



## ***Week of August 20 -26 2017***

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Throughout history, countless stories have portrayed the foreign woman as the primary source of trouble. In the gospel reading for this coming Sunday, a foreign woman argues her case before Jesus, but in the end she is blessed. Come to hear this interesting story, and join us for mercy at the Master's table.

***Choir is on summer break*** -- Look for practices to resume later in summer, early fall

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## **Contact for Emergency Pastoral Care August 22-26**

If you or someone you know is in need of emergency pastoral care Aug 22-26, please contact Pastor Kelli Fisher (Perry Lutheran Church, 608-437-5294; Cell 715-340-1476) since Pastor Kirsten will be out of town.

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## ***PLEASE - No through traffic in parking lot***

For safety reasons ('The Little Red Preschool' using lower level rooms, children in area, etc.), please do **NOT** use the parking lot for through traffic. *Thank you!*

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**Vacation Bible School Day Camp is a BIG SUCCESS!**

On August 7-10, St. Martin's hosted a Bible School Day Camp for the greater Cross Plains community. Attending were 10 preschoolers and 25 grade school children! This was a big jump from our previous years' attendance! We were pleased to have three Sugar Creek camp counselors lead the program from 9 AM to 3 PM each day. This included songs, games, art, Bible story time, lunch and worship. Also assisting with the Day Camp were about 12 St. Martin's members. We are so thankful for their assistance and energy! These volunteers provided classroom and group assistance, snacks, housing and meals for our counselors, publicity, daily logistics, and outreach to our visiting families. Our gratitude also extends to Thrivent Financial for donating \$250 to assist us with advertising costs.

The 35 children were excited to attend each day, and brought lots of energy and positive spirit with them. On the last day of camp, parents and campers enjoyed a program of the songs from the children, followed by a pot luck supper attended by about 70 people! Of the day campers, about half were children from St. Martin's, and half from the community and other congregations. We were pleased so many folks from our community chose to participate this year!

So many parents and kids expressed their thanks to us for providing this valuable, Christ-centered experience. St. Martin's will definitely invite the community to 2018's Bible School Day Camp!



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## Lois Weiland Award!

Click on the video link below (from NBC15) to see St. Martin's Lois Weiland handing out her 'Excellence in Service Award'! *Nice job, Lois!*

[NBC News Story](#)

(Or type this address in your browser -- <http://www.nbc15.com/content/news/Former-NBC15-employee-wins-local-award-440740773.html>)

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# PRIDE

## **OutReach Pride Parade - Madison - Sunday, August 20 - Starting from St. John's - Madison**

All congregations and individuals from the synod are invited to participate in the *OutReach Pride Parade* this coming **Sunday, August 20**.

The parade route is down part of State Street and around the Capitol Square. There are several ways for people to participate in the day's activities. You and your congregation are invited to walk in the parade - bring your own banners & signs expressing pride, if you wish. There will be some materials provided on the day of the event if you would like to make a sign then. We will also be sharing a booth near the Capitol if you would rather not walk the full length of the parade and sitting under a tent is more your speed. This would also be a great place to give away trinkets, brochures, or other information you would like to share about your congregation or ministries.

*The tentative times are:*

- 11-11:45am - Sign making with other parade participants at St. John's Lutheran Church (322 E. Washington Ave., Madison) or maybe at our booth space near the capitol, yet to be determined
- 1:00pm - March in the parade (line up begins at noon on State St.)
- 12:00-3:00 PM - Gather at & staff the booth with RIC Lutheran churches, Bishop Mary Froiland and others from the synod.

If you have any questions or are interested in participating in any part of the day, contact Jill Ness for more details: 608-515-5909 (ojilln@stjohnsmadison.org)



***Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017***

It's time to plan for the fall and holiday season activities available at St. Martin's. Events on Rally Day (Sunday, Sept. 17th) include:

- 9:00am - *Worship Service*
- 10:00am - *Ministry information displays* in the Narthex and Library
- 10:30 - *Youth activities* and a special visit from the 'Lion's Train'
- 11 to 11:30 - *Pie auction!* Don't miss it! (Proceeds to missions)
- 11:30 - Enjoy a classic Lutheran *Pot Luck Luncheon Meal*. (Hot dogs and beverages to be provided, bring a dish to pass.)

