



ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



This Sunday: Reformation Sunday

Did you know that the happiest people in the world are predominately LUTHERAN? It's true. The annual "World Happiness Report" came out last month and, once again, the top two countries for "happy people" are Denmark and Norway. Sweden, Finland and Iceland were all in the top ten. Historically, these countries have been nearly 100% Lutheran!



The second World Happiness Report utilized factors such as GDP, life expectancy, social support, "perceptions of corruption", and "freedom to make life choices", to assign each country a total score. It's worth noting, too, that these countries are the most heavily taxed in the world. I guess high taxes aren't so bad after all, if they're used to improve the standard of living and not wasted on things like weapons. Just saying....

So, it makes me wonder: If Americans would convert to Lutheran Christianity, wouldn't we be much happier people?!

This weekend we celebrate the life and ministry of The First Lutheran: Rev. Dr. Martin Luther. On October 31, 1517 the young Augustinian Catholic monk and theology professor posted his "95 Theses" on the door of All Saints Church in Wittenburg, Germany. Luther had some beefs with his Catholic church about some serious abuses and deficiencies he thought needed to be remedied. In particular, Luther was outraged by the practice of selling God's grace in the form of "indulgences"--paper receipts for payments made to have sins forgiven for both living people and the dead in purgatory. Luther wondered where in the Bible this practice could be justified? The place of Saints, the role of women, marriage of priests, the Pope's power--these were also on his laundry list of concerns.

Luther wanted to have an orderly debate in a proper Christian forensic arena, the Church. The debate unleashed, for the next half millennium, the formation of Protestant Christianity, the largest denomination in the world of which is the Lutheran Church.

I think the world would be a much happier place if we had more Lutheran Christians. Apparently the pollsters findings agree!

Come and celebrate the beginning of the Protestant Reformation and the birth of the Lutheran Church by joining us for Worship, GIFT, and the Packer Tailgate party later at 4 pm. Start early, perhaps, by picking up a hammer and joining us for the Habitat build in Fitchburg on Saturday. Start the the first day of the rest of your life as a happy Lutheran Christian!

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.

5th Annual Holiday Cookie Walk-Save the Date

Save the date of Saturday, December 7 from 9-11 am. for this delicious and fun event held in St. Martin's Fellowship Hall. You can let someone else do the baking and pay for treats by the pound. There will be door prizes, carolers and more.



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.

Tailgate Fun Day this Sunday, October 27

Don't forget to bring your pies for the Homemade Pie Auction.

Tailgate Kids Football Skills Competition

1. Ages
 - a. Boys and girls classes
 - b. Age Categories: 6 to 7; 8 to 9; 10 to 11; and 12
2. Games
 - a. Pass (white line for 30 yards) get 3 throws take best one
 - b. Pass Accuracy, get 3 throws take best one , throw thru tires
 - c. 30 yard run/sprint race
3. Prizes
 - a. Participation medals for all
 - b. Winner each group= Culvers ice cream card
4. Time to conduct event start at 4:15 p.m.



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 27 - November 2

Sunday, October 27

8:30 a. Traditional Blend Worship
 9:45 a. GIFT Christian Ed FH
 10:00 a. Nursery
 10:15 a. New Rhythm Worship
 4:00 p. Tailgate Fun Day FH

Monday, October 28

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

Tuesday, October 29

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

Wednesday, October 30

8:30 a. 4K Kids Arrive
 10:00 a. Staff Meeting
 11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart
 6:30 p. Confirmation Halloween Party
 7:00 p. Centering Prayer
 7:30 p. Choir Practice MR
 7:30 p. Marn Turley L

Thursday, October 31

8:30 a. 4K Kids Arrive
 9:30 a. Play & Learn
 11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart
 Women's Via de Cristo Weekend OS

Friday, November 1

8:30 a. 4K Kids Arrive
 11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart
 6:00 p. Sr. High Youth Halloween Party

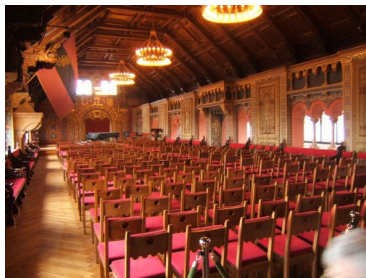
Saturday, November 2

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 27



Presiding Minister Pastor Rick Lund
Accompanist & Musicians (8:30) Mary Vassalotti (10:15) Soul Purpose
Song Leader (8:30) St. Martin's Choir (10:15) Soul Purpose
Lector (8:30) Bev Brunner (10:15) Casey Bucholz
Communion Assistants (8:30) Bev Brunner (10:15) Casey Bucholz, Kevin & Ann Boehnen
Ushers (8:30) Dan and Mary Trappe

(10:15) Donna Blumer and Kathy Graedel
Acolyte (8:30) Ashlyn Phaneuf (10:15) Valerie Niesen
Jr. Usher (10:15) Elizabeth Boehnen
Nursery (10:15) No nursery this week
Counter Team 2
Altar Guild (8:30) Deb Goplin (10:15) Deb Goplin
AV (8:30) Phil Fish (10:15) Bill Windels
Coffee Doris Fish

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