



Church Directory

❖ Get on a list to get your pictures taken. See page 3.



Teacher installation

❖ Teachers: JAM Sunday School, & Confirmation—on Sept. 19 at 10:30



LWR & PAR

❖ Mission highlights see page 3.

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Rally Sunday full of food, fun, and activities

Rally Day was an amazing event full of activities and camaraderie for kids, teens, and adults alike at St. Martin's. Many were back from their summer of travels and hectic schedules to begin a season of learning, faith development, and volunteering time to their church home.

Family Ministries Coordinator Julie Schultz organized a full day of games, music, delicious barbecued and homemade food, and fundraisers for various ministries. She was grateful for the many people who pitched

in to make this happen.

Phil and Doris Fish again donated their time and his 'out there' personality for the annual Pie Auction. Many thanks to all the people who donated (and purchased) pies that raised \$779 for JAM Afterschool scholarships. Whitey and Patty Hillebrand started grilling meat at 5:30 am. ; Diana Postle organized the food; Kay and Paula painted feet all morning; and the Freys oversaw the Bingo games. In the end, countless people hauled tables and chairs, carried food, and cleaned

up to make it all happen.

Thanks also to the musicians (and Rick Haller) of *The Project* who played for us during our dinner and to our Building Manager Jim Doyle who went the extra mile so we could celebrate outside in this incredible weather.

—Sally Averkamp, Communications Director



Tree of Life

Check out the Tree of Life in the narthex for ways to join a ministry team for the coming year. Pick a leaf that lists a ministry and help fill our bushel basket with leaves. Our Tree of Life and leaves will be in the entry area until Oct. 3, then we will have a dedication of all the gifts of time and talents that we have gathered. We hope you find at least one ministry area to be involved in.

—Hallie Wendorff



ALPHA coming next week

Dinner is on us this Tuesday at the Cross Plains Fire Department, 1501 Bourbon St. Come and explore ALPHA with us in the introductory session, "Is There More to Life?" Though our focus is on young adults (21-35), ALPHA is open to everyone. No commitment beyond Tuesday is required, but we do need an RSVP for our food count. Please contact the Church at 798-2777 or communicationsdirector@stmartinscp.org.

—Pastor Rick



PalZone at St. Martin's



PalZone is a Dane County Family Enhancement

program. It is a free 'drop-in' play and learn environment designed for parents and their preschool-aged children to play together in age appropriate, interactive activities meant to encourage school readiness while parents develop networks of support.

Cross Plains is lucky to have this program meeting at St. Martin's Lutheran each Thursday morning from 9:30-11:30 am. with facilitator, Birch Barron. Birch's contact information is (608) 729-1163 and bbarron@familyenhancement.org.

—Sally Averkamp



From the Pastor

Measuring success in ministry

A leading cause of clergy burnout is the difficulty of measuring success in ministry—or even to define success. It's tempting to rely upon numbers as the measure of success. It goes like this: the larger the membership, the bigger the budget, the more square feet of building space, the greater the amount of money given to mission work—this determines success. If these are measures of success, it would be easy to feel like a failure here in Cross Plains. By these measures we aren't doing very well compared to many of the congregations in Dane County.

It's taken me two decades to recover from the lie that numbers alone define success. One church I served—only one, thank God—seemed to be all about numbers. I had a ministry colleague whose sole, predictable question for me every week was "What were your numbers on Sunday???" How depressing, that this was practically the only conversation he could have with me. Success—measured by numbers—was how he valued Christian ministry. Since his congregation had large numbers, I guess he considered himself a big success!

Though our numbers are small, I don't consider St. Martin's to be a failure. My measurement of success is this: *Is our ministry bringing people into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ? Are our people growing in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God?*

How would you measure success? I ran across this list from a pastor who is doing graduate work under Dr. Len Sweet*, a leading theologian in America. This pastor uses numbers differently to define success. Here are ten of them:

The number of adoptions church members have from local foster care.

The number of pictures of unwed mothers holding their baptized babies.

The number of classes for special needs children and adults.

The number of former convicted felons and recovering alcoholics in the church.

The number of phone calls from community leaders seeking spiritual guidance.

The number of finance committee meetings to allocate mission dollars.

The number of people wearing good, free clothes donated by members.

The number of times the church band has played in the local coffee shop.

The number of people whose marriages have been saved after joining the church.

The number of people in new jobs thanks to your free job training center.

How do you think St. Martin's Lutheran Church should measure success in our ministry?

—Pastor Rick

* Dr. Sweet will be at Pr. Rich Melheim's "Faith 5 Summit" in Stillwater, MN. Oct 10-13. You're welcomed to join the St. Martin's team at this great event!



