



ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



Week of Dec 6 - Dec 12, 2015

Remember -- Choir Practice, now on Sunday mornings at 8am. (Not on Wed.)

All are welcome!

Cookie Walk - This Saturday, Dec. 5th (Cookies needed!)

The **Annual Holiday Cookie Walk** is **this Saturday, Dec. 5th (9am - 11am)** in the church fellowship hall.

The success of the sale is having your home baked holiday favorites available to sell.

Please drop off your cookies on Friday, Dec 4th (fellowship kitchen, lower level) from 4:30p to 6p or 8am on the morning the sale starts.

Please mark containers with or without nuts.

Questions or to volunteer contact Gail Johnson at 575-0170



Giving Tree

Giving Tree Families / Individuals now being accepted ***through this Sunday, 12/6.***

If you or someone you know needs a little extra help this Christmas, please contact Maureen at 798-4820.

Volunteers Needed for Giving Tree. Lots of opportunities are available - shoppers, gift sorters, gift wrappers, Christmas Closet organizers, Greeters to welcome families pick up gifts on 12/19, tear down, etc. Please sign up on the GT clipboard.



Ornaments have been requested by a Giving Tree family. Please consider donating one and make Family A's Christmas tree truly beautiful. Place your offering in the basket on the GT table.

Gently used clothing, shoes, bedding, towels, kitchen goods, toys and children's books are needed. Please bring your items to the large classroom in the lower level marked Christmas Closet.

Christmas Cards Please ...

The holidays can be especially depressing for the men and women in Madison jails. With the exception of a small scoop of ice cream for dessert, Christmas will go unnoticed. It will be the same as every other day in jail.

A simple card with a hand written note will bring a smile and a bit of joy to someone's day. Many of the men and women keep them all year long reflecting on them regularly.

Please place your cards in the box on the Giving Tree Table. (Sign with your first name only, stickers can be used to decorate envelopes, no beads, paper clips, ribbons, etc.)

Creating for a cause!

Kick off the Christmas season with CREATING FOR A CAUSE!

Sixty artists will donate 20% of their proceeds to MOM homelessness and hunger fighting.

Dates / Times:

-- Saturday 12/5 (10am-5pm)

-- Sunday 12/6 (11am-4pm)

Location: MOM Food Pantry (3502 Parmenter St., Middleton)

On Sunday "Brass Arts" will perform holiday classics from 1:30-3:00 and Bucky Badger will be available for photos from 1:00-2:00.

Order Christmas Poinsettias!

It's time to order Christmas Poinsettias!

If you want to order a Christmas Poinsettias, please fill out and turn in one of the order forms before December 7th (Monday) available at the church. Colors are Red or White with cost \$8 (medium) or \$15 (large). If you didn't pay with your form, please send or drop check off at office. Thank you!

Christmas Caroling!

Join us on Sunday, Dec. 13th from 5:30p to 7p. for Christmas Caroling!

All are welcome! Individuals, families, children—the more the merrier! Join the fun! We will visit and carol for local home-bound, elderly and nursing homes. Sheet music will be provided.

Please meet at St. Martin's to carpool at 5:30pm. See you then!

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@stmartinscp.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

It's Advent. That Holy time of Waiting and Preparation .

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This year, as we wait together for the Child born of migrant parents displaced from their home in Nazareth by political powers beyond their control, with no place to stay and no bed to rest in, I invite you to join me in preparing a bed for another wanderer. We are all well aware of the growing global refugee crisis. Many of us have wondered what we can possibly do to make a difference. We have a very active Refugee Resettlement Team in our Synod, made up of folks and congregations who have been working with Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin for many years to provide homes and welcome to hundreds of refugees.

During the month of November alone, 18 people were settled in the Madison area. An ongoing **need for our refugee resettlement efforts is new mattresses**, and this is where you and your congregation can help.

Please consider a special Advent offering to replenish our mattress fund. Provide a clean bed for someone who is in need of a home. A new bed in a safe home is even better than a manger in a stable.

God's Peace,
Mary Froiland Bishop, South-Central Synod of WI

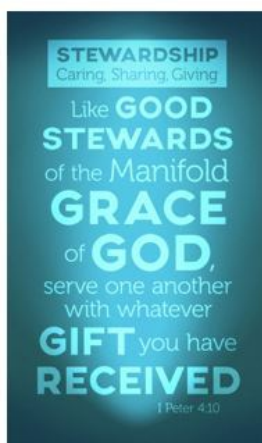
Note: To make an offering, please send your check payable to SCSW and write Refugee Mattress Fund in the memo or on the remittance form and send to: South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, 6401 Odana Road, Suite 20, Madison, WI 53719. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!





Pledge cards still being accepted

Did you overlook turning in your pledge card? If so, please put yours in the narthex mail box. Thank you!



Name: _____ (optional)

"Steward's ship" was launched. Jump on board & join the crew!

To show I care.

I want to share.

and give this way to get us there.

I will make an offering to God in the following way(s):

Time: _____ (All hands on deck!)

Talents: _____ (Grab an oar and pitch in!)

Money: \$ _____ (Keep the boat afloat.) *General Giving.*
Per Week / Month / Year (circle one)

2016 Giving Envelopes (want a change?)

Now is the time to request a change to your Giving Envelopes for 2016. Would you like Weekly or Monthly envelopes? If you are happy with what you now have then you do not need to do anything. *Please let Lois know if you would like a change by putting a note in the Bookkeeper's mail slot in the office workroom.* (People on Direct Deposit or bank transfers do not receive envelopes.) Thank you!

Upcoming Opportunities for Involvement at St. Martin's

Consider being involved in these activities at St. Martins --

December 5 (Sat.): Annual Cookie Walk Sale (*cookies needed!*)

December 13 (Sat.): Caroling (meet at church at 5:30pm)

December 16 (Wed.): Serve at the homeless shelter

'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 6 - Dec. 12, 2015

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

Sunday, Dec. 6

8:00a - Choir Practice

9:00a - Sunday Worship / Sunday School

Monday, Dec. 7

6:30p - Race Equity Discussion Group

Tuesday, Dec. 8

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

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

7:00p - Budget Review Meeting L

Wednesday, Dec 9

6:30pm -- Confirmation

Thursday, Dec 10

6:30p - Serve at men's Homeless Shelter

6:30p - Centering Prayer

Friday, Dec 11 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, Dec 12

9:00a - 10a Overeaters Anonymous L

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Dates to put on your calendar:

Sun., Dec. 13th (5:30pm) — Christmas Caroling

Thur., Dec 24th (4pm) — Christmas Eve Service (with Children's message)

Thur., Dec 24th (9pm) — Christmas Eve Service (traditional)

Friday, Dec. 25th (9am) — Christmas Day Service

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 12.6.2015

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

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Kirsten Curtis

Accompanist -- Debbie Miller

Song Leader -- Karen Windels

Greeters -- Bruce & Sandy Salvo

Lector / Reader -- Redgy Nelson

Communion Assistants -- Kevin & Ann Boehnen

Ushers -- Gary & Karen Trappe

Acolyte -- Elizabeth Boehnen, Lexi Boehnen

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

Altar Guild -- Debbie Wipperfurth

AV Team -- James Hartung, Paul Schluter

Coffee & Treats — Jeannie Hering-Schumann, Amy & Matt Wildman, Ryan & Jenni McCulloh

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