



This Sunday: Twenty-Second Sunday of Pentecost

My introduction to good literature came as a college freshman in a class called "Introduction to American Literature." I loved the class, and grew to appreciate the well-written word. One rather obscure book I remember well. Herman Melville, best known for the classic book "Moby Dick," ended his literary career with an odd book called "The Confidence Man." It wasn't a particularly good read, but the premise has stuck with me all these years.



The novel's title refers to its central character, an ambiguous figure who sneaks aboard a Mississippi Steamboat on April's Fools Day. This stranger attempts to test the confidence of the passengers, whose varied reactions constitute the bulk of the text. Each person, including the reader is forced to confront that in which he places his or her trust.

Our first Scripture reading for Sunday at both services is St. Paul's Second Letter to his mentor-ee, young Timothy. Paul urges Timothy to stay faithful, to never lose confidence in the Word of God and the power of Jesus Christ. He warns him about "Confidence Men" in life who will look for every opportunity to exploit our weakness and tantalize our imaginations to leave Christ and follow dead-end philosophies in life.

"The time is coming," Paul says, "when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. They will reject the truth and chase after myths." (2 Timothy 4:3-4)

We seem to be living in such times. It's easy to fall away from Jesus because there are so many persuasive "Con(fidence) Men" out there trying to lure us into their traps. They want our money, our time, our allegiance--the same things Jesus expects from us.

I urge you to read Doris Fish's article in the Weekly Bread. Doris reminds us that financial giving is a good clue as to where we put our confidence. Do you trust Jesus to provide, or some "Confidence Man"?

Pastor Rick

Consecration Sunday Is Coming



Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, biblically-grounded congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

St. Martin's Church Council has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the *need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive*. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act

of discipleship. New Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, **"What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"**

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Doris Fish
Church Council President



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 for 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 a continuing service for the same client), or a St. Martin's Service Day where several member 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.

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.

Thank God It's Friday Night Out



Parents take advantage of a night out while caring providers care for your awesome kids free of charge! Our new 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.

Kids will enjoy games, activities, snacks, and a movie on the big screen.

Our next event is scheduled for Friday, October 25 from 6 to 10 pm. Please sign up by Wednesday, October 23 by contacting Sharon at om@stmartinscp.org or 798-2777.

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.

Sign up sheet is located in the narthex or contact Phil Fish, pdfish@charter.net or phone (608) 279-3637 or (608) 203-5160.



Check Out St. Martin's Website

We have a new user friendly website located at the same web address, <http://stmartinscp.org/>. You can easily access upcoming events, worship schedules,

volunteer opportunities, Weekly Bread Newsletters, e giving and more. We will be adding future enhancements to include worship and music audio recordings, private membership directory, photo galleries, and more. If you have any questions, suggestions, etc. please feel free to contact Sharon in the church office at 798-2777 or om@stmartinscp.org. Special thanks goes out to our great Web Team, Wes Cole, James Hartung, Mary Vassalotti, and Jeff Postle.



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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YOU'RE INVITED

to

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! If you are in High School and would like to join the fun, please sign up in the narthex or contact Anna Freudenberg at 608-712-9132 or annakayf10@gmail.com

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.

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 20 - October 26

Sunday, October 20

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 21

8:30 a. 4K Kids Arrive
 9:30 a. Quilting FH
 11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart
 7:00 p. Soul Purpose S

Tuesday, October 22

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
 7:00 p. Church Council L
 7:00 p. Boy Scouts Troop 87 FH

Wednesday, October 23

8:30 a. 4K Kids Arrive
 10:00 a. Staff Meeting
 11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart
 6:30 p. Confirmation Power Night 4 S
 7:30 p. Choir Practice MR

Thursday, October 24

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
 6:00 p. New Rhythm Band S

Friday, October 25

8:30 a. 4K Kids Arrive
 11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart
 6:00 p. TGIF FH

Saturday, October 26

8:00 a. Habitat for Humanity OS
 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 20



Presiding Minister Pastor Rick Lund
Accompanist & Musicians (8:30) Jan Doyle (10:15) Soul Purpose
Song Leader (8:30) St. Martin's Choir (10:15) Soul Purpose
Lector (8:30) Tom Smiley (10:15) Bill Windels
Communion Assistants (8:30) Tom Smiley (10:15) Bill Windels and Shawn & Deb McCue
Ushers (8:30) Annette Kerl and Alex Niebuhr (10:15) Steve Schunk and Kim Johnson

Acolyte (8:30) Jon Roll (10:15) Nicole McCue
Jr. Usher (10:15) Haley Osborne
Nursery (10:15) Kyra Ripp
Counter Team 3
Altar Guild (8:30) Deb Goplin (10:15) Darlene Schulenberg
AV (8:30) Jason Niebuhr (10:15) Jeff Postle
Coffee Carmen Fowell

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