



## This Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost

King Herod ruled in Palestine when Jesus was born. He is known for his ambitious building projects throughout Judea, including the rebuilding of the Second Temple in Jerusalem, the construction of the port at Caesarea on the Mediterranean, and the fortress at Masada. Statuary like the one below make him look warm, gracious and serene. History tells a different story.

Herod was a Roman client king. As long as he paid tribute to Emperor Caesar, he was free to rule his people however he wished. Most of what we know about him comes from the Jewish historian Josephus. He describes Herod as "a madman who murdered his own family and a great many rabbis," "the evil genius of the Judean nation prepared to commit any crime in order to gratify his unbounded ambition." In other words, Herod was a bloodthirsty tyrant.

In the New Rhythm Service (10:15) we hear the full brunt of his brutality: he murders all infant boys under 3 years old in and around Bethlehem in hopes of killing the true Messiah King, Jesus. God delivered the Holy Family time and time again, reminding us all who have been bullied and beaten about in life that "It Gets Better," as the Sermon is titled.

At the Traditional Blend Service (8:30) we hear a challenging parable from Jesus in which we are told that if we are faithful in small things, God can trust us with big things. The Sermon title is "The Little Things". Jesus uses a dishonest manager who swindles his Master by having his debtors write down their invoices as an example to use wealth to make friends so that when it is gone, and we are in need, we will be taken care of! He doesn't praise the dishonesty, but the ingenuity of the manager. We who struggle to use our money faithfully in life will find direction in how we can live well while still using our wealth to glorify God and help others.

Two different, important reflections for you to choose from Sunday. Why not come to both?

Pastor Rick



King Herod The Great 74/73 BC to 4 AD

## Middleton Outreach Ministry Thank You



### Middleton Outreach Ministry

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

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## Thank God It's Friday Night Out

Friday, September 27

6 to 10 pm

Parents take advantage of a night out while caring providers care for your awesome kids free of charge! 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.



**Please sign up by Wednesday, September 25 by contacting Sharon at [om@stmartinscp.org](mailto:om@stmartinscp.org) or 798-2777.**

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## Women of Faith Conference

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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](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](mailto:siegler5@gmail.com)  
608.334.5904

God can do anything! —Luke 1:37 NCV

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## 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](mailto:pdfish@charter.net) or phone (608) 279-3637 or (608) 203-5160.**

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## St. Martin's Choir



It's time to stretch out the vocal cords. The Fall season for St. Martin's Choir is underway. Practice is this Wednesday night, September 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Rehearsal Room. Everyone is welcome; the only prerequisite is the love of singing!

**Questions: Contact Mary Vassalotti at [mvass@charter.net](mailto:mvass@charter.net)**

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### 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.

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## 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](mailto:om@stmartinscp.org) or 798-2777.



### St. Martin's Packers vs. Vikings Tailgate Fun Day



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

**Sunday, October 27th**  
**4pm Start, 5:30pm Serving Begins, 7:30pm Kick Off**  
**(Only Until Half Time)**

**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 Baked Homemade Pies Auctioned Off**  
**Proceeds to The St. Martin's H.S. Youth Program**



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## 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 22 - September 28

**Sunday, September 22**

8:30 a. Traditional Blend Worship  
 9:45 a. GIFT Christian Ed FH  
 10:00 a. Nursery  
 10:15 a. New Rhythm Worship

**Monday, September 23**

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

**Tuesday, September 24**

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

**Wednesday, September 25**

8:30 a. 4K Kids Arrive  
 11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart  
 1:00 p. Staff Meeting  
 6:00 p. Confirmation at Indian Lake  
 7:00 p. Centering Prayer S  
 7:30 p. Choir Practice MR

**Thursday, September 26**

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

**Friday, September 27**

8:30 a. 4K Kids Arrive  
 11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart  
 6:00 p. TGIF Night Out FH

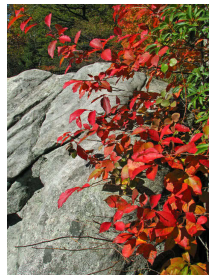
**Saturday, September 28**

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 22



**Presiding Minister** Pastor Rick Lund

**Accompanist** (8:30) Mary Vassalotti (10:15) Mary Vassalotti

**Song Leader** (8:30) St. Martin's Choir (10:15) New Rhythm Band

**Lector** (8:30) Cathy Kittle (10:15) Cheryl Hartung

**Communion Assistants** (8:30) Cathy Kittle (10:15) Kevin & Ann Boehnen and Cheryl Hartung

**Ushers** (8:30) Jeannie Hering-Schumann and Jim Doyle (10:15) Todd and Sue Duhr

**Acolyte** (8:30) Veronica Kurr (10:15) Jordan Green

**Jr. Usher** (10:15) James Hunt

**Counter Team 2**

**Altar Guild** (8:30) Jan Doyle (10:15) Jan Doyle

**AV** (8:30) Phil Fish (10:15) Bill Windels

**Coffee**

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 Pastor Rick Lund

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