



Week of Feb 26 - March 4 2017

***Choir Practice - 8:00am (before church). All are welcome!
Bring a friend!***

Wednesday Night Lent Services Start March 1st

Ash Wednesday (Wed., March 1st) marks the start of mid-week Lent Services._

*Different teams (Council, Worship Planning & Music, Congregational Care, Missions, Management & Operations, Youth & Family Ministry and Outreach) will be providing **setup** (starting at 5pm) and **cleanup** for different Soup-Supper Wednesdays -- please sign up with your team. (Sheets on bulletin board in narthex.)*

Dates of the 'Soup-Suppers' are March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5.

Setup at 5p, supper at 6p.

A different sheet will be available soon to signup for providing Soup and other meal items!

Adult Forums

Remember there is an 'Adult Education Hour', beginning at 10:30a after Sunday service. Topics change each week ... Plan to attend!



Culver's Night - Tue., Feb 28th! (5p-10p)

Get ready for Lent at Culver's!! Sound crazy?! *St Martin's Youth Group will be serving meals at Culver's on Fat Tuesday!*

Come eat custard and burgers to your heart's content before settling in for Lent. Mark your calendars - Tues., Feb. 28 (5p to 10p)!

The best part is that proceeds will benefit the Youth Mission trip to Colorado Springs!

Butter-Braids for Sale!

These braided, fruity, creamy, delicious pastries will be available to order in the Narthex following services on Sundays (and through Tues., March 7th).

It only happens once a year! Delivery is March 19th - plenty of time for Easter, Mother's Day, anytime!



You get to enjoy homemade pastry taste without all the work, while St Martin's Youth Group Missions benefit from proceeds -- the Youth Group will be traveling to Colorado Springs in June to do mission work in the community and help those affected by poverty, homelessness, and feeling hopeless.

Please help to support the youth as they continue to spread God's love! Cost is \$12/braid.



Festival Choir

The Festival Choir of Madison (including Rick Weiland & Sherri Hansen as singers) presents a fun concert of 'The Great American Songbook'.

Saturday, March 4th at 7:30p at the First

Unitarian Society of Madison.

Included are well-loved songs by Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, George Gershwin and Rogers & Hammerstein.

Tickets are students \$9, Seniors \$12 and General Adm. \$15.

Youth Trip Summer 2017

St. Martin's Youth Group will be traveling to Colorado Springs June 10-18 for this summer's mission trip. This affluent area, home to the US Olympic Committee and the Air Force Academy, is seeing an increase in the number of people in poverty who are without adequate homes, food or hope in this beautiful city. Students will serve this need by remodeling affordable housing apartments, serving in food pantries, and reaching out to the community. All high school students (including incoming freshmen) are welcome. **Deadline for registration is March 15.** Questions? Contact Cheryl Hartung at cherylshartung@gmail.com or ask any smiling, friendly, excited youth!

Vacation Bible School 2017

Sunday School parents! We are trying to figure out the best time to have Day Camp / VBS this coming summer, 2017. (Yes, summer is coming!)

Sugar Creek Camp Counselors will be teaching Day Camp, so we are trying to select a time now before all their available times fill up.

What happens at Day Camp?

- Typical schedule runs from 9am – 3pm, Monday through Thursday
- First Word: Introducing the theme of the day with stories & songs.
- Bible Study
- Worship
- Crafts: Sugar Creek provides all supplies, except for special events
- Games
- Community Activities, Service Projects, Guest Speakers
- Thursday Closing Program for Families and the Congregation

Below are possible dates to choose from. **We will select the week with the most people interested.** VBS runs from Sunday-Thursday, with the kick off during Sunday worship and the Day Camp from Monday-Thursday.

Possible dates (2017):

- June 18-22
- July 30-August 3
- August 6-August 10

We need to make a decision soon and would love your input! Please make your selection on sheets available at Sunday School or email your preference to the office (om@stmartinssp.org).
Thank you!!

'Undie Sunday'

St. Martin's has always been generous in giving clothing, shoes, bedding, linens, and financial gifts to Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM). However, MOM now has a need for items that we all wear under our outerwear. Items needed are; diapers, onesies, panties, t-shirts, boxer shorts/briefs and socks for all ages. Gently used sleepwear, t-shirts and socks will also be accepted.

Please consider being a part of "Undie Sunday" and bring a donation of "Undies" for our clothesline. If you prefer to make a financial donation we will be happy to do the shopping.

Donations can be made through March 12.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR BRUNCH

**WE WILL BE CELEBRATING OUR DROP-IN
SHELTER VOLUNTEERS ON
SATURDAY APRIL 8, 2017 AT 9:30AM AT
GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN GUILD HALL**

**Please RSVP to
Mary Ann Cook at macook@charternet
or (608) 217-7505 by March 31**

Building and Grounds Technician Position

St. Martin's is seeking a part-time (20 hrs/week) Building and Grounds Technician.

This position provides custodial, general maintenance, and minor repair services for the church buildings, equipment and grounds. The position will work with Pastor, Property Management Team, Office Manager and others.

