



This Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

One of the most beloved hymns in Christianity is "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther. Luther wrote both the words and the music to this great hymn. He is said to have written the hymn in memory of his friend Leonard Kaiser, who was burned at the stake in Holland in 1527. Luther's inspiration was Psalm 46, which begins as follows:



God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

3 though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

On the anniversary of 9/11 last week this hymn came to mind. I think of "A Mighty Fortress" often in times of great upheaval. As in today. This morning's news was a reminder of the ever-present threat of violence and war. The Syrian civil war now threatens world peace, with the Russians facing off against the US over how to resolve the conflict. The American Embassy in Afghanistan was hit by suicide bombers last night. The mountains indeed "tremble with its tumult."

But we need not fear. "God is our refuge and strength, a true help in trouble."

I invite you to renew your relationship with Jesus Christ as we begin a new church year together. Join us for worship at 8:30 (Traditional Blend) or at the new time, 10:15 (The New Rhythm).

Pastor Rick

Backpack Blessing



Sunday, September 15

New Rhythm at 10:15 am.

We welcome students of any age to bring their backpacks to our New Rhythm Worship for a traditional blessing.

Middleton Outreach Ministry Thank You

Dear CSC Members:

I wanted to take a moment to thank each of you and all your parishioners for the warmth and generosity showed to MOM clients during our Back to School



program. The response from each congregation was overwhelmingly positive. We received an amazing number of supplies and were able to fulfill each request from qualified clients. In total, as of 9/4/13, we have served 748 children. This number surpasses last year's number by nearly 200 students!

560 of the children served were MOM clients. We reached another 76 children through the Middleton Days of Caring. The remaining students are low income children that qualify for free and reduced lunch primarily at the Middleton Cross Plains Area Schools and 20 attend a Madison area middle school that is within our service area. We expect to serve approximately 50 or more children within the next 7-10 days through the Middleton Cross Plains School District.

This type of outreach would not be possible, were it not for the donations of supplies, back packs and cash that we received from your parishioners. Please extend our sincerest thank you to everyone on our behalf.

God bless.

Judy Kujoth, CSW
Client Programs Manager
Case Manager

Thank God It's Friday Night Out



Our new ministry has proved to be very popular and successful. We have now had four Friday evenings where parents have enjoyed an evening out or a quiet night at home while their awesome kids play games, have snacks and watch a movie on the big screen here at church. We need several adults to help us keep up with the amazing response to continue to offer this valued program.

If you can help once or twice a year caring for great children of our community on the last Friday evening of the month contact Sharon Pertzborn-Jensen at om@smartinscp.org or 798-2777 ext. 541.

Confirmation Welcome Night

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

Women of Faith Conference

**women of faith**
Believe God Can Do Anything

**MILWAUKEE, WI
SEP 27, 2013 TO SEP 28, 2013**

The Women of Faith Believe God Can Do Anything tour is THE life-changing, live Christian event for today's woman, where chart-topping music artists and world-class authors and Bible teachers create an unforgettable, day-and-a-half experience for women from all walks of life. You'll hear stories that strengthen, practical Bible teachings that can transform your everyday living, and experience authentic praise and worship with music that moves you closer to God, opening your heart to know what it means to truly Believe God Can Do Anything. New for 2013: Women of Faith will incorporate selected stories from "THE BIBLE" miniseries (seen on the History Channel) into the Believe God Can Do Anything tour. Powerful performances, exotic locales and dazzling visual effects will showcase God's Word in a new way at each event.

<http://www.womenoffaith.com/events/believe-god-can-do-anything-milwaukee-wi/>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=bvlqusP0z3I

An Invitation:

For the past several years, ladies from Zion Lutheran Church in Madison and their friends, family & coworkers, have attended the Women of Faith conference in Milwaukee. When we attend Women of Faith with thousands of our sisters in Christ, we are reminded of the message every woman needs to know and can't hear enough: That you are loved. That you are wanted. That you matter. That God lavishes love on you. It is a space to laugh together and be real and extend the hand of friendship. We invite any interested ladies to attend with our group.

Anyone living near the Madison area is welcome to join us for the entire Trip Package; \$189 includes a hotel room (sharing with 3 or 4 others), bus trip from Madison, several meals, the conference ticket and lots of surprises!

If you would prefer a conference ticket only, the cost is only \$81 for a premium floor seats.

Scholarship funds are available. We want to assure that all women who would like to attend are able, regardless of financial need.

