



ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



Week of Feb 28 - Mar. 5 2016

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

Update on Pastor Kirsten

On Sunday 2/21, during church, Kirsten began to feel unusual and that something was wrong. After finishing her sermon she walked over to her husband (Al) and said she didn't feel well and needed to go to the hospital. On their way there her headache and neck pain got progressively worse and by the time she arrived to Meriter Hospital she couldn't walk or talk. She described it as like she could hear everything that was going on but couldn't open her eyes or respond. They performed a CTA Scan and lumbar puncture (spinal tap) which revealed that she had a cerebral aneurysm (a cerebral aneurysm is a weakening and ballooning of the wall of an artery in the brain) and that there was blood in her cerebral spinal fluid. They transferred her to UW Hospital and performed an angiogram. This revealed that the aneurysm was located on the basilar artery (one of the main arteries on the brain stem). The aneurysm also had a leak causing fluid to leak into the subarachnoid space. They did an emergency procedure adding endovascular coils to the aneurysm as a "temporary fix" to stop the hemorrhaging. She is stable and doing well, but will need to remain in the ICU for a couple weeks and will be monitored for vasospasms in the brain (which can be common for this type of injury). The plan is to perform another procedure in a month or two to place a stent in the artery.

Although her condition has improved, the doctors are still very guarded. Thursday was a better day for her. Right now she is not up to visitors, and cards should be sent to her home where Al will see to it that she gets them. Your thoughts and prayers are very much appreciated, and if you'd like to post something on the church's Facebook page, Al will read them to her. A "CaringBridge" online account has been set up for her at the address listed below.

At the end of Wednesday's Holden Evening Prayer service Bishop Mary Froiland assured us that the Synod would help our congregation work through the necessary steps to continue the ministry which Pastor Kirsten has been so ably leading. Watch for further information about how you, personally, can help our congregation and the Curtis family in this time of special need. We thank God for her skilled doctors. Now we need to use this challenging time as an opportunity to grow together as a supportive family of faith "We can do this!"

CaringBridge Address: <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/kirstencurtis>

Home Address:
800 Norsk Ridge
Mount Horeb, WI 53572

Care updates for Pastor Kirsten

As noted in information above, you can visit CaringBridge for updates on Pastor Kirsten throughout her care process. (You may have to register if you don't have an account.)

Visit www.caringbridge.org/visit/kirstencurtis

Office Coverage Help Needed ...

Office coverage help is needed during Pastor Kirsten's absence.

We are looking for people to help cover church phones on Tuesday's and Thursdays (10a—2p). Please contact the office (798-2777 or email om@stmartinscp.org) to let them know your availability.

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.

CaringBridge for Bobby Rogers

A CaringBridge Site was created for Bobby Rogers. We will use this online space to share health news, and you can write messages of encouragement in return. Please visit often to keep updated and show your support.

Visit:

Site Link: www.caringbridge.org/visit/bobbyrogers

Site Name: bobbyrogers

CaringBridge is a nonprofit offering trusted spaces where family and friends can connect and share during any type of health event.

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.

TLC Work Day

On Saturday 2/20, members of the TLC gathered to better organize church storage space and remove clutter. The work room on the lower level was rearranged, a mission supply closet created and the old JAM room converted into a Christmas closet containing trees, ornaments and other seasonal supplies. Half a dumpster was filled!



Many thanks to Alan Harper, TLC facilitator for coordinating the project. The helping hands of Bob Nelson, Deb Goplin, Jeannie Hering-Schumann, Karen Seibel, Al Curtis and Maureen Berghoefer made it all possible.



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

The St Martin's Lent Build is Friday, March 18 from 8:30 am – 3/3:30 pm at 7 Cherbourg Ct, Madison (west Madison). Volunteers who have signed on to the Lent Build will receive more information this later this week. Please contact Maureen at 798-4820 with questions or to join the Team.

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.

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 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. The 40 links on the altar covered with purple representing the first \$200 from the initial collection and additional white links represent \$526 more that has been collected (as of 2/21) for a grand total of \$726! 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, the last date being March 16th.

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 28 - March 5 2016

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

Sunday, Feb 28

8:00a - Choir Practice (all are welcome)
9:00a - Sunday Worship / Sunday School

Monday, Feb. 29 (*Leap Day!*) - Open Schedule

Tuesday, Mar. 1

6:30a - 8:00 am - Men's Bible Study L
6:30p - Worship Planning Team L
7:00p - 9:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 87 LL FH

Wednesday, Mar. 2

5:00p - Confirmation and Pre-confirmation
6:00p - Soup Supper FH
7:00p - Mid-Week Worship

Thursday, Mar 3 - Open Schedule

Friday, Mar 4 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, Mar 5

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 2.28.2016

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

Guest Minister -- Pastor Jeff Miller
Accompanist -- Debbie Miller
Song Leader -- Karen Windels
Greeters -- Patty & Steve Hillebrand
Lector / Reader -- Maureen Berghoefer
Communion Assistants -- Jon & Tami Roll
Ushers -- Susan Nelson, Amy Wildman
Acolyte -- Nick Hinz, Ryan Roenneburg
Counting Team -- Team 4 (Steve & Patty Hillebrand, Deb Wipperfurth)
Altar Guild -- Deb Wipperfurth
AV Team -- Phil Fish, Bill Windels
Coffee & Treats — Karen Seibel, Jenni McCulloh, Debbie Miller

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