



This Sunday: Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

We are officially in "The Dog Days of Summer." According to The Old Farmer's Almanac, Dog Days are said to be the 40 days from July 3 to August 11. In Ancient Rome, the Dog Days ran from July 24 through August 24, and in many European cultures (German, French, and Italian), this period is still known as such. The name comes from the brightest star in the constellation "Canis Major" ("Big Dog"), the "Dog Star" called "Sirius." (Too much information?) In the Northern Hemisphere, it is the hottest, driest stretch of the year.



I always think of these "Dog Days" as the most laid back, carefree days of the year. Not so in ancient Roman culture. The Romans sacrificed a red dog in April to appease the rage of Sirius, believing that the star was the cause of the hot, sultry weather. Dog Days were popularly believed to be an evil time "the Sea boiled, the Wine turned sour, Dogs grew mad, and all other creatures became languid; causing to man, among other diseases, burning fevers, hysterics, and frenzies," according to an ancient source.

Same days. Far different meaning. Which brings us to Sunday, the day of "Dog Days." Even with the reassuring presence of Jesus in their midst, his disciples are worried. They've left their old life behind. They quit their jobs, liquidated their meager possessions, and cast their lot with his vision of the Kingdom. The End, after all, was supposed to be near. They were ready, but it wasn't coming and they were becoming quite unsure and anxious.

Jesus says one thing in many ways: "Don't be afraid. Your heavenly Father will take care of you." All indications are that Jesus is not seeing what they are seeing. He's not: He's seeing what God alone can see. How do you see? God's vision or your own?

Pastor Rick

Rally Day-Save the Date



Sunday, September 8

Plan on joining the fun after worship for Rally Day (9:45 am-12 pm). We will have bingo, kids games, prizes, a bounce house, crafts table, food, music and more. Be sure to stop at the tables to register for Generations In Faith Together and Confirmation.

If you can volunteer to run a game, craft table, help set up food, etc. please contact Sharon at om@stmartinscp.org or 798-2777.

Lutheran College Experience

Madison Area College Fair

Monday, August 26 at St. Luke's

A recent survey of Lutheran college alumni shows that 58% were involved in church or religious activities while in college and 53% said their college helped them integrate



faith into their daily lives. Our 40 Lutheran colleges and universities seek to enhance students' development of faith by integrating discussions about service, values, and ethics into the classroom. Tell the high school students in your congregation about the communities of faith they will find at Lutheran colleges and universities or better yet, have your students attend the Madison Area College Fair: at St. Luke's on August 26 from 6:45 to 9:00 pm.

Middleton Outreach Ministry



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: Over the next four weeks, St. Martin's will collect back packs and school supplies for children from low income families in our area. Any of the following items can be placed in the boxes/containers on the table in the narthex. St.

Martin's will be focusing on items most urgently needed: Backpacks - solid colors please, 3 Ring Binders - 1 & 1.5" only, 3 Ring Binder Dividers, 3 x 5 Index Cards, Black Sharpies, Pencil Cases/Boxes, Compasses, Protractors, Liquid Glue, Red Pens, Scissors and Graph Paper. Last year roughly 700 back packs were distributed through out the Cross Plains/Middleton and West Madison school districts. This year we hope to surpass that number since the need is great. Thank you for your support.

CLOTHING RACKS NEEDED for MOM's Back-To-School Clothing Event Aug 12-24 to display the many donations of K-12 kids clothing. If you have, or know of anyone who has single clothing racks, MOM would like to borrow them. Please contact Barb at 827-0802 or belawrence@tds.net

Via de Cristo

Retreat Applications are now being accepted for the Fall weekends. A limited number of weekenders can be accepted from the same congregation, so it is important to act soon. Sponsors will cover your weekend costs and make all the arrangements to care for you for the three days you are away. This year, the VDC Weekends will be at Covenant Lutheran Church in Stoughton. **The Men's Weekend is scheduled for October 24-27, and the Women's Weekend is October 31-Nov 3.**

"Via de Cristo" is Spanish for "Way of Christ", Via de Cristo is a movement which begins with a highly structured three-day weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people and bring them to a new awareness of living in God's grace. It is a combined effort of lay people and clergy toward renewal of the the church. Though you do not have to be a Lutheran, you do need to be sponsored.

St. Martin's has had a number of members who've been through VDC and would be pleased to answer your questions. See Pastor Rick if you are interested in this life-transforming experience.



TGIF Night Out



Parents Need A Night Out?

On Friday, August 30 bring your kids to church and they can have a great time playing games with caring providers while you enjoy a date night or quiet time at home.

