



### Bike to Church

❖ On Sunday, Sept. 18, prizes will be given for youngest rider and other categories



### Flowers

❖ Sign up for altar flowers in the narthex



### SHARE orders

❖ are due Sept. 6 and Sept. 11 online

# CROSSWAYS

newsletter  
st martin's lutheran church, cross plains, wi



## Position opening

St. Martin's long time and excellent Custodian, Jim Doyle, is retiring. We will all miss him. As a result, we have an opening for Church Custodian. This position reports to the Pastor directly and indirectly to the Church Council and is a ¾ time position, approximately 30 hours a week.



Jim Doyle

The responsibilities are: provide custodial, general maintenance and minor repair services for the church buildings and grounds, inside and out. Inside duties include vacuuming, dusting, cleaning bathrooms, trash removal and washing inside windows. Outside duties include lawn care and mowing, raking, and tree and shrub care. Oversee hired services, such as snow plowing and repair services, and volunteers that perform tasks such as planting and maintenance of gardens, fall clean up, outside window washing, painting, and small construction projects. Prepare and oversee an annual budget

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## Seeing God in the mountains

The Senior High Youth Group is back from our mission trip to Flathead Bible Camp in Montana. We travelled via Amtrak: 30 hours one way. Our accommodations included a dining car, observation car, and a place to play cards. Sleeping was a bit rough as we rode coach but all-in-all the train ride was a great experience.

Once at camp, we stayed in big tents with a wood floor and mats for sleeping. The setting of the main camp lodge was just beautiful: in the forest next to Flathead Lake with a beach and dock and mountains surrounding the lake. It was right out of a post card, even to the eagle

flying overhead each morning. Stunning! On our first day at Flathead Bible Camp, we helped the camp build a low ropes course and make wood chip trails around the course. The next day we helped Flathead Industries which houses and finds work for adults with disabilities. There we scraped and painted an entire house, built three retaining walls and spent time with the residents during lunch. This was a very special time for our kids. They learned that a disability is not something to fear. It was so cool watching our youth interact with the residents. The next day we helped

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### Choir schedule begins

Calling All Singers—Senior Choir— Please join us on Sept. 7 at 7:30 pm. to prepare a piece of choir music to share at the 9/11 Sunday services. Fall Senior Choir Practice begins Sept. 21, 7:30 pm. in the rehearsal room. Please come and check it out the fun of praising God through music. If you have questions, contact Mary Vassalotti at mvass@charter.net or 279-0703.



### Fall Kick-off, Sept. 11



Join us on Sunday, Sept. 11, as we launch the fall season of our ministry. Between services there will be a Pie Auction, games, and refreshments. Please bring pies for the Pie Auction. Proceeds will go to the Prayer Garden.

## Custodial position

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for building operation and general maintenance. Investigate and identify problems arising in major systems, such as heating, air conditioning, plumbing, and electrical. Make recommendations to the Church Council concerning needs for major repairs.

Other responsibilities are on the website at [www.stmartinscp.org](http://www.stmartinscp.org)

Qualifications include a high school diploma, five years custodial experience or equivalent, good organizational and planning skills, ability to delegate to other staff and volunteers, knowledge of basic HVAC and mechanical functions of a large, non-residential building, ability to negotiate knowledgeably with contractors and vendors for facility needs, ability to lift 40 pounds and to have complete mobility in building and grounds activities

If you are interested in this position, please mail resume in confidence to St. Martin's Lutheran Church.

—Patty Neumueller,  
Personnel Committee



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## From the Pastor

# Our hope for GIFT

Autumn is a beautiful time of year, don't you agree? The intense heat and humidity of summer yield to moderate and pleasant temperatures. Children brim with nervous excitement as they look to a new school year. Fall is a season of endings and beginnings for all of us.

So, too, for the Church. This edition of *Crossways* testifies to that. A number of ministries, new and ongoing, start up in September. New to St. Martin's this year is the GIFT ministry on Sunday mornings. *Generations In Faith Together* is a traditional approach to Christian faith formation dating back to Martin Luther and the 16th Century Reformation. *The emphasis is on equipping parents and other significant adults to raise families in the faith.* The Church's role is to partner with parents and other adults in the effort, not simply to turn over our children to the Pastor and Church to do the job.

