



Week of August 16 - 22 2015

MOM's School Supply and Back-Pack Drive

The St. Martin's / MOM School Supply Drive runs through 8/24.

Items for collection are: Middle School & High School Backpacks, 1" & 1.5" 3-ringed binders, 3-ringed binder dividers, college ruled & wide ruled solid color spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, black Sharpies, highlighters, dry erase markers, crayons (Crayola only), scotch tape, colored pencils, compasses & protractors. Place items in the baskets provided on the Mission table in the narthex.

Consider making a financial donation toward the purchase of these items and we will do the shopping for you (indicate MOM backpacks on the memo line and place in collection plate. Please Note: New & gently used back to school clothing will be collected in the Lion's bin located in the St. Martin narthex.

The Lions-Cross Plains "Stuff The Truck" school supply community drive for MOM backpacks runs 7/24-8/9 (see list of items above). New and gently used back to school clothing will also be collected - please search your closets and remember the families who can not afford new clothing for their school-aged children when you shop for your own. The Lions collection bins are located at Piggly Wiggly, World of Variety, St. Francis, Cross Plains Community Bank, Cross Plains Pharmacy, Walgreens and St. Martin's.

Mark your calendars for Saturday 8/8 for their Brat Sale from 9-2 at Piggly Wiggly Glacier Creek - all proceeds benefit the MOM School Supply drive.

There's been an infestation!

This month's stewardship theme is "Caring." The Stewardship Team challenged each member of St. Martin's to practice "Caring" this month by doing one of three options:

- volunteer to help with VBS
- provide for and/or serve the meal for the Men's Homeless Shelter
- or to support the ELCA Malaria Campaign.

Two of those options already took place this week – thank you if you took the challenge and showed you care by either helping out with VBS or the meal for the Men's Homeless Shelter.

Busy this week? Those options didn't work for your schedule? You're in luck! The third option is still available.

This Sunday will mark the beginning of St. Martin's goal of raising \$1,000 to support the ELCA Malaria Campaign by September 1. Show you care and prayerfully consider how you can support this great cause.

These are some ways we talked about this at VBS this week: If one malaria test is \$1, one malaria vaccine is \$2, and a mosquito net is \$10 ... how can your family help support the campaign? The kids and Cassie discussed that if your family eats out to dinner for \$20-\$30 imagine how many tests or vaccines that could be. Or how many bed nets?

The kids also heard a story this week about a congregation that took a noisy offering for spare coins to donate to the campaign fund. The kids have decorated coffee cans this week at VBS and look forward to all your noisy offerings to help get rid of this disease!

As promised, Marla the Mosquito stopped by — and she brought all her friends! Marla says that if St. Martin's is able to donate \$1000 to the malaria campaign, then the infestation will go away! Pastor Kirsten sure seems like she's hoping you guys can do it!

Hope to see you on Sunday!!!

Questions about Communion??

Have you spent time thinking about Communion and wanted to know more? Such as...what is the difference between *consubstantiation* and *transubstantiation*? Why is Communion considered a sacrament anyway?

If these questions or others have entered your mind about Communion, make plans to watch a 30 minute video and have a discussion about Holy Communion following the video **THIS SUNDAY, August 16, at 10:30** after coffee fellowship time. See you Sunday!

VBS Thank you!

Thank you to all who helped in any way with our recently completed VBS **Have you "Caught the Buzz"?** It was a great success, with lots of 'buzz' about God!

St. Martin's - Need for Commercial Cleaner

If you have had experience with commercial cleaning and are interested in submitting a bid to clean St. Martin's, or if you know someone with those qualifications, please contact the Property Management Team at Property@stmartinscp.org for details.

Want to grow in your faith?

Want to grow in your faith? Have some questions you'd like to ask God? Need a break? Want to spend time in nature – relaxing, hiking, praying, meditating, connecting with others?

Well, here's your opportunity! How about helping plan a fall retreat?!?

This would be a great time to tackle these questions or others you may have on your mind.

Please contact Sandy or Bruce Salvo to get started planning now. You can email Sandy at the following email - spowers28@gmail.com or Bruce at the following email - sixfoot4@live.com. They have lots of great ideas, but they need your help to make a retreat a reality.

SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP OPEN

Edelweiss Chalet Country Club
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015
Noon – Shot Gun Start
5:30pm Dinner, followed by
awards and raffle

\$75.00 per non Edelweiss member with half cart
\$40.00 for Edelweiss member (cart extra)
Don't golf? Join us for dinner begins at 5:30pm - \$30.00
Day out: first, fifth, tenth, etc.

THIS TOURNAMENT IS OPEN TO ALL!
Registration forms available at the Edelweiss Pro Shop, Primrose Lutheran Church or email primrosechurch@gmail.com
(Deadline – September 14)
Contact Dick Hartman
608-214-6385 with questions

W4764 Edelweiss Road
New Glarus, WI 53574
608-527-2315

Book Club Update - Next meeting August 27th!

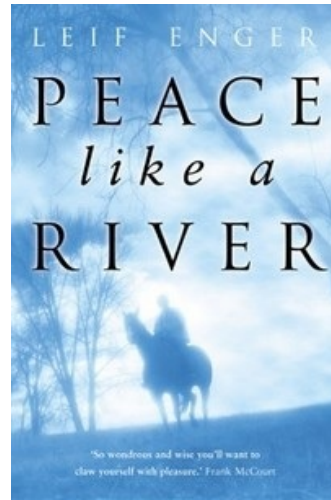
PEACE LIKE A RIVER (BY LEIF ENGLER)
(Available through the Cross Plains library.)

Not quite done reading? No problem! You should have plenty of time to finish the book!

Plan on meeting Thursday, August 27th to share your thoughts and ask your questions. It will be a night of fun and fellowship.

Stay tuned for details - mark your calendar!

Questions for consideration as you finish reading . (We will refer to these on our evening gathering on Aug 27.)



- Where do I see myself in this story?
- What struck me as familiar in this story – something that you could identify with?
- How do these chapters talk about God and faith to you?
- What are some questions these chapters presented for you in terms of your faith and life?
- How does the story connect with today?
- Which character do you find most appealing and why?
- Which character do you find least appealing and why?
- How does this book show us that faith intersects with our daily lives?
- What can we learn from these chapters that would help us in our relationship with God?

Remaining 'Super Summer Events' at St. Martin's

One more Surprise Sunday (this coming Sunday!)

August 16th – Sunday Buzz (worship, skit, kick off ELCA Malaria Campaign, “mosquito” treats)

One more Wonderful Wednesday!

August 19th – Gather Round the Campfire (S’mores, storytelling, sing-a-long)

Renew your faith, enjoy fellowship with others – summer is here!

Gather 'round the Campfire - Wed Aug 16th (6:30pm)

Join us at the church on *Wednesday, August 16th (6:30pm)* for a campfire and s'more talk about Jesus while we eat s'mores!

Fellowship, fun and eating sweet stuff ... what more could you ask for? Please join!



'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

-- OFFICE: Ph: (608) 798-2777 Email: om@stmartinscp.org

-- Pastor Kirsten: PastorKirsten@stmartinscp.org

-- Youth Director: Youth@stmartinscp.org

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

Church Calendar for August 16 - 22 2015

Sunday, August 16

9:00a - Sunday Worship

7:00p - Sr. High Youth Group

Monday, August 17

6:30p - Church Council L

Tuesday, August 18

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

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

Wednesday, August 19

6:30p - Bonfire (Praise Jesus s'more!)

Thursday, August 20 Open Schedule**Friday, August 21** Open Schedule**Saturday, August 22** 9:00 - 10 am 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

Worship Participants for August 16 2015

If you have a conflict please arrange a substitute. If you traded with someone and your name is incorrectly listed, please remind the person you traded with. Thank you!

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Kirsten Curtis

Accompanist -- Eileen Porter

Percussion -- Greg Hinz

Song Leader -- Karen Windels

Greeters -- Van & Judy Valasky

Lector & CA -- Maureen Berghoefer

Communion Assistants -- Jeff Miller, Greg Hinz

Ushers -- Artis Schulenberg, Alan Curtis

Acolyte -- Henry Hartung

Nursery -- (open)

Counting Team -- Team 5 (Brian Graedel, Kevin Boehnen)

Altar Guild -- Deb Goplin

Altar Flowers -- (open)

AV Team -- Patty Neumueller, Jeff Postle

Coffee & Treats -- Karen Windels, Karen Seibel, Jenni McCulloch

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