

ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



This Sunday: Pentecost Twenty Six



doesn't He?

We are reminded this week that it is not only our money and things, but the gifts of our very

This week we will consider "the perfect life."
Read on....

I begin by thanking each of you who were part of the Consecration Sunday Worship Service and Celebration luncheon last week. It was a truly inspiring experience to hear Pastor Blake share his heart-felt understanding of financial stewardship, and to watch as about 60 families in our congregation presented their "Estimates of Giving" cards for 2014 at the Altar. It is a humbling thing to make such a public offering of your precious, hard-earned financial resources to the Lord's work through St. Martin's Lutheran Church. Pastor Blake embodied the biblical reasons for giving: God has given us all that we have and all that we are, and we respond by returning to him a percentage of "our" income in thanksgiving. God loves cheerful givers,

selves that God expects. God made each of us to be absolutely unique, with all the tools and talents needed to bless others. We focus this week on "Vocation." Another word for that is "Work." Not just work we're paid to do, but work with which we are gifted to bless the world.

The "perfect life" we all yearn for is found at the intersection of our financial giving and the giving of ourselves out of gratitude to God for who we are and what we have been given.

Pastor Rick



5th Annual

Holiday Cookie Walk

We're Making
Baking Easy!



Saturday, December 7th

9am-11am

St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall

Pick up a cookie box when you enter and fill with your holiday favorites. Pay by the pound-we're making holiday baking easy!



Doors Prizes·Carolers And More!

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2013 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday Evening

November 27th, 2013

7:30 PM at St. Francis Xavier Church

The congregation is invited to attend the 2013 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service with St. Francis Xavier Church. The service this year will be held at St. Francis Xavier. A Social follows the Service.



As an offering of thanksgiving, a collection of canned goods and money will be taken up for the St. Vincent DePaul Society and our local food pantry during the service.

SINGING FOR THANKSGIVING!!

Children's Choir-All GIFT participants as well as confirmation students are invited to join in singing Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 27th, at 7:30pm. In preparation for this service, those who will be singing are asked to attend two practices. These practices will take place at the St. Francis Xavier Church sanctuary on:

Sunday, November 17th, 5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 24th, 6:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Adult Choir -Practices for the combined adult choirs will be held:
Sunday, November 17th, 5:30-6:30 p.m .
Sunday, November 24th, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
You do not need to be a regular member of St. Martin's Choir to participate in this choir.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Vassalotti, 279-0703.

Baking for a Cause!

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

Friday, November 22nd
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Bake Sale Locations: Middleton West and Verona, Black Earth, Cross Plains main, Mt. Horeb, Waunakee and Madison

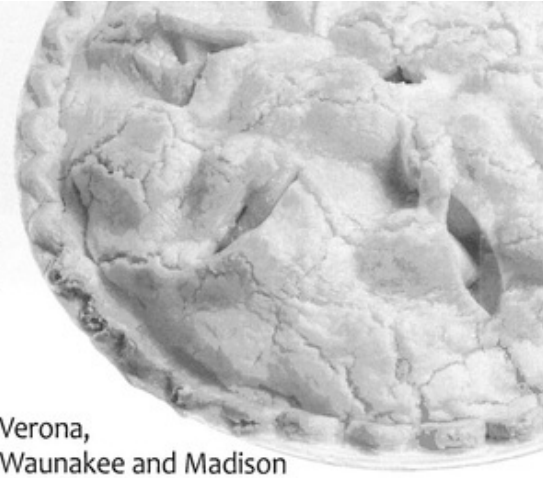
Jeff Lehmann was in a bicycle accident on July 18th. He had bleeding on the brain, two large contusions on the brain, twenty staples in the back of his head; he had no feeling in his legs and was unconscious for 15 minutes (he was wearing a helmet! It saved his life!). Due to the brain injury and a torn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



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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.

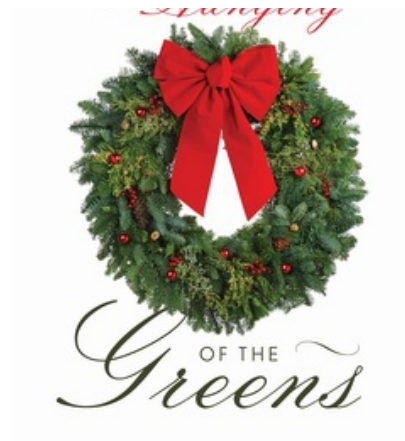


Hanging of the Greens

Friday, November 29 at 9 am.

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In preparation for Advent and the Christmas Season, please join us for decorating of the church sanctuary at 9 am. on Friday, November 29. If you have questions, please contact Mary Vassalotti at 279-0703.



Holiday Bazaar at Perry Lutheran Church



Perry Lutheran Church Holiday Bazaar. Saturday, November 23 from 10:30 am. to 1:00 pm. Enjoy a bake sale, arts and crafts sale, free kids craft corner, door prizes, raffle drawing and lefsa. Lunch is available all day. Perry Church is located at 1057 Highway 78 South in Daleyville. For more info go to <http://www.perrylutheranchurchelca.org/>

Responding to the Typhoon Tragedy in the Philippines

We have all been rocked by scenes of the devastation in the Philippines this past week. As always in these situations, there can be a feeling of helplessness. What can we do to help? How can we begin to make sense out of disasters such as this? First of all, know that the ELCA, through Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR), is sending \$1 million to the Philippines this week. Your church is working through Lutheran World Relief (LWR) which already has a presence in the Philippines. If any of you would like to contribute directly, please send contributions to LDR and mark it "Philippines". Visit the ELCA website for more information:

Church Calendar for November 17 - November 23

Sunday, November 17

8:30 a. Traditional Blend Worship
9:45 a. GIFT Christian Ed FH
10:15 a. New Rhythm Worship
5:00 p. Ecumenical Children's Choir
Practice at St. Francis
5:30 p. Ecumenical Adult Choir Practice
at St. Francis

Monday, November 18

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

Tuesday, November 19

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

Wednesday, November 20

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

Thursday, November 21

8:30 a. 4K Kids Arrive
9:30 a. Play & Learn
11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart
6:00 p. New Rhythm Band S
6:30 p. Women's Bible Study L
6:30 p. Sr. High Youth Group YR



Friday, November 22

8:30 a. 4K Kids Arrive

9:00 a. to 2 p. Baking for a Cause at St. Bank of Cross Plains

11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart

Saturday, November 23

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, November 17



Roenneberg

Jr. Usher (10:15) Jack Tibbetts

Nursery No nursery this week

Counter Team 4

Altar Guild (8:30) Deb Archer

(10:15) Darlene Schulenberg

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

Coffee Carmen Fowell

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) Kay Calvin

Communion Assistants (8:30) Tom Smiley

(10:15) Kay Calvin, Luke & Cheryl Roenneberg

Ushers (8:30) Horst Gierke & Deb Wipperfurth

(10:15) Ralph & Darlene Schulenberg

Acolyte (8:30) Grace Hartung (10:15) Owen

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