



This Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Lent



Challenge your Abundance!

"But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill offering? For all things come from You, and of Your own have we given You. ...All this abundance that we have provided for building You a house for Your holy name... comes from Your hand and is all Your own." 1Chron 29:14-16 NRSV

Dear Friends in Christ,

At our January 2015 Annual Congregational Meeting, the summary of our Capital Improvement Team building and property assessment was reported. Both large and small ticket items were identified for repair or replacement in the near future. St. Martin's members unanimously voted to authorize the Church Council to spend up to \$20,000 to replace the church's seven furnaces and two water heaters in the coming months, drawing upon a pre-approved Capital Improvement Loan, if needed.

Recently St. Martin's has been blessed with a wonderful challenge: **an anonymous donor has offered to gift \$10,000 to St. Martin's if our congregation members will first raise \$10,000!** The challenge is an opportunity to stretch and grow – a challenge that inspires us to unify our intent with our God-given abundance. This is a Spirit-led call to replace St. Martin's aging furnaces and water heaters in 2015, without borrowing any bank funds!

If you are ready to meet the challenge, please make checks payable to St. Martin's, and put "donor challenge" in the check memo line. Remember these donations should be considered beyond what you plan to give to the general fund. Heartfelt thanks go to you and to our generous donor!

Sincerely,

St. Martin's Church Council

Youth Leader Position -

St. Martin's Lutheran is looking for a part-time Youth Ministries Director to coordinate its Christian Education programs. Must have a bachelors degree, or extensive experience, in Christian Education or Youth Ministries. If you are, or know someone interested in the job, send or email a cover letter and resume to St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 2427 Church St, Cross Plains, WI, 53528 or om@stmartinscp.org by April 1, 2015. A job description will be posted on our web site, stmartinscp.org.



Mission Trip Fundraisers!

The youth are heading out to Pine Ridge with Next Step Ministries in June and have two upcoming fundraisers in the month of March! The first is at Culver's. On Monday, March 16th from 5-10pm, 10% of the profits made that night will be donated to the youth group to go towards the mission trip!



Come on out with your friends, family, and make this a fellowship event, as well as enjoying some great food!

On March 22nd, after church, the youth are hosting a "Buy a Share in Our Youth" Fundraiser. This is a time for all members of the congregation to meet downstairs at church, enjoy refreshments, as well as hear from the youth how missions have impacted their lives, and why they would love it if the congregation would "buy stock" in them.

Order your Easter Lilies!

Order time is here for Easter Lilies for St Martin's Easter Garden! Look for the forms at church -- just fill out the form, indicate how many you would like to order, and return form to the office.



Midweek Soup Suppers and Lent Worship

Soup Suppers will be held in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm. with midweek Wednesday Lent services following at 7 pm. We are coming up on our last two, so mark your calendars!

- March 18 Lent 4 *The Burden of Freedom*
- March 25 Lent 5 *At the Foot of the Cross*

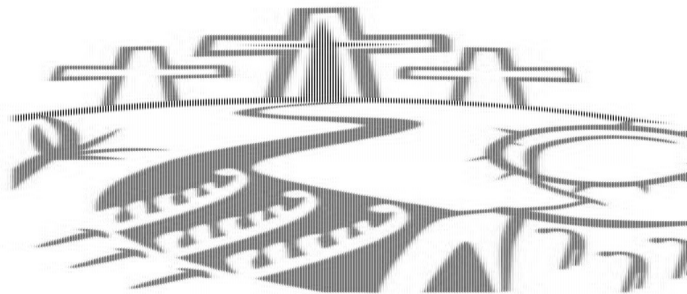
Please sign up to bring soup and other goodies for soup suppers and volunteer to help serve in the church narthex. Church Council will provide the food and serve on February 25th. We appreciate everyone's time and generosity.

Main St Work to start soon ...

Main St. / Highway 14 work in Cross Plains will be starting this month (March) with detour scheduled to start March 30th. If you use Main St make sure to pay attention to closings, detours, etc. Some side streets will likely see traffic pattern changes as drivers look for alternative routes so be cautious. Downtown stores will be 'open for business'.



Welcome
Enjoy Christmas
Guest Speaker
Breakfast
\$8.00
Evening



Easter Bunny Egg Hunt!

The Cross Plains Annual East Egg Hunt (sponsored by Cub Scout Pack 87) will be on Saturday, April 4th at 10am - Baer Park, Cross Plains. Bring your camera for photos with the Easter Bunny! (And remember to bring your own basket!)



Church Calendar for March 16 - March 21

Sunday, March 15

8:15 Choir Warm Up MR
9:00 a. Worship with Pastor Kirsten
10:00 a. Sunday School FH
10:15 a. Lutheranism 101 L
Noon - 5 p. Crafting Group FH
7 - 8:30 p Sr High Youth Group

Monday, March 16

5:00 - 10 p Youth Night at Culver's
6:30 - 9:00 p Church Council Meeting L

Tuesday, March 17

6:30 a. Men's Bible Study L
7:00 - 9 p. Boy Scout Troop 87 LL

Wednesday, March 18

5:00 - 6:30 p Confirmation S
6:00 - 7:00 p Lent Soup Supper FH
7:00 - Lent Worship
7:30 - 8:15 p Choir Practice MR

Thursday, March 19

open calendar

Friday, March 20

open calendar

Saturday, March 21

9:00 - 11 a. Overeaters Anonymous LL

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; LL—Lower Level Classroom

Worship Participants for Sunday, March 15

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Kirsten Curtis
Accompanist -- Jan Doyle
Song Leaders -- St. Martin's Choir
Greeters -- Brian & Kathy Gradel
Lector & Communion Assistant -- Cassie Kohrs
Communion Assistants -- Steve Schunk, Kim Johnson
Ushers -- Kim Johnson, Steve Schunk
Acolytes -- Emma Hinz, Tess Postle
Jr. Usher -- Kevin Houck
Nursery -- Cole Ferguson
Counting Team -- Team 1
Altar Guild -- Deb Wipperfurth
AV Team -- Patty Neumueller, Jeff Postle
Coffee & Treats -- Kathy Graedel, Redgy Nelson, Amy Wildman, Karen Seibel

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