



## This Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent

In Sunday's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter.



As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

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## Pastoral Call Committee Update



The survey is complete; listening sessions with the congregation provided good insight and recommendations to the call committee to complete our Mission Site Profile. The council has approved the profile to be submitted to Bishop Froiland. We will use the information from the profile to help prepare "structured" interview questions.

The call committee's next meeting is Tuesday, April 1st with Bishop Froiland at St. Martin's to discuss the next steps to call our pastor.

The synod office will make every effort to provide nominees as quickly as possible after receiving the congregational mission profile. The Bishop will nominate one to three names of candidates willing to be interviewed, who match the profile and are within an acceptable salary range.

The call committee seeks God's guidance as we begin the interview process for a pastor.

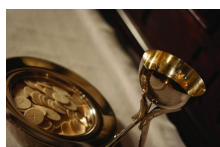
Your call committee invites you to contact any of us during the process.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Phil Fish, Chair Call Committee  
608.203.5160 or [pfish@fishassoc.com](mailto:pfish@fishassoc.com)

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## 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](mailto: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.

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## Lent Worship & Soup Suppers



On Wednesday evenings 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.

### Upcoming Lent Soup Supper and Worship dates:

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*

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### You Are Invited to Women's Bible Study

**Thursday Nights, 6:30 to 8:00 pm.**

**St. Martin's Lutheran Church Library**

God's word has strongly influenced each of us, often in different ways, at different times. We have also had hours of growing pains in this faith walk by crying, experiencing frustration & confusion, we have felt anxious, joyful, thankful, and prayerful along with laughter to the point of tears. We have and continue to share all of this and more as a group of women who come together. We have learned to care and trust each other and we welcome you to join us on this journey. We are friends and sisters in Christ. Bring a bible or we have many to share. Come and check it out. Please call me if you have any questions at 608-215-1442

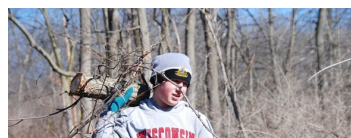
Peace!

Mary Kay Knipfer

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## Fit the Need Youth Service Day

On Saturday, April 12 our Confirmation Participants and leaders are available to come to your home to assist with household chores/projects (housekeeping tasks, window washing, cleaning garages,



etc.). Outside tasks will be dependent on weather conditions. If you would like to be on the list of homes to visit, sign up in the church narthex or contact Diana Postle at 608.212.4072.



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## Cookie Walk Committee Members Needed



Would you like to be on the committee for the Annual Holiday Cookie Walk hosted in December?

Please contact Gail Johnson at 575-0170 or [gail@restainohomes.com](mailto:gail@restainohomes.com) to help keep this event going.

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## TGIF Night Out

Parents take advantage of a night out while caring providers care for your awesome kids free of charge! Our ministry provides free child care on Friday nights on the last Friday of each month for families in our community who need a night out. Kids play games/activities, enjoy snack and watch a movie on the big screen. Our groups are comprised of infants to children about 10 years old.

Our next event is scheduled for Friday, March 28 from 6 to 10 pm. Please sign up by Wednesday, March 26 by contacting Sharon at [om@stmartinscp.org](mailto:om@stmartinscp.org) or 798-2777.



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## Easter Lilies for the Easter Garden



Please consider purchasing a beautiful lily for our Easter Garden. You can dedicate your lily in honor of, or in memory of loved ones. Forms will be available at the church or you can contact Sharon in the office at [om@stmartinscp.org](mailto:om@stmartinscp.org) or 608.798.2777. Please place your order by April 7.

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## Palm Sunday Processional with Nacho the Donkey



Please join us for a Palm Sunday processional lead by Nacho the donkey on Sunday, April 13th.

We will meet in the lower parking lot approximately 5 minutes prior to the start of both worship services. Nacho will provide cart rides after the New Rhythm service (around 11:10 am.), weather permitting.

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## Church Calendar for March 23 - March 29

### Sunday, March 23

7:45 a. Choir Warm Up MR  
8:30 a. Traditional Blend Worship  
9:45 a. GIFT Christian Ed FH  
10:15 a. New Rhythm Worship

### Monday, March 24

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 25

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 26

9:00 a. 4K Kids Arrive  
10:30 a. Staff Meeting  
11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart  
5:45 p. Confirmation Participants attend Soup Supper & Lent Worship  
6:00 p. Soup Supper FH  
6:45 p. Lent Worship S  
7:30 p. Choir Practice MR

### Thursday, March 27

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 28

9:00 a. 4K Kids Arrive  
11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart  
6:00 p. TGIF Night Out FH & S

### Saturday, March 29

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



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## Worship Participants for Sunday, March 23



**Presiding Minister** Pastor Rich Collier  
**Accompanist & Musicians** (8:30) Mary Vassalotti (10:15) New Rhythm Band  
**Song Leaders** (8:30) Mary Vassalotti (10:15) New Rhythm Band  
**Lectors** (8:30) Tom Smiley (10:15) Cheryl Hartung  
**Communion Assistants** (8:30) Tom Smiley (10:15) Cheryl Hartung, Ann Houck & Karen Frye  
**Ushers** (8:30) Gary & Karen Trappe (10:15) Ralph & Darlene Schulenberg

**Acolytes** (8:30) Remington Lockwood (10:15) Elizabeth Boehnen

**Jr. Usher** (10:15) Felicity Cole  
**Nursery** (10:15) Alicia Houck  
**Counting Team 1**  
**Altar Guild** (8:30) Jan Doyle (10:15) Deb Goplin  
**AV** (8:30) Phil Fish (10:15) Bill Windels  
**Coffee** Doris Fish

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