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Lutheran Relief Health Kits

People who must flee their homes quickly after earthquakes, flooding, hurricanes and political unrest often do not have time to pack essential items. Health kits can help refugees maintain personal hygiene while living in exile. During the month of September we will be collecting Lutheran World Relief Health Care Kits.

Items needed for each kit include: hand towel, washcloth (dark colors), 4-5 oz. bar of soap, sturdy comb; metal nail file/clippers, and six band-aids (1/2 to 3/4", rubber banded).

Please consider either donating individual items, completed kits, or let the

Mission Team do the shopping for you by donating a check made out to St. Martin's (indicate LWR Healthcare Kits in memo) and place in the kiosk.

Help refugees maintain personal hygiene and dignity by giving them a new start with this simple gift. Our goal is to exceed our last year's number of 51 kits.

—Maureen Berghoefer



Plant a Row

The Plant A Row (PAR) harvest is in and nearly 200 pounds of beans, beets, cabbage, onions, potatoes, cucumbers, peppers and tomatoes were delivered to the Middleton Outreach Ministry Food Pantry to feed our neighbors.

Under the watchful eye and the expert gardening talents of Ralph Schulenberg the garden flourished, produced and is already turned tilled for preparation for the 2011 season – thank you Ralph, our garden warrior, who also donated a large bushel of potatoes from his own garden to the Mazomanie Food Pantry. Kudos to Sally Averkamp



and Kathy Graedel who planted the PAR flower garden that beautified our sanctuary with zinnias, Bells of Ireland, calliopsis, and cosmos for several weeks this summer.

—Maureen Berghoefer

The Outlook

Be in our new Church Directory: If you have not had your picture taken for the church directory but would like to, contact Sally in the Church office at 798-2777 or communicationsdirector@stmartinsscp.org. Olan Mills will schedule another day if we have 20 families sign up.

Sunday School Teachers needed: If you feel you have a gift for teaching or team teaching a class of Sunday School, please contact Julie at 798-1922 or julieschultz@stmartinsscp.org.

Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM) Pantry: The most needed items are: rice, canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc.), meals in a can (beef stew, chili, etc.), peanut butter, jelly, flour, sugar, oil, laundry detergent, toilet paper, diapers (size 4, 5 and 6), and personal hygiene items.

Stuff The Truck: St. Martin's will be doing a MOM "stuff the truck" event at Terry's Piggly Wiggly on Saturday, Sept. 18. Judy Valaskey (798-2752) needs volunteers to greet customers as they enter the store and give them a "shopping list" of needed pantry items.

Pastor Timothy Dean will be the preacher for St. Martin's worship services on Sunday, September 26.

Women Of Faith Conference October 1—2: Contact Renee' Frey at 798-0472 or rtfrey@tds.net for ticket information or see <http://www.womenoffaith.com/> for in-

formation.

Book Discussion begins October 3: For \$6 and 45 minutes per week on Sundays at 9:30 am. you and Pr. Rick can discuss the book, *Discovering Truth in a Changing World*, authored by the late British theologian and missionary, Lesslie Newbigin.

Friends: Friends will be traveling together to Wollersheim Winery and the Sky High Apple Orchard on Friday, October 8. We will also stop somewhere for lunch. Watch for sign ups on the Adult Activities Bulletin Board or contact Hallie at hwendorff@charter.net.

Fundraiser for Kris Rhude: Come to an easy listening concert of great music from the 1960's and 70's along with some favorite spirituals mixed in at 7:00 pm. on Saturday, October 23. The featured musicians will be Jackie Bradley, Kris Rhude on piano, and Lee Swanson singing. A free will offering will be taken with proceeds to go toward Kris Rhude's trip to India with the Bishop's Companion Synod Youth Exchange this December.

Mary-Martha Circle: Meet at 11:00 am. on Monday, September 27, in the church library. This is a new time: each 4th Monday at 11:00 in St. Martin's Library. Brenda Hagman leads a short Bible study each month, then we have some fellowship while we eat our brown bag lunch. All women are welcome to come.

Youth on the move



Thank you for your support of our Car Wash! It netted \$320 to go toward their mission trip next summer. It was beautiful day to be outside washing cars and a big day for our St. Martin's teens. They felt honored to be such a big part of Rally Day.

At 9:15 am. on Sunday, September 19, we will have a Sr. Youth/Parent meeting to discuss upcoming events including next year's Mission Trip.

We have two 'field trips' coming up this fall. The Mobile Youth trip to Milwaukee and a weekend Mission Trip to Rochester, MN. I will keep you informed about these events.

I am looking forward to going to the National Youth Worker Convention in San Diego from September 29 to October 4 soon. It will be great to connect with so many excellent people who also work with teenagers and I am excited to learn of new programs and ways of connecting with young people, helping them develop their faith lives, and growing youth programs.

