



# ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



## This Sunday: Twenty-First Sunday of Pentecost

It's almost that time again—the World Series. As a kid Summer meant practically one thing only: Baseball. Our family didn't go on vacations. For that matter, we rarely left the city of Tacoma at any time for any reason, and I certainly wouldn't have gone anywhere if it meant missing our team's baseball game. Or even missing practice. Our teams were always contenders and usually finished on top which, I suppose, made the game even more fun. In retrospect, I don't think it would have mattered. I grew up loving baseball. Over the years, football has replaced baseball as my favorite spectator sport, but as a player I would still prefer baseball.



Baseball has a tough time capturing the imagination of many Americans these days. It is a little slow. Not enough physical violence for some. Players stand around a lot, there's not much action between plays, games can seem to drag on and on with coaches coming to the mound too often to make pitching changes and such. And then there's all that chewing, spitting, and scratching! But one thing that hasn't changed much, and is that success as a batter is still judged quite generously: You only have to get a hit about one time in 3-4 at-bats to be considered successful. A batting average of .300 or more earns you a lot of praise! Perfection—which no one expects—would be batting over .400. Only 25 players in major league history have batted over .400. Three—Rogers Hornsby, Ty Cobb and some guy named Ed Delahanty have done it three times. No other men have achieved it twice. .400 is baseball perfection!

Jesus said "You are to be perfect, as your Father in heaven is perfect." (Matthew 5:48) I hope he meant "baseball perfect!!!" Otherwise, we are all in big trouble.

At both the Traditional Blend and the New Rhythm Services we are going to focus on exceptional people, on winners and losers, on perfect people as Jesus would define them. Jesus has different standards of perfection than we do. Our calling is to understand the job description of "perfection" and to work toward becoming a perfect person. According to Jesus' definition, we can all become perfect people if we pay attention to his word and do what he says. I think all of us should have this as our life's goal: to be perfect, as our Lord want us to be.

Is your desire to be perfect? Why or why not?

Pastor Rick

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# Brats for a Cause!

Join us for a Brat Sale to benefit Jeff Lehmann and Megan Niesen



**Friday, October 18th, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**  
Cross Plains Main Office, 1205 Main Street

**Friday, October 25th, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**  
Oregon Office, 744 N. Main Street

Jeff Lehmann was in a bicycle accident on July 18th. He had bleeding on the brain, two large contusions on the brain, twenty staples in the back of his head; he had no feeling in his legs and was unconscious for 15 minutes (he was wearing a helmet! It saved his life!). Due to the brain injury and a torn rotary cuff muscle and fractured scapula, Jeff will be out of work for a while and the family could use some financial assistance.

On July 28th, doctors determined that Megan had a tumor on her kidney. She was admitted to the American Family Children's Hospital that night and had surgery to remove the tumor and her kidney the next morning. The tumor was determined to be a stage 3 Wilm's Tumor. She spent a week in the hospital recovering from the surgery and started chemo and radiation treatments the following week. She completed seven radiation treatments and faces 25 weeks of chemotherapy.



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## Middleton Outreach Ministry

### VOLUNTEER & GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

MOM (Middleton Outreach Ministry) continues to serve thousands of people in our community. With winter and the holidays coming, there are many opportunities and ways for each of us to help MOM achieve its mission to make lives better for our friends and neighbors.

Please consider one of these many ways to help:

ON SITE OPPORTUNITIES (all listed below take place at MOM's location at 3502 Parmenter Street, Middleton.)

Clothing Center: Volunteers need to accept and sort clothing. 2-4pm Mondays thru Thursdays

Food Pantry: After hours' cleaners to help tidy up for following day pantry hours. 2pm-4pm Mon thru Thursday or Noon-2pm Friday and Saturday.

Creating for Causes Art Show:

Decoration and cleaning of food pantry (art show area):

Friday Dec 6: Noon-3pm.

Gift wrappers: Two hour shifts - Sat., December 7th 1-7pm or Sunday, December 8th 9am-3pm

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES (locations are various in Cross Plains, Middleton and West

Madison)

"Senior" Drivers: (to transport clients age 60 & above)

Drivers are needed to transport MOM clients to medical appointment, the Food Pantry, shopping, errands, etc. While drivers are needed for the entire MOM service area, the need for drivers in the Cross Plains area is greatest.

Senior Chores: (to assist clients age 60 & above)

Volunteers are needed for ongoing general housekeeping and yard work once or twice a month. This is a continuing service for the same client, or a St. Martin's Service Day where several members of our congregation gather to serve in a one day community outreach.

To volunteer for any of the above, please contact Joan McGovern at 826-3409 or [joan@momhelps.org](mailto:joan@momhelps.org).

DONATIONS NEEDED:

The government shutdown on many programs as well as the changing landscape in healthcare costs is likely to cause increased demand for all of MOM's services, including their food pantry. MOM is currently seeking donations of blankets, comforters, quilts and linens as well as warm weather coats.

The food pantry is also in great need of all household products, including:

Toilet paper, paper towels, household cleaning products, toiletries and diapers. Donations to MOM can be left in the barrel in the narthex.

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## Thank God It's Friday Night Out



Our new ministry has proved to be very popular and successful. On the last Friday of each month Parents enjoy an evening out or a quiet night at home while their awesome kids play games, have snacks and watch a movie on the big screen here at church with caring providers. We need several adults to help us keep up with the amazing response to continue to offer this valued program.

