p. *Tiger Troop 87*

❖ Thursday, May 27

9:30 a. *Pal Zone* N
 10:00 a. *Women's AA*
 1:30 p. *Women's Circle* L
 5:00 p. *TOPS*
 6:00 p. *Personnel Team* L
 6:45 p. *Youth Group Lifeline* YR

❖ Sunday, May 30

New summer worship times begin:
 8:15 a. *Worship* S
 9:45 a. *Worship* S

❖ Monday, May 31

Church closed for Memorial Day

S—sanctuary; L—library; B—Building;
 MR—Music Room; FH—Fellowship Hall;
 CR—Choir Room; OS—off site;
 GLC—Gunderson Life Center;
 FPU—Financial Peace University

May Worship Volunteers

Lectors

5-16 8:00 Tom Smiley/Jordan Foster
 10:30 Kay & Kendra Kalvin
 5-23 8:00 Doris Fish 10:30 Cheryl & Blake Hartung
 5-30 8:00 Youth 10:30 Youth

Communion Assistants – 10:30 am.

5-16 Schultz/Windels Team
 5-23 Tamra Harder
 5-30 Youth

Accompanists

5-16 Jan Doyle
 5-23 Mary Vassalotti
 5-30 Jan Doyle

Song Leaders

5-16 8:00 Deb Lohr-Foster 10:30 Paula Elver
 5-23 8:00 open 10:30 Karen Windels
 5-30 8:15 Youth 9:45 Mary Kay Knipfer

Acolytes

5-16 8:00 open 10:30 Samantha Fogel
 5-23 8:00 open 10:30 open
 5-30 8:15 open 9:45 open

Counters

5-16 Calvin Team 3
 5-23 Schunk Team 2
 5-30 Niesen Team 1

Altar Guild

5-16 8:00 Debbie Wipperfurth 10:30 Julie Schultz
 4-25 8:00 Deb Goplin 10:30 Deb Goplin
 5-30 8:15 open 9:45 open

Ushers

5-16 8:00 Wendorff & Brunner Team 10:30 Blumer Team
 5-23 8:00 Niebuhr Team 10:30 Blumer Team
 5-30 8:15 Siebel Team 9:45 Blumer Team

Junior Ushers (10:30 a.m.)

5-16 Ally Faber
 5-23 open
 5-30 open

Nursery (10:30)

5-16 Sarah Faber
 5-23 Kaitlin Conroy

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5-16 8:00 James Hartung 10:30 Bill Wendorff
 5-23 8:00 Phil Fish 10:30 Randy Hunt
 5-30 8:15 Patty Neumueller 9:45 Randy Hunt



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