



Meet our New Interim Pastor

Joining us on Monday, January 20th.

Rev. Richard Collier will be our Interim Pastor while we find our bearings and prepare to search for a new Pastor to Call.

Pastor Collier was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pa. He is a graduate of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, and holds a Master of Divinity degree from Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. Pastor Collier has been Called to Intentional Interim Ministry in the South Central Synod of Wisconsin.



Pastor Collier served under Call in North Dakota and in Wisconsin before taking on the challenge of Interim Ministry. He has served as an interim pastor for over 19 years in congregations all over our Synod and beyond. He comes to us from an assignment as Interim Pastor at Hope Lutheran Church in Milton.

Pastor Collier makes his home in Mayville, WI, where he has lived for 12 years. He is a widower, and his daughter Emily and her husband Nate live in Fond Du Lac.

Office hours for Pastor Collier will be Monday thru Thursday. He can also be reached at other times through the church office or via cell phone at 920.904.4818.

Annual Congregation Meeting on Sunday, January 26



The Annual Meeting of our congregation will be Sunday, January 26th after New Rhythm worship. Please plan to attend. We will be presenting our budget for 2014 and information regarding a new Legacy Giving program we are establishing. We will also be electing two people to the council to replace Tom Johnson and Frank Durham who will be finishing their three year terms. The congregation will also formally elect Ron Goplin to the council for a one year term replacing Mary Kay Knipfer who resigned due to personal reasons. Ron has been serving the past three months, per request of the council. A special thank you to Tom, Frank, and Mary Kay for your services. I also I would like to thank Ron for agreeing to serve the past three months.

Church Council Election

At this year's Annual Meeting two candidates will be running for two Council positions due to expiration of terms. The two terms that are expiring are Frank

Durham and Tom Johnson. Up for election will be Karen Windels and Mark Blaha. Please make sure to attend the annual meeting as it is important to vote and keep our church business moving forward.

Council Election Candidate Mark Blaha

Mark Blaha, wife Julie and sons Max, Porter and Roman have been calling Cross Plains home for the past nine years. Mark is an Engineer managing the Construction program at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Madison. Prior to moving to Wisconsin, Julie and Mark worked in Italy. Mark grew up in Virginia Beach and Julie in Fond du Lac.



Council Election Candidate Karen Windels



Karen, husband Bill and children Katherine and Michael live in Cross Plains and have been St. Martin's members since 2003. Karen has continually served in a variety of capacities at St. Martin's to include; Worship Planning Team, Children's Christian Education, Liturgical Arts Coordinator, Prayer Garden Planning Team, member of three Pastoral Call Teams, choir, song leader, and the list goes on. Karen's energy and interests have always been based on family, church and quality education. Karen was a

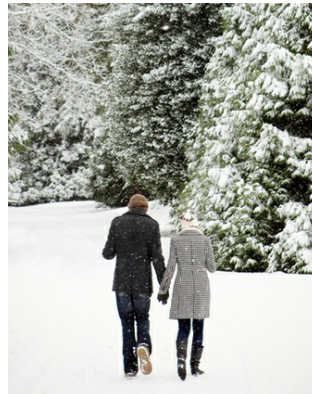
school psychologist and educator for 42 years. She has just recently retired. Karen's ministry goals include focusing on family engagement in church to enrich their spiritual lives.

TGIF Night Out

Parents take advantage of a night out while caring providers care for your awesome kids free of charge! Our ministry provides free child care on Friday nights on the last Friday of each month for families in our community who need a night out. Our groups are comprised of infants to children about 10 years old.

Our next event is scheduled for Friday, January 31 from 6 to 10 pm.

Please sign up by Wednesday, January 29 by contacting Sharon at om@smartinscp.org or 798-2777.



