



Week of April 2 - 8 2017

This week at worship - Come and See...

The Bible readings this coming Sunday are for everyone who feels half dead, for everyone who sees death everywhere, as well as for everyone who is afraid to even think about death. Come to worship, to receive the breath of the Spirit, to hear the voice of Christ, to be fed at the table, and to celebrate the life God gives.

Choir Practice - 8:00am (before church)

All are welcome! Bring a friend!

LAST Wed. Night Soup-Supper & Lent Service is this Wed, April 5

Soup-Suppers start at 6pm with Lent Services following at 7pm

Please join us for our final soup supper followed by Lenten Service this week. We'll be studying the Ten Commandments this week. Join us!

First Communion (Maundy Thursday)

On Maundy Thursday, nine young people will receive First Communion. Please make plans to worship on this special day with our First Communion participants and their families!



A special thank you to Redgy Nelson for making communion bread with us!

Amazing Grace Race

Be a part of St. Martin's Amazing Grace Race contest! The race will begin at St. Martin's. Teams will compete against other teams to reach the finish line first.

The race will be held on Sat., May 6, 2017 (9:00A.M. start.)



Each team must meet the following requirements:

- * Must complete a registration form for your team, including a \$10 entry fee.
- * Must have 2-4 member teams, with one being a St. Martin's member
- * Must submit a team name
- * Must submit a team photo
- * One team member must have a valid driver's license
- * Must have means of transportation and proof of insurance
- * Must have access to a smartphone

Sign up your team today! Entries must be submitted to participate in the Amazing Grace Race by noon on Friday, April 28, 2017. (For more info. contact the office om@smartinscp.org)

Only the first ten teams will be able to participate in the Amazing Grace Race, so enter soon. You don't want to be left out!

Know someone interested in joining St. Martin's?

New members will be received on Sunday, May 7th. If you know someone interested in joining St. Martin's please let them know they should attend a meeting after church on Sunday, April 23rd.

Thank you!

Homeless Shelter - Thurs. April 13th

Volunteers are need to provide food and help with serving at the Madison Homeless Shelter on Thursday, April 13th. Meet at the church at 6:30p to carpool.

A sign up sheet (and copies of meal recipe) can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex, far right side.

Thank you everyone!

MOM Volunteers Needed

MOM (Middleton Outreach Ministry) is seeking a volunteer who can assist a low vision Cross Plains woman with shopping, sorting mail and light housekeeping once or twice a month. A volunteer is also needed for a low-income senior male with some health issues to help with light housekeeping and washing dishes once or twice a month. Please call Laurie at MOM, 826-3410 for more information.

Piggy Banks Wanted

Have your children or grandchildren outgrown their Piggy Bank and is it looking for a new, important purpose? It will be "fed" often and lovingly with donations from our congregation for various Mission Team projects. Please bring he or she to the Missions Table where it will be welcomed with open arms and miles of smiles!



Choir Director Needed

The Worship Planning Team (WPT) is seeking a volunteer choir director for the senior choir. Our excellent director, Debbie Miller, is stepping back from this position soon so she can devote more time to family, friends, and travel.

We're looking for someone to lead rehearsals at 8:00 on Sundays and be present to lead us in our 9:00 Sunday services as well as special occasions (e.g., Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday).

Ideally, this person can join us at WPT meetings (1st Thursday each month), or we can coordinate

and plan through other means as needed. We can provide music selection or coordinate with the director in any way that is helpful.

We are a welcoming choir and hope to find a leader who loves music, singing, and praising God as much as we do. We also have some promises of back-up leaders (with advance notice) including Debbie, so the new director will be supported with regard to their schedule.

This could be a rewarding opportunity for any musician (active or retired) or for a music student at the university or high school level. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in directing our choir, please contact any member of the Worship Planning Team: Pastor Kirsten, Debbie or Jeff Miller, Jan Doyle, Sherri Hansen, Karen Windels, Deb Goplin.

Newborn Health Care Kits

Newborn Health Care kits are *being collected for Global Health Ministries through Easter Sunday April 16th*. For your convenience pre-assembled kits may be purchased from the Missions table in the Narthex for \$10 each, or you may make a donation at the table and our volunteers will do the shopping for you. If you would like to assemble your own kit, each should contain: 1 bath towel, 1 wash cloth, 1 bar of Ivory soap, 1 newborn stocking hat, 1 receiving blanket (30" x 30"), 2 cloth diapers and 2 diaper pins. Place all items inside the towel and seal inside a 2 gallon Ziploc plastic bag (provided at the Missions table). Contact Maureen at 798-4820 or msberghoefer@tds.net with questions.

