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Easter arrives!

Palm Sunday, when Jesus entered Jerusalem, was celebrated at St. Martin's last Sunday, March 28 (see article below). Cheering crowds spread palm branches before him as he rode on a lowly donkey. In this event, Jesus displayed his familiar humility even as he was exalted by his people.

Later, on Maundy Thursday Jesus gave a "new" commandment that they love one another as he has loved them. He demonstrated his love by assuming the position of servant and washing their feet—something only a slave would do. This will be re-enacted at St. Martin's 7:00 pm. service on April 1. Later that same evening Jesus shared a special meal in which he told the disciples that it would be the last time they would dine together on earth, but that whenever they gathered in his name to break bread and drink wine they would share in his body and blood.

Good Friday is the day Jesus was killed by being nailed to a cross. This form of death was commonly used by the Romans to humiliate and torture political dissidents. It is 'good' only in the sense that Jesus' death was necessary to free his followers from the ultimate penalty of



St. Martin's Holy Week worship:

April 1, Maundy Thursday:

5:30 & 7:00 pm.

April 2, Good Friday:

1:00 & 7:00 pm.

April 4, Easter Sunday:

8:00 & 10:30 am.

death. Jesus hung from the cross for several hours before he finally died. It may have been the darkest day of human history had he not come alive three days later. We observe this event on Good Friday, April 2, at two worship services, 1:00 and 7:00 pm.

Easter is, of course, the day the human Jesus was lifted from death to life by God. We celebrate his resurrection because in him, death was defeated once for all, and because he lives, we who were baptized into his name will also be raised from death. Join us for

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First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 1

At the 5:30 pm. service on April 1, 40 children of St. Martin's will receive their First Communion!

Families are urged to arrive by 5:15 pm. The kids will be sitting in the pews by grade, 5th, 4th, 3rd, 2nd graders, kindergartners and 4-year-olds.

Family, friends, and sponsors are all welcome to attend the service. The children will be receiving communion by grade, starting with the 5th graders. The parents and sponsors will come up to the railing with their child



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Nacho steals the day

On Palm Sunday, Pastor Rick enlisted a miniature donkey to help him with his message of the day (John 12:12-19, describing Jesus riding a donkey into Jerusalem). Our donkey, named Nacho, was the hit of the day and his 'parents', Linda and Wayne Schutte, even helped with the Children's



Message during the service. Nacho, still scruffy with his winter hair, mostly munched on the lawn while being petted and rubbed by adoring children and adults, alike. More photos of this event are on page 5.

worship during this week of agony and joy—it is a week that changed man's lives forever! It continues to change peoples lives today as they walk this Holy Week" with Jesus as he did 2,000 years ago.

On Sunday, April 4, Lent 2010 will come to an end as we celebrate the risen Christ with Easter lilies, a worship service with many Alleluias, gatherings with family and friends, wonderful meals, and a grateful heart.

—Sally Averkamp & the internet

SHARE orders due

SHARE is celebrating its 25th year in 2010. Look for many new specials and additional promotions this year. A portion of the sales goes to the SHARE Cares Food Fund for the needy.

Please check the narthex for the SHARE display and newsletters, online at sharewi.org, or call me or Dee Suchomel at 767-3757 ext 222.

The deadline for April orders is April 6th or April 11th if ordering online. (Please call me if ordering after these dates.)

— Donna Blumer, 798-0114

Hope-ism for the future



"At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!—2 Corinthians 6:2

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven—Ecclesiastes 3:1

I'm not much of a basketball fan, but when March rolls around it's impossible not to be caught up in the excitement of the NCAA Basketball Tournament. Sixty-four colleges are chosen in mid-March to compete for the honor of reaching the Final Four, and ultimately, the chance to play for the championship. The only thing we can know for sure is that there will ultimately be a champion. Along the way, there will be upsets, squeakers, heartbreakers, and blow-outs—highs and lows and everything in-between. Like life itself, isn't it?

There is a time for everything, the writer of Ecclesiastes says. St. Paul seizes on this spirit and says that NOW is the acceptable time, NOW is the day of salvation. In other words, don't wait to take the opportunities God has put before each of us in life.

It's clear to me that St. Martin's is at an exceptional time in our history. The Holy Spirit has guided us to a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to break out in joyful ministry to our community and among ourselves. I can't express more strongly and positively how excited I am to help lead you into the future God has in store for us.

