



This Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

The end is near--of Summer, that is. One week until Labor Day weekend, and the unofficial Fall season begins anew.

Sunday's theme centers on the healing and freedom we receive from Jesus.



Some people live by man-made rules and structures. Life has meaning when the "to-do" list items are checked off by the end of the day, when meetings start and end exactly on time, when people do what we expect, and there are no deviations from the plan. Jesus does not buy into this. His well-known saying "Man does not live by bread alone" could also have include a similar one: "Man does not live by rules alone."

Rituals, goals, and plans all have their place in life, but when we rely on them to give our lives meaning, we leave little room God's grace. Instead, we can become fixated on our need to control every variable in life. We are masters of our own ship. Inevitably, we are destined for shipwreck!

This Sunday we see Jesus drop everything to heal a woman who had a debilitating back problem. As if that wasn't bad enough, the religious leaders of her synagogue were indifferent to her suffering, and even used her healing to mock Jesus for breaking the rules! Jesus puts them to shame. We probably shouldn't celebrate anyone's being put to shame, no matter how deserving they are, but I can't help thinking that there are certain times when Jesus gives permission for that feeling. This week's Scripture describes one such time.

Join us for worship on Sunday. Even if it's not on your "To-Do List."

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 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 donation details go to <http://henrysinwi.com>

Empty Room

Every parent will go through this at least once: your beloved child moving out of the house. For many of us, that first departure is especially difficult. If you have more than one child, the last child might be the most troubling to you. Perhaps it is even more difficult for the child than it is for you. At the same time, losing a child to adulthood is what parenting is all about. There is a new-found freedom that comes with the pain of this rite of passage. Many of us are at this crossroads now. A child—or two or three—are in college. Or the military. Or simply have entered adulthood by moving into a room of their own. Some return, and that presents new challenges. We think there is value in learning how to grow through this transition with other brothers and sisters in Christ.



Would you be willing to join us on Friday, September 6 for dinner and beverages at "The Free House" in Middleton? It would be helpful to know who to expect, so please contact me personally at "richardglund@aim.com" or at the church if you can join us. This is a one-time event, but we might continue to meet if there is interest.

Confirmation Registration

Sign up on Sunday, August 25 after service or at Rally Day on Sunday, September 8 between 10:00 am. and Noon. Costs are \$35 per child/\$45 per family. Welcome Night (Parents and children attend) is on Wednesday, September 18 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

This years focus is on the Ten Commandments and incorporating Faith 5.

If you have questions about our program contact our Youth Ministry Director Tim Knipfer at 798-2777 ext. 565.

Altar Guild and Usher Volunteers Needed

Altar Guild

Would you be willing to help set up communion once in a while? You can select Sundays you are available, and it doesn't take much time. Volunteers are especially needed for the 10:15 pm. service. Please contact Deb Goplin at 798-2518 or Sharon in the office at om@stmartinscp.org or 798-2777.



Ushers

If you can lend a hand to help and volunteer as an usher please contact Karen Windels at KarenWindels@gmail.com or 798-5031 or Sharon in the office at om@stmartinscp.org or 798-2777..



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 25 - August 31

Sunday, August 25

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

Monday, August 26

7:00 p. Soul Purpose S

Tuesday, August 27

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

Wednesday, August 28

1:00 p. Staff Meeting
7:00 p. Centering Prayer GLC

Thursday, August 29

6:30 p. Youth Group
6:30 p. Women's Bible Study OS

Friday, August 30

open calendar

Saturday, August 31

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 25 at 9 am.



Presiding Minister Pastor Rick Lund
Accompanist Mary Vassalotti
Lector Kay Calvin
Communion Assistants Kay Calvin
Ushers Hillebrand Team
Acolyte Remington Lockwood
Jr. Usher James Hunt

Nursery Veronica Kurr

Counter Team 1

Altar Guild Patty Hillebrand

AV Phil Fish and Bill Windels

Coffee Doris Fish

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