Mission Highlight

Global Health Ministries continues the holistic ministry of Jesus Christ by partnering with Lutheran efforts globally to enhance and sustain the health and well being of the communities served. Newborn Health Care Kits help mothers celebrate the birth of their child and provide needed items to welcome babies into the world. Healthcare workers who distribute these kits also use them to encourage women to seek prenatal care, offering them as gifts to mothers who visit a clinic before delivering or those who choose to deliver at a healthcare facility. Prenatal visits provide opportunities to monitor the health of the mother and developing child and to share information about nutrition, immunizations, and care of a newborn. Global Health Ministries has shipped more than 250,000 newborn kits to Tanzania, Cameroon, Zimbabwe, Liberia, Madagascar and other countries where infant and maternal mortality rates remain heartbreakingly high. St. Martin's has set a goal of collecting 50 newborn healthcare kits during this Lenten season.

Vacation Bible School 2017 - SAVE THE DATE

Sunday School parents! The surveys are in and Sugar Creek Camp will be teaching **VBS August 6-10, 2017**.

Camp runs Sunday-Thursday, with the kick off during Sunday worship and the Day Camp from Monday-Thursday.

If interested, here is a link to the Sugar Creek website so you can find out more!
(<https://wp.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org/>) [Sugar Creek Bible Camp](#)

Prayer Garden Plant Sale!

Coming this spring to a church lawn near you:

It's the 5th Annual St. Martin's Plant Sale!

St. Martin's Plant Sale will be held on *Friday, May 5th and Saturday, May 6th (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.

In addition to plant donations the Prayer Garden Team is asking for donations of empty pots, at least 4" or larger in size for people to use for their donated plants, and plastic bags and cardboard boxes for packaging up sold plants. 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. More information will become available through the Weekly Bread, bulletin announcements and a display in the narthex as we get closer to the sale dates.

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 the ELCA Global Church Sponsorship – International Women Leaders Scholarship Fund.

New members to the Prayer Garden/Plant Sale Team are always welcome! Please contact Linda Sebree @ 608-322-7876 (cell) or lindaasebree@gmail.com with any questions you may have. Thank you!

Grief

Have you experienced the loss of a loved one? Would like to share their story and yours? Receive the comfort and support of others who journey with you? All are welcome regardless of when your journey began since grief can last a lifetime. Caring, sharing, preserving memories and finding peace together. Contact Maureen at msberghoefer@tds.net, 798-4820 for more information.

Habitat for Humanity

Spring is just around the corner and the St. Martin's 2017 Habitat Team is forming for another rewarding season of helping hands and giving hearts. We are looking for builders of homes and builders of lunches for our volunteers. No experience is needed. If you would like to be added to the email exchange for the latest updates, please contact Maureen at msberghoefer@tds.net, 798-4820.

Adult Forums

Remember there is an 'Adult Education Hour', beginning at 10:30a after Sunday service. Topics change each week ... Plan to attend!

Birthday and Anniversary Announcements

Do you (or someone you know) have a birthday coming up? Anniversary? Let the office know! We plan to start putting in the Weekly Bread up-coming birthdays and anniversaries. Send a note to the office (om@smartinscp.org) with dates and names. (For birthdays, we only need date ... birth year, age, not needed *unless you want to provide it!*)

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: Pastor Curtis (798-2777), Mark Richardson (413-0204), Gordie Esser (438-4176), Matt Wildman (798-1882), Kyla Schoenwetter (434-4950), Jenny Niesen (798-2132) or Ron Goplin (798-2518).

Building and Grounds Technician Position

St. Martin's is seeking a part-time (20 hrs/week) Building and Grounds Technician.

This position provides custodial, general maintenance, and minor repair services for the church buildings, equipment and grounds. The position will work with Pastor, Property Management Team, Office Manager and others.

Position requirements are high school graduate, experience in maintenance work and effective communication skills.

Applicants should send cover letter and resume to St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 2427 Church Street, Cross Plains WI 53528 or email om@smartinscp.org. A detailed job description can be viewed on our church website at smartinscp.org. (Click on link on home page of website, or go to Documents, then click on Category 'Documents (general)' and then click Building & Grounds Technician Job Description.)

Save the Date! Spring Spruce-up!

Saint Martin's **Spring Spruce-UP** will be on **Saturday, April 22 (starting at 9 AM)**

Bring yard work tools, gloves, etc. Lunch will be provide for those who stay long enough! Rain date is 4/29. Questions? Call Bill Windels 215-5114.