At the risk of missing some really positive things that God is doing among us, I see some amazing sprouts of ministry rising in our midst:

- St. Martin's members who have worked tirelessly through some challenging years of transition are feeling their faithfulness is being rewarded
- St. Martin's members who have felt disconnected from the body are returning
- St. Martin's young people of all ages feel valued as a real part of our family
- The St. Martin's staff is coming together as a team with a common purpose
- St. Martin's members are stepping forward without hesitation to offer themselves and their gifts for ministry
- There is a palpable sense of hope that Christ is blessing us with the people, resources, and mission opportunities we need to answer the call to ministry

I am not a person inclined toward empty optimism. In fact, I wouldn't even call myself an optimist. But I am a "hope-ist." There's a difference. An optimist thinks things will get better. A hope-ist knows the future is great because God is in charge. *With God, all things are possible.* (Matthew 19:26, Mark 10:27)

Regardless of whether your team emerges the winner in the NCAA tournament, every team is a winner. So, too, it is with our St. Martin's ministry. When you're a part of our team, you are assured of being a winner.

—Yours in Christ, Pastor Rick

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Jail Ministry Quilt Auction

The Lutheran Churches of Dane County support one full time male pastor and a half-time female pastor to minister the men and women incarcerated in the Dane County Jail. They also hold a weekly Beginnings group for those soon to be released.

The Fourth Annual Quilt Auction & Pie Sale supports Madison Area Lutheran Council Jail Chaplaincy Program and will be held Saturday, April 17, beginning at noon at Christ Lutheran Church, 220 S. Main St., DeForest. There will be more than 40 quilts and wall hangings up for

bid! (view them at www.malc-online.org) This year, Guest Auctioneer and Radio Personality, Greg Bair, will host the event.

Matching funds are provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

—Ruth Meese, MALC



Adult Education & Activities

Tea Time Down Under – The AMEN group will meet at 3:30 pm. on Sunday, April 18. At this time, Brenda and John Hagman will share a travelogue of their 2009 trip to Australia. Join them in the library for tea time then enjoy their photos on the big screen in the sanctuary.

The Capitol Chordsmen Chorus (Barber Shop Concert) – at 6:20 pm. on Saturday, April 24. Join us as for their annual concert at the Middleton Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$16 (for 12 or more); seniors (55 years) pay \$12. A stop at Culvers in Middleton is planned afterwards for desert.

Gardens needed for 2nd Annual St. Martin's Garden Tour—on Sunday, June 27. 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.

Salad lunch at Creekside Retreat—planned for Wednesday, August 18.

Wollersheim and Sky Hi Apple Orchard Tour—planned for October.

Financial Peace University—13 video classes and discussion on personal finance. Learn about saving, budgeting, investing,



and insurance for \$99 starting at 6:00 pm. on Sunday, April 11. Contact Bill Diebold at 798-3049 or Becky Ward at 798-0085. The first class is free.

New Member Class—at 9 to noon on Saturday, April 17. Contact Pr. Rick at 798-2777 for more details.

Women's Circles – Brenda Hagman, Renee Frey and I are meeting April 6 to decide how these groups will be organized. Ideas are welcome. Watch for signup sheets in the narthex.

Gardening Group—A new Gardening Small Group is being organized in April to plan garden projects on the church grounds. Possible activities include a labyrinth, prayer garden, and/or a church vegetable garden.

Centering Prayer, coordinated by Ann Boehnen

Women's Bible Study, led by Mary Kay Knipfer; **Men's Bible Study**, led by Tim Knipfer (see calendar on page 6 for times)

If you are interested, sign up in narthex or email me at hwendorff@charter.net. Friends are always welcome.

—Hallie Wendorff, Team Liaison Council

Youth Education & Activities

"Teach a child how he/she should live, and they will remember it all their life."

—Proverbs 22:6

Sunday Schedule

April 4—Easter (no Sunday School)

April 11—opening and instruction

April 18—opening and instruction (children to sing *Someone Song* at 10:30 worship)

April 25—opening and instruction

Preschoolers

Two & three-year-olds will not meet on April 4 but will meet on April 18 right after the children's sermon at the 10:30 service.

