



St. Martin's 'Weekly Bread' for Feb. 24 - Mar. 2 2019

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

Have-A-Heart Cookie Sale THIS Sunday (Feb. 24th.)

On Sunday (2/24) the Sunday School children will sponsor the second annual 'Have-A-Heart' cookie sale during fellowship. This year all proceeds will go to the ELCA Disability Ministry. This is particularly fitting, since the children are currently learning about the story of how Jesus healed a man who was paralyzed.

So have a heart-shaped cookie personally decorated by our SS kids and drop some change in the jar. *Be a part of empowering our smallest children to make a difference in our world.*

Prayer List Review

The Worship Planning Team is reviewing St. Martin's procedures for adding and removing names to the prayer list in the Sunday bulletin.

To begin this review we ask your help -- if you are aware of anyone on the current prayer list whose name you added, or one you would like to see removed, please inform a member of the Worship Planning Team: Deb Goplin (dgoplin@charter.net), Karen Windels (karenwindels@gmail.com) or Jan Doyle (doylejce@yahoo.com).

Thank you, and stayed tuned for revised procedures in the coming weeks.

2019 Church Council

At the Feb. 10th Annual Meeting the 2019 Church Council was elected. *(One new member joined, all the rest are returning from last year - no one left.)*

The 2019 Council includes: Greg Valaskey (new Member at large), returning members Ryan McCulloh (Member at large), Matt Wildman (Secretary), Gordie Esser (Treasurer), Gail Johnson (Vice President), and Jenny Niesen (President).

Thank you to everyone for your service!

Milestone Communion Ministry Invites You to Participate!

For the past few years teams of congregants have been offering communion to Milestone Senior Living residents every other Sunday. Communion is offered right after worship at Milesone, and takes about 20 minutes. Scripts and communion materials are supplied. We invite you to consider joining a team so that SM can continue to offer this important ministry. You can sign up to participate as often as you wish. Let Tom Johson know if you are interested (teej3400@gmail.com). You'll be glad you did!

Lent Events

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, March 6 (service at 7pm).

'Soup Suppers' will start the following week (Wed., March 13) and run as they have in prior years: 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. Weekly sign up will be in the Narthex for volunteers to bring soup, bread, milk and cookies. Chicken noodle soup will be available each week.

Step by Step, Walking With Christ – February Resolutions!



So, if you made some New Year's resolutions, how are you doing on those??? The Stewardship Team is here to remind you about the church resolutions that we suggested. It's never too late to start having new goals.

Resolve to:

- Attend church more often
- Give of your time and talents
- Provide financial support to St. Martin's
- Commit yourself to participating in at least one opportunity to further your faith formation
- Talk with your children about ways they can be good stewards

The first three are generally considered when determining who is a member of St. Martin's. How about making Stewardship a regular part of your day? Do something nice for someone; help

someone in need; pray and offer support for someone. Then on Sunday, push yourself to head out to St. Martin's. And to offer your financial support, we now have many options available to you: direct deposit, Give Plus, bank drafts/withdrawals, and the traditional Giving Envelopes. Which will you choose? Put a note on your refrigerator door as to what your Stewardship resolutions are for 2019. That way you'll see them every day and be more likely to keep them.

Step by Step, Walking with Christ, we can help each other keep up our Stewardship resolutions.

Undies Sundays!

February is 'Undies Sundays' month! Items needed are socks, t-shirts, bras, pajamas, nightgowns, lounging/sleepwear pants, camisoles, underwear—woman's/girl's panties and men's/boy's briefs & boxers. Underwear must be new and packaged, other items can be new or gently used. All sizes are welcomed from infant through adult. Please bring your items to the Mission Table or consider making a financial donation to Penny the Pig to help the Mission Team do your shopping. Items will be given to local clothing closets. If you would like to "step up" with your time and talent for this short term ministry, your help would be appreciated - please contact Kathy Gradel at 836-7429 or Maureen Berghoefer at 798-4820 for more information.

2018 Annual Report

Did you want to check out the 2018 Annual Report? Copies are available at the church or you can click the link below for a PDF copy.

[CLICK HERE for 2018 Annual Report \(PDF\)](#)

Sugar Creek Summer Camps

Hello families!

If you are looking for activities for your children to do this coming summer, there is one in particular that is fun-filled, Christ-centered, and unforgettable! Sugar Creek Bible Camp is an ELCA affiliated church camp in the valleys along the Mississippi River, just outside of Ferryville, WI. There are programming opportunities ranging from elementary aged up through graduating high schoolers. Some programs are more specialized, such as Junior Wranglers Horse Camp and JAM Music Camp, and there are programs divided up into age groups with various activities all around camp. This beautiful place has features such as horse stables, creeks and ponds to do bible study around, and an all-around place where people of all ages are welcome.

The weeks we are looking at for availability include July 14-19, July 28-August 2, and August 4-9. Pamphlets and flyers are being sent to St. Martin's that have tiered pricing and descriptions for each program, as does the Sugar Creek website (<http://wp.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org>).

I hope this opportunity will be taken into consideration, coming from a former Sugar Creek camper who loved every minute of it!

Pastor Tomberlin address information

Would you like to send a note or card to Pastor Tomberlin?