**If you can help once or twice a year caring for great children of our community on the last Friday evening of the month contact Sharon Pertzborn-Jensen at [om@stmartinscp.org](mailto:om@stmartinscp.org) or 798-2777 ext. 541.**

Our next event is scheduled for Friday, October 25 from 6-10 pm. We need to have enough volunteers to hold this event.

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## Habitat For Humanity Volunteers Needed

We will continue to work on Theresa Persinger's Fitchburg home which needs to be completed by the end of the year. Anyone is welcome to help, no skills are required and tools are provided. Workers need to be at least 16 years old and be accompanied by a parent if between the ages of 16 and 18.

On October 26, we will leave church at 8:00 am and return around 4:00 pm. Lunch and break food will be provided. We would like to have a crew of at least ten people this time. It's hard work, but we have lots of fun.



**If you can lend a hand, please contact Phil Fish, [pdfish@charter.net](mailto:pdfish@charter.net) or phone (608) 279-3637 or (608) 203-5160.**



St. Martin's  
Packers vs. Vikings  
Tailgate Fun Day



A Fun Gathering for Family, Neighbors and Friends!  
*Everyone Welcome!*

**Sunday, October 27th**  
**4pm Start, 5:30pm Serving Begins, 7:30pm Kick Off**  
**(Only Until Half Time)**

**Food Menu:** Grilled Brats, Hotdogs, German Potato Salad, Carrots or Veggies, Chips, Fresh Hot Popcorn, Root Beer, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Culvers Custard, and Apple Sundaes

**Watch the Packers vs. the Vikings:**  
Outside in the Back Parking Lot Under the White Tent  
(Indoors if Inclement Weather)

**Additional Entertainment:** Bouncy House, Face Painting, Pass, Punt, Kick, Bingo, Pumpkins for Decorating, Homemade Pie Auction and More!

Family: \$20  
Couple: \$10  
Individual: \$5  
(Suggested Donation)

**Fresh Baked Homemade Pies Auctioned Off**  
**Proceeds to The St. Martin's H.S. Youth Program**



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## DOMESTIC ABUSE INTERVENTION SERVICES

Dine out on October 15 at one of 50+ participating restaurants and 10% of your food tab will go to Domestic Abuse Interventions Services. See the list of participating restaurants in the church narthex or at <http://abuseintervention.org/>

# YOU'RE INVITED

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## St. Martins Senior High Halloween Party

Friday, November 1 to Saturday, November 2

6 pm. to 11 am.

St. Martins Lutheran Church

On Friday, November 1, we are inviting YOU-yes, you to put on your costume, pack your bags and come to the Sr. High Halloween Party for an awesome night filled with friends, dancing, apple bobbing, pumpkin carving, caramel apple making, movie, and sleepover fun!

We also invite you to bring donations to help out a child that we sponsor in Bolivia. His name is Javier. Every penny is helpful.

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### Farewell to Bishop Hougen

#### Farewell and Thank You Celebration for Interim Bishop Phillip Hougen – October 20th

Interim Bishop Hougen has touched many lives in the short time he has been here and we are grateful for his support of this synod as our interim bishop. Please join us for a farewell celebration for Bishop Hougen and his wife, Diane, on Sunday, October 20th from 3-5PM at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Madison. All are welcome!





## Names to Faces



Thanks to all of you who have taken the time to look at the confirmation photos located in the narthex. We've been able to add many names and some classes only need a name or two to be complete. Please stop and look if you haven't already done so. The names and pictures are important to the history of our church.

## Church Calendar for October 13 - October 19

### Sunday, October 13

8:30 a. Traditional Blend Worship  
9:45 a. GIFT Christian Ed FH  
10:00 a. Nursery  
10:15 a. New Rhythm Worship

### Monday, October 14

8:30 a. 4K Kids Arrive  
9:30 a. Quilting FH  
11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart  
6:30 p. Berry Hist. Soc. FH  
7:00 p. Soul Purpose S  
7:00 p. TLC L

### Tuesday, October 15

6:30 a. Men's Bible Study L  
8:30 a. 4K Kids Arrive  
11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart  
6:30 p. Website Committee L  
7:00 p. Boy Scouts Troop 87 FH

### Wednesday, October 16

8:30 a. 4K Kids Arrive  
11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart  
1:00 p. Staff Meeting  
6:30 p. Confirmation Game Night S  
7:30 p. Choir Practice MR

### Thursday, October 17

8:30 a. 4K Kids Arrive  
9:30 a. Play & Learn  
11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart  
6:30 p. Sr. High Youth Group YR  
6:30 p. Women's Bible Study L  
7:45 p. New Rhythm Band S

### Friday, October 18

8:30 a. 4K Kids Arrive  
11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart

### Saturday, October 19

9:00 a. Overeaters Anonymous



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, October 13



**Presiding Minister** Pastor Rick Lund

**Accompanist & Musicians** (8:30) Mary Vassalotti  
(10:15) New Rhythm Band

**Song Leader** (8:30) St. Martin's Choir (10:15) New Rhythm Band

**Lector** (8:30) Doris Fish (10:15) Jen Niesen

**Communion Assistants** (8:30) Doris Fish (10:15) Mark & Jen Niesen and Cheryl Roenneburg

**Ushers** (8:30) Gary & Karen Trappe (10:15) Jim &

Linda Knudtson

**Acolyte** (8:30) Jordan Green (10:15) Nicole McCue

**Jr. Usher** (10:15) Owen Roenneburg

**Nursery** (10:15) Alicia Houck

**Counter Team** 4

**Altar Guild** (8:30) Deb Archer (10:15) Kim Mahaffey  
**AV** (8:30) Phil Fish (10:15) James Hartung  
**Coffee** Karen Trappe

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