



Week of August 2-8

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## 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](mailto:spowers28@gmail.com) or Bruce at the following email - [sixfoot4@live.com](mailto:sixfoot4@live.com) . They have lots of great ideas, but they need your help to make a retreat a reality.

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**VBS - Vacation Bible School - August 10th - 13th**

### ***Have you "Caught the Buzz"?***

VBS is coming to St. Martins! This year we will be learning about the ELCA Malaria Campaign, as well as African culture, as we explore how the KIDS can be helping with the campaign!

VBS runs **August 10th-13th** (Mon-Thurs) from **9am-noon**. A light snack will be provided.

The cost for VBS is \$20 / child, with a cap at \$40 / family. There are registration forms and health forms available on the St. Martin's website! VBS is open to all kids entering grades K-5-- even if they don't go to St. Martins! This is a great way to invite some of your child's friends to church!

Come learn about African culture, how kids can be apart of implementing world change, and how Jesus cares for everyone, worldwide!

***Interested in volunteering?*** We will need volunteers to help make this work! We need people to lead crafts, snack, games and Bible time, as well as counselors to help lead the groups around! If you are interested, please e-mail Cassie at [youth@st.martinscp.org](mailto:youth@st.martinscp.org)! Cassie has ALL of the materials you need-- all you need is to show up with an open and willing spirit! (And a love for God's little ones helps, too!)

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### ***An opportunity to serve others***

St. Martin's is scheduled to serve an **evening meal at the Porchlight Men's Homeless shelter on Thursday, August 13th**. We are asked to provide a meal for 50 -60 hungry men. The menu is planned and a sign up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Please review and donate food if you can or maybe helping serve would work better for your schedule. As usual we need the food at the church by 6:30 pm on Aug, 13 and the volunteers will deliver the food and serve it. If you have any questions, please contact Doris Fish.

Thank you for your help!

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### **Book Club - Next meeting August 27th**

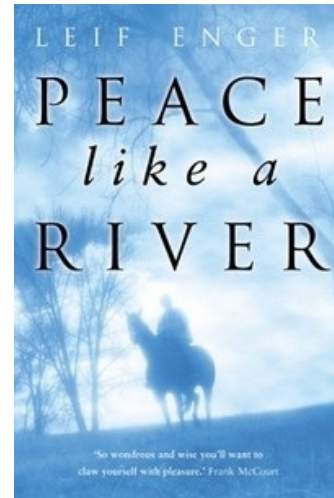
PEACE LIKE A RIVER (BY LEIF ENGLER)  
(Available through the Cross Plains library.)

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?
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## Hwy P closed at Hwy 14 (north side)

County Hwy P (Church St.) will be closed to through-traffic starting Monday, August 3rd. On-going work on Hwy 14 will include rebuilding the intersection of Hwy P on the north side of Hwy 14 (next to Culver's). To do this that portion of road will be closed to all traffic.

For access to the church, **Hwy P will be open to local traffic from Brewery St. to the church parking lot** and as far south as the driveway to Culver's. (Yes, you can still drive to Culver's for your custard fix after church!) Detour route for those wishing to go across Hwy 14 on P will be Brewery St. (Just follow posted signs.)

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## '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](http://www.stmartinscp.org)).

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## ***Super Summer Events at St. Martin's***

**Events that guarantee to provide inspiration and fellowship for all ages. *Invite your friends too!***

### **Surprise Sundays**

August 2th – *Youth in Mission Sunday* (Youth share mission trip experiences) **THIS SUNDAY!**

August 9th – *Soul Purpose Sunday* (Brian and Ed lead worship with Paula Elver joining)

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!***

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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

-- 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

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## **Church Calendar for August 2 - 8 2015**

### **Sunday, August 2**

9:00a - Sunday Worship

7:00p - Sr. High Youth Group

**Monday, August 3** Open Schedule

### **Tuesday, August 4**

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

6:00p - Worship Planning Team L

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

**Wednesday, August 5** Open Schedule

**Thursday, August 6** -- 6:00p - Stewardship Team L

**Friday, August 7** Open Schedule

**Saturday, August 8** 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

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## Worship Participants for August 2 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

Sharing in the Message -- Jon Roll, Sam Roll, Cheryl Hartung, Derek Calvin, Galyn Hartung and Cassie Kohrs

Accompanist -- Jan Doyle

Percussionist - Greg Hinz

Song Leaders -- Haley Osborne and Karen Windels

Greeters -- Ben Calvin, Alica Houck

Lector -- Galyn Hartung

Communion Assistants -- Lauren Calvin, Cassie Kohrs

Ushers -- Nicole McCue, Timmy Curtis

Acolyte -- Grace Hartung

Counting Team -- Team 2 (Steve Schunk, Frank Durham, Kim Johnson)

Altar Guild -- Debbie Wipperfurth

AV Team -- James Hartung, Paul Schluter

Coffee & Treats -- Jeannie Hering-Schumann, Dana Fuhrman

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