



ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



This Sunday: Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Time is a precious, because like any finite thing, it's value is proportional to the amount you have. Some people spend too much of their lives looking back. Perhaps that happens more and more the older you get. I find my challenge is to look too much toward the future. It's hard for many of us to live fully in the present. But we humans have only the present moment guaranteed. Perhaps the best way to live, then, is to treasure the present.



I say these things because at this time of year I find myself looking too far forward. The calendar flips to August, and now, quickly, we are two full weeks into it! That means, of course, our Fall plans and activities are looming large. I am always excited about Fall, but need to be reminded to enjoy the remaining days of Summer. How about you?

Here are some quotes that help me think about time, especially about the need to focus on NOW:

"Never look back unless you are planning to go that way." - Henry David Thoreau

"It is a mistake to look too far ahead. Only one link in the chain of destiny can be handled at a time."
-- Churchill, Winston

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!"
-- St. Paul

With two weeks left of unofficial Summer, I encourage you to make the most of the time. Nourish yourselves with the Word of God. Find joy in the blessing of family and friends. Live each day as if it will never be present to you again. Of course, it won't. Nonetheless, plan to join us Sunday for worship at 9:00 am, and be blessed by the presence of Jesus and his children.

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.



Via de Cristo



Deadline-Applications must be received by September 1.

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.

Donations for Dawson Henry



Dawson Henry at 4 1/2 years old, was sent to the American Family Children's Hospital in Madison on May 15, 2013. He was diagnosed with a rare condition called Purpura Fulminans. On June 25th they amputated his feet. The money raised will go towards medical bills, medical equipment, and lost wages.

For more information about Dawson and his family go online and stay up to date on his progress at <http://henrysinwi.com>

"We are trying to help him the most we can and every penny counts."

LUAD 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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Thirsty Thursdays in our Community Prayer Garden

**Thirsty Thursdays at 6:30 pm
August 22 "Be Patient"**

Come and join us for our last Thirsty Thursday worship at 6:30 pm in our Community Prayer Garden. The summer series is from The Letter of James and each weeks message begins with "Be..."



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 18 - August 24

Sunday, August 18

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

Monday, August 19

7:00 p. Soul Purpose S
7:00 p. TLC Meeting L

Tuesday, August 20

6:30 a. Men's Bible Study L
7:00 p. Boy Scouts Troop 87 FH
7:00 p. Church Council L

Wednesday, August 21

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

Thursday, August 22

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

Friday, August 23

open calendar

Saturday, August 24

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 18 at 9 am.



Presiding Minister Pastor Rick Lund

Musicians Soul Purpose

Lector Kim Johnson

Communion Assistants Kim Johnson, Cathy Kittle & Doris Fish

Ushers Knudtson Team

Acolyte Nicole McCue

Jr. Usher Jack Tibbetts

Nursery Sean Frye

Counter Team 2

Altar Guild Deb Goplin

AV Jason Niebuhr and Jeff Postle

Coffee Carmen Fowell

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