Plan to be there and invite a neighbor or friend!

All are welcome!

*(Stay tuned for more information.)*

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## **Reformation Festival Hosted by Luther Seminary and National Lutheran Choir - Oct. 27-28**

Spend this Reformation weekend learning and reflecting on the future of our faith from leading scholars, theologians and musicians assembled by Luther Seminary and the National Lutheran Choir. Everyone from lay people to worship leaders can enjoy this two-day festival filled with workshops and presentations by more than 20 theologians and musicians.

Other highlights include:

- An optional Oktoberfest dinner followed by a premiere performance by the National Lutheran Choir of Holy Spirit Mass a new choral work commissioned for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.
- A closing festive worship service at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, with ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton preaching and massed choirs from area churches along with the National Lutheran Choir.

A complete schedule, including registration information is available at:

<http://www.luthersem.edu/reformation> or < [Click here](#) >

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## **Matching Gift Challenge**

The St. Martins Legacy Endowment Fund Board of Directors is pleased to announce a \$10,000 matching gift challenge by a generous anonymous donor. During the challenge, taking place through Dec. 1, 2017, your contribution will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$10,000. We are required to accumulate \$25,000 in the fund before we can start using interest to promote our fund's mission of spreading the Word of God and helping the needy within and beyond our church walls. Currently we have \$14,383 in the fund and we see this as an opportunity to start putting the Legacy Endowment Fund to work for making a difference in the lives of people.

1. Either make check payable to St. Martins Lutheran Church or Mission Investment Fund and put the following account number in check memo: 54750500005705
  2. Or, send check directly to St. Martins Lutheran Church, 2427 Church St, Cross Plains, WI 53528 or use Green Challenge Grant Envelopes in Narthex
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## Have a college student in the family?

Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) is trying to create opportunities for community, worship, and faith formation for our young adults in college. College students are in a pivotal time in their lives-making academic, social, and life changing decisions; what better way to go through this journey than to be supported by a loving community and walking with God through this time!

LCM is trying to connect students to Lutheran campus ministries at the universities they attend.

*If you have a college student in your family (or even new college grad) please forward their contact information (name, email address, where going to school, etc.) to the office (om@stmartinsscp.org) so it can be sent to the Campus Connect Project Coordinator.*

*Thank you!*

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## School Backpack Drive

Sponsored by MOM, the school backpack drive ensures children from low-income families receive the tools needed to succeed in school. During the month of August, St. Martin's is collecting all backpack items - among the most needed are: large backpacks for high school kids, graph paper, dividers for folders & binders, protractors, compasses, black sharpies, Crayola crayons, plastic page protectors (package of 10), 3 x 3 Post it notes, scotch tape and pocket folders. For your convenience these items are available for your purchase at the Missions Table, or you may shop on your own, or make a cash donation towards the purchase of additional items.

## School Clothing Drive

The Lions Club is collecting new and gently used clothing for the MOM back to school program. Donations of new and gently used athletic apparel and equipment are also accepted to help student athletes achieve success with extra-curricular activities. Many talented student athletes are not able to participate in their sport of choice due to lack of affordability. Please bring your donations to the Lions bin in the narthex

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**'Penny the Pig'**

Penelope the Pig ('Penny') joins the Missions Team - thank you Doris Fish! She's pleasantly plump, but always hungry and thrives on Mission dollars. Stop by the Missions Table for a "meet and greet" during the School Backpack Drive and feed pretty Penny.

