



St. Martin's 'Weekly Bread' Feb. 23-29, 2020

*'Where all are welcome to worship, to learn,
to serve in the name of Jesus Christ.'*

Fat Tuesday Dinner - THIS SUNDAY!

St. Martin's **Fat Tuesday** Dinner in the St. Martin's basement **THIS Sunday, February 23rd at 6pm!**

We invite everyone to join us for our own little Mardi Gras celebration!



Donations will be accepted and will go towards our High School Youth Mission Trip to Boston, so invite your friends for a night filled with delicious food, great company, and a fun Cajun feel!

For any questions please contact Lars at yfm@stmartinscp.org.

'Have a Heart Sunday' -- THIS SUNDAY!

As a congregation you will be invited to join in the Sunday School annual stewardship emphasis known as ***Have a Heart Sunday THIS COMING SUNDAY, Feb. 23rd!***

Sunday School is well underway. Currently the Sunday School children are learning about the healing power of Jesus, specifically learning the story of the ten lepers. They will also learn about the American Leprosy Missions and how it continues to work today on behalf of the thousands of people who annually contract leprosy, mostly in under-developed countries.

In keeping with this theme, our children will be selling cookies in the shapes of hearts and pigs? *Yes, pigs!* In a couple of weeks, the children will share with you how pigs are connected with leprosy and our *Have a Heart* cookie fundraiser. *So stay tuned!*

LENT SERVICES

Lent begins *next Wednesday (Feb. 26th)* with *Ash Wednesday Service (7pm start)*.

Soup suppers (*starting Wed., March 4th*) will take place as they have in prior years, with **soup at 6pm** in Fellowship hall, followed by **Lenten service at 7pm**.

Each week a different TLC team will set up, serve and clean up. There will be a weekly sign up in the narthex for volunteers to bring soup, bread, and cookies. Chicken noodle soup will be available each week.

Soup supper dates are March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1.

Food Packing Event

Hello everyone!

Feed My Starving Children will be holding a food packing event at *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church-Verona Campus* on **Saturday, February 29th**.

Seeing as this would be a terrific volunteering opportunity, I have reserved ten spots for two different sessions.

The *first will be from 12-2pm*, and then the *second one will follow right after from 2:30-4:30pm*.

If you would like to claim these spots, please contact Lars Haskins at yfm@stmartinscp.org. Once the ten spots are filled, you are more than welcome to sign up as an individual and put "St. Martin's" in the additional notes to let them know you are a part of our group. *Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions!*

If you have one, be sure to wear your 'God's Work, Our Hands' t-shirt when you attend the food packing!

PREPARING FOR LENT

For Lent this year the various ministry teams of St. Martin's (Missions, Stewardship, Worship, and Youth and Family) are coming together to focus on the ELCA World Hunger campaign.

Throughout Lent, members will have opportunities to pray, study, and work together for an end to global and local hunger, including participation in the **CANSTRUCTION** event to support MOM.

Canstruction is an annual program using canned goods to create sculptures for display at Madison West Towne Mall. This year's theme is Canopoly, a play on the popular board game, and *sculptures will be on display April 8-19*.

St. Martin's will be creating a "Community Chest." We are in need of creative, can-do people of all ages who are willing to assist with planning and constructing our Community Chest.

If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Maureen Berghoefer at msberghoefer@tds.net, and be on the lookout for more community projects to end hunger!

February Mission Emphasis: Madison Area Jail Ministry

The Madison Area Jail Ministry (MAJM) originally provided service from Lutheran congregations in the Madison area to those incarcerated. Initially it included representatives from the LCA and ALC (merging into the ELCA in 1988) and the Missouri Synod. By 2013, the United Church of Christ, the Episcopal, Presbyterian, Moravian, Reformed, Methodist and Moravian churches were also represented. Congregations are the MAJM's primary source of financial support.

February is St. Martin's MAJM Mission emphasis. We are supporting the ministry by providing items from their wish list.

Please stop by the Missions table to learn more or to purchase an item. Thank you!

Lower Level Door Policy Change

Starting May 1st all lower level doors will remain locked at all times, including before and during Sunday Services.

To enter the building please do so through the main level doors.

*If you have any questions, please talk to a council member.
Thank you!*

WHAT CAN I DO?

Did January seem to go on FOREVER? For some people it does/did. My daughter told me one day that it was January 74th. That's a lot of January days. But I can see how that happens. It snowed and snowed, was cloudy which meant dreary and was cold.