Our new ministry provides free child care on Friday nights once a month for families in our community who need a night out. Our groups are comprised of infants to children about 10 years old. Our next event is scheduled for Friday, August 30 from 6 to 10 pm.

Please register by Wednesday, August 28

If you are interested in being a part of the ministry, or have interest in using the service, please contact Pastor Rick or Sharon in the office at om@stmartinscp.org or 798-2777.

Vacation Bible Camp Thank You

Michelle Phaneuf did a fantastic job organizing VBC this year with a total of 55 kids participating. A very special thanks to all of you who volunteered your time and kindness. Our volunteers helped with kids activities, lunches and more. Our volunteers; Kris Rhude, Samantha Fogel, Ben, Derek, Kendra and Lauren Kalvin, Sam and Emily Roll, Haley Joyce, John Virnig, Felicity Cole, Dylan Hormig, Anna Freudenberg, Ashlyn Phaneuf, and Elizabeth Boehnen. The following families were gracious in providing wonderful meals for the Counselors; Roll, Eisele, Whitford, Kalvin, Rogers, Joyce, Wenning and Phaneuf.



Volunteers Update



We have heard some good news from Bill Berkan the LUAD Disaster Coordinator. LUAD is pleased to tell you that the initial phase of the relief efforts are winding down in Boscobel. The Grant Co Emergency Government has indicated that the initial recovery

efforts are complete. We may be asked to return for occasional tasks but the majority of work is now classified as long term recovery. LUAD will continue to assist survivors in coordination with Grant County government as the needs are made known. We can still play a role in support of the relief efforts. A full report will follow highlighting the accomplishments of the LUAD team. Look for updates in the subsequent "Weekly Bread" and on the LUAD bulletin notice space at Church. As always feel free to ask any questions.

Grateful in service,

Bob Nelson
St Martins LUAD Coordinator

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LUAD-BOSCobel FLOOD RELIEF FINANCIAL SUPPORT: Missions has issued a check in the amount of \$250 to the ELCA in support of Boscobel Flood Relief on behalf of St Martin's-your designated dollars at work. Individual donations are also appreciated for the long term clean up efforts. Checks should be made payable to South Central Synod-ELCA with Boscobel Flood Relief noted on the memo line.

Thirsty Thursdays in our Community Prayer Garden



Thirsty Thursdays at 6:30 pm
August 15 "Be Wise and Understanding"

Come and join us for worship in our Community Prayer Garden. Our midweek service will be held every Thursday through August 22. The summer series is from The Letter of James and each weeks message begins with "Be...".

St. Martin's Tailgate

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 27 (Packers/Vikings game). We'll have great "tailgate" food and activities like punt, pass & kick contests for both kids and adults, as well as other fun events. We'll project the game inside Fellowship Hall (possibly outside, depending on the weather.)

If you are interested in helping organize this family fun activity, please join us for our next meeting this Monday, August 12 at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.



Names to Faces



Thanks to all of you who have taken the time to look at the confirmation photos located in the narthex. We've been able to add many names and some classes only need a name or two to be complete. Please stop and look if you haven't already done so. The names and pictures are important to the history of our church.

Church Calendar for August 11 - August 17

Sunday, August 11

8:45 a. Nursery
9:00 a. Sunday Worship with Communion

Monday, August 12

6:30 p. Town of Berry Hist. Soc. Meeting L
7:00 p. Soul Purpose S
7:00 p. Tail Gate Committee Meeting FH

Tuesday, August 13

6:30 a. Men's Bible Study L
5:45 p. Worship Planning Team Meeting L
7:00 p. Boy Scouts Troop 87 FH
7:00 p. Centering Prayer S

Wednesday, August 14

1:00 p. Staff Meeting
7:00 p. Youth Bible Study

Thursday, August 15

6:30 p. Prayer Garden Worship *Be Wise and Understanding* PG
6:30 p. Youth Group
7:30 p. Website Committee Meeting L

Friday, August 16

open calendar

Saturday, August 17

9:00 a. Overeaters Anonymous

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



Worship Participants for Sunday, August 11 at 9 am.



Presiding Minister Pastor Rick Lund
Accompanist Mary Vassalotti
Song Leader Karen Windels & Anne Marie Vassalotti
Percussion Stephen Vassalotti
Lector Maureen Berghoefer
Communion Assistant Maureen Berghoefer
Ushers Trappe Team
Acolyte Jon Henry Roll

Jr. Usher Jordan Green
Nursery Haley Osborne
Counter Team 3
Altar Guild Jan Doyle
AV James Hartung
Coffee Karen Trappe

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