



St. Martin's 'Weekly Bread' for Dec 16 - 22 2018

Christmas Caroling!

Join us on **Sunday, Dec. 16th** from 5:30 to 7pm 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 there!



Giving Tree Reminder - Due Date (Dec. 16)

Your wrapped and tagged gifts are due this coming Sunday, Dec. 16. Families will be picking up their gifts and visiting the Christmas Clothing Closet on Sat., Dec. 22. If your gift is delayed, please email or call Maureen (msberghoefer@tds.net or 798-4820) to let us know it will be delivered before Dec. 22.

Giving Tree Financial Donations

Our shoppers will be hitting the stores next week to purchase gifts that were not selected. If you have not yet donated a gift, please consider a financial donation to help us fulfill the wishes and our shoppers will do the shopping for you. Your donation can be made to 'Penny the Pig' on the Mission table or placed in the offering plate (please be certain Giving Tree is indicated on the memo line). *Thank you!*

Giving Tree Sorters

Volunteers are needed to sort and inventory gifts directly after service this coming Sunday, 12/16. Please meet in the Narthex for instructions.

Christmas Clothing Closet Volunteers, Giving Tree Shoppers, Gift Wrappers, Meet & Greeters Needed

Please sign up at the Mission Table.

Call Team Report

The Ministry Site Profile (MSP) was presented at the Sunday, Dec. 9th Congregational Meeting. The Team answered questions and received input from those attending. The MSP has been sent to the Synod in preparation for interviews with pastoral prospects who best meet the profile of St. Martin's.

Meet the Creswells ...



Greetings to the Saints at St. Martin's!

We are Pastors Dennis and Paulette Creswell and have been asked to introduce ourselves because we will be filling in during the month of December. We are a retired clergy couple who moved to Madison this past January, from Wausau, where we had lived for 19 years. We both grew up on dairy farms near Mosinee, both graduated from Augsburg College, Minneapolis, and Luther Seminary, St. Paul. In October we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. We are the parents of a daughter and two sons, have a son-in-law, a daughter-in-law, and grandkids ages 16 and 13.

We've served in several different ministry settings in Minnesota and Wisconsin, including 11 years as a team at Pilgrim Lutheran, Wausau.

Dennis earned his PhD in Church History and has been the director of the East Central Synod Lay School in Wausau, teaching a variety of Church History classes as well as the Worship classes. Paulette has also taught in the Lay School--the Faith & Spirituality classes. We are both teachers in the Diakonia program of our South Central Synod of Wisconsin.

Our three children each live in a different country: Paul, here in Madison; Katrina in The Netherlands; and Philip in Sweden. Thus, traveling has become a part of our lives in a way we never dreamt it would.

We also enjoy reading, travel, learning, walking and exploring nature, music (Dennis plays guitar), movies, cooking, and entertaining.

We are looking forward to sharing faith together with you and promise to pray for your congregation. We would ask you to remember us in prayers as well!

Have a blessed Advent and Christmas.

In Christ's Peace,
Pastors Paulette and Dennis Creswell

Cookie Sale Thank You!

The 10th Annual Holiday Cookie Sale was successful raising just over \$2,000. Over 280lbs of beautiful holiday cookies, fudge, chocolate covered pretzels, bark and more were sold!



Thank you to all the bakers including our youth that contributed. Thank you to our volunteers, including Little Red Preschool staff, carolers and Jan Doyle on the piano, property management team to set-up and tear down. To our quilters that worked and sold two quilts raising \$155 to their mission for materials. Thrivent for donating a gift card of \$250 to cover our expenses, thank you Deb and Jeff Miller for providing. To Jim who at the end of the sale purchased the balance of our cookies to donate to a homeless shelter- what a great feeling we all had at the completion of the sale. To Bill and Tom who handled all the money transaction throughout the sale, thank you!!

It takes many hands, joyful hearts, and God's blessings. Money has been provided to our flood victims through the giving tree mission with the balance to our budget. *God bless!* Gail Johnson



Winter Adult Adventure Destination

This Adventure will take us to the *Governor's Mansion Holiday Tour*.