GIFT replaces the Sunday School model that was started in England in the 1780's as a way to rescue poor children from life in the squalid slums of Gloucester. Many children were working long hours in factories and Sunday was the only day they could get a decent education, learn about Jesus Christ, and have a respite from the degrada-

tion and deprivation of 18th Century English life. Literacy was low, and alcohol use high in many families in England. Sunday School provided welcomed hospitality and hope. By 1831, Sunday schools in Great Britain were attended weekly by 1,250,000 children, approximately 25 % of the population. They provided basic literacy education alongside religious instruction. The Sunday School Movement spread rapidly throughout the United States in the 1800's and is still widely in place in our churches today.

GIFT aims to bring parents and other caring adults directly into the process. My expectation and hope is to involve at least **70% of DADS** in the faith formation of their children. Biblically, fathers are expected to be the spiritual leaders of faith in their homes. However, all of us have a stake in the Christian formation of our children, and all of us have need ourselves to grow in our Christian faith. We're excited to see where the Holy Spirit leads us in this old/new approach to Christian faith formation.

—Pastor Rick



## The Outlook

**First Lutheran service:** First Lutheran Church (the old white church on Old Sauk Rd. and Pleasantview) will hold their annual service at 2:00 pm. on Sunday, Sept. 11. Pastor David Brandfass is preaching; Pastor Curt Everson is officiating.

**Confirmation:** The Confirmation Program begins on Wednesday, Sept. 14. Meet at 6:10 at the church and ride share to Indian Lake.

**Stuff the Truck for MOM** from 8 am.—noon on Saturday, Sept. 17. Help stock MOM's Food Pantry. Volunteers are needed—a sign-up sheet will be in the narthex.

**Couples Retreat** has been rescheduled for January.

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United Way set up a new facility in a mall that had been deserted for years. They fixed it up to use for various social services. We also scraped and painted a deck. The last day we helped set up a fair the United Way was hosting by assembling and erecting tents and tables. We spent the rest of the time leading games for kids.

We worked hard but still made time for fun. Their high ropes course was really up there and very scary but all our kids managed it. This was a great group-building effort as we supported and helped each other push ourselves. We also did group games that were a lot of fun. Our white water rafting trip was by far the most fun part of the trip. Every one did such a good job: almost everyone stayed in the raft.

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## Finance update through June close

In January at our annual meeting, the Finance Team offered a fiscally responsible general fund budget of \$258,000. At that time, we discussed items totaling \$34,000 that we removed. The response to fund these items was quick and clear—these items are important to our mission. A motion was made and passed to include the removed items into our budget. Thus our general fund budget now stands at \$292,000.

Through June, our finances were holding up well. Revenue was short by a modest amount, but expenses are running under the planned level as well, thus the net effect is to balance out. This is encouraging considering that our general fund budget was extended by \$34,000 at the annual meeting, which stretched our expenditures well beyond what our revenue analysis indicated we could expect in receipts. As of mid-year, we are financially sound and we have not had

to borrow by tapping into our Line of Credit. However, we are facing the annual 'summer slowdown' in receipts, and that may 'put us in the red' by the end of summer. Hopefully, increased church activity in fall will provide a corresponding boost in giving and there will not be a need to borrow funds through the Line of Credit.

On the expense side, we are running under budget in nearly all categories, with the largest area being our family/youth ministry position. As this position didn't start in earnest until later in the year and incurred almost no cost in the first six months, we are running under budget in this category.

At this time, we see no compelling need to make any program or ministry cuts based on fiscal reasons. While we are functioning financially well now, we are not certain we won't have to tap into our Line of Credit somewhat by the end of the year.

—St. Martin's Finance Team

## 4K—it's on the way!

As the beginning of the school year approaches, so too does the reality that the Dane County YMCA, in partnership with the Middleton/Cross Plains Schools, will be offering a combination of 4-year-old kindergarten and associated daycare at St. Martin's Church. This is a new program for our school district and the Y is scrambling a bit to provide these services in multiple new locations.

Our Church Council bolstered our support for the idea as it fit well with our focus on community outreach, and that meant supporting community activities, not just inviting folks to our activities.

For many 4K families, it will be their first introduction to our facility. It has been a bumpy process to reach closure on this and there are still issues to settle.

