



ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



This Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter



Challenge your Abundance!

“But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill offering? For all things come from You, and of Your own have we given You. ...All this abundance that we have provided for building You a house for Your holy name...comes from Your hand and is all Your own.” 1Chron 29:14-16 NRSV

Dear Friends in Christ,

At our January 2015 Annual Congregational Meeting, the summary of our Capital Improvement Team building and property assessment was reported. Both large and small ticket items were identified for repair or replacement in the near future. St. Martin’s members unanimously voted to authorize the Church Council to spend up to \$20,000 to replace the church’s seven furnaces and two water heaters in the coming months, drawing upon a pre-approved Capital Improvement Loan, if needed.

Recently St. Martin’s has been blessed with a wonderful challenge: **an anonymous donor has offered to gift \$10,000 to St. Martin’s if our congregation members will first raise \$10,000!** The challenge is an opportunity to stretch and grow – a challenge that inspires us to unify our intent with our God-given abundance. This is a Spirit-led call to replace St. Martin’s aging furnaces and water heaters in 2015, without borrowing any bank funds!

If you are ready to meet the challenge, please make checks payable to St. Martin’s, and put “donor challenge” in the check memo line. Remember these donations should be considered beyond what you plan to give to the general fund. Heartfelt thanks go to you and to our generous donor!

Sincerely,

St. Martin’s Church Council

Pick up Lilies Sunday

If you are taking home your Easter Lily, please pick it up after service on Sunday. (Those not taken will be up for adoption by a loving family!)

Volunteers needed to help with membership pictures

New church membership pictures will be taken in the second week of June (10th to 13th). As part of process, the photographer, Bob Winckler (who did this before with the church) needs the help of 2-4 volunteers who would coordinate things on this end including publicity, scheduling, photo days, etc.

He would like to meet with volunteers in a couple weeks (last week of April) to go over everything so if you can help please call or send a note to the office. Thank you for your help!
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Youth Announcements!

Upcoming youth events:

- **April 12th** - Youth Group (7:00-8:30p) We are finalizing plans for the Youth Service (April 19th) so please attend, especially if you didn't on March 29th.
- **April 19th** - High School Youth Lead Service.
- **April 25 & 26** - 30 Hour Famine (Starts early Saturday morning, ends Sunday during church)
- **May 3rd** - High School Synod Night at St Martin's (5p -7p)



Youth Group Changes - We will meet for an early lunch / pizza following service on April 19th as a way of celebrating a job well done. After that ... laser tag in Madison! (Exact pizza location TBD)

Thank you Lenten actors for bringing the Word to Life!

L to R: Cassie Kohrs, Jon Henry Roll, Alex Niebuhr, Tess Postel, Owen Roenneburg, Reggie Curtis, Christopher Wright, Greg Hinz, Ann Houck, Timmy Curtis, Tom Smiley, Jenna Rogers, Bill Windels, and narrator Pastor Kirsten Curtis



'Canstruction' to help end area hunger ...

Canstruction® is a community competition to end hunger. Teams build incredible, highly imaginative structures out of canned goods and packaged food they have either purchased or collected. (Displays will be at West Towne Mall, April 20-26.) Upon completion of the event, the food will be distributed through MOM's (Middleton Outreach



Ministry) Food Pantry and other area organizations that are sponsoring the event. To help, bring canned goods and put them in the bin located in the Nartex. Collection will be through April 26th.

FOUR VOLUNTEERS will be needed on April 26th to take donations to West Towne, help take down ('deconstruct') displays, and help distribute donations to local food pantries. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Nartex. Thank you!

Church Calendar for April 12 - April 18

Sunday, April 12

8:15 Choir Warm Up MR
9:00 a. Worship with guest Pastor Gil Splett
10:00 a Sunday School
7:00 p HS Youth Group

Monday, April 13

9:30 - 11a Quilting Group FH
6:30 - 8:30p FH Berry Hist Soc FH

Tuesday, April 14

6:30 a. Men's Bible Study L
7:00 - 9 p. Boy Scout Troop 87 LL FH
7:00 - 8:30p Centering Prayer S

Wednesday, April 15 (Tax Day ... sorry!)

6:30 p Confirmation - 8th Grade only - Faith Statement Work Night S & FH
7:15 - 8:15 p Choir Practice MR

Thursday, April 16

6:00 p Stewardship Meeting L

Friday, April 17

Open calendar

Saturday, April 18

9:00 - 11 a. Overeaters Anonymous LL

S—Sanctuary; L—Library; B—Building; MR—Music Room; FH—Fellowship Hall; CR—Choir Room; OS—Off Site; N—Nursery; PG—Prayer Garden; GLC—Gunderson Life Center; YR—Youth Room; LL—Lower Level Classroom

Worship Participants for Sunday, April 12

Presiding Minister (guest) -- Pastor Gil Splett
Accompanist -- Debbie Miller
Song Leader -- Ron Goplin
Greeters -- Tom and Gail Johnson
Lector & Communion Assistant -- Cheryl Hartung
Communion Assistants -- Dave Phaneuf, Bev Brunner
Ushers -- Barb Durham, Frank Durham
Jr. Usher -- Kevin Houck
Nursery -- Sean Frye
Acolyte -- Owen Roenneberg
Counting Team -- Team 3
Altar Guild -- Patti Hillebrand
AV Team -- James Hartung, Jason Niebuhr
Coffee and Treats -- Kathleen Nussbaum, Jeff & Deb Miller and Jeannie Hering-Schumann

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