Mark your calendars for **Wed., Dec. 19th**. Plan to meet again at the upper parking lot at the church at 10:30am. We will car pool together to enjoy brunch / lunch at C's Restaurant and Bakery. This lovely home-style

restaurant is located at 2550 Allen Blvd in Middleton. We will then travel to the Governor's

Mansion (99 Cambridge Rd., Maple Bluff). Tours run from noon – 2:00pm. Reservations are needed if 20 or more folks are in our group. Please let me know if you are planning to join this fun adventure. Sign up at church or email (brikathy@chorus.net) or call me at 836-7420. *Bring a friend if you wish!* Kathy Graedel

Meal Train

Last dates available for the 'meal train' are posted at <https://mealtrain.com/vw2eqy> or [CLICK HERE](#) (Not many left, please watch for future requests.)

Many thanks for any and all support you have provided!

(Please remember food drop-off should be done during regular office hours, enter building from upper level as lower level doors are locked. If you need to arrange something else, contact Jenny Niesen, Church Council President (798-2132 or mjniesen@juno.com) ... and please include note who meal is from and any special heating instructions. *Thank you!*)



Step by Step - Keep Walking!

It's the season of joy! Well, that's true for many of us, especially the children; but for some people, they have a very difficult time with the Christmas season. Perhaps some tragedies have occurred in their lives around this time and it brings back bad memories. Or they may not have the money for presents for their families. For those people, we urge you to reach out to someone and let us lighten your burdens or if you know of someone who is going through a hard time, reach out your hand and walk with them. What else can you do? There's an Advent Calendar on the tables in the Narthex which gives you some ideas to promote kindness this season. What type of things? Do something unexpected for someone. Pay for a stranger's coffee. Smile and thank someone who serves you. Those are little things, but boy can they go a long way towards making someone's day. *See if you can think of one small thing that you can do each day to make someone else smile. Try it out.*

Step by Step, Walking with Christ, you can bring a smile to someone's face!

Passing of Hallie Wendorff

The church was informed that former member Hallie Wendorff passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 4th in Manitowoc. She and husband Bill were members of St. Martin's for a number of years, Hallie very active, including Council President.

If you would like to send Bill a card his address is 635 N. 4th St., Manitowoc, WI 54220.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Are you a Thrivent member? If so, you may have 'Choice Dollars' available to you. These funds can be designated to any charitable entity; so how about choosing St. Martin's?

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

If you know of someone who could use help from 'Neighbors Helping Neighbors' (or if you can help in any way), please contact Phil Fish (608-279-3637, pdfish@charter.net) or the church office (798-2777; om@stmartinscp.org).



Thank you!

Altar Flowers Anyone?

Want to honor a loved one, or celebrate a birthday, anniversary or other special event? *The Worship Planning Team wishes to remind everyone that altar flower donations are a great way to do this almost any Sunday of the year!*

How? Just sign up using the flower donation sheet posted on the bulletin board in the narthex under the "worship and music" display. If desired, assistance is available for securing and setting up the flowers.

Save the dates!

December

Giving Tree Continues

Children's Christmas Closet Continues

Christmas card outreach to Madison Area Jail Ministry

* Dec. 16 (Sun.) -- Christmas Caroling for shut-ins

* Dec. 23 (Sun.) -- Children's Christmas Presentation (at 9am service)

* Dec. 24 (Mon.) -- Christmas Eve Service (7pm)

NOTE: *No service on Christmas Day - Merry Christmas!*

Pianist and Choir Director

St. Martin's has immediate openings for a pianist to accompany worship services and an adult choir director. The positions may be held by the same person or separately. (Sunday worship service is at 9 a.m.)

Pianist Responsibilities:

Year around, provide worship music to include prelude, offering, postlude, hymns and liturgy for regular Sunday services as well as special services such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, mid-week Lenten, Holy Week and Easter. Collaborate with Pastor and others. Organ skills are welcome but not required. Pay is on per-service basis.

Choir Director Responsibilities:

From Sept through April, authorized for up to 7 hours/week, direct one rehearsal per week toward choir participation in worship three Sundays a month as well as special services such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week and Easter. Collaborate with Pastor and others, communicate schedule and rehearsal details, coordinate with accompanist, and select music/supplies for the choir.

For full job descriptions or to submit a resume, please contact the church office (om@stmartinscp.org or 608-798-2777) or check the church web site home page (www.stmartinscp.org) for full job descriptions.

Nursery Options

Attention parents of children 4 and under! Are there times during worship when your child needs a little more wiggle room or needs to speak their piece in a robust voice? *We have a space for that!*

The Library is now equipped with some clean toys and age-appropriate books for your child's use. Feel free to use this space and toys whenever the need arises. And don't forget that you can turn the "speaker" dial near the light switch that will enable you to hear all the happenings in the sanctuary while your child plays. We continue to have space in the downstairs Nursery room designed for children 4 and under, also equipped with a speaker to pipe in the Sanctuary events. We'll let you know when those toys have been cleaned for use. (Brought to you by the Youth and Family Ministry Team)

Give Plus

As an alternate way of giving, St. Martins has an app called 'Give Plus'.