Please remember that we invite parents to participate in your child's Sunday School experience by attending each Sunday with them, sitting with them during the opening from 9:15 to 9:30 am., learning and singing the songs and hearing the messages, so that you can reinforce those ideas at teachable moments during the week.



A St. Martin's Sunday School exercise

Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM) Food Drive

Thanks to those who have put food in the food pantry bin in the narthex. Our official Food Drive Sunday is April 18 but please bring non-perishable food items anytime in April.

The Feinste Challenge (where MOM gets dollars for pounds of food donated) goes until April 30. Heavy food is good but, of course, *all* food is used and appreciated.

Current most needed items: canned corn and tomatoes, crackers, fruit juice, laundry detergent, canned meat, dry soups (ie., Ramen), canned beans (not green beans), and personal hygiene items.



Remember, if you deliver the food directly to the MOM Distribution Center at 8710-2 Montclair Dr. (off Evergreen in Middleton's Industrial Park), please indicate that you are from St. Martin's in Cross Plains and that the donation should go towards the Feinste Challenge. If you deliver directly to the Distribution Center there are some perishable items also needed: apples, oranges, yogurt, butter, eggs, and cottage cheese.

This is also a great time to begin volunteering as there are many opportunities. Call Carole at 826-3409 to help. Thanks for your help to our neighbors in need of food.

—Judy Valaskey, 798-2752

Scrapbook Event

Join us for a workshop for scrapbooking in a fun environment with the chance to win prizes! Proceeds to benefit the St. Martin's Youth 30-Hour Famine Event being held the same weekend.

The workshop will be held from 8:30—5:00 pm. on Saturday, April 24, in Fellowship Hall. The cost will be \$10 per person (for 4 foot table space) or \$20 per person (for 8 foot table space).

There will be drawings throughout the day! Prizes include Creative Memories merchandise from Jan Hogle, Creative Memories. Lunch and beverages are provided.

Contact me at 279-0703 or mvass@charter.net.



—Mary Vassalotti

Communion *continued*



to receive communion. Each child will be using a chalice that is a gift to them from the church. When each child is done using their chalice for communion it will be taken in the back by an acolyte and washed so that it can be taken home that night.

Immediately after the service Jon Roll will be taking a group photo of the kids along with Pastor Rick.

We look forward to experiencing this important milestone with our Church family.

—Julie Schultz

From the Church Council President

Looking ahead



I just got back from our Synod conference held in Middleton this past weekend and am renewed by the fact that we have a very wonderful church home. Pastor Rick and members Julie Schultz, Karen Windels, and Van Valasky attended the conference named LEAD. Over 20 sessions were held dealing with generational issues, capital campaigns, Faith Talk, stewardship, missions and leaving a legacy. All sessions were designed to make our church family better and you will see some of the learning in months to come. A model from LEAD I hope to implement in council direction is called "The Four I's". Each "I" stands for; INFORM, INVOLVE, INSPIRE, and INVITE.

We offer a big welcome to Sally Averkamp joining the office staff. Sally will be working part time at the front desk helping to continue to keep our church business moving forward. One area of emphasis Sally will be concentrating on is that of communication and publications. Stop in and say "Hi" to Sally or give her an

email or call.

A large debt of gratitude is owed to Maureen Berghoefer for taking over our office during a time in which St. Martin's desperately needed someone in the past couple years. Maureen always had a smile and compassionate way of handling many of the details for this our congregation. Thanks Maureen!

One of our goals this year is an Outreach effort to bring other families and persons to St. Martin's to experience our church family and what we offer while doing Christ's work. So, take a chance by inviting others to check us out. All are welcome.

Be sure and bookmark the St. Martin's website: www.stmartinscp.org. Look for details on Easter Services, upcoming Garden Tours, Youth Trips, summer camps and so much more that is going on—check it out!

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

Meals for Haiti

Feeding Children International in conjunction with Kids Against Hunger provide a dried food packaged meal that feed a balanced diet of basic nutritional needs. Each bag that is packed contains four ingredients and makes six meals. Participants assemble the food in a supervised, sanitary setting in an assembly line fashion in 90 minute shifts.

