



St. Martin's 'Weekly Bread' for Jan. 13 - 19 2019

You did it!

You stepped up and allowed us to pay off our line of credit on January 4th! What an awesome accomplishment that was celebrated at service on January 6th with joyful noise. Let's keep this momentum going so we can keep this status far into 2019!

Welcome, Lars!

Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator

Hello everyone! My name is Lars Haskins and I am very excited to be beginning as the Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator here at St. Martin's. Working with children and sharing my faith with others both mean a great deal to me, and I cannot wait to watch every child grow through God's creation and love.

I am a Middleton native and have been a lifelong member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Madison. I went on to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison and graduated in the spring of 2018 with a degree in Human Development and Family Studies. After two summers of working on summer staff at Lutherdale Ministries and Pine Lake Camp, I found my calling to work in youth ministry. I have also interned at Good Shepherd while on summer break, and was very involved with volunteering anywhere needed around the church.

Along with this position, I am also the assistant swim coach at Madison Memorial High School. Swimmers where you at?! When I'm not working in both settings, you'll find me watching movies, reading, and following Wisconsin sports.

You are more than welcome to see me downstairs in the youth room during the week typically from 10AM until 2PM during my office hours. On Wednesday I will be in a bit later in the afternoon



until confirmation class begins. I look forward to sharing God's love with everyone and I am happy to meet you as I get started.

God's Peace,
Lars Haskins

Giving Statements sent Via Email

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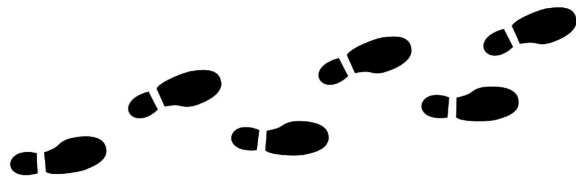
This year we sent out the 2018 Giving Statements via email (provided we have your email address).

Please check your email accounts for an email from bookkeeping@smartinscp.org. You might also want to look in your spam folder just in case it got delivered there.

Please contact Lois if you did not receive your statement (leave a note in her mail slot or send her an email - bookkeeping@smartinscp.org).

We're getting with the times! If you have not provided us with your email, please do so!

Step by Step, Walking With Christ – A New Year, A New YOU!



Are you one of those who makes New Year resolutions? If so, what are those for 2019? For many, it's to get "fit" which usually means going to a health club; and while we have good intentions, that resolution is often forgotten soon after the New Year. How about making a Stewardship resolution this year.

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. (To offer your financial support we have many options available: 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!

2019 Giving Envelopes

The 2019 Giving Envelopes are available for pick-up in the Narthex. If you would like a set of envelopes, please put a note in the Bookkeeper's mail slot in the workroom. Indicate if you wish to have weekly or monthly envelopes. People who are on direct deposit, automatic bank withdrawals or Give Plus are not assigned envelopes.

Many thank yous!

Thank You to the congregation for the wonderful response given in support of the traditional Giving Tree & Christmas Closet. Thank you to everyone who purchased and wrapped or sorted gift/s, thank you to all who made a financial donation to help our shoppers fulfill the "wish items" that had not been spoken for. Thank you to everyone who donated gently used clothing, bedding, books, games and other household items to the Christmas Closet. Thank you to the confirmation kids who helped dismantle the Giving Tree and pack the last of the Christmas Closet items. Thank you to Carmen Fowell, Doris & Phil Fish, Jan Doyle, Lois Weiland, Pam Miller, Mark & Joyce Richardson (and Charlie), the Harper Family and Barb Wittler for all your efforts and to everyone who lent a hand. I especially lift up the core of the Team Kay Meier and Kathy Gradel who devoted countless hours to set up & take down, organizing & managing, sorting & shopping - you are largely responsible for the continued success of this outreach ministry. - Maureen Berghoefer

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.

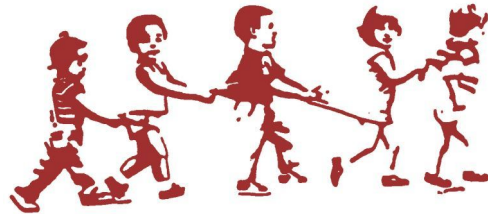
2018 Annual Report, Budget Informational Meetings & Annual Meeting

Do you have something for the 2018 Church Annual Report? (*Did you provide something last year?*) **Please submit** your information **by Wednesday, January 23rd**, so it can go in the new report. (Email your info to the office, MS Word format, om@stmartinscp.org)

St. Martin's **annual meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 10** following the 9am worship service.

