



Week of April 8-14 2018

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.

Easter Flowers - April 1, 2018



2018 Bishop Election

An update from your Bishop Election Task Force

You are Invited!

Dear Congregational Leaders & Members:

You are invited to attend the forums hosted by the Synod Bishop Election Task Force to hear from the pre-identified persons who are participating in the pre-assembly discernment process.

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 7:00pm
First Congregational UCC
54 S Jackson St, Janesville, WI 53545

Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 2:00pm
Holy Wisdom Monastery
4200 Co Hwy M, Middleton, WI 53562

Each candidate will have a short time to speak at the beginning. Then a moderator will rotate questions among the group. Some of the questions will be preselected. You are encouraged to bring a question with you or you will have the opportunity to submit one the day of the forum. A limited number of questions will be selected the day of the forum.

Please note these are pre-identified persons and not nominated candidates. The nomination process will begin with the first ecclesiastical ballot of the bishop's election at the Synod Assembly on May 5, 2018.

All of the ten pre-identified persons have submitted detailed biographical information. This biographical information is located on the Bishop Election Task Force website and can be accessed by clicking the link below.

Thank you for your prayerful participation in this process.

Yours in hope,
Synod Bishop Election Task force

Profiles

An important action of the 2018 Synod Assembly will be the election of our next bishop. The Bishop Election Task Force was appointed by your Synod Council to oversee this election. The task force maintains its own website at www.scswbishopselection.org/

To foster a fair, impartial process, please do not contact the synod office with anything regarding the election of our next bishop. Please contact the co-chairs (Rev. Nancy Raabe & Jason Xiong) at scswbishopselection2018@gmail.com or Synod Vice President Robin Cherwinka at cherwinka@tds.net (608-832-6388).

Profiles of Pre-Identified Persons - NOW AVAILABLE

Now that the pre-identification process is complete, we move into a time of "Pre-Assembly Discernment."

The biographical information of the ten pre-identified ELCA ministers of Word and Sacrament who desire to continue in this process were posted on Friday, March 16, 2018. It's important to note that these are NOT nominations. Voting members of the synod assembly will be asked to nominate any ELCA minister of Word and Sacrament on the first ballot of the election.

Profiles are available here: <https://scswbishopselection.org/profiles>

Sign up for Email Updates from the Bishop Election Task Force

Communications about the election will be sent from the task force directly. If you wish to receive these messages, sign up at: <https://mailchi.mp/c53d3ca6ef4f/scswbishopelection2018>

Call Team Invitation

Join us on **April 15th** following service for an important and inspiring discussion with the Call Team and Rev. Steve Kotte (Assistant to the Bishop of the Southcentral Synod of WI) as we rethink what it means to be a church member/disciple of Christ at St. Martin's and how to better live out God's mission in our changing world. *Your input is critical in guiding us as we prepare to call our next pastor.* (A light snack will be served.)

For further information, please contact Marci Bartlett (798-2482, marci.bartlett@hotmail.com), Maureen Berghoefer (798-4820, msberghoefer@tds.net), Van Valaskey (798-2752, veval@tds.net), Rick Weiland (444- 2586, rcweiland@aol.com), Amy Wildman (445-9720, ajayers29@yahoo.com), Galyn Hartung (grh0222@icloud.com) or Mark Richardson (370-9196, zero2golf4mark@hotmail.com).



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.



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 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.

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

APRIL

Anniversaries

4/18-- Jim & Jan Doyle

4/26 -- Ralph & Darlene Schulenberg

Birthdays

4/1 -- Shane McCauley, Nathangel Broyles

4/2 -- Oscar H. Wendt, James Sebree

4/5 -- Jordan Green

4/6 -- Cora Schoenwetter

4/7 -- Oscar Seibel, Angela Wissink

4/8 -- Lisa Sebree

4/11 -- Alan Harper

4/12 -- Nancy McCauley

4/13 -- Adele Mann

4/15 -- Patty Hillebrand, Ryan McCulloh, Ethan Schluter

4/17 -- Robert Miller

4/18 -- Kimberly Johnson, Adam Herring

4/20 -- Jerilyn Papierniak

4/22 -- Philip Fish

4/23 -- Barbara Durham

4/24 -- Janet Klock, Molly Wiebe

4/25 -- Van Valaskey, Nicholas Jarlsberg

4/26 -- Kelly Klock

4/28 -- Torin Mann

4/30 -- Richard Haller, Elaine Meister, Kim Mahaffey

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 8 - 14 2018

Sunday, April 8

9:00a -- Sunday Worship S

10:15a — Congregational Meeting S

10:30a -- Council Meeting / Call Team L

Monday, April 9

9:30a—1:00p - Quilting Group FH

7:00p — Cross Plains Historical Society S

Tuesday, April 10

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

6:30p—TLC L

Wednesday, April 11

6:00p — Confirmation (8th Grader's Work Night; Faith Statements)

Thursday, April 12

6:30p—Call Team L

Friday, April 13 — Open Schedule

Saturday, April 14

8:45a -- Overeaters Anonymous LL

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

Worship Participants - Sunday, April 8th

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Jeffrey Tomberlin

Accompanist -- Debbie Miller

Song Leader -- Jason Niebuhr

Greeters -- Bruce & Sandy Salvo

Lector -- Reader / Communion Assistant -- Cheryl Hartung

Communion Assistants -- Patty Harper, Galyn Hartung

Ushers -- Sandy Salvo, Artis Schulenberg

Acolytes -- Cole Klock, Lexi Boehnen

Counting Team -- Team 1 (Jenny Niesen, Darlene Schulenberg, Gale kooistra)

Altar Guild -- Kim Mahaffey

AV Team -- Jason Niebuhr

Coffee Fellowship -- Judy Valaskey, Amy Esser

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