



ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



Week of Dec 27, 2015 - Jan 2, 2016

Please remember - **Choir Practice is now on Sunday mornings at 8am. (Not on Wed.)** All are welcome! *Also note, **NO** practice Dec 27th or Jan 3rd -- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

Weather Cancellations

In the case of inclement weather, we will post the cancellation on our church website (www.stmartinscp.org) by 7:45 A.M.

A cancellation message will also be on our church phone recording by 7:45 A.M. The church number is 798-2777.

St. Martin's Legacy Endowment Fund

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 (hereafter referred to as the Fund). I am happy to announce The Legacy Endowment Fund Board of St. Martin's has been formed, and effective December 1st has its first \$100 in the Fund. The Board held a meeting on November 16, 2015 and elected Van Valaskey Chairperson, Hilary Kirikov Secretary, Lois Weiland Treasurer, Tom Johnson Marketing Director and yours truly, James Hartung, Congregation Liaison.

As Congregational Liaison I would like to give you a quick overview of the St. Martin's Legacy Endowment Fund. You will also hear a Temple Talk December 13 with more details. The purpose of this fund is to enhance the mission of St. Martin's Lutheran Church apart from the general operation of the congregation. 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.

Consider give a gift which will change lives for generations to come. Gifts to the Fund can come in many 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 a Board Member above or email LEF@stmartinssp.org

St. Martin's Legacy Endowment Fund is a new opportunity to strengthen St. Martin's faith journey for the future through legacy giving. The faith of tomorrow blooms from the seeds of today.

In Christ,
James Hartung

Please pick up your 2016 Giving Envelopes

2016 Giving Envelopes are now available to be picked up in the Narthex. (Please do not use these until the beginning of 2016.) Anyone on direct deposit or bank transfers do not receive envelopes. If you have not received a packet, please contact Lois and let her know if you prefer weekly or monthly envelopes. Just leave a note in the bookkeeper's mail slot in the work room.

Thank you!

Furnance / Water Heater Update

Last spring the council made a capitol appeal of the congregation to replace the church's seven aging furnaces, as well as the two water heaters. A generous member responded with a challenge to the congregation to raise \$10,000, at which point they would donate a matching \$10,000. You responded by donating \$12,520, which brought our grand total to \$22,520! Thank you all for your generosity!

Work was scheduled in September, for a time when neither the furnaces or air conditioning would be needed. Since the entire system would need to be shut down, it was felt that a time between heating and cooling seasons would work best. Modern Heating completed the work on the furnaces at a cost of \$12,925. Concurrently with the furnace work, the oldest of the two water heaters was replaced at a cost of \$1,140. The second water heater is scheduled to be replaced mid-December, at an estimated cost of \$1,150.

Upon completion of the project there will be a balance of \$7,305. When the capitol appeal was made, the council decided that any monies left over would be applied to future building improvement needs. Some possible projects include replacing the flashing around the sanctuary skylight, painting of the exterior beams and fascia, and painting the exteriors of the windows and doors.

Thank you again for your generosity!

Church Council

'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

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

Church Calendar for Dec 27, 2015 - Jan 2, 2016

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

Sunday, Dec. 27

8:00a - NO Choir Practice

9:00a - Sunday Worship

Monday, Dec. 28 -- Open Schedule

Tuesday, Dec. 29

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

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

Wednesday, Dec 30

6:30pm -- NO Confirmation

Thursday, Dec 31 - Open Schedule

Friday, Jan 1, 2016 -- Happy New Year!

Saturday, Jan 2

9:00a - 10a Overeaters Anonymous L

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No Sunday School on Dec. 27 or Jan. 3

No pre-Confirmation or Confirmation Dec. 30

OFFICE CLOSED

Thurs Dec. 31st and Friday Jan 1st.

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 12.27.2015

Worship participants for this week are listed below. Thank you!

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Kirsten Curtis

Accompanist -- Eileen Porter

Music Leader -- Jason Niebuhr

Lector / Reader - Ron Goplin

Greeters -- Bill & Karen Windels

Communion Assistants -- James Hartung, Jenny Niesen

Ushers -- Bill & Karen Windels

Acolyte -- Valerie Niesen, Jenna Rogers

Counting Team -- Team 4 (Steve & Patty Hillebrand, Deb Wipperfurth)

Altar Guild -- Debbie Wipperfurth

AV Team -- Phil Fish, Bill Windels

Coffee & Treats — Karen Siebel

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