In addition, the two Sundays preceding the annual meeting (Jan 27th and Feb 3rd), the 2019

budget will be available for review and Council members will answer questions about the budget after these services. If there is a topic you would like to discuss at the annual meeting, it must be submitted by Wednesday, Jan 23rd to om@stmartinscp.org in order to be considered for the agenda. Please contact any member of council with questions regarding the annual meeting. *Please plan to attend this important church event!*



The Little Red Preschool

Little Red Preschool is so excited to be partnering again with St. Martin's Church. We have appreciated being able to lease space to offer 4K Middleton-Cross Plains morning session 8:55am-11:30am M-F, along with extended care hours and an after school program with free busing from Park Elementary.

We currently have registration open for the 2019-2020 school year. Please contact Corena at 608-886-2841 (or cplittlered@gmail.com) with any questions and enrollment information.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Are you a Thrivent member? If so, you may have 'Choice Dollars' available to you. These funds can be designated to any charitable entity; so how about choosing St. Martin's?

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.

Pianist and Choir Director

St. Martin's has immediate openings for a pianist to accompany worship services and an adult choir director. The positions may be held by the same person or separately. (Sunday worship

service is at 9 a.m.)

Pianist Responsibilities:

Year around, provide worship music to include prelude, offering, postlude, hymns and liturgy for regular Sunday services as well as special services such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, mid-week Lenten, Holy Week and Easter. Collaborate with Pastor and others. Organ skills are welcome but not required. Pay is on per-service basis.

Choir Director Responsibilities:

From Sept through April, authorized for up to 7 hours/week, direct one rehearsal per week toward choir participation in worship three Sundays a month as well as special services such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week and Easter. Collaborate with Pastor and others, communicate schedule and rehearsal details, coordinate with accompanist, and select music/supplies for the choir.

For full job descriptions or to submit a resume, please contact the church office (om@stmartinscp.org or 608-798-2777) or check the church web site home page (www.stmartinscp.org) for full job descriptions.

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)

Give Plus

As an alternate way of giving, St. Martins has an app called '*Give Plus*'.

To use:

- 1) Go to the App Store and download '*Give Plus*'.
- 2) When you open the app, you'll be asked to select a church by putting in your zip code (53528) or church (St. Martin's).
- 3) Next you can set up an account or opt to Give Now.
- 4) Once you make your selection, you can either select a dollar amount suggested or write in an amount. (If you wish to use regularly you will need to set up an account.)
- 5) Following the prompts, you will be given the option to use a credit/debit card or a checking/saving account. If using a credit card/debit card, you can either use the camera on your phone to capture your credit card information or enter it manually.
- 6) Continue to follow the prompts ... And then you're done!

At this time, we only have the general giving account set up for St. Martin's. There is no cost to you for using this service.

If you have any questions, please contact the church accountant, Lois Weiland, at 608-220-3123 or loisweiland@gmail.com.

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

January, 2019

Anniversaries

1/19 -- Richard & Lois Weiland

Birthdays

1/10 -- Jeannie Hering-Schumann, Jeff Postle

1/18 -- Bruce Salvo

1/19 -- Darlene Schulenberg

1/20 -- Tracie Rogers

1/23 -- Jim Doyle

1/26 -- Eugene Schumann

1/27 -- Thomas Meier

1/28 -- Judy Valaskey, Nate Schreiber

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.

Weather Issues / Closings

Church closing information can be found on the church web site (www.stmartinscp.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

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Sunday, Jan 13

9:00a -- Sunday Worship S

12:00p — Craft Group L

Monday, Jan 14

1:30p -- Quilting Group FH

Tuesday, Jan 15 -- Open Schedule

Wednesday, Jan 16

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

Thursday, Jan. 17 -- Open Schedule

Friday, Jan. 18 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, Jan 19 -- Open Schedule

Sunday, Jan 20

9:00a -- Sunday Worship S

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, January 13th (2019)

Presiding Guest Minister -- Pastor Dennis Creswell
Accompanist -- Kris Rhude
Song Leader -- Jason Niebuhr
Greeters -- Bob & Redgy Nelson
Lector -- Reader / Communion Assistant -- Jenny Niesen
Communion Assistants -- Gordie Esser, Lois Weiland
Ushers -- Kim Johnson, Owen Roenneburg
Acolytes -- Amber Wickre
Counting Team -- Team 4 (Steve & Patty Hillebrand, Deb Wipperfurth)
Altar Guild -- Deb wipperfurth
AV Team -- James Hartung
Coffee Fellowship -- Judy Valaskey

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