



St. Martin's 'Weekly Bread' April 19-25 2020

Where all are welcome to worship, to learn, to serve in the name of Jesus Christ.

Virtual (on-line) Worship Services!

Watch live Sunday broadcast of services on Facebook!

If you aren't able to make the live worship on Facebook, feel free to watch the videos at any time on YouTube or by following the links on our church website.

For Facebook link: ([click here for Facebook live link](#))

For Youtube (videos posted after live event): ([click here for YouTube](#))

Links are also available on the church website: Stmartinscp.org ([Click here](#))

Note from Pastor Maggie

My dear beloved siblings in Christ,

Happy Easter! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

I know this Easter feels unlike any other, and this is true, but I want to assure you that despite all the weirdness, confusion, and isolation, God is out in the world and present with us just as much today as on that first Easter morning when Jesus left the tomb to be with his people. We may not have Easter baskets and flowers or all the other trimmings of a usual Easter season, but we still have each other and we still have God's love and God's promise for a new and better day.

Here is a rundown of what to look forward to in the next few weeks:

-- Sunday morning worship continues to be held live through Facebook at 9 AM. Videos will be posted on YouTube for later viewing.

-- Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM you can join our online Bible study on Revelation by following this link and entering the password "revelation": ([Sunday Bible Study - Click Here](#))

-- Sunday evenings our high school youth are meeting online via zoom

-- Tuesday nights at 7 PM you can join our online Bible study on Esther by following this link and entering the password "esther" ([Tuesday Esther Bible Study - Click Here](#)) :

-- Wednesday nights at 7 PM you can catch our midweek devotional live on Facebook. Videos will be posted on YouTube for later viewing.

-- Every day at 1 PM join us in Spirit for prayer. This is not an online event, just take a moment wherever you are, whatever you are doing, to join with the St. Martin's community in prayer.

Stay tuned for more updates! This too shall pass, and when it does we shall celebrate the glory of the resurrection with a renewed understanding of what it means to have new life in Christ who left the tomb. In the meantime, we are still God's people and we still here for each other.

The peace of Christ be with you always,
Pastor Maggie

Youth Mission Trip Cancelled

Hello St. Martin's,

Lars here. I hope you are keeping safe and healthy during these uncertain times.

With everything happening around us, we recently received word that our *upcoming high school mission trip to Boston this June was cancelled*. We are very bummed about hearing this new information, but understand the decision process made by Next Step Ministries. We are in the midst of finding an alternative option for our senior high kids, and want to strive to provide an unforgettable experience.

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your contributions and support as we had prepared for this trip. We were overjoyed to see you at the pancake dinner, dining at Culver's, and various other methods of contribution for us. We are very grateful for all of you, and we want to continue to be a driving force for this church in any safe way possible.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns during this time. I am praying for our entire congregation during all of this, and know the strength of our members and community. God's peace to you all!

Lars Haskins

Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator

CALLING ALL TALENTED FOLKS! (Yup, that means you!)

Do you have a special skill you'd like to share with the congregation? Knowledge about

something interesting or useful you'd like to share?

Pastor Maggie is looking for volunteers who can film themselves for some short fun, informative videos we can share with the congregation. *Do you know how to show people how to make a craft? Or can you share some information about something that gives you Spiritual joy? We are looking for you!*

Send an email to PastorMaggie@stmartinscp.org for more info.

EARTH DAY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

On Wednesday, April 22, Earth Day will celebrate it's 50th anniversary!!

As most people in Wisconsin are aware, Earth Day was started by Gaylord Nelson (former US Senator and governor). The Stewardship Team had wanted to have a celebration this year, but due to the COVID-19 virus, that had to be canceled.

What can you do to celebrate on your own as a family? Plant a tree. Pick up waste. Plant a garden. Be creative and tell us what you have done or are doing to help our planet.

As with many things, Earth Day should not be just one day; so, continue to think about our earth and how we can help take care of it. Hopefully in one year we can all gather to celebrate the 51st anniversary. In the meantime, be safe and as Pastor Maggie likes to say "*Wash your hands.*"

Prayer List

This week, we lift in prayer:

- The global church as it celebrates Christ's resurrection in a time of crisis;
- Our members in care facilities, those at risk from underlying health concerns, and all others quarantined at this time, especially: Arline, Bob, Gary, Irene, Jeannie, Kay, Lucille, Norm, and Shirley;
- Those who have died, are preparing for death, and who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially in conditions where they cannot gather to mourn.
- Health care providers, first responders, and others working to keep all people safe and healthy;
- Researchers and public health workers working on developing medicines and vaccines;
- People without access to adequate supplies;
- Teachers, pastors, and all others who must adjust their work to continue to support others from home.
- Essential personnel who must continue to work outside their home to provide needed goods and services for others.

Schedule Updates & Changes

Please check the church website (www.stmartinscp.org) for changes or updates to the church

schedule, office hours and events. Announcements will also be made through the Weekly Bread and by email.

As always, you can contact Pastor Maggie with questions. Her phone number at the church is (608) 798-2777, her cell number is (608) 515-8618. Email: PastorMaggie@stmartinsscp.org.

