



ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



Week of Feb 21 - Feb 27 2016

Choir Practice is Sunday mornings at 8am. *All are welcome!*

Join the Memorials Team!

Be a part of a team that prays about and seeks ways to steward Memorials to St. Martin's. There are times that Memorials are left to honor loved ones who have passed away. We need to form a team that will decide how to use those monies first and foremost to praise and honor God and also remember the one who rests eternally with God.

Let Pastor Kirsten know if you'd like to join this important team that's forming.

**Creation Awakes: An Afternoon with Holden Village –
Sunday March 6, 2016**

You are invited to join Co-Executive Directors Peg Carlson-Hoffman + Chuck Hoffman as they share images and information about the impact of the Wolverine Creek Fire on Holden Village.

This free event is an opportunity for the Holden community to come together in familiar rhythms.

The Directors will provide insights on plans for 2016 and beyond. Following their presentation and a time for Q&A, attendees will enjoy the Holden Evening Prayer service.

3:00 pm Gathering, Holden Update and Q&A with Directors

4:30 pm Holden Evening Prayer

HOST LOCATION OF EVENT:

LAKE EDGE LUTHERAN CHURCH

4032 Monona Drive, Madison

(608) 222-7339 • www.LELC.org

For more information (and to register) please visit www.HoldenVillage.org.

Order your Easter Flowers!

Forms are available in the church lobby.

Select from Easter Lilies (\$13), Azaleas (\$19), Mums - Daisy (\$14) or Tulips (\$13). All are foil wrapped. (*See form for available colors.*)

Deadline for placing order is Wednesday, March 9th.

Join the Missions Team!

Be a member of the Missions Team and be a part of an ongoing tradition at St. Martin's of finding and supporting ways to serve God by serving others.

This team will help identify, organize, and facilitate Missions-oriented tasks/projects/ideas.

If you would like to join this exciting team, let Pastor Kirsten or Chuck know at om@stmartinscp.org.

Habitat for Humanity Lenten Build – From Team Leader Phil Fish

First, thank you from the bottom of my heart to all that have volunteered to support Habitat for Humanity this year, I am very impressed!! Second, a huge thank you to Council for committing \$500 to support the Habitat program, specifically the Lent Build. To quote Bethany Klein, Habitat Development Director; "We're so humbled by your generosity and commitment to our Lent Build! Habitat relies on the generosity of sponsors, donors and volunteers to help keep our services affordable for families in need. You are truly putting your faith into action through the Habitat ministry!"

The St. Martin's Build is Friday, March 18 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm - *eight volunteers are needed.* We will meet at St. Martin's at 7:30 am and arrive at the site between 8a.m. and 8:15a.m. to sign-in and get instructions. The address is 7 Cherbourg Court; at the construction trailer. There will be a snack / coffee break at 10a.m. and lunch is on your own at noon – 12:30p.m. If you can work a portion of the day, that is welcome as well.

All tools are provided, please wear work type clothes and shoes with closed toes. Habitat places a strong emphasis on safety at construction sites. All persons working will fill out a detailed information card listing your personal information, emergency contact, family doctor, and any medications you are taking. This card remains on file for the year. Persons are required to be 18 years old; there are youth builds, but those are limited to specific tasks such as building walls in parking lots etc. A short safety training session will be held on site, if you have time this can be done on line at: <http://hfhaffiliateinsurance.com/safety-matters-safety-first/>

Please contact Maureen Berghoefer – msberghoefer@tds.net, 798-4820 to sign on, or for more information. *Thank you very much, Phil*

ELCA WORLD HUNGER'S 40 DAYS OF GIVING - Educational Series



Over the next six weeks, we will journey together through the season of Lent, reflecting on hunger, hope, and God's love in a world of both abundance and need. Each weekly session is based on a devotion from ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving, a special devotional for our congregation to use as we take up the challenge of responding to hunger through ELCA World Hunger together. Each weekly session will have: an opening prayer, a Scripture reading, a devotion from a leader in the ELCA, a group activity, a story from a ministry supported by ELCA World Hunger, questions for discussion, and a closing prayer. These sessions will be incorporated into our mid-week Lenten worship, with a brief time for discussion after worship for those who wish to continue the conversation.

Here are a few of the questions we will be discussing Wednesday, Feb. 24th:

- St. Paul finds fault with some of the Corinthians going ahead with their own meals while others go hungry. For Paul, this was not what Jesus had taught, and it actually made it harder for the community to come together. How does this practice differ from what meals in churches are supposed to be?
- How do we experience table fellowship during Holy Communion?
- What might table fellowship look like outside of Holy Communion? What are the other tables in our church or community?

Our goal for St. Martin's is to collect \$1,200 towards the ELCA's goal of \$2 million over the 40 days of Lent. You will notice in church on Sunday that there is a paper chain around the altar rail and the altar, as well. This is a reminder to us that together we can help break the chains of poverty and hunger. Each link represents \$5 towards our goal of \$1,200. With each \$5 donation, a white link will be covered with a purple link. You will notice that the 40 links on the altar have already been covered with purple from the initial collection of \$200. Go, St. Martin's Team!

Check out the website for other ways to be involved in this exciting Mission opportunity!
<http://www.elca.org/40days>

Lent Soup Supper's

Sign-up sheets for Lent Soup Supper's are located in the Narthex.

Please consider signing up to bring soup, milk, bread or cookies, or help setup, serve or cleanup. Suppers will be on Wednesday evenings at 6pm. Upcoming dates are Feb 24, March 2, 9 and 16th.

Financial Snapshot

January 2016 Financial Snapshot for Saint Martin's Lutheran Church

Service Receipts:

Budget YTD offering receipts = \$25,266.00
Year-to-date offering receipts = \$17,267.25
(\$ 7,998.75)

Total Income:

Budget YTD Income = \$33,161.00
Year-to-date Income = \$24,249.21
(\$ 8,911.79)

Expenses:

Budget YTD expenses = \$33,136.00
Year-to-date expenses = \$19,018.35
(\$14,117.65)

As we begin a new year, the quiet, contemplative season of Lent allows us to reflect on how we can serve God, both with our offerings and our time and talents

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.

'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 Feb 21 - 27 2016

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

Sunday, Feb 21

8:00a - Choir Practice

9:00a - Sunday Worship / Sunday School

Monday, Feb. 22

6:30p - Race Equity Discussion Group (at Miller's house)

Tuesday, Feb 23

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

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

Wednesday, Feb 24

5:00p - Confirmation and Pre-confirmation

6:00p - Soup Supper FH

7:00p - Mid-Week Worship

Thursday, Feb 25 - Open Schedule

6:30p - Centering Prayer

Friday, Feb 26 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, Feb 27

9:00a - 10a Overeaters Anonymous LL

Remember — CHOIR PRACTICE is now on Sunday Mornings (8am). All are welcome!

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 2.21.2016

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

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Kirsten Curtis

Accompanist -- Debbie Miller

Song Leader -- Jason Niebuhr

Special Music — Brain Graedel, Ed Neumueller

Greeters -- Bob & Redgy Nelson

Lector / Reader -- Debbie Miller

Communion Assistants -- Tom Johnson, Ann Houck

Ushers -- Steve Schunk, Kim Johnson

Acolyte -- Henry Hartung, Cole Ferguson

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

Altar Guild -- Kim Mahaffey

AV Team -- Jason Niebuhr, Jeff Postle

Coffee & Treats — Karen Seibel, Amy Wildman, Deb Goplin

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