



This Sunday: Fifth 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 is also posted on our web site, stmartinscp.org (click on 'Documents' at top of web site then category 'Job descriptions').



Mission Trip Fundraiser this Sunday!

The youth are heading out to Pine Ridge with Next Step Ministries in June and have one more fundraiser coming in March!

On Sunday, 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. Please come and enjoy the fun!

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 to the ushers (or make sure it gets to the office).



Midweek Soup Supper - Last one! -- and Lent Worship

The last Soup Supper will be held in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm. with midweek Wednesday Lent services following at 7 pm. Mark your calendars!

• 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. We appreciate everyone's time and generosity.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who came out for the Culver's Fundraiser to help support the youth group trip to Pine Ridge, South Dakota this coming summer! We'll know in a few weeks exactly how much was made, but we thank you everyone for coming out and enjoying fellowship in community to support the youth!



Tenebrae Good Friday Practice at church ...

Interested in giving a try at singing in a Tenebrae service for Good Friday? No formal voice training necessary! Rehearsals will be after church this and next Sunday. Come and give it a try!



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!)



Sending an Email to the office (with information for Weekly Bread or Sunday Bulletin)?

Want to send an email to the office with something for an upcoming Weekly Bread or Sunday Bulletin? We are trying to make communications easier (at least by email!). If you have something you want in the Weekly Bread, and send an email, please note that in the subject line (example: 'For WB on 3.22.15'). If for the Sunday Bulletin also make note in the subject line of your email ('For Sunday Bulletin 3.22.2015'). Doing so can lessen the likelihood of your message being 'lost in the clutter' (also if you only cover one topic in your email). Thank you and have a great week -- enjoy the beginnings of SPRING!

Church Calendar for March 22 - March 28

Sunday, March 22

8:15 Choir Warm Up MR
9:00 a. Worship with Pastor Kirsten (Youth to lead)
10:00 a. Sunday School FH
10:00 a Youth Fundraiser Narthex
10:15 a Tenebrae service practice S
7 - 8:30 p Sr High Youth Group

Monday, March 23

Open calendar

Tuesday, March 17

6:30 a. Men's Bible Study L
7:00 - 9 p. Boy Scout Troop 87 LL
7:30 - 8:30 p AA Meeting L
7:30 - 8:30 p TLC Meeting 3/4 Classrooms

Wednesday, March 18

5:00 - 6:30 p Confirmation S
6:00 - 7:00 p Lent Soup Supper FH (Last)
7:00 - Lent Worship (Last)
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 22

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Kirsten Curtis
Accompanist -- Mary Vassalotti
Song Leaders -- St. Martin's Choir
Special Music -- Nancy Kurr
Greeters -- Jeff and Debbie Miller
Lector & Communion Assistant -- Sean Frye
Assisting Minister -- Owen Roenneberg
Communion Assistants -- Elizabeth Boehnen, Haley Osborne, Veronica Kurr and Valerie Niesen
Ushers -- Valerie Niesen, Elizabeth Boehnen
Acolyte -- Sean Frye
Children's Sermon -- Haley Osborne, Sean Frye
Nursery -- Jon Henry Roll
Counting Team -- Team 1
Altar Guild -- Darlene Schulenberg
AV Team -- Alan Curtis, Bill Windels
Coffee -- Carmen Fowell
Treats -- Youth Group

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