



## St. Martin's 'Weekly Bread' Feb. 2-8, 2020

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

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### Summary of Annual Meeting – January 26, 2020

The annual meeting was opened with Litany and a hymn at 10:20 AM Sunday, the 26th of January 2020.

**Reports:** The Secretary's report, Pastor's report, Team reports, and President's report were all approved by vote.

**Budget:** The budget was approved as published. Items of note are as follows:

- o \$3,000 was included for repair of a crack in sanctuary floor.
- o \$5,000 was included for website revamp.
- o Pay increases for the office manager and building manager were included.

**Elections and nominations:**

- Phil Fish and Janet Gray were elected to 3-year terms on Council.
- Bruce Salvo was elected to a 2-year term. As a reminder, a special congregational vote was held in 2019 allowing Gordie Esser to stay on as Treasurer for one additional year (total of 4 years on Council); Bruce will be completing the remainder of this term.
- Bill Windels was elected to a 1-year term, fulfilling the remainder of the Council position vacated by Gail Johnson in June 2019.
- Synod Assembly Representatives: Mark and Joyce Richardson
- Nominating committee: Casey Peterson and Van Valaskey
- Audit committee: Joyce Richardson (will complete 2 more years of a 3-year term); 1-2 more members are needed for this team so the team can efficiently perform internal audits of the finances and processes of St. Martin's.

**New Business:**

- Audit team report – Bill Windels shared with the congregation the results of Wegner CPA's review. No irregularities were found; there are procedures Wegner recommended St. Martin's implement through the finance team to help ensure proper record keeping.
- Finance team – Artis Schulenberg volunteered to take Bruce Salvo's place on the Finance team.

- Memorial Fund – Lois Weiland mentioned \$2,500 from the undesignated portion of the Memorial Fund will be donated toward website development.
  - Communication with the congregation regarding finances was discussed. Suggestion was made to email financial updates to members each month.
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## 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](mailto:msberghoefer@tds.net), and be on the lookout for more community projects to end hunger!

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## 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

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## February Mission Emphasis

Mission Emphasis for February is Madison Area Jail Ministry.

Please stop by the Missions Table in the Narthex to purchase an item from the MAJM "Wish List," or make a donation to Penny the Mission's Piggy on their behalf.

I was naked and you clothed me,  
I was sick and you visited me,  
I was in prison, and you came to me. (Matt 25:26)

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## 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](mailto: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!*

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## LARS' LOG

*Hello St. Martin's families! Happy New Year and I hope everyone had a terrific holiday season!*

We are very happy to resume Sunday School classes, and learning all about Jesus in the Temple through art, stories, and various activities. You may have noticed a familiar face that was stuck all around the church walls and windows. Our kids wanted to show everyone that Jesus is everywhere and with you no matter where you are, and is with you all the way through your life journey.

Our Pre-Confirmation classes resumed last Wednesday, and we are picking up where we left off with our Connect curriculum. Our middle schoolers are always excited to learn and Pastor Maggie and I enjoy to share good conversations and enthusiasm with them.

This Sunday evening, our high schoolers will be attending 'Rise Up' Night at St. Luke's in

Middleton, which is a night filled with fun, worship, and fellowship. Excitement for this summer is slowly building, and we look forward to preparing for our upcoming trip to Boston in June!

*If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me (Lars) at [yfm@stmartinscp.org](mailto:yfm@stmartinscp.org)!*

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## January Update from Pastor Maggie

*Happy New Year, my dear St. Martin's family!* 2019 has been quite a year for us, and 2020 is looking to be just as exciting. I am looking forward to discerning God's next steps for our congregation with you all, listening to where the Holy Spirit is drawing us into our community and sharing Christ's love with our neighbors.

*Here are just some of the amazing things you all have done in the last year:*

**Packed** 683 bags (and counting!) of food for children in need in Cross Plains. 247 of those bags were part of our new program to provide food at Glacier Creek Middle School.

