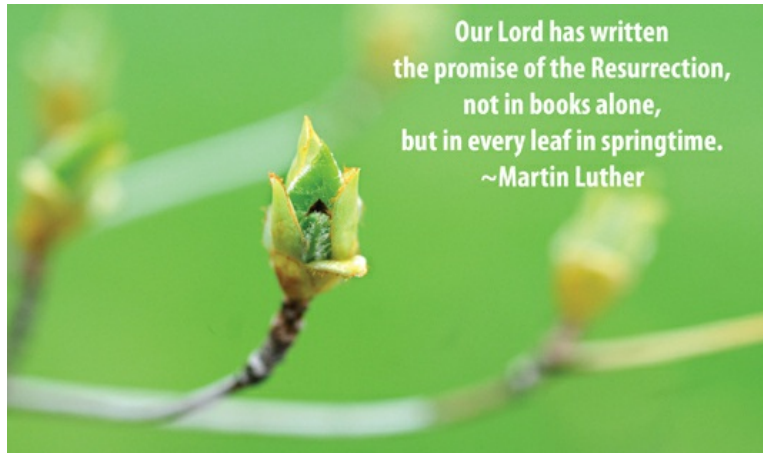




This Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent



In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life.

Porchlight Volunteer Appreciation Brunch



In celebration of our dedicated and compassionate volunteers, Porchlight staff and Board of Directors proudly invites you and your families to our annual Volunteer Appreciation Brunch.

Saturday, April 12 at 8:45 am.

Grace Episcopal Church located at 116 W. Washington Avenue-the Fellowship Hall on the first floor. Enter church through the courtyard.

This is our chance to express our deep gratitude for the integral role you play in service to the most vulnerable members of our community! The program will include:

8:45 am. Registration, coffee and socializing

9:15 am. Brunch served

9:30-10:15 am. Presentation by Steve Schooler, with time for Q&A.

10:15 am. Wrap-up, with tour of shelter for any who may wish to stay.

Please RSVP to Doris Fish at pdfish@charter.net or 203-5160 by April 7.

Thank you to all of our volunteers for an amazing effort this past winter!

Noisy Offering to Support Youth Mission Trip

The Sr. High Youth will be going on a Mission Trip to Moore, OK in June. This area was hit by a class 5 tornado and cost the lives of 28 people and caused great destruction. Please help support this mission by donating to the noisy offering this Sunday, April 6 as you leave worship services. We can't help everyone, but we can make a difference for a few. P.S. pocket change makes noise, but bills make change. :)



Pastoral Call Committee Update



St. Martin's Call Committee

Back Row/Left to Right: Phil Fish (chair), Debbie McCue, Bob Nelson, Gail Johnson, Maureen Berghoefer (alternate); Seated: Greg Hinz, Kay Calvin, Kim Johnson, Bishop Mary Froiland. Not Pictured: Bill Windels, Lee Swanson (alternate).

On Tuesday, April 1 the call committee met with Bishop Mary Froiland at St. Martin's to review the Mission Site Profile and provide insight on the next steps. Bishop Froiland was pleased with our clear goals, strategic planning and feedback received by the congregation.

The Bishop's office and synod staff will meet over the next few weeks to identify candidates that would be interested in interviewing for the Pastor position at St. Martin's. Once these candidates have been identified the call committee will receive their names and profiles. Interviews will be set, the call committee will visit worship services led by those candidates with whom we want to continue. Based on those visits, the call committee will decide on which candidates they want to bring back for a second interview. When they agree on one candidate, they will recommend him/her to the council. The council will interview the candidate and if they approve/disapprove the choice. If approved they will recommend him/her to the congregation.

Our next meeting is Wed., April 9. The call committee will work on interview questions and prepare for a mock interview with a pastor that has gone through the process (recommended by Bishop Froiland).

If you know of a pastor that you think might be a good candidate, please give his/her name to Phil Fish, the chair of the call committee. He will forward the name to the Bishop's office. Please do not contact the pastor yourself.

Please continue to keep the call committee and their work in your prayers.

