



This Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost

This is one of those "Where do you start?" articles. First, you might not be aware of it, but perhaps the most important ministry event this weekend is the calling of a new Bishop in our Synod. While our Bishops are chosen by election, it is truly a call from God. Please pray for Tom and Gail Johnson, and me as we gather at Bethel Lutheran Church on Friday and Saturday to discern the Holy Spirit's guidance in this important process. Given the tragic events of last April, when former Bishop Burnside killed Maureen Menghelt in a drunken-driving crash, this is an especially poignant time in the Church. The Assembly will be a "high" and a "low" for all of us.



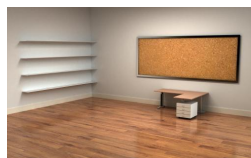
Sunday at Worship will be all "highs"! At both Worship Services we will bless over 70 hand-made quilts, along with Personal Care Kits donated by our members, to be distributed by Lutheran World Relief in Africa. This simple act of sacrifice and generosity will remind us of the importance of our Church to minister to the desperate needs of others both near and far. At the Traditional Blend Worship Service (8:30), we are challenged by Jesus to see and respond to the poor around us; we hear an unsettling story from Jesus about a rich man who was blind to the suffering of a beggar just outside his gate. He was shocked to discover after he died that it is he who is now suffering in hell, and poor man Lazarus who is enjoying the heavenly banquet. The mission of prophets in Scripture is, as the Sermon title says, to "Afflict the Comfortable and Comfort the Afflicted." At times we are one or the other, so God's word is always speaking to us.

Our New Rhythm (10:15) folks will be challenged to see the importance of being a member of the Church. Jesus' own family were regular synagogue-goers. They observed the practices of the church and worshiped weekly. Jesus and his four brothers and who-knows-how-many sisters (Matthew 13:55-56) developed good faith practices from their parents Mary and Joseph. They had what I call "As Usual Faith." Church became habit.

I encourage you to continue the good church habit modeled by the Holy Family by joining us this Sunday. We are not the same without you.

Pastor Rick

Empty Room



Plan on joining us on Friday, October 4 at The Free House in Middleton at 6 pm. for dinner and conversation about the "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. Please contact me personally at "richardglund@aim.com" or at the church if you are interested in joining us. This is a one-time event, but we might continue to meet if there is interest.

Men's Homeless Shelter

St. Martin's will again be serving the evening meal for 80 to 100 people at the Men's Homeless Shelter at 6:30 pm on Thursday, October 10. Volunteers are needed to make food (main dish, salad, and dessert), and to serve. We are usually done about 9 pm. There is a sign up sheet located in the church narthex.

Contact Doris Fish at 203-5160 if you have questions.



Thank God It's Friday Night Out



Our new ministry has proved to be very popular and successful. On the last Friday of each month Parents enjoy 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 with caring providers. 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@stmartinscp.org or 798-2777 ext. 541.

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.

Quilts on Display Sunday, September 29



Come to Worship this Sunday, September 29 to see the beautiful quilts on display in our Sanctuary. The quilts are created by our amazing and talented Quilting Group. The group has 70 quilts that will be blessed on Sunday and donated to Lutheran World Relief and local charities. The Quilting Group welcomes you to join them for quilting and good conversation on the second Monday of each month in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am.

The group is in need of shipping boxes, roughly sized 24"L x 16"W x 16"D. You can drop off the boxes by the church office or outside the door anytime.



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.



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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Confirmation Participants at Indian Lake



We kicked off our Confirmation year with Fellowship Night at Indian Lake. We have an amazing group of wonderful kids as participants and we are looking forward to a great year.

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 29 - October 5

Sunday, September 29

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 30

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

Tuesday, October 1

6:30 a. Men's Bible Study L
8:30 a. 4K Kids Arrive
11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart
5:45 p. Worship Plan Team L
6:30 p. Website Committee
7:00 p. Boy Scouts Troop 87 FH
7:30 p. Marn Turley L

Wednesday, October 2

8:30 a. 4K Kids Arrive
11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart
1:00 p. Staff Meeting
6:30 p. Confirmation Power Night 1 & 2 S
7:30 p. Choir Practice MR

Thursday, October 3

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

Friday, October 4

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

Saturday, October 5

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 29



Presiding Minister Pastor Rick Lund

Accompanist (8:30) Jan Doyle (10:15) Mary Vassalotti

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

Lector (8:30) Ron Goplin (10:15) Maureen Berghoefer

Communion Assistants (8:30) Ron Goplin (10:15)

Shawn & Deb McCue and Maureen Berghoefer

Ushers (8:30) Gary and Karen Trappe (10:15) Jeff and Diana Postle

Acolyte (8:30) Remington Lockwood (10:15) Nicole McCue

Jr. Usher (10:15) Grace Hartung

Nursery (10:15) Veronica Kurr

Counter Team 5

Altar Guild (8:30) Deb Goplin (10:15) Deb Goplin

AV (8:30) Phil Fish (10:15) James Hartung

Coffee Karen Seibel

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