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## Book Donations

Please consider donating your children, fiction-non-fiction, self-help, action, travel, health, mystery, romance, spiritual, poetry, drama books etc. to the 'Little Library' (located by the prayer garden) that is experiencing a lot of visitors this summer. Place your books inside or contact Gail Johnson (gailjmadwi@gmail.com) for larger donations. Thank you! Gail Johnson

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## Next Movie Night – Saturday, Sept. 9th

We will be watching *Hidden Figures* on Saturday night, Sept 9 (starting at 7 P.M.) Make plans to join in this time of fellowship!

Here's a brief summary of the movie.

"Three brilliant African-American women at NASA -- Katherine Johnson (Taraji P. Henson), Dorothy Vaughan (Octavia Spencer) and Mary Jackson (Janelle Monáe) -- serve as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn (Glen Powell) into orbit, a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence, turned around the Space Race and galvanized the world."

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## St. Martins Legacy Endowment Fund (LEF)

On *Saturday Oct. 21st*, and repeated on *Monday Oct. 23rd*, your St Martins Legacy Endowment Board will be hosting "Important Elements to Financial Planning Seminar". *More details to follow, all are welcome to attend, so please mark your calendars now.*

We will continue to introduce Legacy topics in the Weekly Bread, at future temple talks, and at the upcoming seminar.

You created the Legacy Endowment Fund (LEF), the congregation, on January 25, 2015. The purpose of LEF is to enhance the mission of St. Martins Lutheran Church apart from the general operation of the congregation. Gifts to this Endowment Fund ensure the continuation of the many ministries and missions of St. Martins into the future. It is the intent that distributions from the Fund shall not be used for the annual operation budget of the Congregation.

The Legacy Endowment Fund Board is pleased to announce a \$10,000 matching gift challenge by a generous anonymous donor. Currently we have \$14,383 dollars in the LEF and need \$25,000 in the fund before any distributions from the fund can be made. This gift match challenge is a blessing and we look forward to its success.

Consider giving a gift which will change lives for generations to come. Gifts to the Fund can come in many different forms such as Cash, Investment Accounts, Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds, Retirement Plans, Insurance, Personal Property, Real Estate, Business Ownership Interest, and other Assets. The Endowment Board is here to help you carry out your legacy wishes and oversee investments in the Fund.

Checks can be made to St. Martin's Lutheran Church Legacy Endowment Fund. To arrange a personal and confidential visit, or to learn more, please contact the Office or email [LEF@stmartinscp.org](mailto:LEF@stmartinscp.org)

Please note that the LEF is NOT part of any other St Martins capital campaigns or SHOULD NOT replace regular offerings to St Martins.

St. Martin's Legacy Endowment Fund is an opportunity to strengthen St. Martin's faith journey for the future through legacy giving. The faith of tomorrow blooms from the seeds of today.

LEF Congregation Liaison,  
James Hartung

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## Madison Area Jail Ministry Opportunity

St. Martin's and the Missions Team is seeking a volunteer to share information and volunteer opportunities with our congregation. Minimal time is requested. Please contact Maureen ([msberghoefer@tds.net](mailto:msberghoefer@tds.net)) for more information.

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## Coming this Fall

The Missions Team announces a new community outreach ministry "**Feed The Lambs**" which will supply food to hungry children at Park Elementary on weekends when school resources are not available. Watch the newsletter and bulletin for updates on how you can be involved.

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## Choir Director Needed

The Worship Planning Team (WPT) is seeking a volunteer choir director for the senior choir. Our excellent director, Debbie Miller, is stepping back from this position soon so she can devote more time to family, friends, and travel.

We're looking for someone to lead rehearsals at 8:00 on Sundays and be present to lead us in our 9:00 Sunday services as well as special occasions (e.g., Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday).

Ideally, this person can join us at WPT meetings (1st Thursday each month), or we can coordinate and plan through other means as needed. We can provide music selection or coordinate with the director in any way that is helpful.

We are a welcoming choir and hope to find a leader who loves music, singing, and praising God as much as we do. We also have some promises of back-up leaders (with advance notice) including Debbie, so the new director will be supported with regard to their schedule.