Our congregation is not involved with the 4K program or daycare in any way. Our agreement is merely to

provide space (initially 3 classrooms) during the school week, along with access and modest use of ancillary facilities (bathrooms, halls, kitchen, yard, etc.). This is on a 'shared basis', thus they will not have exclusive use of any specific area, and is subject to being pre-empted for our use, within reason.

We believe this has the opportunity to be a strong win-win for our congregation. We are leveraging our underused facility for community service, introducing new folks to our church community, and—oh, yes—we will be receiving rent for the space.

Michelle Phaneuf, Family Ministries Coordinator, will be our Staff person who relates to 4K personnel on a day-to-day basis and will work to enhance opportunities to serve families in the program. I am in frequent contact with YMCA management, so please direct any questions about building use directly to me.

—Rick Weiland, Treasurer

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Ask Kaitlin Conner and Mike Kalvin how they liked swimming next to the raft.



*Navigating the high ropes*

We played hard but still made time for worship. Every night we worshipped at the outside sanctuary built next to the lake. We had Bible studies while creating skits which were very fun and imaginative. I haven't laughed that hard in a long time.



*Swimming in the lake*

We also saw the Passion Play, the story of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection put on by the camp counselors set in a natural

outside auditorium. To see Jesus crucified on the cross—the actors on a life sized cross 50-100 feet up the mountain—was incredibly beautiful. One person in our group asked crying, "Why did Jesus have to die? It's not fair." The next morning at the resurrection service, we got to see the answer, Jesus victory over death, his sacrifice for our sins. The play gave us new perspective on the story we read in the Bible and are taught each week at church.

As you can see the youth and adults had a wonderful time. They have come back with great ideas for Thursday's youth group. So, if you're not part of the youth group, what are you waiting for, a special invitation? Well here it is. We want you, and more importantly, God wants you. SO PLEASE COME, Thursday's 6:30-8:00 pm.