Position requirements are high school graduate, experience in maintenance work and effective communication skills.

Applicants should send cover letter and resume to St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 2427 Church Street, Cross Plains WI 53528 or email om@smartinscp.org. A detailed job description can be viewed on our church website at smartinscp.org. (Click on link on home page of website, or go to Documents, then click on Category 'Documents (general)' and then click Building & Grounds Technician Job Description.)

Suicide Prevention

Need to talk to someone, or know someone who needs to talk to someone?

Dane County Suicide Crisis Line: (608) 280-2600

National Suicide Prevention Line:

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433)

For Veterans Press 1, En Español Oprima El 2

Options for Making Direct Deposits to St. Martin's

The most "painless" way is to go through Vanco Payment Solutions. We have forms in the Narthex that you can fill out and turn into our bookkeeper, Lois Weiland. You have the option of selecting how often you wish payments to be withdrawn from either your Checking or Savings account and also the date(s) you wish. Our most popular are Weekly (Monday) and on the 1st and 15th of the month.

If you are already having direct deposit through Vanco Payment Solutions and wish to increase your giving:

- you can fill out the form but you do not need to attach another voided check UNLESS you are changing accounts, OR
- you can simply contact Lois via email – bookkeeping@smartinscp.org and let her know what the change should be, OR
- leave her a note in her mail slot in the workroom next to the office.

Please note that the Pledge Card that you may have filled out is not sufficient enough to make this change. We need some written request.

Other options:

- We have PayPal set up and you do NOT need to have a PayPal account to use this. Go to our website, www.stmartinscp.org; on the Home page, click on the Donate to Church through PayPal. You will be directed to our PayPal account and will have the option of donating using PayPal (if you have a PayPal account) or using a credit card. Whichever you choose the next steps are easy to follow.
- Another option to work with your bank to set up payments. You have control over when payments are sent; how often and for what amount.

Council Invites Your Input

Church Council welcomes your participation in the first 15 minutes of each Council meeting (third Monday of month) for the purpose of sharing your ideas and insights. If you are interested in participating in this open forum time, please let one of the Council members know of your interest. Church Council meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the church library. Contact any one of us at the following numbers: Pastor Curtis; 798-2777, Karen Windels; 798-5031, Gordie Esser; 438-4176, Greg Hinz; 798-1556, Kyla Schoenwetter; 434-4950, Mark Richardson; 370-9176 or Ron Goplin; 798-2518.

Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator Position

St. Martin's is seeking to hire a half-time, Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator who can work effectively with children of all ages.

The purpose of this position is to direct and coordinate a comprehensive and expanding ministry for our children, youth and families. This position will work with Pastor, our Youth and Family Ministry Team, parents and other lay ministers.

Send or email a cover letter and resume to St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 2427 Church St, Cross Plains, WI, 53528 or om@stmartinscp.org. A job description can be viewed on our web site, stmartinscp.org.



Stayed 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).

Weather Issues / Church Closings

When there is a Church closing information can be found on the church web site (www.stmartinscp.org), by calling the office (798-2777), watching the news 'ticker' on Channel 3, Madison, or by checking their website, channel3000.com. Cancellation message will be on the church phone recording by 7:45am.

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

Call ahead if you want to stop by (in case there has been a last minute change).

-- 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

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

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Sunday, Feb 26, 2017

8:00a - Choir Practice

9:00a - Sunday Worship

10:30a - Adult Forum L

Monday, Feb 27 -- Open Schedule

Tuesday, Feb 28

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

5:00p - 10:00p - Youth Group at Culver's

6:30p - TLC L

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

Wednesday, March 1

7:00p - NO Confirmation Class (Ash Wed. Service)

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Thursday, March 2

6:30p - Worship Planning Team L

Friday, March 3 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, March 4

8:00a - Boy Scout Troop 87 Food Drive FH

9:00a - 10a Overeaters Anonymous L

L—Library; FH—Fellowship Hall; S—Sanctuary; CR—Choir Room; PG—Prayer Garden; YR—Youth Room; LL—Lower Level Classroom; K - Kitchen

Worship Participants - Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Kirsten Curtis
Accompanist -- Eileen Porter
Song Leader -- Karen Windels
Lector / Reader / CA -- Van Valaskey
Communion Assistants -- Bob & Redgy Nelson
Greeters -- Darlene & Ralph Schulenberg
Ushers -- Kay Meier, Susan Nelson
Acolyte -- Caleb Wickre
Counting Team -- Team 2 (Marci Bartlett, Donna Blumer)
Altar Guild -- Darlene Schulenburg
AV Team -- Bill Windels
Coffee / Treats -- Karen Siebel, Judy Valaskey

Ash Wednesday -- March 1st.

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Kirsten Curtis
Accompanist -- Debbie Miller
Reader / CA -- Kim Johnson
Communion Assistants -- Maureen Berghoefer, Sandy Salvo
Ushers -- Bob & Redgy Nelson
Acolyte -- Jenna Rogers
Counting Team -- Team 1 (Jenny Niesen, Darlene Schulenburg, Gale Kooistra)

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