



Week of August 9 - 15 2015

'Soul Purpose' ... This Sunday!

Don't forget that as part of the 'Surprise Sunday's' events this coming Sunday (8/9) *Soul Purpose* (Brian Graedel, Ed Neumueller, Paula Elver) will be singing!

MOM's School Supply and Back-Pack Drive

The St. Martin's / MOM School Supply Drive begins this week and 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.

VBS - Vacation Bible School - STARTS MONDAY

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! 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!)

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.

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!

Book Club Update - Next meeting August 27th!

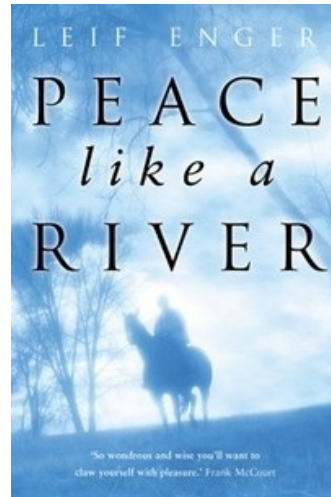
PEACE LIKE A RIVER (BY LEIF ENGLER)
(Available through the Cross Plains library.)

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?
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Hwy P closed at Hwy 14 (north side)

County Hwy P (Church St.) is now closed to through-traffic and will be for the next month or so.

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. Detour route for those wishing to go across Hwy 14 on P will be Brewery St. (Just follow posted signs.)

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

Below are the remaining 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 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!

'Steward' Update ...

I am excited to confirm the news that's been circulating in the community that Steward has found his ship!!! That's right - he will be here this Sunday to give us his full story. Steward did want everyone to know that we should be prepared for a surprise ending to the quest for his ship, and that God is at the center of his whole story. Imagine that?!? Throughout it all, Steward has continued to see God at work in the world through those he encounters. Steward said it has been a powerful reminder for him about the historical perspective of Stewardship that he learned during worship at St. Martin's when we first met him several months ago.

I'm including those powerful reminders about Stewardship:

- We learned that we are not masters living in a world that we own and control, but we rather are stewards of what has been entrusted to us.
- Christian stewardship is rooted in God's gift of Jesus Christ to us, and we are entrusted with sharing this gift.
- Through God's grace, we freely receive God's gifts and have permission to use these gifts.

- Stewardship has to do with every aspect of living out personal faith, including creation, lifestyle, gifts, finances and callings/vocation.
- Churches are increasingly dependent on lay members to assume their rightful place of servant leadership, using their gifts to participate in God's work in the world today.

Plan on coming to worship this Sunday to hear see “Steward's ship” revealed. You do not want to miss out on all the excitement.

'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).

People's Chorus

7:30 pm on August 17th, 2015 at the Orpheum Theatre

The people's chorus is a community chorus made up of ALL who are interested in singing in the community, not just those with music ability, education, or those who have a home. Those participating in the show have the common purpose of raising funds to help transition Madison and Dane County people from homelessness by spreading awareness



♪ All proceeds from the night will go to Porchlight's Capital Campaign to expand affordable housing in Madison ♪

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A Special Thanks To:

Metcalfe's Hilldale, FUMC Outreach Ministries, Underground Printing, Audio for the Arts, Farley's House of Pianos, The Paras Family and the Orpheum Theater

Featured Artists & Ensembles

- ♪ Isthmus Brass Ensemble
- ♪ Willy Street Chamber Ensemble
- ♪ Tetracord Horn Quartet
- ♪ Ross Cowing
- ♪ Scott Foss
- ♪ Jennifer Hedstrom
- ♪ Ken Lonquist
- ♪ Sergei Pavlov

♪ **Including Singers From:** Madison Festival Choir, Wisconsin Chamber Choir, Madison Symphony Chorus, Madison Opera Chorus, Edgewood Community Choir, The Isthmus Vocal Ensemble and the Madison Choral Project, those currently experiencing homelessness, and formerly homeless individuals and many church choirs

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 9-15 2015

Sunday, August 9

9:00a - Sunday Worship

7:00p - Sr. High Youth Group

Monday, August 10

9:00a - Noon -- VBS (first)

Tuesday, August 11

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

9:00a - Noon -- VBS

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

7:00p - 8:30p - Centering Prayer S

Wednesday, August 12

9:00a - Noon -- VBS

Thursday, August 13 --

9:00a - Noon -- VBS (last)

Friday, August 14 Open Schedule

Saturday, August 15 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 9 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 -- Debbie Miller

Special Music -- *Soul Purpose* (Brian Graedel, Ed Neumueller, Paula Elver)

Greeters -- Mike and Kay Calvin

Lector & CA -- Lee Swanson

Communion Assistants -- Dave and Michelle Phaneuf

Ushers -- Gary and Karen Trappe

Acolyte -- Madeline Phaneuf

Nursery -- Ashlyn Phaneuf

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

Altar Guild -- Patty Hillebrand

AV Team -- Alan Curtis, Jason Niebuhr

Coffee & Treats -- Alan Curtis, Greg Hinz, Darlene Schulenberg, Karen Seibel

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