Thank you for your understanding!

Flu Prevention

Some health tips

Wash your hands frequently.
Use hand sanitizer frequently.
Avoid touching your face.
Sneeze and cough into a tissue or your elbow.
Use a face cover if going out in public.
Avoid crowds and standing near others.
Stay home if you think you might be sick.
When in doubt consult with a healthcare professional.

As always, if you feel unwell or think you might be contagious, we encourage you to stay home.

Health Links:

More information can be found on the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) web site: [CDC - COVID-19 Info](#)

or

World Health Organization ('WHO'): [WHO COVID-19 Info Page](#)

Ways to continue Giving

Here are some ways you can continue your support

- Try the old tried and true method - *snail mail!* That's right, mail your check in! (2427 Church St., Cross Plains, 53528)
- Drop off your contribution by using the locked box by the office door. No need to come in contact with anyone and it gets you out of the house for a few minutes. Someone will check this box daily.
- Contact your bank and ask them to help you with online banking. Most banks will send out a check as you direct them to. Most will even pay for the stamp!
- Try Give Plus. Yes, there's an App for that and it's FREE. Easy to use prompts help you get set up easily, quickly. There's no fee to you and a small fee to the church.
- Paypal -- We have PayPal set up on our website. You do not have to have PayPal account of your own.
- Direct Deposit. Many of you already use this method. If you wish to set this up, contact our bookkeeper, Lois Weiland, by calling 608-220-3123.

Questions? Call Lois!

MOM Food Pantry closed (but drive through established)

With the MOM food pantry closed a drive through pantry (with pre-packed food boxes) has been established to continue to meet the needs of our neighbors.

Please Note: MOM is NOT accepting food or clothing donations at this time.

They are working closely with Second Harvest and the rapidly changing recommendations for food safety and distribution. Financial donations, however, are gratefully accepted. You can make your check payable to St. Martin's (no cash, please) with MOM indicated on the memo line and place in the lock box located outside the church office door until services are rescheduled. We will make a single donation to MOM from all donations received. Once church resumes, you can bring your donation to the Mission table. *Thank you!*

Lower Level Door Policy Change

Just a reminder that starting May 1st all lower level doors will remain locked at all times, including before and during Sunday Services (yes, once they resume in the building).

To enter the building please do so through the main level doors.

If you have any questions, please talk to a council member.

Thank you!

Lower Level Doorbell

When school resumes, and on school days, please remember the lower level doorbell is **only** for use by Little Red staff and families of Little Red students. (Sorry, they don't have staff to answer if you ring.) As noted above, if you need to enter the building please use the upper level doors. *Thank you everyone for your understanding!*

Prayer List

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please call/email Pastor Maggie (pastormaggie@stmartinscp.org) or the office manager (om@stmartinscp.org). Names will stay on the list for six weeks unless otherwise indicated by the prayer requester. Prayer requesters are responsible for making sure their loved ones are placed and remain on the list. *Thank you for your help in praying for those in need!*

Stay up-to-date with Synod Newsletter 'What Matters'

Stay connected to synod happenings, news, & events! To receive copies of the electronic newsletter 'What Matters', email Assistant to the Bishop for Media, Communications & Leadership

Development, Deacon Vicki Hanrahan (vickih@scsw-elca.org) and asked to be added ... *a great way to find out what is happening in the synod!*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

APRIL

Anniversaries

26 Ralph & Darlene Schulenberg, Bruce & Sandy Salvo

Birthdays

4/22 Philip Fish

4/23 Barbara Durham

4/24 Janet Klock

4/25 Van Valaskey

4/26 Kelly Klock

4/30 Richard Haller, Elaine Meister, Kim Mahaffey

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

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 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 & Email Addresses

Office hours:

Please call ahead (to make sure someone is there) if you want to stop by.

-- OFFICE Phone: (608) 798-2777

-- OFFICE Email: om@stmartinscp.org

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

-- Todd (building manager) can be reached at 444-6765.

Pastoral Care During COVID-19

During this time, all in-person visits are suspended, save for emergency situations. But that doesn't mean that we aren't here to provide support! Pastor Maggie is available for private phone calls or Zoom meetings.

If you would like to make an appointment, please call/text her cell at 608-515-8618 or send her an email at PastorMaggie@stmartinscp.org.

CHURCH CALENDAR

All events are subject to change, especially with COVID-19 Virus restrictions. Calendar is also available on the church web site (www.stmartinscp.org)

Sunday, April 19, 2020

-- 9:00a -- Sunday Worship, *Live on Facebook!* Check website for links: www.stmartinscp.org

-- 5:30p -- Narcotics Anonymous (library)

Mon., April 20 -- Open Schedule

Tues., April 21 -- Open Schedule

Wed., April 22 -- Open Schedule

Thur., April 23

-- 6:30pm -- AA Meeting (library)

Friday, April 24 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, April 25

-- 9:15a -- Overeaters Anonymous (lower level)

Have an update? Please send a note to the office (om@stmartinscp.org)

Worship Participants

On-Line! Check church website for links: www.stmartinscp.org

Presiding Pastor -- Pastor Maggie

Video Team -- Geoff Peterson

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