



Week of April 1-7 2018

Holy Week Services

Encourage a friend, neighbor or family member to join us for Holy Week and Easter services.

Maundy Thursday (3/29) - 7pm

Good Friday (3/30) - 1pm & 7pm

Easter Sunday (4/1) - 9am

Congregational Meeting – April 8th

Please plan to attend a special congregational meeting on ***Sunday, April 8th following the worship service.*** The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and vote on the motion made at the annual meeting to change the time of the Sunday worship service from 9:00 am to 9:30 am.

After discussion on the topic, voting by ballot will take place. Members are encouraged to attend this important meeting and offer input on this topic.

Choir for Lent!

Remaining choir dates include Maundy Thursday (3/29) and Easter (4/1). *Have a question?* Please contact the accompanist (Sherri Hansen) at 608-234-8570 or email her at sherrihansen@tds.net.

A Call Team Invitation

Please join us on April 15th AFTER the Sunday service for a discussion with the Call Team and Rev. Steve Kotte, Assistant to the Bishop in the Southcentral Synod. We are planning on the

meeting being about an hour to an hour and a half. (*A light snack will be served.*)

We will be discussion and asking for your input on:

- What makes St. Martin's great
- Your vision for the future of our church
- Living out our mission statement

Please come—we need your input, your voice and your expectation to continue our important work.

For further information, please contact Call Team chair Marci Bartlett (798-2482, marci.bartlett@hotmail.com) or any other Call Team member - Maureen Berghoefer (798-4820, msberghoefer@tds.net), Galyn Hartung (grh0222@icloud.com), Kelly Klock (608-712-2594, kellyklock5@gmail.com), Van Valaskey (608-798-2752, veval@tds.net), Rick Weiland (608-444-2586, rcweiland@aol.com), Amy Wildman (608-445-9720, ajayers29@yahoo.com), Dana Fuhrman (608-798-3186, fuhrman@wisc.edu) or Linda Sebree (608-413-0080, lindaasebree@gmail.com)

Culver's Share Night



ELCA Youth Gathering!

April 3, 5 - 10 PM

Mt Horeb location

*Come and eat at the Mt Horeb Culver's. A portion of the sales will go towards the transportation costs of sending **87 individuals** to Houston this summer for the **ELCA Youth Gathering**.*



Participating Lutheran churches:

ELC, Barneveld, Immanuel, Perry, Two Steeples, St. Martin's, New Hope (Blanchardville)

Soup Supper BIG Thank You!

Many thanks to all those who donated soup, bread, milk and cookies for the Soup Suppers. Your contributions and help with set up, serving and clean up was greatly appreciated!

Many hands contributed to the success of another Lenten season of suppers.



St. Martin's Facebook Page

St. Martins is re-launching its Facebook page and we need your help to validate it by clicking 'Like' on our page.

In your Facebook search bar type 'St. Martins Lutheran church'. This will take you to link for our FB page where you can 'Like' the page. (You can also click 'Follow' or 'Share', too!)

You can also go to the correct web page by clicking on the following link ([St Martins FB Page](https://www.facebook.com/stmartinscrossplains/)) or typing <https://www.facebook.com/stmartinscrossplains/> in your web browser.

Facebook will be additional way to stay in touch, be viewed by members, visitors and others in the community.

A FUN EDUCATIONAL ADVENTURE!

A lovely Spring day, March 21, 2018, found a group of St. Martin's folks enjoying the second Adult Adventure at the Open Kettle Maple Syrup Farm. We learned about the fascinating labor-intensive methods of collecting the maple sap and how it is processed and bottled into the delicious maple syrup we all enjoy.

Thank you Tim and Jan Noll for the tour and interesting seminar and for the complimentary bottle of maple syrup that we brought back to the Soup Supper at St. Martin's so folks could enjoy it with a dish of ice cream. (And thank you Bob Nelson for the yummy idea!)

We are working on our next Adult Adventure. *Stay tuned!*



VBS – Sugar Creek Day Camp 2018 -- June 11th – 14th

Registration for VBS is now open! Kids 4 years through entering 5th grade are eligible to participate. Registration forms are located near the VBS display in the church narthex or can be found on the St. Martin's website, www.stmartinscp.org. Please place completed forms with required medical documentation in the office mailbox, or FAX to 798-0492.

The theme this year is *'This Changes Everything!'* and is based on Ephesians 2:8; "For by grace you have been saved through faith and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."

Kids will learn what grace is, how it affects them, that God offers grace to all, and that grace changes everyone. Expect fun games, arts and crafts, skits, Bible time, songs, enthusiastic Sugar Creek Bible Camp counselors and more! *Invite your relatives and friends!*

Registration dead line is May 23rd.