And now we come to February. How many days will it have? According to the calendar, it's Leap Year, so should have 29 days; but will it have more than that for some people? What can you do? Recognize that it may be difficult for some people to get out and do things. Can you take the time to call and chat with them or better yet, go visit? How about sending off a cheerful card? We don't often get much other than junk mail so a cheery note could really lift someone's spirits. What else? Offer to help 'dig out' when the snow comes. Pick up their mail for them. Take them for a cup of coffee. Make it a part of your Stewardship Program to help someone else out.

Stewardship is so much more than the financial aspect that so many associate with it. Offer up yourself -- your talents and gifts -- will be greatly appreciated. And don't forget that Valentine's Day rolls around in February so let's remember those who might not have anyone to brighten their day. If you can think of a way to help someone out, take the opportunity to do so.

Why do we love St. Martin's and especially the members? Because of their generous nature ... whether it's financial or otherwise. *Be a good steward and reach out to someone in February. Have a heart!*

Lois Weiland
Stewardship Guru

Prayer List

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please call/email Pastor Maggie (pastormaggie@stmartinscp.org) or the office manager (om@stmartinscp.org). Names will stay on the list for six weeks unless otherwise indicated by the prayer requester. Prayer requesters are responsible for making sure their loved ones are placed and remain on the list. *Thank you for your help in praying for those in need!*

Pre-Confirmation Classes

Pre-Confirmation classes (5th & 6th graders) meeting on Wednesday nights, starting at 6pm. *(Please remember to enter building through lower level doors.)*

Lower Level Doorbell

As school starts, please remember the lower level doorbell is **only** for use by *Little Red* staff and families of *Little Red* students. (They don't have staff to answer if you ring.)

All others must enter the church through the upper level door by the office.

Thank you!



Stay up-to-date with Synod Newsletter '*What Matters*'

Stay connected to synod happenings, news, & events! To receive copies of the electronic newsletter '*What Matters*', email Assistant to the Bishop for Media, Communications & Leadership Development, Deacon Vicki Hanrahan (vickih@scsw-elca.org) and asked to be added ... *a great way to find out what is happening in the synod!*

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

FEBRUARY 2020

Anniversaries

2/29 Donette & Todd Zander

Birthdays

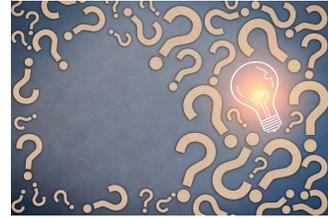
2/26 Carmen Fowell

2/28 Sandy Salvo, Clara McCulloh

Know of an addition? Correction? Please let the office know (om@smartinscp.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@smartinscp.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 the church calendar on the website—www.smartinscp.org. Events are updated on a regular basis. *Questions?* Send a note to the office (om@smartinscp.org) or call 798-2777.

Church Office Hours & Email Addresses

Office hours:

Mon: 10 - 3 Tue: 10-2 Wed: 10 - 3 Thur: 10-2 Fri: CLOSED

Please call ahead (to make sure someone is here) if you want to stop by. Todd (building manager) may be in lower level office, especially during the morning, so you can call him (444-6765) if you

need access to the building.

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

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

Pastoral Care Contact Information

If you would like to contact Pastor Maggie, she can be reached by phone at the church (608) 798-2777 or cell at 608-515-8618 or by email PastorMaggie@stmartinscp.org.

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020

9:00a -- Sunday Worship

10:30a -- Bible Study (library)

5:00p -- Mardi Gras 'Fat Tuesday' Dinner (lower level)

5:30p -- Narcotics Anonymous (library)

Mon., Feb. 24 -- Open Schedule

Tues. Feb. 25 — Youth & Family Ministry (library)

Wed., Feb. 26

6:00p -- Pre-Confirmation Class (lower level)

7:00p — Ash Wednesday Service

Thur., Feb. 27

6:30p -- AA Meeting (library)

Friday, Feb. 28 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, Feb. 29

9:15a -- Overeaters Anonymous (lower level)

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

Worship Participants (Feb. 23, 2019)

Presiding Pastor -- Pastor Maggie

Accompanist -- Kristin Warner

Song Leader -- Karen Windels

Special Music — Ron Goplin, Lee Swanson

Greeters -- Kathy Graedel, Artis Schulenberg

Reader / Communion Assistant -- Jenny Niesen

Communion Assistants -- Maureen Berghoefer, Van Valaskey

Ushers -- Amy & Matt Wildman

Acolyte -- Nolan Esser

Counters -- Team 3 (Joyce Richardson, Valerie Niesen)

Altar Guild -- Darlene Schulenburg

AV Team -- Bill Windels

Coffee -- Karen Seibel

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