To date, over 40,000,000 Kids Against Hunger meals have been distributed here in the U.S. and around the world. We plan on packaging 500,000 meals during the three day event (April 8-10). Transportation and final destination with three relief organizations in Haiti has been arranged, waiting for this life saving food. You can help bring healing and save lives. Just register for your shift and pay \$25 donation to cover the cost of the food. The photo at right shows the production. More information: www.mealsforhaiti.org.

—Frank Durham



Haiti today



Volunteers at work

Nacho and me



Nacho and his new friends at St. Martin's



Introductions

On March 8 I began working as the new Administrative Assistant for St. Martin's Lutheran Church. My background is in Graphic Art and writing so creating newsletters and other publications that tell a story is what I love to do. This first issue of *Crossways* may have a few errors as I try to learn the ministries, people, and schedules of St. Martin's so please give me feedback and let me know if something needs to be changed. I have created this *Crossways* at home as I do not yet have a computer and software at St. Martin's that can achieve this type of result.

In learning the ropes here at St. Martin's, I am grateful for the little bit of time I spent with Maureen Berghoefter as she trained me for a week. I quickly missed her as soon as she left as she does everything with such humor and grace.

Another passion is gardening. As a Master Gardener for the past 21 years, I keep very busy when the weather is warm. Although I specialize in planting and maintaining public gardens planted with annuals, I also raise vegetables, perennials, and all the rest. Compost is my friend, of course. My husband, Ron Sigelkow, and I have



Maureen Berghoefter and Sally at Maureen's 'Thank You' reception on March 28

two teenage children, John and Leslie. John just graduated from Memorial High School (now attends MATC) and Leslie is a junior there. I have been working for the past four years with the biomedical protocol for treatment of autism (Aspergers in our case) and that become a passion, as well.

There is a lot going on at St. Martin's and it is my job to communicate all that in your publications. Pastor Rick Lund has love, passion, and hope for the congregation of St. Martin's and I also hope to reflect this vision.

Thank you for your warm welcome for me and my family!

—Sally Averkamp

April Worship VolunTERS

Lectors (also Communion Assistants)

4-4	8:00	Phyllis Wendt	10:30	Ann Houck
4-11	8:00	Tamra Harder	10:30	Jennifer Niesen
4-18	8:00	Elaine Smiley/Jordan Foster	10:30	Bill Windels
4-25	8:00	Bev Brunner	10:30	Brenda Hagman

Communion Assistants – 10:30 am.

4-4	Nancy McCauley & Donna Blumer
4-11	Mary Kay Knipfer & Patty Harper
4-18	Schultz/Vike/Lund Team
4-25	Tamra Harder & John Hagman

Accompanists

4-4	Jan Doyle
4-11	Mary Vassalotti
4-18	Jan Doyle
4-25	Mary Vassalotti

Song Leaders

4-4	8:00	Deb Lohr-Foster	10:30	Paula Elver
4-11	8:00	open	10:30	Karen Windels
4-18	8:00	Deb Lohr-Foster	10:30	Paula Elver
4-25	8:00	open	10:30	Karen Windels

Acolytes

4-4	8:00	Liam Turley	10:30	Alex Niebuhr
4-11	8:00	Sarah Faber	10:30	Hannah Miller
4-18	8:00	Derek Kalvin	10:30	Travis Zander
4-25	8:00	Danny Schunk	10:30	Ben Kalvin

Counters

4-1 (Maundy Thursday)	Niesen Team 1
4-2 (Good Friday)	Hillebrand Team 5
4-4 (Easter)	Hillebrand Team 4
4-11	Kalvin Team 3
4-18	Schunk Team 2
4-25	Niesen Team 1

Altar Guild

4-4	8:00	Patty Hillebrand	10:30	Ann Houck
4-11	8:00	Jan Doyle	10:30	Darlene Schulenberg
4-18	8:00	Debbie Wipperfurth	10:30	Julie Schultz
4-25	8:00	Deb Goplin	10:30	Open/Deb Goplin

Ushers

4-1 (Maundy Thursday)	Schulenberg Team
4-2 (Good Friday)	1:00 Wendorff Team 7:00 Blumer Team
4-4	8:00 Trappe Team 10:30 McCauley Team
4-11	8:00 Trappe Team 10:30 McCauley Team
4-18	8:00 Wendorff Team 10:30 Blumer Team
4-25	8:00 Trappe Team 10:30 McCauley Team

Junior Ushers (10:30 a.m.)