To use:

- 1) Go to the App Store and download 'Give Plus'.
- 2) When you open the app, you'll be asked to select a church by putting in your zip code (53528) or church (St. Martin's).
- 3) Next you can set up an account or opt to Give Now.
- 4) Once you make your selection, you can either select a dollar amount suggested or write in an amount. (If you wish to use regularly you will need to set up an account.)
- 5) Following the prompts, you will be given the option to use a credit/debit card or a checking/saving account. If using a credit card/debit card, you can either use the camera on your phone to capture your credit card information or enter it manually.
- 6) Continue to follow the prompts ... And then you're done!

At this time, we only have the general giving account set up for St. Martin's. There is no cost to you for using this service.

If you have any questions, please contact the church accountant, Lois Weiland, at 608-220-3123 or loisweiland@gmail.com.

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

December

Anniversaries

12/18 -- Shawn & Debbie McCue
12/27 -- Steve Schunk & Kimberly Johnson
12/31 -- Jeff & Debbie Miller

Birthdays

12/15 -- Greg Hinz
12/16 -- Orville Kerl, Luke Roenneburg
12/19 -- Diana Postle, Jon Roll
12/20 -- Penny Eveland, Ella Rogers
12/21 -- Al Nelson, Nancy Rhude
12/23 -- Carole Radtke
12/24 -- Horst Gierke
12/25 -- Kyla Schoenwetter

Know of an addition? Correction? Please let the office know (om@stmartinscp.org). Thank you!

Questions? Comments? Concerns?

There's a box for that! A wooden box has been mounted on the wall along hall from Narthex to office, across from drinking fountains, to help with communication between members of the congregation and the Council. Forms are provided next to the box. We welcome all input and ask that you complete all of the fields on the form, including your name, in case clarification or additional information is needed. This is intended to address any questions or concerns people may have for the Council.

Stay Informed!

Monthly Church Council Minutes and Financial Reports can be found in the narthex (on the bulletin board) for your review. Please review, make copies as you would like (but please put the original copies back).

Want to submit something for the bulletin or Weekly Bread?

If yes, **please send it to the office** (om@stmartinscp.org) **by 2pm the Wednesday before publication for consideration.** *Thank you!*

Church Calendar

Wondering about meetings at the church (when, where), if a room is available, etc.? Check out the church calendar on the website—www.stmartinscp.org. Events are updated on a regular basis. Questions? Send a note to the office (om@stmartinscp.org) or call 798-2777.

Church Office Hours & Additional Email Addresses

Scheduled office hours:

Mon: 8:30 - 3:30 Tue: 10-2 Wed: 8:30 - 3:30 Thur: 10-2 Fri: 8:30-10:30

Call ahead if you want to stop by (to make sure someone is here).

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

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

Also available on the church web site (www.stmartinscp.org)

Sunday, Dec. 16

9:00a -- Sunday Worship S

5:30p -- Christmas Caroling (meet at church)

Monday, Dec. 17 -- Open Schedule

Tuesday, Dec. 18 -- Open Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 19

10:30a — Winter Adult Adventure (meet at church parking lot)

6:00p -- Confirmation (L) and Pre-Confirmation Classes (LL)

Thursday, Dec. 20 -- Open Schedule

Friday, Dec. 21 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 22 -- Open Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 23

9:00a -- Sunday Worship (Children's Christmas Program) S

S—Sanctuary; L—Library; LL - Lower Level

Have an update? Please send a note to the office (om@stmartinscp.org)

Worship Participants (12/16/2018)

Presiding Guest Minister — Pastor Dennis Creswell

Accompanist -- Kris Rhude

Song Leader -- Karen Windels

Greeters -- Judy & Van Valaskey

Lector / Reader / Communion Assistant-- Ron Goplin

Communion Assistants -- Dana Fuhrman, Kathy Graedel

Ushers -- Ryan & Jenni McCulloh
Acolytes -- Kate Wenning
Counting Team -- Team 5 (Brian Graedel, Kevin Boehnen)
Altar Guild -- Deb Goplin
AV Team -- Jeff Postle
Coffee Fellowship — Jenni McCulloh, Karen Seibel, Barb Wittler

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