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

A Message from Church Council



At the March council meeting the Mission Site Profile from the Call Committee was reviewed, and only a few minor changes were recommended. Our Call Committee has worked diligently to move the call process forward in a mindful manner. Our congregation is very fortunate and blessed to have an amazing group of people working on the committee.

Goals set by the 2014 Church Council

- St. Martins Mission Statement to be printed and posted in the Narthex
- Continue progress of Legacy Program/ Endowment Fund
- Develop a Hospitality Team
- Work on community outreach and events
- Evaluate the Gift (Sunday School) and Confirmation programs
- Evaluate staff positions
- Continue the lower parking lot planning
- Evaluate Team Leadership Circle (TLC) and how Council is involved
- Maintain Talents and Gifts Registry
- Library updates-historical work, materials updates, formation of a library team, acquisition of modern/tech devices
- Form a "Spread the Word" team for outreach and hospitality, marketing, advertising
- Improve membership involvement-time and talents, involve new members, communicating needs, connecting needs to talents
- Create new means of connecting with members and the community
- Create online sign-up for volunteers, teams, etc.
- Update the church's "wish list"

Some of the goals are short term and some are long term/ongoing. Additional goals will be established as needs are identified. Council will communicate progress on these goals during the year in the Weekly Bread and our website located at smartinscp.org

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.

Join us for our final Lent Soup Supper and Worship of the season on April 9 - Lent 5 *It is Finished*

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 or 608.798.2777. Please place your order by April 7.

Men's Homeless Shelter Meal Volunteers Needed

St. Martin's will again be serving the evening meal for 80-100 people at the Men's Homeless Shelter at 6:30 pm. on Thursday, April 10. Volunteers are needed to make food (main dish, salad, and dessert) and to serve. We are usually done about 9 pm. There is a sign up sheet located in the narthex. Contact Doris Fish at 608.203.5160 or pdfish@charter.net if you have questions.



Palm Sunday Processional with Nacho the Donkey



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

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.



A delicious Easter Morning Breakfast will be served from 7:30-11:00 am. with proceeds to go to the Youth Mission Trip to Moore, Oklahoma. The breakfast menu is pancakes, eggs, sausage, fresh fruit and beverages. Join us to help with this important mission of the church.



Thursday, April 17 Maundy Thursday Worship at 7 pm.

Friday, April 18 Good Friday Worship at 1 pm. & 7 pm.

Easter Sunday Worship at 8:30 am. & 10:15 am.

Church Calendar for April 6 - April 12

Sunday, April 6

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
11:30 a. First Communion Class L
12:00 p. Crafting Group FH

Monday, April 7

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, April 8

6:30 a. Men's Bible Study
9:00 a. 4K Kids Arrive
11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart
5:30 p. Worship Planning Team L
7:00 p. Boy Scout Troop 87 FH
7:00 p. Centering Prayer S

Wednesday, April 9

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. Call Committee Meeting L
7:30 p. Choir Practice MR

Thursday, April 10

9:00 a. 4K Kids Arrive
11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart
6:30 p. Men's Homeless Shelter Meal OS
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, April 11

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

Saturday, April 12

8:00 a. Fit the Need Youth Service Day FH & OS
8:45 a. Porchlight Volunteer Luncheon at Grace Episcopal Church
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, April 6



Presiding Minister Pastor Rich Collier

Accompanist & Musicians (8:30) Mary Vassalotti (10:15) Soul Purpose

Guest Conductor (8:30) Debbie Miller

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

Lectors (8:30) Lois Weiland (10:15) Ann Houck

Communion Assistants (8:30) Lois Weiland (10:15) Ann Houck, Greg Hinz & Karen Windels

Ushers (8:30) Dan & Mary Trappe (10:15) Jeff & Diana Postle

Acolytes (8:30) Nicole McCue (10:15) Emma Hinz

Jr. Usher (10:15) Nick Hinz

Nursery (10:15) Ella Rogers

Counting Team 2

Altar Guild (8:30) Deb Goplin (10:15) Deb Goplin

AV (8:30) James Hartung (10:15) Paul Schluter

Coffee Jeannie Hering-Schumann

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