For more information/registration form, contact Mel Siegler siegler5@gmail.com 608.334.5904

God can do anything! —Luke 1:37 NCV

Habitat For Humanity Volunteers Needed

We will continue to work on Theresa Persinger's Fitchburg home which needs to be completed by the end of the year. Anyone is welcome to help, no skills are required and tools are provided. Workers need to be at least 16 years old and be accompanied by a parent if between the ages of 16 and 18.

On October 26, we will leave church at 8:00 am and return around 4:00 pm. Lunch and break food will be provided. We would like to have a crew of at least ten people this time. It's hard work, but we have lots' of fun.



If you can lend a hand, please contact Phil Fish, pdfish@charter.net or phone (608) 279-3637 or (608) 203-5160.

St. Martin's Choir



It's time to stretch out the vocal cords - the St. Martin's Choir Fall season is about to begin. Practices begin on Wednesday, September 18th at 7:30 p.m. Practice and warm-up on September 22nd at 7:45 a.m. We will be singing one of our familiar pieces for the 8:30 service on 9/22.

Everyone is welcome; the only prerequisite is the love of singing!

Questions: Contact Mary Vassalotti at mvass@charter.net



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PERSONAL CARE KITS - 2013

Bath Towel (52 x 27)
dark color preferred
Two – 4 to 5 oz. Bars of Soap
Adult size toothbrush (in packaging)
Sturdy Comb
Metal Nail Clipper (remove packaging)

Please consider assembling a kit – (place all items inside the towel & tie with yarn or a ribbon), or donate separate items that volunteers will assemble. Your donated items should be brought to the table in the narthex during the month of Sept. Financial donations towards the purchase of items may be made by addressing a check to St. Martin's, noting LWR Health Care Kits on the memo line and placing in the wall lock box next to the bulletin boards. Thank you for your generosity.

Altar Guild 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.

St. Martin's Tailgate Fun Day

A Fun Gathering for Family, Neighbors and Friends!
Everyone Welcome!

Sunday, October 27

4 p. Start, 5:30 p. Serving Begins, 7:30 p. Kick Off

Food Menu: Grilled Brats, Hotdogs, German Potato Salad, Carrots or Veggies, Chips, Fresh Hot Popcorn, Root Beer, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Culvers Custard, and Apple Sundaes

Watch the Packers vs. the Vikings: Outside in the Back Parking Lot Under the White Tent (Indoors if Inclement Weather)

Additional Entertainment: Bouncy House, Face Painting, Pass, Punt, Kick, Bingo, Pumpkins for Decorating, Homemade Pie Auction and More!

Family: \$20, Couple: \$10, Individual: \$5 (Suggested Donation)

Fresh Homemade pies auctioned off with proceeds to the St. Martin's H.S. Youth Program



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 15 - September 21

Sunday, September 15

8:30 a. Traditional Blend Worship
 9:45 a. GIFT Christian Ed FH
 10:15 a. New Rhythm Worship

Monday, September 16

8:30 a. 4K Kids Arrive
 11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart
 7:00 p. Soul Purpose S

Tuesday, September 17

6:30 a. Men's Bible Study L
 8:30 a. 4K Kids Arrive
 11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart
 6:30 p. Website Committee L
 7:00 p. Boy Scouts Troop 87 FH

Wednesday, September 18

8:30 a. 4K Kids Arrive
 11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart
 1:00 p. Staff Meeting
 6:30 p. Confirmation Welcome Night S
 7:30 p. Choir Practice MR

Thursday, September 19

8:30 a. 4K Kids Arrive
 9:30 a. Pal Zone
 11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart
 6:30 p. Youth Group
 6:30 p. Women's Bible Study OS

Friday, September 20

8:30 a. 4K Kids Arrive
 11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart

Saturday, September 21

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, September 15



Presiding Minister Pastor Rick Lund

Accompanist (8:30) Jan Doyle (10:15) Soul Purpose

Song Leader (8:30) Natalija Goomey (10:15) Soul Purpose

Lector (8:30) Tom Smiley (10:15) Kay Calvin

Communion Assistants (8:30) Tom Smiley (10:15) Mike & Kay Calvin, and Tim Knipfer

Ushers (8:30) Kay Meier and Kathy Graedel

(10:15) Oscar and Karen Seibel

Acolyte (8:30) Owen Roenneberg (10:15) Jordan Schoenemann

Jr. Usher (10:15) Jon Henry Roll

Counter Team 3

Altar Guild (8:30) Patty Hillebrand (10:15) Darlene Schulenberg

AV (8:30) Jason Niebuhr (10:15) James Hartung

Coffee Carmen Fowell

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