—Tim Knipfer, Youth Ministries Director



Crossways September Calendar

<p>❖ Wednesday, September 15 9:30 a. <i>Staff Meeting</i> L 3:04 p. <i>JAM After School kids arrive</i> 6:00 p. <i>Tiger Scout Pack 87</i> FH 6:30 p. <i>Confirmation—Indian Lake</i> OS</p> <p>❖ Thursday, September 16 9:30 a. <i>Pal Zone</i> N 10:00 a. <i>Women's AA</i> 3:04 p. <i>JAM After School kids arrive</i> 5:00 p. <i>TOPS</i> 6:30 p. <i>Youth Group Lifeline</i> S 7:00 p. <i>Church Council</i> L</p> <p>❖ Friday, September 17 3:04 p. <i>JAM After School kids arrive</i></p> <p>❖ Sunday, September 19 8:30 a. <i>Worship w/Communion</i> S 9:15 a. <i>Sunday School</i> B 9:15 a. <i>Parent/Sr. Youth Meeting</i> GLC 10:30 a. <i>Worship w/o Communion</i> S 3:00 p. <i>Scout # 87 meeting</i> 5:00 p. <i>The Project Practice</i> YR</p> <p>❖ Monday, September 20 11:00 p. <i>Mary-Martha Circle</i> L 3:04 p. <i>JAM After School kids arrive</i> 7:00 p. <i>Soul Purpose</i> S</p>	<p>❖ Tuesday, September 21 6:30 a. <i>Men's Bible Study</i> L 3:04 p. <i>JAM After School kids arrive</i> 6:00 p. <i>ALPHA begins</i> OS 6:30 p. <i>Women's Bible Study</i> OS 7:00 p. <i>Boy Scouts Troop 87</i> FH</p> <p>❖ Wednesday, September 22 9:30 a. <i>Staff Meeting</i> L 3:04 p. <i>JAM After School kids arrive</i> 6:00 p. <i>Tiger Scout Pack 87</i> 6:30 p. <i>Acolyte training</i> S 6:30 p. <i>Confirmation Class</i> S</p> <p>❖ Thursday, September 23 9:30 a. <i>Pal Zone</i> N 10:00 a. <i>Women's AA</i> 3:04 p. <i>JAM After School kids arrive</i> 5:00 p. <i>TOPS</i> 6:30 p. <i>Youth Group Lifeline</i> S</p> <p>❖ Friday, September 24 3:04 p. <i>JAM After School kids arrive</i> <i>Pr. Rick on vacation till Sept. 28</i></p> <p>❖ Sunday, September 26 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 <i>Deadline for October 1 Crossways</i></p>	<p>❖ Monday, September 27 3:04 p. <i>JAM After School kids arrive</i> 7:00 p. <i>Soul Purpose</i> S</p> <p>❖ Tuesday, September 28 6:30 a. <i>Men's Bible Study</i> L 3:04 p. <i>JAM After School kids arrive</i> 6:00 p. <i>ALPHA</i> OS 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, September 29 9:30 a. <i>Staff Meeting</i> L 3:04 p. <i>JAM After School kids arrive</i> 6:00 p. <i>Tiger Scout Pack 87</i> 6:30 p. <i>Confirmation Service Project</i> OS <i>Tim Knipfer at Nat'l Youth Workers Conv. till Oct. 4.</i></p> <p>❖ Thursday, September 30 9:30 a. <i>Pal Zone</i> N 10:00 a. <i>Women's AA</i> 3:04 p. <i>JAM After School kids arrive</i> 5:00 p. <i>TOPS</i> 6:30 p. <i>Youth Group Lifeline</i> YR</p> <p>S—Sanctuary; L—Library; B—Building; MR—Music Room; FH—Fellowship Hall; CR—Choir Room; OS—Off Site; GLC—Gunderson Life Center</p>
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September 15-30 Worship Volunteers

	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Communion Assistants</u>	<u>Accompanist</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>AV</u>	<u>Coffee</u>
9/19 8:30	Tom Smiley	Tom Smiley	Jan Doyle	Hillebrand Team 5	Deb Wipperfurth	Hillebrand Team	James Hartung	Carmen Fowell
9/19 10:30	Kay/Kendra Kalvin	n/a	Soul Purpose	Hillebrand Team 5	n/a	Schulenberg Team	Postle/Neumueller	
9/26 8:30	Doris Fish	Deb Wipperfurth	Mary Vassalotti	Hillebrand Team 4	Deb Goplin	Hillebrand Team	Phil Fish	Doris Fish
9/26 10:30	Cheryl/Blake Hartung	John Hagman	open	Hillebrand Team 4	open	Schulenberg Team	Randy Hunt	



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