Help is needed to make VBS a success. Check out the VBS display to see how you can help.

Questions? Call the church office (798-2777) or Karen Windels (VBS Coordinator) at 798-5031.

Open to the Public -- ALL ARE WELCOME!



St. Martin's 6th Annual Plant Sale – May 4th and 5th

St. Martin's Plant Sale will be held on Friday, May 4th and Saturday, May 5th (Trout Days) from 9 AM - noon each day. For you gardeners out there or anyone wanting to help out, start thinking about plants in your garden that will need dividing or thinning, house plants that need downsizing, or any plants that you just don't have room for anymore. Now's the time to take cuttings from house plants or start plants (house plants, annuals, perennials, even fruits and vegetables) from seed. Well-watered plant donations can be accepted a few days ahead of the sale – tables near the Prayer Garden will be available for this purpose. There will also be plastic pots available in the same location.

In addition to plant donations the Prayer Garden Team is asking that you tag each donation with the name of the plant and the color of its bloom (if applicable). Flat cardboard boxes for packaging up sold plants would also be appreciated. We will also need assistance setting-up and taking-down displays on both days of the sale and help with sales on either/both days. Sign-up sheets for donations and assistance can be found near the 2018 Plant Sale display in the Narthex of the church.

Get your green thumbs on and help us make this another successful plant sale! Proceeds will be divided between costs to maintain our beautiful Prayer Garden and a mission emphasis yet to be chosen. Questions? Please contact Linda Sebree @ 608-322-7876 (cell) or lindaasebree@gmail.com.

Missions News

The ELCA National Office has approved our grant request for \$2,500 from World Hunger to support the St Martin's *Feed Our Children* program and congratulates us for the good work we do in our local community. This grant is in addition to the \$2,500 grant we have received from the South Central Synod of WI for *Feed Our Children*.

SAVE THE DATE

April 21st -- Spring Cleanup

The annual St. Martin's spring clean up will be Saturday, April 21st (starting at 9am). Reserve the date and volunteer to help!_

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

March

Birthdays

- 3/28 - Diane Lynch
- 3/29 - Jennifer Ruland
- 3/30 - Jacob Hagman, Alexandria Boehnen
- 3/31 - Gale Kooistra, Samantha Roll

April --

Anniversaries

- 5/3 - Todd & Casey Peterson
- 5/7 - Jim & Linda Knudtson
- 5/8 - Brad & Deb Niebuhr
- 5/20 - Ron & Deb Goplin
- 5/26 - Bruce & Sandy Salvo

Birthdays

- 5/1 - Steve Broyles
- 5/2 - Dana Fuhrman
- 5/3 - Alex Kirikov, Jacob Weber
- 5/4 - Ruth Kerl , Shannon McCauley
- 5/5 - Patti Jackson
- 5/6 - James Hunt, Nicholas Hinz
- 5/7 - Kyra Ripp
- 5/10 - Sara Frye
- 5/13 - Henry Kjol
- 5/14 - Greg Valaskey, Travis Flannery
- 5/15 - Linda Sebree
- 5/16 - Andrew Goplin
- 5/17 - Glen Meister, Erin Wipperfurth
- 5/18 - Nikolas Hagman, Thomas Kurr
- 5/19 - Arden Marotz, Alexandra Foseid, Joshua Knipfer, Jason Niebuhr
- 5/20 - Charles Klein, Logan Frey
- 5/21 - Dylan Statz, Ryan Flogel
- 5/22 - Tim McCauley
- 5/23 - David Berghoefer
- 5/24 - Kevin Boehnen, Seth Johnson
- 5/25 - Darwin Goldben, Jonathon Ruland, Blake Hartung, Alicia Houck, Kevin Houck
- 5/26 - Jacob Foster
- 5/27 - Gail Johnson

5/30 - Frank Durham, Jordan Cromer, Emily Roll

Know of an addition? Correction? Please let the office know (om@stmartinscp.org). Thank you!

Questions? Comments? Concerns?

There's a box for that! A wooden box has been mounted on the wall along hall from Narthex to office, across from drinking fountains, to help with communication between members of the congregation and the Council. Forms are provided next to the box. We welcome all input and ask that you complete all of the fields on the form, including your name, in case clarification or additional information is needed. This is intended to address any questions or concerns people may have for the Council.

