



## ***St. Martin's 'Weekly Bread' for Aug. 26 - Sept. 1 2018***

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### **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

Many of you were impacted by the flooding that hit Cross Plains this week.

*We are here to help in any way we can!*

In addition to the Neighbors Helping Neighbors program, the church council has requested the services of LUAD, which is the disaster relief agency for the South Central Synod ELCA.

We anticipate there are many people that will need assistance in the following weeks. If you need help of any kind, please contact the church office ([om@stmartinSCP.org](mailto:om@stmartinSCP.org) or 608-798-2777) or Phil Fish ([pdfish@charter.net](mailto:pdfish@charter.net) or 608-279-3637).

We have some volunteers that have signed up to help but could use more. If you can volunteer, please contact either the church office or Phil. *Thank you everyone!*

*We strive to be the heart and hands of Jesus*

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### **Hwy P / Church St. -- FULLY OPEN for Traffic**

As of late Thursday, early Friday, Hwy P / Church St is fully OPEN for traffic. (The last layer of blacktop was put down on Thursday.) Painting lines and some landscaping are main things left to do.

*Front driveway entrance to the church parking lot should be fully accessible.*

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## Prayer Garden Bricks / Blocks

Would you like to order a block (or brick or both) for the prayer garden? New orders are now being accepted.

Forms are available in the narthex or at the office. Fill one out and return (with payment) to the office by **Aug. 26th**. *Thank you!*

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## Pianist and Choir Director

St. Martin's has immediate openings for a pianist to accompany worship services and an adult choir director. The positions may be held by the same person or separately. (Sunday worship service is at 9 a.m.)

### Pianist Responsibilities:

Year around, provide worship music to include prelude, offering, postlude, hymns and liturgy for regular Sunday services as well as special services such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, mid-week Lenten, Holy Week and Easter. Collaborate with Pastor and others. Organ skills are welcome but not required. Pay is on per-service basis.

### Choir Director Responsibilities:

From Sept through April, authorized for up to 7 hours/week, direct one rehearsal per week toward choir participation in worship three Sundays a month as well as special services such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week and Easter. Collaborate with Pastor and others, communicate schedule and rehearsal details, coordinate with accompanist, and select music/supplies for the choir.

For full job descriptions or to submit a resume, please contact the church office (om@stmartinssp.org or 608-798-2777).

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## Parents of Sunday School

### Pre-Confirmation & Confirmation Students

St. Martin's Youth and Family Ministry Team is gearing up for an exciting year of bringing God's word to your child through SM's Christian education programs.

*Please SAVE THESE DATES:*

**Monday, September 10th, 6:30 PM. *IMPORTANT Parent Informational Meeting*** Everything you need to know about Sunday School, Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation programs.

**Sunday September 16th, RALLY DAY!** Sign up for Christian education opportunities and join in the FUN: worship, picnic, games for all ages, pie auction, quilt auction, cake walk, donkey cart and Lion's train rides, and more! Invite your friends and neighbors to this very fun event!

**Wednesday, Sept. 19th, 6-7 PM** Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation classes begin.

**Sunday, Sept. 23** -- Rotation Sunday School for children ages 3 through 4th grade begins.

REGISTER your child for Sunday School, Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation NOW. (Forms are available in the Narthex.) *Thank you!*

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## Join the Finance Team!

Just like businesses, churches need people in different roles to make everything run smoothly. One such position, church finance team works as part of a team to oversee the financial well-being of the congregation and to make recommendations on financial matters. Time commitment is 30 minutes a month. If you have interest and would like to learn more on joining this team, please contact Gordie Esser (Treasurer) or Gail Johnson, (Church Council).

## Altar Guild/Communion Help Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with setting up and taking down Holy Communion for our Sunday Worship services. Time commitment is about 30 minutes on a Sunday and you can select Sundays that work with your schedule.

*Please let Deb Goplin (219-8624) know if you'd be willing to help.*

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## Legacy Endowment Fund Seminar — SAVE THE DATE

There will be a seminar on **Sunday, Oct 21 (6:30 PM)** — please note this is a date change -- at St. Martin's hosted by the Legacy Endowment Board.

