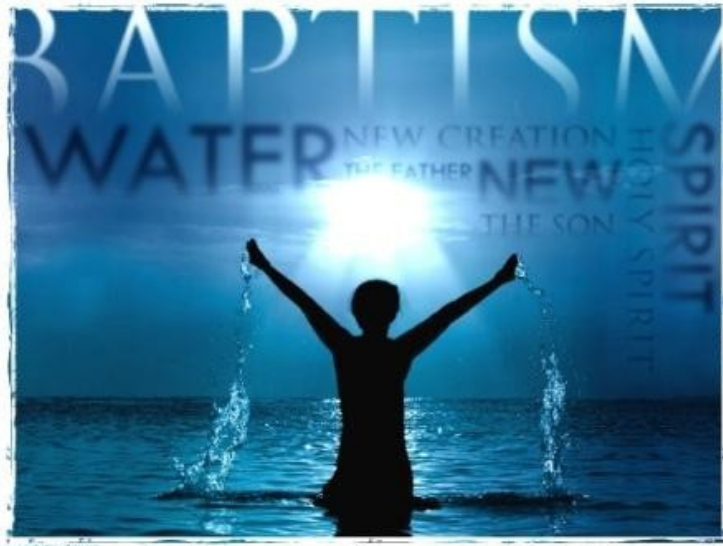


ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



This Sunday: First Sunday in Lent



On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

Lutheranism 101



Meet with Pastor Kirsten in the church library this Sunday, February 22 after worship to explore Lutheranism 101 together. Everyone is welcome to join!

If you didn't get your Lutheranism 101 materials, pick them up today from Pastor Kirsten.

So Much Music - Can You Help?

With the number and variety of worship songs and hymns available, how do we select just three or so to sing each week? Choosing among factors including the messages, styles, seasonal songs, mood, and tempo can be daunting. Our priority is to find songs that reflect the message(s) of the day. The next thought is, when we are in a Church season (for example, Lent), we look to include some songs that enrich our understanding and celebration of the season. Sometimes we can find multiple songs in a variety of styles surrounding the message or we might add in some general praise music. We like to also mix in some of the "great hymns of the Church" that are touchstones for many of us.

We are blessed by the red hymnal (ELW) because it includes a rich variety of music from the past five centuries and from many nations and cultures. Yet we find that songs from other sources are also enjoyed by folks in our midst. We try to usually choose songs and hymns that we at St. Martin's already know, but - once in awhile - we find a terrific new song to expand our worship options. The key is to choose music that is in concert with the Gospel and honors God.

We'd like for YOU to help us choose our worship music. What songs and hymns speak most to you? We're going to place a container in the Narthex where you can deposit the names of your favorite hymns and worship songs. We will, in the course of the next several months, pick your favorites to sing in worship when they fit the message and season.

We looking forward to having your help! - Worship Planning Team



Men's Ecumenical Lenten Breakfast

2 Thursdays in Lent - 2 Locations

Thursday, February 26
6:30 to 8:00 am.
Cross Plains Family Restaurant



Welcoming Men and Boys of All Faiths

Enjoy Christian Fellowship & Strengthen Your Lenten Journey
February 26 Guest Speaker James Hartung
March 19 Guest Speaker Paul Pritchard

Breakfast includes eggs, ham, toast & beverage
\$8.00 per person/pay at the event (includes gratuity)
Sponsored by St. Martin's Lutheran Church



Thursday, March 19
6:30 to 8:00 am.
Coach's Club Restaurant

RSVP's Appreciated: Tom Johnson at teej3400@gmail.com or 608-575-5463

Midweek Soup Suppers & Lent Worship



Soup Suppers will be held in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm. with midweek Wednesday Lent services following at 7 pm.

February 25 Lent 1 *The Law of Love*
March 4 Lent 2 *God, First*
March 11 Lent 3 *Of Sheep & Shepherds*
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.

Lent Devotions

Thomas and the Great Upheaval

– Short Devotions for Lent by Pastor Rick Frey

The Last Supper Reports are a series of short devotions for Lent. They offer an imaginative look into the inner lives of the disciples during the Last Supper with Jesus. In these fictional narratives, six disciples contemplate their decision to follow Jesus as they struggle to come to terms with the costly nature of their discipleship. Join Rev. Rick Fry (Adams/Argyle Lutheran Church) on this Lenten journey with one devotional per week.



<https://rickfry130.wordpress.com/2015/02/12/thomas-the-great-upheaval/>

Women's Retreat



First English Lutheran Church is hosting a women's retreat on Saturday, March 7th, from 8:45 to 1:00 P.M. Presenting will be Vicar Robin, our present intern who works with Lutheran Campus Ministry and is enrolled at Wartburg Seminary as a third career. She has presented at retreats previously. Joining her will be Jenny Michael,

former president of Women of the ELCA who is in her second year at Wartburg.

The cost for the day is \$10.00 for the catered lunch. The local women are hosting to encourage others to attend. Coffee and snacks will be available from 8:45 to 9:00.

To make a reservation, please send the registration fee to First English Lutheran Church, 215 W Pine St, Platteville WI 53818 by Monday, March 2

Childcare is also provided. Reservations are required. We also ask you bring a sack lunch for your child. Snacks will also be provided for them.

Join us for a day of reflection and joy.

If you have questions, please contact Pastor Kirsten at pastorkirsten@stmartinscp.org or 798-2777.

Church Calendar for February 22 - February 28

Sunday, February 22

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
7:00 p. Sr. High Youth Group YR

Monday, February 23

open calendar

Tuesday, February 24

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

Wednesday, February 25

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

Thursday, February 26

open calendar

Friday, February 27

open calendar

Saturday, February 28

9:00 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, February 22



Presiding Minister Pastor Kirsten Curtis

Accompanist Mary Vassalotti

Song Leaders St. Martin's Choir

Special Musicians Brian Graedel & Ed Neumueller

Lector Henry Hartung

Communion Assistants Remington Lockwood & Alicia Houck

Ushers Annette Kerl & Alex Niebuhr

Greeters Remington Lockwood, Alicia Houck & Jon Henry Roll

Acolyte Nick Hinz

Jr. Usher Ashlyn Phaneuf

Nursery Sean Frye

Counting Team 2

Altar Guild Deb Archer

AV Bill Windels & Alan Curtis

Coffee & Treats Provided by the Confirmation Group

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