Council Invites Your Input

Church Council welcomes your participation in the first 15 minutes of each Council meeting (third Monday of month) for the purpose of sharing your ideas and insights. If you are interested in participating in this open forum time, please let one of the Council members know of your interest. Council meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the church library. Contact any member at the following numbers: Jenny Niesen (798-2132), Mark Richardson (413-0204), Gordie Esser (438-4176), Matt Wildman (798-1882), Gail Johnson (575-0170) or Ryan McCulloh (712-8530).

Weather Issues / Closings

Church closing information can be found on the church web site (www.stmartinspc.org), by calling the office (798-2777), watching 'ticker' on Channel 3, Madison, or check their website, channel3000.com.

Stay Informed!

Monthly Church Council Minutes and Financial Reports can be found in the narthex (on the bulletin board) for your review. Please review, make copies as you would like (but please put the original copies back).

Want to submit something for the bulletin or Weekly Bread?

If yes, please send it to the office (om@stmartinscp.org) by 2pm the Wednesday before publication for consideration. Thank you!

Church Calendar

Wondering about meetings at the church (when, where), if a room is available, etc.? Check out the church calendar on the website—www.stmartinscp.org. Events are updated on a regular basis. Questions? Send a note to the office (om@stmartinscp.org) or call 798-2777.

Church Office Hours & Additional Email Addresses

Scheduled office hours are:

Mon: 8:30 - 3:30 Tue: 10-2 Wed: 8:30 - 3:30 Thur: 10-2 Fri: 8:30-10:30

Call ahead if you want to stop by (in case there has been a last minute change).

-- OFFICE: Ph: (608) 798-2777 Email: om@stmartinscp.org

-- Church Property Management Team (building & grounds maintenance requests / issues):
Property@stmartinscp.org

-- Pastor Jeff: Email: stmlcpastorjeff@gmail.com; Cell: (608) 217-9821

Interim Pastor Contact Information

If you need to contact our Interim Pastor, Jeff Tomberlin, you can call the office (798-2777), call him direct (cell: 608-217-9821) or email him (stmlcpastorjeff@gmail.com).

CHURCH CALENDAR

Also available on the church web site (www.stmartinscp.org)

April 1 - 7 2018

Sunday, April 1

8:15-8:45 — Choir Rehearsal CR

9:00a -- Easter Sunday Worship S

Monday, April 2 -- OFFICE CLOSED / Open Schedule

Tuesday, April 3

6:30a -- 8:00 am -- Men's Bible Study L

Wednesday, April 4

6:00pm -- Confirmation (End of year wrap-up; last night for everyone except 8th graders)

Thursday, April 5 -- Open Schedule

Friday, April 6 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, April 7

8:45a -- Overeaters Anonymous LL

L—Library; FH—Fellowship Hall; S—Sanctuary; LL—Lower Level Classroom

Worship Participants - Thursday, March 29th (Maundy Thursday)

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Jeffrey Tomberlin

Accompanist -- Debbie Miller

Song Leader -- Karen Windels
Cantor -- Lee Swanson
Greeters -- Bob & Redgy Nelson
Lector -- Reader / Communion Assistant -- Deb Goplin
Communion Assistants -- Kevin & Ann Boennen
Ushers -- Ryan & Jenni McCulloh
Acolytes -- Adam Herring
Counting Team -- Team 4 (Steve & Patty Hillebrand, Deb Wipperfurth)
Altar Guild -- Deb Goplin
AV Team -- Bill Windels

Worship Participants - Friday, March 30th (Good Friday) - 1pm

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Jeffrey Tomberlin
Accompanist -- Jan Doyle
Song Leader -- Jason Niebuhr
Acolyte -- Tyler Duhr
AV Team -- James Hartung

Worship Participants - Good Friday - 7pm

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Jeffrey Tomberlin
Accompanist -- Debbie Miller
Special Music -- Karen Windels, Sherri Hansen
Acolytes -- Jenna Rogers
Counting Team -- Team 3 (Mike & Kay Calvin, Alan & Patty Harper)
AV Team -- Jason Niebuhr

Worship Participants - Sunday, April 1 - Easter Sunday

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Jeffrey Tomberlin
Accompanist -- Sherri Hansen
Song Leader -- Karen Windels
Greeters -- Jeff & Debbie Miller
Lector -- Reader / Communion Assistant -- Debbie Miller
Communion Assistants -- Tom Johnson, Lois Weiland
Ushers -- Kathy Graedel, Bob Nelson
Acolytes -- Ollie Wenning, Gus Wenning
Counting Team -- Team 2 (Marci Bartlett, Donna Blumer)
Altar Guild -- Deb Wipperfurth
AV Team -- James Hartung

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