On January 25, 2015 St. Martin's Congregation adopted a permanent resolution for the creation and governance of St. Martin's Lutheran Church Legacy Endowment Fund. The Legacy Endowment Fund is an opportunity to strengthen St. Martin's faith journey for the future through legacy giving. The Legacy Fund Board promotes and educates ways to contribute to the fund. Giving to this fund is over and above your regular giving. The purpose of this fund is to enhance the mission of St. Martin's Lutheran Church apart from the general operation budget of the church. Gifts to this Endowment Fund ensure the continuation of the many ministries and missions of St. Martin's into the future. It is the intent that distributions from the Fund shall not be used for the annual operation budget of the Congregation.

Gifts to the Fund can come in different asset forms such as Cash, Investment Accounts, Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds, Retirement Plans, Insurance, Personal Property, Real Estate, Business Ownership Interest and other Assets. The Endowment Board is here to help you carry out your legacy wishes and oversee investments in the Fund. Checks can be made to St. Martin's Lutheran Church Legacy Endowment Fund.

To arrange a personal and confidential visit, or to learn more, please contact the Office or email [LEF@stmartinscp.org](mailto:LEF@stmartinscp.org) Board members may also be contact directly: Van Valaskey, Chairperson; Casey Peterson, Secretary; Lois Weiland, Treasurer; Tom Johnson. Marketing Director; James

Hartung, Congregation Liaison.

The faith of tomorrow blooms from the seeds of today.

In Christ, James Hartung

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## **St Martin's Legacy Endowment Fund -- current balance**

The current balance of the fund is \$36,839.55. Three percent (3%) of these funds (approx. \$1,100) will be distributed at the end of the year based on the guidelines created by the congregation when this fund was established. *Great job St Martins!*

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## **Best the Summertime Blues!**

Summertime hasn't always been the best time for St. Martin's in terms of giving. In the past six weeks, we have had to dip into our accounts. So we can help you, help us, to beat the Summertime Blues! It's an app called '*Give Plus*'.

To use:

- Go to the App Store and download '*Give Plus*'.
- When you open the app, you'll be asked to select a church by putting in your zip code (53528) or church (St. Martin's).
- Next you can set up an account or opt to Give Now.
- Once you make your selection, you can either select a dollar amount suggested or write in an amount. (If you wish to use this regularly, you will need to set up an account.)
- Following the prompts, you will be given the option to use a credit/debit card or a checking/saving account. If using a credit card/debit card, you can either use the camera on your phone to capture your credit card information or enter it manually.
- Continue to follow the prompts ... And then you're done!

At this time, we only have the general giving account set up for St. Martin's. There is no cost to you for using this service. St. Martin's will have a small transaction fee in addition to a \$5 monthly fee.

If you have any questions, please contact Lois Weiland at 608-220-3123 or [loisweiland@gmail.com](mailto:loisweiland@gmail.com).

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## **Farmer's Market — Outreach Into Our Community**

There is an opportunity to help at the Cross Plains Farmers Market (2402 Main St., corner Hwy PD & Main) on Wednesdays (4-7pm) during the month of Aug.

Pick a time that works for you and sign up at the Missions Table. Time Commitment options: 30 minutes Set-Up, 30 minutes Take Down, 15 minute Hang Signage & Banner (between 7 & 9 AM) or Kids' Games – However much time you can give (between 1-3 hours). Have a question? Contact Maureen at 798-4820.

*You can also stop by and shop the market and enjoy the fun every Wed. 4-7pm!*

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## **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

### **We strive to be the heart and hands of Jesus**

Neighbor Helping Neighbor is a proposed new program at St. Martins. As many of you know the church has been active in Habitat for Humanity for several years, I am proposing we cut back on that program and bring our efforts closer to the Cross Plains Community.

So, what is the vision of the program? It is simply about loving God and loving our neighbors in the Cross Plains Community. It's an opportunity to show we are the heart and hands of Jesus.

Is your neighbor no longer able to shovel his or her driveway in the winter? Maybe they need a hand weeding their backyard in the summer. If so, why not offer up our services. Even if they decline our offer, they'll likely appreciate the fact that we care.

It may be providing transportation to an appointment, helping maintain a yard, building a handicap ramp, help with maintenance issues for plumbing, electrical, HVAC, repairing a deck or painting a house.

Sometimes loving our neighbors means providing a place for them to live. Other times it means sharing a meal together. We also love our neighbors by giving them a place of service so they can love their neighbors. Our neighbors can be any age from children to senior citizens.

