



Week of Aug. 14 - 20 2016

St. Martin's Restoring God's House Campaign Kicks Off

Before we get into the reason and need of this letter a greater need is paramount. This critical need is that everyone in our congregation at this particular time is looking to our future as a family joined together with each other in serving our Lord. We have so many blessings and a rich history of loving our neighbors and working together for the greater good of all.

As you may remember, at St. Martin's last annual meeting, our congregation voted to move forward with a capital campaign in 2016, designed to cover the cost of three property projects. These projects include:

- 1. Seal the surface of the upper parking lot and repaint stall lines – this will prevent further damage to the surface and a costlier repair later.*
- 2. Paint wood areas on the exterior of the church and repair soffits – this will prevent further damage to the wood areas and greatly improve the appearance of the church. _*
- 3. Replace the lower parking lot – this will make the surface for walking safer, level the surface for better water drainage, and enhance its appearance so that it is more welcoming to the community groups that use our building. This repair will last about 20 years before a more extensive repair may need to be considered.*

These three projects were identified through a comprehensive property assessment conducted by our Property Management Team. The Property Team's diligent work is consistent with our congregation's objective to "...proactively enhance and maintain the value and functionality of our physical assets ... from a preventative perspective (Continuing Resolution CR4.04)".

THIS SUNDAY at our regular Sunday Service the committee will be announcing the Kick-Off for this project. Donation/Pledge Card will be available to make your gift(s).

Please "prayerfully consider" this campaign as we update our churches house.

From the committee of Restoring God's House Campaign

RALLY DAY HELP NEEDED

Rally Day is scheduled to follow Sunday Service on **Sept. 11th**. This is a very important service at St. Martin's as it involves signup for Sunday School, confirmation, youth and much more! (TLC will also have a display table setup.) The TLC team is looking for Rally Day volunteers to help: Organize, Activities (face painting, games, etc.), Music & Putting up posters, etc. Contact Karen Windels (608-798-5031; karenwindels@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

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. (Or call Deb McCue – 798-3294)

Contributing Cash to the Legacy Endowment Fund

Many persons give cash to an endowment fund as it is one of the easiest ways to contribute to the St. Martin's Legacy Endowment Fund. Giving to the church budget is important for our churches month to month expenses. Additionally giving as to add-on to an endowment fund will exclusively benefit others for decades, even centuries and is truly satisfying to the giver.

Writing out a check to the endowment fund can offer tax advantages for people who itemize deductions. It is a charitable contribution and with planning it could even lower a person's tax bracket. Contributions can be made at anytime throughout the year.

Memorial monies after the death of a member of our church family may be directed to the Endowment Fund. Memorializing or honoring a family member or friend for any special occasion is a rewarding way to make a difference in the lives of others for years and generations to come!

Mark Your Calendar-

Workshops to learn more about the St. Martin Legacy Endowment Fund will be Saturday, November 5th and repeated on Tuesday, November 8th. Watch for details!

Please note that this Endowment Fund is NOT a part of any other St. Martin Capital Campaign or SHOULD NOT replace any regular offering to St. Martins. The St. Martin Legacy Endowment Fund is a way of leveraging you're planning to spread the Gospel and serves those in needs for generations into the future.

Please contact any current Board of Directors member for confidential assistance in direction: James Hartung, Hilary Kirkow, Tom Johnson, Van Valaskey or Lois Weiland.

Because it is important that you have a will with specific language regarding your donation, it is crucial to have someone with expertise help with the preparation. For more information regarding this, please contact your own attorney and/or financial planner.

Free advice for funding the St. Martins Legacy Endowment is also available at:

Lutheran Planned Giving of Wisconsin
Rev. Larry Westfield
2909 Landmark Place, Suite 202
Madison, WI 53713
Telephone: 262-224-9574
E-mail: larry.westfield@elca.org

Habitat Thank You

On a beautiful Saturday, Aug 6 Team St. Martin's served at the Habitat Madison West location. All of the framing was completed by the Team and the site supervisor said they were one of the best groups of the season. Thank you to Alan Harper, Van Valaskey, Doug Fowell, Annette Kerl, Bill Windells, Todd & Sue Duhr and Team Leader Phil Fish for your helping hands and big hearts. A round of applause to Doris Fish for supplying another delicious lunch for the volunteers.