His (and wife Lisa's) address is:

Pastor Jeff Tomberlin & Family
5907 Glenway St.
McFarland, WI 53558

Giving Statements Sent

Your 2018 Giving Statement should have arrived via email or in a few cases in the mail. If you did not receive a statement, it could be that we have an invalid email address or that it's being blocked. If you require a statement please contact Lois at (bookkeeping@smartinscp.org). By emailing our quarterly statements, we will save money on postage and envelopes. *Thank you!*

Altar Flowers Anyone?

Want to honor a loved one, or celebrate a birthday, anniversary or other special event? *The Worship Planning Team wishes to remind everyone that altar flower donations are a great way to do this almost any Sunday of the year!*

How? Just sign up using the flower donation sheet posted on the bulletin board in the narthex under the "worship and music" display. If desired, assistance is available for securing and setting up the flowers.

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

Stay connected to synod happenings, news, & events! Grow in your faith and leadership! Stay connected to exciting events and stories of our faith in action in our synod!

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 stay connected!*

Nursery Options

Attention parents of children 4 and under! Are there times during worship when your child needs a

little more wiggle room or needs to speak their piece in a robust voice? *We have a space for that!*

The Library is now equipped with some clean toys and age-appropriate books for your child's use. Feel free to use this space and toys whenever the need arises. And don't forget that you can turn the "speaker" dial near the light switch that will enable you to hear all the happenings in the sanctuary while your child plays. We continue to have space in the downstairs Nursery room designed for children 4 and under, also equipped with a speaker to pipe in the Sanctuary events. We'll let you know when those toys have been cleaned for use. (Brought to you by the Youth and Family Ministry Team)

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

February, 2019

Anniversary

2/29 Donette & Todd Zander

Birthdays

2/26 Carmen Fowell

2/28 Sandy Salvo, Clara McCulloh

March, 2019

Anniversaries

3/11 Van & Judy Valaskey

3/11 Barb & Don Wittler

Birthdays

3/1 Tom Kittle

3/2 Karen Seibel, Jan Doyle, Beth Dodsworth

3/3 Lisa Jackson

3/4 Brian Klock, Brad Niebuhr

3/6 Pam Miller, Jennifer Couey

3/8 Todd Duhr

3/16 Irene Brockmann, Armin Couey

3/17 Melissa Hinz

3/18 Steven Hillebrand, Jennifer Niesen

3/20 Dean Archer

3/21 Matt Couey

3/23 Sharon Johnson, Henry Hartung, Kate Wenning

3/24 Lee Swanson, Oliver Wenning

3/25 Amy Kjol

3/30 Alexandria Boehnen

3/31 Gale Kooistra, Samantha Roll

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

Upcoming Events

February

Undie-Sundays

Feb. 24 -- Sunday School "*Have A Heart*" Cookie Sale, benefit ELCA disability ministry

March

Mar. 6 (Wed.) -- Ash Wed Service (7 PM)

Mar. 13 (Wed.) -- Lenten Soup Suppers start (6PM), Lenten service (7pm), *run through April 10*

April

Global Infant Care Kits

Sunday School Children Sing (date to be announced)

April 14 -- Palm Sunday worship

April 18 -- Maundy Thursday worship (7pm)

April 19 -- Good Friday worship services (1pm and 7pm)

April 21 -- Easter Sunday Service 9 AM

April 27 (Sat.) -- Spring Clean-up Day (9am-Noon)

Youth Group 30-Hour Famine (date to be announced)

Flamingo's fly H.S. Fundraiser offered to members

April 28 -- Affirmation of Baptism

April 28 -- Teacher Appreciation Sunday

Weather Issues / Closings

Church closing information can be found on the church web site (www.stmartinspc.org), by calling the office (798-2777), watching the 'ticker' on Channel 3, Madison, or by checking channel3000.com. Cancellation message will be on the church phone recoding by 7:45am.

Church Office Hours & Additional Email Addresses

Scheduled office hours:

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 (to make sure someone is here).

-- 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 need pastoral care please contact either Pastor Dennis or Pastor Paulette Creswell at (608) 665-3177. (Messages for them sent to the office - contact information above - will be forwarded.)

CHURCH CALENDAR

Please note: On Sunday, Feb. 17th, the 2019 Church Council will be installed along with Lars Haskins, Family & Youth Coordinator. Also, at this service, Sunday School Students will lead the Children's Message

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

Sunday, Feb. 24

9:00a -- Sunday Worship S
'Have-A-Heart' Cookie sale!

Monday, Feb. 25 -- Open Schedule

Tuesday, Feb. 26 -- Open Schedule

Wednesday, Feb. 27

6:00p -- Confirmation (L) & Pre-Confirmation Classes (LL)

Thursday, Feb. 28 -- Open Schedule

Friday, March 1 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, March 2 -- Open Schedule

S—Sanctuary; L—Library; FH--Fellowship Hall; LL-- Lower Level Classroom

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

Worship Participants, Sunday, February 24 (2019)

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Dennis Creswell

Accompanist -- Eileen Porter

Song Leader -- Karen Windels

Greeters -- Jon Roll, Kathy Graedel

Lector -- Reader / Communion Assistant -- Sandy Salvo

Communion Assistants -- Maureen Berghoefer, Katie Doyle

Ushers -- Amy & Matt Wildman

Acolyte -- Dylan Klock, Jocelyn Green

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

Altar Guild -- Darlene Schulenberg

AV Team -- Bill Windels

Coffee Fellowship -- Karen Seibel, Darlene Schulenberg

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