So, how will this work? For starters, I am willing to take on the task of organizing the group, receiving requests and organizing work groups. We intend to recruit volunteers from St. Martins and possibly the community including groups such as the Lions or Chamber who are willing to lend a hand. A list of skills and call list will be developed for response to the requests.

No requests for monetary expenses will be made. Expenses for material or supplies will be the responsibility of the owner or other avenues of funding. We will not perform work that requires permits or licensure other than a driver license.

I am hopeful that this program will show that St. Martins is an active partner in the community helping people of all ages.

If you are interested in helping, please send me an email ([pdfish@charter.net](mailto:pdfish@charter.net)) or a phone call (608-279-3637). I would like your name, contact information, and a list of tasks you are willing to help with.

Thanks much, Phil Fish.....

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## **School Backpack Drive**

Stop by the Mission Table during June to purchase back to school items for area children from low-income families. Children from pre-K through high school and college will benefit from your generosity.

Last year 1,000 children received back pack support through the MOM program. If you would like to do your own shopping, a list of most needed items is provided at the Mission Table. Extra large backpacks for the high school student are in demand.

Donations of gently used athletic apparel and equipment are also being collected for the student athletes.

*Thank you everyone!*

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## SAVE THE DATE!

### St. Martin's Community Rally Picnic!

**Sunday, Sept. 16th** is St. Martin's Community Rally Picnic! (formerly called 'Rally Day'). Plan to attend this fun and family filled event.

Games for kids, Bingo, Pie Auction, music by Soul Purpose, Quilt Auction and more all following the "outdoor service"! Please join us!

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## Hwy P Road Work -- North of City Limits

Dane County portion of Hwy P road project (*north of the Village limits*) is scheduled to start soon and run into the fall. (*Assuming recent rains and flooding don't change plans.*)

Detour route will stay up during the entire work duration, but travel on Hwy P / Church St. within city limits should not be affected - its just 'P' north of town that will be worked on. (County work will involve culvert replacements and pavement improvements.)

*Looking for updates?* Visit the village web page ([www.cross-plains.wi.us](http://www.cross-plains.wi.us)) or [CLICK HERE](#).

*Updates will be posted periodically on the bulletin board by the drinking fountains.*

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## Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

### **AUGUST**

#### **Birthdays**

8/29 -- Shirley Starczynski, Ralph Schulenberg, Elizabeth Meier

8/31 -- Karen Wenning

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

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## 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.

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## 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](http://www.stmartinscp.org). Events are updated on a regular basis. Questions? Send a note to the office (om@stmartinscp.org) or call 798-2777.

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## 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](mailto:om@stmartinscp.org)

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

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

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## 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](mailto:stmlcpastorjeff@gmail.com)).

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

*Also available on the church web site ([www.stmartinscp.org](http://www.stmartinscp.org))*

### Aug. 26 - Sept. 1

**Sunday, Aug. 26**

9:00a -- Sunday Worship S

**Monday, Aug. 27** -- Open Schedule

**Tuesday, Aug. 28**

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

**Wednesday, Aug. 29** -- Open Schedule

**Thursday, Aug. 30**

5:00p -- Little Red Schoolhouse open house FH

5:00p -- Youth & Family Ministry Team L

6:30p -- Church Council L

**Friday, Aug. 31** -- Open Schedule

**Saturday, Sept. 1**

8:45a -- Overeaters Anonymous L

S—Sanctuary; L—Library; FH—Fellowship Hall (downstairs)

*Have an update? Please send a note to the office ([om@stmartinscp.org](mailto:om@stmartinscp.org))*

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## Worship Participants

### Aug. 26

Presiding Minister -- Jeff Tomberlin

Accompanist – Debbie Miller

Song Leader – Karen Windels

Greeters -- Phil & Doris Fish

Lector / Reader / Communion Assistant – Deb Goplin

Communion Assistants — Owen Roenneburg, Marci Bartlett

Usher -- Kay Meier, Karen Seibel

Acolyte -- Cole Klock

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

Altar Guild — Deb Wipperfurth

AV Team – Bill Windels

Coffee Fellowship – Enjoy cake in Honor of Ralph Schulenberg's 85th birthday!

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