Middleton H.S. Choral Booster Country Breakfast



The Middleton High School Choral Boosters invite you to attend the 20th Annual Country Breakfast on Sunday, February 2, 2014, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the MHS Student Center located at 2100 Bristol Street. Tickets are \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Seniors/Children (10 and under), and can be purchased at the door. The breakfast is not only for enjoying wonderful pancakes, but for enjoying the incredible high school talent showcased all day long

from four MHS choirs, and individual solos and ensembles from some of your own students including Haley Joyce. Check out the schedule posted at <http://tinyurl.com/mrmielke> to see when your favorite MHS singer is performing! Don't forget the silent auction! All funds benefit the MHS choral music program. Stop by before or after church services! Your support is most appreciated!

2014 Offering Envelopes

Please pick up your 2014 Offering Envelopes in the church sanctuary. This saves our church a significant amount in postage. We appreciate you picking them up when you are here.

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Thank you!

New St. Martin's Music Group



Would you like to be part of an informal music group at St. Martin's that meets to play music, sing, engage in fellowship, and possibly perform free shows at local nursing homes? If so please consider being part of this new group that is forming at church. All skill levels, ages and musical interests are welcome, although at least some of the music will be aimed at songs of interest to

nursing home residents. Meeting time and frequency will be determined based on the availability of the people that join the group. Please call Jeff Postle at 798-1620 for more info or to sign up.

Sign Up for the Mission Trip

Limited spots available, be sure and sign up soon for the Mission Trip to Moore, Oklahoma on June 28 - July 6. In May 2013 an F5 Tornado plundered through this area leaving devastation. This trip will be a life changing experience for all. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. Please contact Tim Knipfer at timmyk65@yahoo.com with any questions.



Katherine (Bollenbach) Rohloff Ordination



Katherine is delighted to invite you to her ordination at Scandian Grove Lutheran Church, St. Peter, MN on Saturday, Feb. 1 at 3 PM. She would be delighted to see anyone from St. Martin's there, and would like to thank the congregation for the wonderful role they played in her formation as a pastor when she was an intern there a few years ago. God's blessings on the congregation! (And incidentally, if no one can make it, please know your kind gift of the ELW Leader's Desk Edition will be on her desk as usual on that day, serving it's usual purpose as well as a reminder of good times in Wisconsin!)

Church Calendar for January 19 - January 25

Sunday, January 19

7:45 a. Choir Practice S
8:30 a. Traditional Blend Worship
9:45 a. GIFT Christian Ed FH
10:15 a. New Rhythm Worship

Monday, January 20

9:00 a. 4K Kids Arrive
11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart
7:00 p. Soul Purpose S

Tuesday, January 21

9:00 a. 4K Kids Arrive
11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart
6:30 a. Men's Bible Study
7:00 p. Boy Scout Troop 87 FH

Wednesday, January 22

9:00 a. 4K Kids Arrive



11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart
6:30 p. Confirmation Power Night 10 S
7:30 p. Choir Practice MR

Thursday, January 23

9:00 a. 4K Kids Arrive
11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart
6:00 p. New Rhythm Band Practice S
6:30 p. Sr. High Youth Group YR
7:00 p. Call Team Orientation Meeting L
7:00 p. Women's Bible Study FH

Friday, January 24

9:00 a. 4K Kids Arrive
11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart

Saturday, January 25

9:00 a. Overeaters Anonymous
6:00 p. Recital S

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

Worship Participants for Sunday, January 19



Presiding Minister Pastor Jack Finney
Accompanist & Musicians (8:30) Jan Doyle (10:15) Soul Purpose
Song Leaders (8:30) St. Martin's Choir (10:15) Soul Purpose
Lectors (8:30) Tom Smiley (10:15) Kay Calvin
Communion Assistants (8:30) Tom Smiley (10:15) Kay Calvin, James & Cheryl Hartung
Ushers (8:30) Dan & Mary Trappe (10:15) open

Acolytes (8:30) Kyra Ripp (10:15) Grace Hartung

Jr. Usher (10:15) Galyn Hartung

Nursery Nick Hinz

Counting Team 3

Altar Guild (8:30) Deb Wipperfurth (10:15) Darlene Schulenberg

AV (8:30) Jason Niebuhr (10:15) Jeff Postle & Patty Neumueller

Coffee Carmen Fowell

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