4-4	Anna Freudenberg
4-11	Garrett Knudtson
4-18	Julia Tibbetts
4-25	open

Nursery (10:30)

4-4	Julia Tibbetts
4-11	Mariah Carlson
4-18	Conner Mickelson
4-25	Kaitlin Conroy

AV

4-4	8:00	James Hartung	10:30	Jeff Postle
4-11	8:00	Bill Wendorff	10:30	Randy Hunt
4-18	8:00	James Hartung	10:30	Patty Neumueller & Jeff Postle
4-25	8:00	Phil Fish	10:30	Randy Hunt

Crossways APRIL Calendar

❖ Thursday, April 1, Maundy Thursday

9:30 a. Pal Zone N
 10:00 a. Women's AA
 5:00 p. TOPS
 5:30 p. worship (with First Communion) S
 7:00 p. worship (with foot washing) S
 7:15 p. Youth Group Lifeline YR

❖ Friday, April 2, Good Friday

1:00 p. worship S
 7:00 p. worship S

❖ Sunday, April 4, Easter

8:00 a. worship S
 8:45 a. Easter Breakfast by Youth FH
 10:30 a. worship S

❖ Monday, April 5

6:00 p. Town of Berry Historical Comm. FH
 6:30 p. Girl Scouts 188 FH
 7:00 p. Soul Purpose CR

❖ Tuesday, April 6

9:00 a. LUAD L
 6:30 a. Men's Bible Study L
 6:30 a. Women's Bible Study
 7:00 p. Boy Scouts FH
 Men's Homeless Shelter OS

❖ Wednesday, April 7

6:00 p. Tiger Troup 87
 6:30 p. Confirmation
 7:30 p. Adult Choir Practice CR

❖ Thursday, April 8

9:30 a. Pal Zone N
 10:00 a. Women's AA
 5:00 p. TOPS
 7:00 p. Finance Committee L
 7:15 p. Youth Group Lifeline YR

❖ Sunday, April 11

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
 12:00 a. Craft Class FH
 5:00 p. The Practice Project
 6:00 p. Financial Peace University L

❖ Monday, April 12

9:30 a. Quilting Group FH
 6:30 p. Girl Scouts 188 FH
 7:00 p. Soul Purpose CR
 7:00 p. Historical Society

❖ Tuesday, April 13

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

❖ Wednesday, April 14

6:00 p. Tiger Troup 87
 6:30 p. Confirmation
 7:30 p. Adult Choir Practice CR

❖ Thursday, April 15

9:30 a. Pal Zone N
 10:00 a. Women's AA
 5:00 p. TOPS
 7:15 p. Youth Group Lifeline YR

❖ Saturday, April 17

9:00 a. New Member Session L

❖ Sunday, April 18

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
 3:30 p. AMEN—Tour Australia L
 5:00 p. The Practice Project L
 6:00 p. Financial Peace University

❖ Monday, April 19

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

❖ Tuesday, April 20

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

❖ Wednesday, April 21

6:00 p. Tiger Troup 87
 6:30 p. Confirmation
 7:30 p. Adult Choir Practice CR

❖ Thursday, April 22

9:30 a. Pal Zone N
 10:00 a. Women's AA
 5:00 p. TOPS
 7:15 p. Youth Group Lifeline YR

❖ Friday, April 23

30 hour Famine Youth Event begins

❖ Saturday, April 24

6:20 p. AMEN—Barbershop Quartet OS

❖ Sunday, April 25

8:00 a. worship S
 9:15 a. Sunday School K-5 FH
 10:30 a. worship S
 10:30 a. New Member Sunday S
 10:45 a. Sunday School Pre K
 5:00 p. The Practice Project
 6:00 p. Financial Peace University L

❖ Monday, April 26

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

❖ Tuesday, April 27

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

❖ Wednesday, April 27

6:00 p. Tiger Troup 87
 6:30 p. Confirmation
 7:30 p. Adult Choir Practice CR

❖ Thursday, April 28

9:30 a. Pal Zone N
 10:00 a. Women's AA
 5:00 p. TOPS
 7:15 p. Youth Group Lifeline YR
 S—sanctuary; L—library; MR—Music Room;
 FH—Fellowship Hall; CR—Choir Room;
 OS—off site



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