



ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



This Sunday: Transfiguration of Our Lord

The last update in our series of questions about the Interim time.

Can we Call the Interim Pastor?

No. The Letter of Agreement that the interim pastor serves under clearly states that the interim may not be considered for Call.

Flattering as it is, that is really not my gift for ministry. I served 10 years in one Call, and it was too long for me.



Sometimes it is the job of the interim pastor to point out uncomfortable things, and stir things up in a congregation. A pastor cannot be faithful to the work of interim ministry if they are hoping to be considered for Call by that church.

Pastor Collier

Pastoral Call Committee Update



Thank you to everyone who took the time to answer the questions on the Congregational Profile Survey. We have received 114 completed surveys and we are reviewing the valuable information to assist our call committee as we prepare our Congregational Mission Profile to share with the Bishop in March.

We invite the congregation to join members of the call committee at our listening sessions hosted between services in the church library on Sunday, March 9th and Sunday, March 16th.

Our next committee meeting is Wednesday, March 5th, after Ash Wednesday worship. We will continue to work on the Congregational Mission Profile and prepare our interview questions.

Your call committee invites you to contact any of us with your concerns and/or recommendations.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Phil Fish, Chair Call Committee
608.203.5160 or pfish@fishassoc.com

First Communion Preparation Classes



We offer Communion Preparation Classes prior to First Communion. First Communion will be celebrated on Thursday, April 17 at the 7:00 pm. Maundy Thursday Worship. Suggested ages for the classes are four years old and up.

First Communicants and their parents can attend the classes to be held on Sunday, March 30 and Sunday, April 6 from 11:30 am to Noon. Please plan on attending both sessions.

Contact Sharon in the church office at om@stmartinscp.org or 798-2777 if you are interested in attending the sessions. Please let us know the age of your child so that we may tailor the sessions appropriately.

Ash Wednesday Worship



This Wednesday, March 5 at 7 pm.

Theme: Father, forgive them

Lent Worship & Soup Suppers



On Wednesday nights during Lent we will have delicious Soup Suppers in Fellowship Hall at 6 pm. with worship to follow at 6:45 pm. Please sign up in the narthex to bring soup, bread, milk or cookies.

Lent Soup Supper and Worship dates:

March 12 - Lent 1 *Today you will be with me in paradise*

March 19 - Lent 2 *Woman, Behold your son*

March 26 - Lent 3 *My God, My God, why have you forsaken me*

April 2 - Lent 4 *I Thirst*

April 9 - Lent 5 *It is Finished*

Children's Message Volunteers Needed



We are looking for volunteers to give the Children's Message at New Rhythm Worship. The children really enjoy members sharing their gifts during this time. We can help you with resources, etc. You are paid with big beautiful smiles from the children. Sign up sheets are located in the narthex.

A very special thank you to the wonderful volunteers who have already shared great messages with children of the congregation.

Community Grief Support Group



Grief continues well after loss occurs and each individual experiences it in unique ways. It is not uncommon for grief to come in intense waves, especially within the first year. Many find it helpful to talk with others going through similar experiences. To support you during this time, Home Health United is offering "When Mourning Dawns" support groups to anyone in the community who has experienced a loss. The groups are offered at no cost to participants.

The "When Mourning Dawns" support groups take place on Wednesdays, March 12-April 9, from 5-7pm at Gilda's Club (7907 UW Health Ct, Middleton). This grief support group explores the various "seasons" of grief.

Pre-registration is required, and a minimum number must be registered for the group to take place. For more information or to register, please contact Home Health United - Hospice at 877-356-4514 or RUsherwood@hhuvns.org.

Home Health United - Hospice provides the care and support needed so patients faced with the end-of-life can spend their final days as comfortable as possible, wherever they call home. Have questions about Home Health United - Hospice or hospice in general? Call 877-356-4514 or visit www.HomeHealthUnited.org.

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Sunday, March 23

Alliant Energy Center

Doors Open at 5 pm. Show at 6 pm.

Church Calendar for March 2 - March 8



Sunday, March 2

7:45 a. Choir Practice S
 8:30 a. Traditional Blend Worship
 9:45 a. GIFT Christian Ed FH
 10:15 a. New Rhythm Worship
 12:00 p. Crafting Group FH

Monday, March 3

9:00 a. 4K Kids Arrive
 11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart
 7:00 p. Soul Purpose S
 7:30 p. Narcotics Anon. LL Classroom

Tuesday, March 4

6:30 a. Men's Bible Study
 9:00 a. 4K Kids Arrive

11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart
7:00 p. Boy Scout Troop 87 FH

Wednesday, March 5

9:00 a. 4K Kids Arrive
10:30 a. Staff Meeting
11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart
6:30 p. Choir Practice S
7:00 p. Confirmation Participants attend Ash Wednesday Worship
7:00 p. Ash Wednesday S
7:45 p. Call Committee Meeting L

Thursday, March 6

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

Friday, March 7

9:00 a. 4K Kids Arrive
11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart

Saturday, March 8

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, March 2



Presiding Minister Pastor Rich Collier

Accompanist & Musicians (8:30) Jan Doyle (10:15) Soul Purpose

Song Leaders (8:30) St. Martin's Choir (10:15) Soul Purpose

Lectors (8:30) Ron Goplin (10:15) Maureen Berghoefer

Communion Assistants (8:30) Ron Goplin (10:15) Maureen Berghoefer, Mike & Kay Calvin

Ushers (8:30) Jim Doyle & Jeannie Hering-Schumann (10:15) Jim & Linda Knudtson

Acolytes (8:30) Alicia Houck (10:15) Nicole McCue

Jr. Usher (10:15) Veronica Kurr

Nursery Sean Frye

Counting Team 2

Altar Guild (8:30) Deb Goplin

(10:15) Deb Goplin

AV (8:30) Jason Niebuhr (10:15) Paul Schluter

Coffee Jeannie Hering-Schumann

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