



ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



This Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

"Thanks a lot, Jesus," I'm thinking to myself. "Sunday is Rally Sunday, an exciting beginning to the Fall Church Year. A number of families we haven't seen over the Summer will be back, joined by newcomers, people searching for a fresh start in their faith journey, and no doubt others who are simply curious about the Christian faith. Everything is perfect to bring people into our wonderful church family. That is, until you, Jesus, go and say things like this:



'You cannot become my disciple without giving up everything you own.' And, even worse: 'If you want to be my disciple you must hate your father and your mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters--yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you can't be my disciple.' (Luke 14:26.)

What's up with that? Thanks again, Jesus!"

Dear friends, I just wanted to warn you what to expect Sunday. I would certainly understand if you chose to avoid the worship service and just come for the fun stuff afterward. But, if by chance you think that these crazy words of Jesus just might help you discover the way to a meaningful, joy-filled life and the reward of eternal life in heaven after you die, join us for Rally Day Worship Service at 9:00. And then stay for the fellowship and food afterward. Hope to see you Sunday.

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 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.

We will be setting a rescheduled date for this event soon. 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.

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 Community Prayer Garden



There will be a Prayer Garden Blessing for the second group of bricks/blocks that were donated last fall and this spring during service on Sunday, September 8 at 9 am. Many of the plantings in the garden are in full bloom right now. Take a stroll through and enjoy the plantings and all the blessed bricks/blocks.



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.



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 8 - September 14

Sunday, September 8

8:45 a. Nursery
9:00 a. Sunday Worship with Communion
10:00 a. Rally Day Events

Monday, September 9

8:30 a. 4K Kids Arrive
9:30 a. Quilting Group FH
11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart
6:30 p. Town of Berry Historical Society L
7:00 p. TLC Meeting FH
7:00 p. Soul Purpose S

Tuesday, September 10

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

Wednesday, September 11

8:30 a. 4K Kids Arrive
11:30 a. 4K Kids Depart
1:00 p. Staff Meeting
6:30 p. GIFT Family Meeting FH

Thursday, September 12

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 13

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

Saturday, September 14

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 8 at 9 am.



Presiding Minister Pastor Rick Lund
Accompanist Mary Vassalotti
Song Leader St. Martin's Singers
Lector Bob Nelson
Communion Assistants Bob Nelson
Ushers Schulenberg Team
Acolyte Galyn Hartung
Jr. Usher Tess Postle
Nursery Kevin Houck
Counter Team 4

Altar Guild Deb Goplin

AV James Hartung

Coffee Karen Trappe

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