School Backpack Drive

Please bring your donations to the table in the Narthex within the next two weeks to help give area underprivileged kids the tools they need to succeed in schools OR for your convenience consider "buying" items already purchased with Mission funds from the table in the Narthex OR leave a financial donation in the box provided and Mission volunteers will do the shopping for you. Thank you for joining MOM in their goal of completing 1,000 backpacks this year.

Lions School Clothing Drive

Your gently used clothing for needy school aged kids is being collected in the Narthex bin in conjunction with the MOM Backpack Drive. Suggestion: Socks and underwear are always needed and very much appreciated - please consider donating.

Youth and Family Ministry Team Opportunity

The Church Council is seeking to establish a Youth and Family Ministry Team as outlined in our Constitution. This Team will work with Pastor and, hopefully, a Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator to establish and oversee our Christian education programs for St. Martin's children of all ages. We are hoping to get this Team off the ground before September. The Team would likely meet monthly to make programmatic and procedural decisions, as well as support our staff in executing the programs. If you are interested in serving in this vital ministry opportunity please contact Karen Windels (608-798-5031, or karenwindels@gmail.com). Thank you!

Next Book Club Book — *The Tiger's Wife*

The supreme storyteller Téa Obreht weaves together masterfully a narrative that is mesmerizing. The reader gets lost in the stories of war, death, love and life. Pick up a copy and start reading today, and put **Oct. 24th** on your calendar to get together and discuss this wonderful book!

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).

'Simply Giving' direct deposit

Interested in using Direct Deposit for your church giving? You can find authorization forms (the 'Simply Giving' program) in the Narthex, under the Stewardship section, far right. If you would like a form emailed to you, contact the office and we will send one.

There is also a link for this form on the home page of the website (www.stmartinscp.org).

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@smartinscp.org

-- Pastor Kirsten: PastorKirsten@smartinscp.org

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

Upcoming Schedule (Also available on the church web site - www.smartinscp.org - and in the Weekly Bread):

Aug. 14 - Aug. 20

Sunday, Aug. 14

* 9:00a -- Sunday Worship

Monday, Aug. 15

* 6:30p -- Church Council Meeting L

* 6:30p -- TLC LL

Tuesday, Aug. 16

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

* 7:00p -- Race Equity Group L

* 7:00p - 9:00 pm -- Boy Scout Troop 87 LL FH

Wednesday, Aug. 17 -- Open Schedule

Thursday, Aug. 18 -- Open Schedule

Friday, Aug. 19 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, Aug. 20

* 9:00a -- 10a Overeaters Anonymous LL

S—Sanctuary; L—Library; B—Building; MR—Music Room; FH—Fellowship Hall; CR—Choir Room; OS—Off Site; N—Nursery; PG—Prayer Garden; GLC—Gunderson Life Center; YR—Youth Room; LL—Lower Level Classroom; K - Kitchen

Worship Participants

Sunday, August 14

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Kirsten Curtis

Accompanist -- Sherri Hansen

Song Leader -- Jason Niebuhr

Greeters -- Lee & Jacqui Swanson

Lector / Reader -- Elizabeth Collin

Communion Assistants -- Marci Bartlett, Bev Brunner

Ushers -- Owen Roenneburg, Jon Roll

Acolyte -- Elizabeth Boehnen, Jenna Rogers

Counting Team -- Team 3 (Mike & Kay Calvin, Alan & Patty Harper)

Altar Guild -- Darlene Schulenburg

AV Team -- Alan Curtis

Coffee & Treats -- Karen Seibel, Debbie Miller

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