Reserve the date!

'MAYAM' get together - April 2

Madison Area Young Adult Ministry (MAYAM) is Hosting Its Next Quarterly event: April Fool's Fun Time! *April 2, 4:00-6:00 pm at the Rockhound Brewing Company, 444 S Park St., Madison.*

Join with other Madison-area young adults for a time to network, socialize, and have some April Fools fun! There will be a group Mad Libs activity ... not the Sunday School stories you remember. (Appetizers will be provided, drinks are on your own.) Hosted by several Madison-area Lutheran ministries.

Madison Area Young Adult Ministry (MAYAM) is a networking and relationship-building group intended to support the young adults in our area congregations, or other young adults searching for a church community.

Event is geared towards young adults (under 40ish). Find more info about event on Facebook. (This event came recommended by Rev. Beth Schultz Byrnes.)



Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator Position

St. Martin's is seeking to hire a half-time, Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator who can work effectively with children of all ages.

The purpose of this position is to direct and coordinate a comprehensive and expanding ministry for our children, youth and families. This position will work with Pastor, our Youth and Family Ministry Team, parents and other lay ministers.

Send or email a cover letter and resume to St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 2427 Church St, Cross Plains, WI, 53528 or om@smartinscp.org. A job description can be viewed on our web site, smartinscp.org.

Please join us for Brunch!

The drop-in shelter will be celebrating volunteers on *Saturday, April 8, 2017* at 9:30am at Grace Episcopal Church (in Guild Hall).

If you can make it, please RSVP to Mary Ann Cook at macook@charter.net (or call 608-217-7505) by March 31st.



Bingo Party

Knights of Columbus is hosting a Bingo Party on Sunday, April 9, 2017 (12:30p to 4:30p) at St. Francis Xavier Fellowship Hall. Bring the whole family!

Stayed 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).

Suicide Prevention

Need to talk to someone, or know someone who needs to talk to someone?

Dane County Suicide Crisis Line: (608) 280-2600

National Suicide Prevention Line:

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433)

For Veterans Press 1, En Español Oprima El 2

Weather Issues / Church Closings

When there is a Church closing information can be found on the church web site (www.stmartinspc.org), by calling the office (798-2777), watching the news 'ticker' on Channel 3, Madison, or by checking their website, channel3000.com. Cancellation message will be on the church phone recording by 7:45am.

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

-- Pastor Kirsten: PastorKirsten@stmartinscp.org

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

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Sunday, April 2, 2017

8:00a - Choir Practice CR
9:00a - Sunday Worship S
10:30a - Adult Forum L
12:00p - Craft Group FH

Monday, April 3

10:30a - Memorial Team L
6:30p - Mission Team L
6:30p - Property Team LL

Tuesday, April 4

6:30a -8:00 am - Men's Bible Study L
11:15a - Personnel Team L
7:00p -9:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 87 LL FH

Wednesday, April 5

5:00 - Confirmation Class (Service Project, final night for 6th & 7th graders)
6:00p - Soup-Supper FH
7:00p - Lent Service (The Small Catechism: The Ten Commandments) S

Thursday, April 6

6:30p - Worship Planning Team L

Friday, April 7 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, April 8

9:00a - 10a Overeaters Anonymous L

L—Library; FH—Fellowship Hall; S—Sanctuary; CR—Choir Room; YR—Youth Room; LL—Lower Level Classroom; K - Kitchen

Looking Ahead:

Thursday April 13th -- Maundy Thursday Service (& First Communion) 7pm
Friday, April 14th -- Good Friday Services (Both traditional - 1pm & 7pm)
Sunday, April 16th -- Easter Service (9am)
Monday, April 17th -- Office Closed

Worship Participants - Sunday, April 2, 2017

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Kirsten Curtis

Accompanist -- Debbie Miller

Song Leader -- Jason Niebuhr

Lector / Reader / CA -- Ron Goplin

Communion Assistants -- Marci Bartlett, Kathy Graedel

Greeter -- Deb & Ron Goplin

Ushers -- Bob & Redgy Nelson

Acolyte -- Lexi Boehnen, Caleb Wickre

Counting Team -- Team 2 (Marci Bartlett, Donna Blumer)

Altar Guild -- Kim Mahaffey

AV Team -- James Hartung, Paul Schluter

Coffee / Treats -- Jeannie Hering-Schumann, Marci Bartlett, Elizabeth Collin

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