This could be a rewarding opportunity for any musician (active or retired) or for a music student at the university or high school level. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in directing our choir, please contact any member of the Worship Planning Team: Pastor Kirsten, Debbie or Jeff Miller, Jan Doyle, Sherri Hansen, Karen Windels, Deb Goplin.

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## Birthday & Anniversary Announcements

Do you (or someone you know) have a birthday coming up? Anniversary? Let the office know by sending a note ([om@smartinscp.org](mailto:om@smartinscp.org)) with dates and names. (For birthdays, we only need date ... birth year, age, not needed *unless you want to provide it!*) *Also, please send any corrections that are needed.*

### August Birthdays

8/20 - Savanna Jackson

8/23 - Susan Nelson

8/25 - John Faber

8/29 - Shirley Starczynski, Ralph Schulenberg, Elizabeth Meier

8/31 - Karen Wenning

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## Council Invites Your Input

Church Council welcomes your participation in the first 15 minutes of each Council meeting (third Monday of month) for the purpose of sharing your ideas and insights. If you are interested in participating in this open forum time, please let one of the Council members know of your interest. Council meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the church library. Contact any member at the following numbers: Pastor Curtis (798-2777), Mark Richardson (413-0204), Gordie Esser (438-4176), Matt Wildman (798-1882), Kyla Schoenwetter (434-4950), Jenny Niesen (798-2132) or Ron Goplin (798-2518).

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## Stay Informed!

Monthly Church Council Minutes and Financial Reports can be found in the narthex (on the bulletin board) for your review. Please review, make copies as you would like (but please put the original copies back).

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## Suicide Prevention

*Need to talk to someone, or know someone who needs to talk to someone?*

Dane County Suicide Crisis Line: (608) 280-2600

National Suicide Prevention Line:

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433)

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## Church Office Hours & Additional Email Addresses

Scheduled office hours are:

Mon: 8:30 - 3:30 Tue: 10-2 Wed: 8:30 - 3:30 Thur: 10-2 Fri: 8:30-10:30

*Call ahead if you want to stop by (in case there has been a last minute change).*

-- OFFICE: Ph: (608) 798-2777 Email: om@stmartinscp.org  
-- Pastor Kirsten: PastorKirsten@stmartinscp.org  
-- Church Property Management Team (building & grounds maintenance requests / issues):  
Property@stmartinscp.org

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

Upcoming Schedule (Also available on the church web site - [www.stmartinscp.org](http://www.stmartinscp.org) - and in the Weekly

### August 20 - 26 2017

**Sunday, August 20th**

9:00a -- Sunday Worship

**Monday, August 21st**

6:30p — Church Council L

**Tuesday, August 22nd**

6:30a -- Men's Bible Study L

6:30p — Mission Team L

7:00p -- Boy Scout Troop 87 FH

**Wednesday, August 23rd** — Open Schedule

**Thursday, August 24th** — Open Schedule

**Friday, August 25th** — Open Schedule

**Saturday, August 26th**

9:00a -- 10a Overeaters Anonymous LL

L—Library; FH—Fellowship Hall; S—Sanctuary; YR—Youth Room; LL—Lower Level Classroom

### Worship Participants - Sunday, August 20, 2017

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Kirsten Curtis

Accompanist -- Debbie Miller

Song Leader -- Timmy Curtis

Special Music — Mark Richardson

Greeters -- Bob & Redgy Nelson

Lector / Reader -- Galyn Hartung

Communion Assistants -- Bev Brunner, Bill Windels

Ushers -- Owen Roenneburg, Karen Seibel

Acolyte -- Ryan Roenneburg

Counting Team -- Team 4 (Steve & Patty Hillebrand, Deb Wipperfurth)

Altar Guild -- Darlene Schulenberg

AV Team -- Jeff Postle

Coffee & Treats -- Karen Seibel, Kathy Graedel

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