



ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



This Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

It always strikes me as odd that the holiday we call "Labor Day" is one in which most of us don't--work, that is. Psalm 127 begins with what seems to me a similar paradox:

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

If it is the Lord who does the work, how is it labor for us? Exactly!



Well, I'm doing my part to honor Labor Day Weekend by taking a few days of vacation. I am writing this from a Starbucks in Hattiesburg, MS. Tomorrow my son, Trygve, and I are meeting up with my mother and Katherine and Peter for the season opener for Auburn football. In my place, our beloved pastor friend Gil Splett will lead worship. Children will especially enjoy Pastor Splett's creative drawings during the Children's Message.

It is worth reminding you that next Sunday, September 8, is "Rally Sunday," the unofficial beginning of the Church year. There will be one Service at 9 am, followed by a variety of fellowship fun activities.

One more thing I want to share with you:

On September 15, we return to two Services with new names and a new time. Services are at 8:30 and 10:15 am. We moved the second Service forward 15 minutes to provide more time for GIFT (our Christian Education), and for our musicians to have more set-up time. There are other benefits as well, but these were the two most important.

The new names? "Why names at all?" You may be wondering? The most important is that we want to help newcomers, seekers, and members identify the worship styles. Besides, there is nothing particularly engaging about referring to Worship Services as "First and Second," "8:30 and 10:15," "Early and Late," "Traditional and Contemporary," and so on. While no names are perfect, we have decided on these two:

8:30 Blended Traditional Service

10:15 New Rhythm Service (or, simply "Rhythm")

It will take some getting used to, but I believe they will flow easily from the tongue and become familiar in time. Or, you can call them what you will! Just call one or both your own this year.

May your Labor Day be a time of refreshment and renewal in Jesus Christ.

Pastor Rick

Fall Worship Schedule



We will return to our two worship times on Sunday, September 15.

Blended Traditional at 8:30 am.

New Rhythm at 10:15 am.

GIFT begins at 9:45 am.

Rally Day

Sunday, September 8

Please invite friends, neighbors-everyone is welcome to join the fun after service from 10 am-noon. We will have bingo, football toss, 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.



Please bring cookies or a dessert to share.

Generations in Faith Together (Christian Ed) Registration



Register for GIFT-Generations in Faith Together at Rally Day Sunday, September 8 between 10 am and noon.

Welcoming people of ALL ages, with a focus on FAMILIES with Children Ages Birth – 5th Grade. Family Registration is \$25. You will receive a CD of the music "The Songs of Israel" and the book "Holding Your Family Together". GIFT meets on

Sundays at 9:45 am in Fellowship Hall.

Family meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there.

If you have questions about our program contact Ann Boehnen at 798-2113 or kabohnen@chorus.net

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.

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

Welcome Night (Parents and children attend) is on Wednesday, September 18 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

If you have questions about our program contact our Youth Ministry Director Tim Knipfer at 798-2777 ext. 565 or timmyk65@yahoo.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.

St. Martin's Community Prayer Garden

There will be a dedication of the second group of bricks/blocks that were donated to the Prayer Garden last fall and this spring following the Rally Day Service on September 8th. Many of the plantings in the garden are in full bloom right now, take a stroll through and enjoy.



Lutheran World Relief



When Lutheran World Relief distributes Personal Care Kits it is often to people who have lost everything. In the wake of an earthquake or having fled from violence as their homes were overtaken, they clasp a towel from a far away place and wash up knowing they have not been forsaken by the world. The very caring gesture of providing a

Personal Care Kit can give someone the encouragement to start anew. You can share God's grace and comfort by providing that simple comfort. A kit contains a lightweight towel (approximately 52" x 27"), preferably dark color, two 4 to 5 oz bars of soap, an adult sized toothbrush, a nail clippers and a sturdy comb. Your gift of completed kits and/or individual items should be brought to the table in the Narthex during the month of Sept. Help us reach our goal of 50 kits in 2013.

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 September 1 - September 7

Sunday, September 1

8:45 a. Nursery

9:00 a. Sunday Worship with Communion

Monday, September 2

Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3

6:30 a. Men's Bible Study L

6:30 p. Website Committee L

7:00 p. Boy Scouts Troop 87 FH

Wednesday, September 4

1:00 p. Staff Meeting

Thursday, September 5

6:30 p. Youth Group

6:30 p. Women's Bible Study OS

Friday, September 6

6:00 p. Empty Room at Free House Middleton

Saturday, September 7

9:00 a. Overeaters Anonymous

9:30 a. New Rhythm Service Meeting S



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, September 1 at 9 am.



Presiding Minister Pastor Gil Splett

Accompanist Mary Vassalotti

Song Leader Paula Elver

Lector Cheryl Hartung

Communion Assistants Bob & Redgy Nelson and Cheryl Hartung

Ushers Schulenberg Team

Acolyte Alicia Houck

Jr. Usher Emma Hinz

Nursery Felicity Cole

Counter Team 5

Altar Guild Kim Mahaffey

AV James Hartung and Paul Schluter

Coffee Jeannie Hering-Schumann

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Pastor Rick Lund