**Launched** our God's Work Our Hands Sunday for the first time, which included reaching out to provide cheer to our neighbors at Girlies Manor and Milestone Senior Living.

**Sent** 10 youth to West Virginia to help build and repair community buildings.

Hosted public conversations between village leaders and residents regarding flood concerns.

**Opened** our doors to 3 anonymous support groups, 2 of which were new this year.

**Celebrated** our 140th anniversary!

**Confirmed** 6 youth and baptized 2 babies into the body of Christ.

*And so, so much more!* God has truly blessed us in the last year and I am blessed to be with you as we continue to grow. I pray that you all experience a joyous, safe, and Spirit-filled new year with family and friends.

*Peace in Christ, Pastor Maggie*

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## Prayer List

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please call/email Pastor Maggie ([pastormaggie@stmartinscp.org](mailto:pastormaggie@stmartinscp.org)) or the office manager ([om@stmartinscp.org](mailto: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!*

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## 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.)*

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## Give Plus

As an alternate way of giving, consider using the 'Give Plus' app on your cell phones (can be downloaded through your app store). Once on, do a search for St. Martin's Lutheran Church. Then follow the prompts.

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### 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!*

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### 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](mailto:vickih@scsw-elca.org)) and asked to be added ... *a great way to find out what is happening in the synod!*

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### Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

#### FEBRUARY 2020

##### *Anniversaries*

2/29 Donette & Todd Zander

##### *Birthdays*

2/3 Deb Niebuhr, Debbie McCue

2/6 Kirsten Bartlett

2/8 Charles Meyer

2/20 Elizabeth Boehnen

2/22 Galyn Hartung, Grace Hartung

2/26 Carmen Fowell

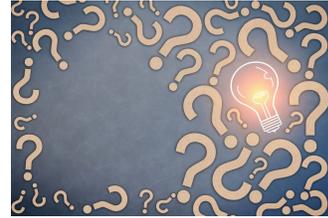
2/28 Sandy Salvo, Clara McCulloh

*Know of an addition? Correction? Please let the office know ([om@smartinscp.org](mailto:om@smartinscp.org)). Thank you!*

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## 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.



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## 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 the church calendar on the website—[www.stmartinscp.org](http://www.stmartinscp.org). Events are updated on a regular basis. *Questions?* Send a note to the office (om@stmartinscp.org) or call 798-2777.

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## Church Office Hours & Email Addresses

*Office hours:*

Mon: 9 - 2 Tue: 10-2 Wed: 9 - 2 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

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## 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](mailto:PastorMaggie@stmartinscp.org).

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

*Also available on the church web site ([www.stmartinscp.org](http://www.stmartinscp.org))*

### **Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020**

9:00a -- Sunday Worship

10:30a -- Bible Study (library)

5:30p -- Narcotics Anonymous (library)

6:00p -- High School Youth Group (lower level)

**Monday, Feb. 3** -- Open Schedule

**Tues, Feb. 4** -- Open Schedule

**Wed., Feb. 5**

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

**Thur., Feb. 6**

5:00p -- Worship Planning Team (library)

6:30p -- AA Meeting (library)

**Friday, Feb. 7** -- Open Schedule

**Saturday, Feb. 8**

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

*Have an update? Please send a note to the office ([om@stmartinscp.org](mailto:om@stmartinscp.org))*

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## Worship Participants (Feb. 2, 2019)

Presiding Pastor -- Pastor Maggie

Accompanist -- Kristin Warner

Song Leader -- Karen Windels

Greeters -- Bob & Redgy Nelson

Reader / Communion Assistant -- Maureen Berghoefer

Communion Assistants -- Mark & Jenny Niesen

Ushers -- Karen & Oscar Seibel

Acolyte -- Ollie Wenning

Counting Team -- Team 5 (Brian Graedel, Kevin Boehnen)

Altar Guild -- Patty Hillebrand

AV Team -- James Hartung

Coffee -- Artis Schulenberg

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