See you there,  
Tim Knipfer, Youth Ministry Director

# Crossways September 1-30 Calendar

❖ Thursday, September 1	6:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	6:30 p. Town of Berry meeting	FH	6:30 p. Confirmation Meeting	S
	10:00 a. Women's AA		7:00 p. Soul Purpose rehearsal	S	❖ Thursday, September 22	
	6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	❖ Tuesday, September 13		6:30 p. 4K children arrive	FH
	6:30 p. Youth Group Lifeline	S	6:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	9:30 a. Pal Zone	N
	6:30 p. Women's Bible Study	OS	6:30 a. Men's Bible Study	L	10:00 a. Women's AA	
❖ Friday, September 2			6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH
6:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH		6:30 p. TLC Meeting	L	6:30 p. Youth Group Lifeline	S
6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH		7:00 p. Boy Scouts Troop 87	FH	6:30 p. Women's Bible Study	OS
❖ Sunday, September 4			7:00 p. Centering Prayer	S	❖ Sunday, September 25	
8:30 a. Worship w/ Communion	S		❖ Wednesday, September 14		8:30 a. Worship w/ Communion	S
10:00 a. Worship w/ Communion	S		6:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	9:30 a. Generations in Faith Together	S/FH
❖ Monday, September 5			9:30 a. Staff Meeting	L	10:30 a. Worship w/o Communion	S
6:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH		6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	❖ Monday, September 26	
6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH		6:00 p. Tiger Scout Pack 87	FH	6:30 p. 4K children arrive	FH
7:00 p. Soul Purpose rehearsal	S		6:30 p. Confirmation outing	OS	6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH
❖ Tuesday, September 6			❖ Thursday, September 15		7:00 p. Soul Purpose rehearsal	S
6:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH		6:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	<i>Deadline for October 1 Crossways</i>	
6:30 a. Men's Bible Study	L		9:30 a. Pal Zone	N	❖ Tuesday, September 27	
6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH		10:00 a. Women's AA		6:30 p. 4K children arrive	FH
7:00 p. Boy Scouts Troop 87	FH		6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	6:30 a. Men's Bible Study	L
❖ Wednesday, September 7			6:30 p. Youth Group Lifeline	FH/S	6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH
6:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH		6:30 p. Women's Bible Study	OS	7:00 p. Boy Scouts Troop 87	FH
9:30 a. Staff Meeting	L		❖ Friday, September 16		❖ Wednesday, September 28	
5:45 p. Worship Planning Meeting	L		6:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH	6:30 p. 4K children arrive	FH
6:00 p. Tiger Scout Pack 87	FH		6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	9:30 a. Staff Meeting	L
6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH		❖ Sunday, September 18		6:00 p. Tiger Scout Pack 87	FH
❖ Thursday, September 8			8:30 a. Worship w/ Communion	S	6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH
6:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH		9:30 a. Generations in Faith Together	S/FH	6:30 p. Confirmation Meeting	S
9:30 a. Pal Zone	N		10:30 a. Worship w/ Communion	S	❖ Thursday, September 29	
10:00 a. Women's AA			<i>Bike to Church Sunday: GIFT begins</i>			
6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH		❖ Monday, September 19		6:30 p. 4K children arrive	FH
6:30 p. Youth Group Lifeline	FH/S		6:30 p. 4K children arrive	FH	6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH
6:30 p. Women's Bible Study	OS		7:00 p. Soul Purpose	S	7:00 p. Soul Purpose	S
❖ Friday, September 9			❖ Tuesday, September 20		❖ Tuesday, September 20	
6:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH		6:30 p. 4K children arrive	FH	6:30 p. 4K children arrive	FH
6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH		6:30 a. Men's Bible Study	L	6:30 a. Men's Bible Study	L
❖ Sunday, September 11			6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH
8:30 a. Worship w/ Communion	S		7:00 p. Boy Scouts Troop 87	FH	7:00 p. Boy Scouts Troop 87	FH
10:30 a. Worship w/o Communion	S		8:00 p. Church Council	L	8:00 p. Church Council	L
<i>Fall Kickoff with Pie Auction and games</i>						
❖ Monday, September 12			❖ Wednesday, September 21		❖ Wednesday, September 21	
6:30 a. 4K children arrive	FH		6:30 p. 4K children arrive	FH	6:30 p. 4K children arrive	FH
9:30 a. Quilting	FH		9:30 a. Staff Meeting	L	9:30 a. Staff Meeting	L
6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH		6:00 p. Tiger Scout Pack 87	FH	6:00 p. Tiger Scout Pack 87	FH
			6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH	6:00 p. 4K children depart	FH

S—Sanctuary; L—Library; B—Building;  
MR—Music Room; FH—Fellowship Hall;  
CR—Choir Room; OS—Off Site;  
N—Nursery; GLC—Gunderson Life Center

## September 1-30 Worship Volunteers (note Communion 1st & 3rd at 10:30 am.)

	<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>	
9/4	8:30 Deb/Ron Goplin	Deb/Ron Goplin	Jan Doyle	n/a	Patty Hillebrand	Trappe Team	open	open	open	Hartung	Deb/Ron Goplin	
9/4	10:00 Maureen Berghoefer	Maureen Berghoefer	Soul Purpose Team 2	Ann Houck	Schulenberg Team	open	open	open	n/a	Bill Wendorff		
		Nancy McCauley, Patty Harper										
9/11	8:30 Deb Wipperfurth	Deb Wipperfurth	Mary Vassalotti	n/a	Jan Doyle	Trappe Team	open	open	open	Bill Wendorff	Karen Trappe	
9/11	10:30 Cathy Kittle	n/a	Mary Vassalotti	Team 1	n/a	Schulenberg Team	open	open	open	Hormig/Hunt		
9/18	8:30 Tom Smiley	Tom Smiley	Jan Doyle	n/a	Deb Wipperfurth	Trappe Team	open	open	open	Niebuhr/Hartung	Carmen Fowell	
9/18	10:30 Kay Calvin	Kay Calvin,	Jan Doyle	Team 5	Darlene Schulenberg	Schulenberg Team	open	open	n/a	Neumueller/Postle		
		John Hagman, Katherine Lund										
9/25	8:30 Doris Fish	Doris Fish	Mary Vassalotti	n/a	Deb Goplin	Trappe Team	open	open	open	Phil Fish	Doris Fish	
9/25	10:30 Cheryl Hartung	n/a	Mary Vassalotti	Team 4	n/a	Schulenberg Team	open	open	open	Windels/Siggelkow		

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