



ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



This Sunday: Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

Many of you heard the story last Sunday of how my son, Peter, ended up in the home of \$22-billionaire investor and "philanthropist" George Soros. Peter is interning at HSBC ("Hong Kong Shanghai Bank") in midtown Manhattan this summer. His chance encounter with the Soros family, however, had nothing to do with his job. His plan last Saturday was to take a train to the Hamptons on Long Island, and meet up with family an acquaintance he met at the US Naval Academy "bootcamp" three summers ago. His friend, Ian, was in town, and had been invited to a birthday party for Alex Soros, whom Ian's sister is dating.



Neither Peter nor Ian knew it was the Soros', until they were met by the Security team who escorted them through the iron gates and into George Soros' home. Heady stuff for a 20 yr old college sophomore from Wisconsin! The relatively small guest list included singers Lady Gaga, Nora Jones, and actor Rob Lowe. Peter and Ian ended up being the only guests to spend the night. All-in-all Peter thought it was a very enjoyable evening. He refused to take pictures, for which we commended him. Peter is not easily wowed by the rich and famous, but it is certainly easy to see how people can be.

Wealth and fame seem to exercise almost demonic power over the possessed and the wannabes. Jesus knew all too well the dangers of wealth. One of my favorite parables is this Sunday's "The Rich Fool." It begins with Jesus fielding a question from the crowd from an aggrieved brother: "Teacher," the man shouted, "tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me!" Jesus immediately shoots back a warning: "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed..." Greed possesses a man. It distorts all his or her relationships. It makes people stupid with envy, paranoia, anger, coyness, jealousy—or, as Paul says in our New Testament letter for Sunday, "fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry..." (Colossians 3:5).

Both Jesus and Paul go on to illustrate what happens when greed takes hold of our hearts and mind. It is not pretty, to say the least. In fact, it can be deadly. "On account of these," Paul says, God's wrath is coming on those who are disobedient."

Given the opportunity to accumulate riches above our basic needs in life, no one is immune from the demon called "greed." Be on your guard. God's word is your only hope to fight this demon. Come in Sunday for the inoculating Word to protect you from the greed demon.

Pastor Rick

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, August 8. People are needed to make food (main dish, salad, and dessert) and to serve; we are usually done about 9 pm. Please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex. Call Doris Fish at 203-5160 if you have questions.

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.

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 at St. Martin's

Vacation Bible Camp

Faith Alive

9 am. to 3 pm.

August 5-8 (Monday - Thursday)



This week St. Martin's will hold Vacation Bible Camp for children entering K-5. Staff Counselors from Sugar Creek Bible Camp will be here to lead the programming. Campers will enjoy interactive games, arts & crafts, music, bible study, worship and more. Campers should pack their own lunch. Costs are \$40 per child/maximum \$80 per family. If you are interested in joining, please contact Michelle at mdphaneuf@tds.net or 444-8990.

VBC Families: Families who have signed up for VBC should come to church at 6:45 pm. on Sunday, August 4, for s'mores and to meet their counselors.

Volunteers & Donations Needed NOW for Flood Victims



St. Martin's First Organizational Meeting for LUAD Support

Our St. Martin's congregation held its first organizational meeting at the Church on Wednesday, July 24th. We had an initial turn out of 12 congregational members that met with Bill Berkan and Clyde Nyhus from the LUAD council. Our purpose was to provide St. Martin's members with information on how we can help in the disaster relief for the Boscobel community. Over 270 homes and families have been directly affected with many in great need of help. The good news is that many of these families have begun to receive that aid and assistance.

There is still great need. Clean up and support efforts will be needed for several months in the Boscobel area. Currently there are about 100 volunteers in service through LUAD from our South-Central ELCA synod but there is need for perhaps 200 more as we work through the relief effort for the balance of the summer and fall. Completion of an orientation and safety training is necessary in order to participate at the disaster site. We spent time at our Wednesday meeting providing that training for those in attendance. Additional site volunteers are still needed and LUAD would welcome the St. Martin's congregation efforts to help fill those needs.

Currently, LUAD is attempting to assemble a team of 4 to 6 assistance workers for each day on a Monday through Saturday basis. The work dates and teams are coordinated by LUAD by phone contact to determine if a volunteer is able to make a particular day during a given week. Full and half days site volunteers are needed. LUAD designated assistance workers should arrive at St. John's Lutheran Church in Boscobel by 9:45 AM on the assigned day. Work is generally finished by 4:30 PM on any given day. It takes about an hour and fifteen minutes to commute one way between Boscobel and Cross Plains. I would hope St. Martin's could provide a pool of site team volunteers to coordinate with LUAD to aid in the recovery efforts.

We at St. Martin's can help fill the needs of the affected survivors of this disaster in many ways. Watch for further information, future meeting dates, and needs updates in the "Weekly Bread", in our service bulletin, and on the information board in the Narthex. In addition to the trained volunteers at site, we are presently organizing efforts for our congregation to help provide the relief supplies and items needed.

As we move further in time there will be needed efforts to gather up clothing, household articles, school supplies and articles of furniture. We can best coordinate these efforts locally at St Martins as we work through LUAD to meet the Boscobel needs. And as always, monetary contributions are welcome. Donations can be made by check payable to ELCA South-Central Synod with "Boscobel Relief" noted on the check. The check can be mailed directly to the synod office or returned to St Martins.

Please consider how you might help meet the needs of the Boscobel community. The need is great and we are called through our faith to help. Feel free to contact me for further information.

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 8 "Be A Minister to Others"**

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 on Monday, August 12 at 7:00 pm in the church library.



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 4 - August 10

**Sunday, August 4**

8:45 a. Nursery
9:00 a. Sunday Worship with Intinction
6:45 p. VBC Kids Meet with Counselors

Monday, August 5

9:00 a. to 3:00 p. Vacation Bible Camp
6:00 p. Second Service Meeting L
7:00 p. Soul Purpose S

Tuesday, August 6

6:30 a. Men's Bible Study L
9:00 a. to 3:00 p. Vacation Bible Camp
7:00 p. Boy Scouts Troop 87 FH

Wednesday, August 7

9:00 a. to 3:00 p. Vacation Bible Camp
1:30 p. Staff Meeting
7:00 p. Centering Prayer GLC
7:00 p. Youth Bible Study

Thursday, August 8

9:00 a. to 3:00 p. Vacation Bible Camp
6:30 p. Prayer Garden Worship *Be A Minister to Others* PG
6:30 p. Youth Group

Friday, August 9

open calendar

Saturday, August 10

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 4 at 9 am.



Presiding Minister Pastor Rick Lund
Accompanist Jan Doyle
Song Leader Paula Elver
Lector Casey Bucholz
Communion Assistant Casey Bucholz
Ushers Seibel Team
Acolyte Ashley Fladd
Jr. Usher Jordan Schoenemann
Nursery Kyra Ripp
Counter Team 4

Altar Guild Deb Goplin
AV James Hartung
Coffee Jeannie Hering-Schumann

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