



Week of Jan. 15-21 2017

Choir on Break

Choir will not be singing during the month of January. The next Choir practice will be Sunday, January 29th. The next date choir will sing is on February 5th.

Building and Grounds Technician Position

St. Martin's is seeking a part-time (20 hrs/week) Building and Grounds Technician.

This position provides custodial, general maintenance, and minor repair services for the church buildings, equipment and grounds. The position will work with Pastor, Property Management Team, Office Manager and others.

Position requirements are high school graduate, experience in maintenance work and effective communication skills.

Applicants should send cover letter and resume to St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 2427 Church Street, Cross Plains WI 53528 or email om@stmartinscp.org. A detailed job description can be viewed on our church website at stmartinscp.org. (Click on link on home page of website, or go to Documents, then click on Category 'Documents (general)' and then click Building & Grounds Technician Job Description.)

Weather Issues / Church Closings

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

The Small Catechism

Announcing an invitation to read the Small Catechism, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton offers these encouraging words:

"With New Voices – the Small Catechism in the 21st Century" is an invitation to all of us – young and old alike, whether we come to the Small Catechism for the first time or return to it after many years. It is an invitation to hear it anew, especially from the voices of those whose perspectives or experiences may be new to us. It is also an invitation to be renewed in our voices for our families, friends, and neighbors.

Studying the Small Catechism together will give us a common language with which to talk about our faith, engage Scripture, and make sense of our lives in the 21st Century. The Small Catechism is not just part of a rite of passage in early adolescence. It's a treasure for us all today."



Mobile Device Catechism



Where to Find the Small Catechism?

If we are going to brush up on our catechism, we each need to get our hands on one. Here are some places you can find the Small Catechism.

Read it online! <http://bookofconcord.org/smallcatechism.php>

In the 'cranberry hymnal' The Small Catechism can be found in the back of the cranberry hymnal (picture shown), Evangelical Lutheran Worship: pages 1160-68 in ELW Pew Edition.

Inside the Book of Concord! The Book of Concord contains documents which Christians from the fourth to the 16th century A.D. explained what they believed and taught on the basis of the Holy Scriptures. It includes the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed. It contains the Reformation writings known as the Augsburg Confession, the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, the Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope, Luther's Small and Large Catechisms, and the Formula of Concord.

Perhaps you have a copy on your bookshelf? Do you have a copy from Confirmation?

On your mobile device! Luther's Small Catechism is now available as a free mobile app! Augsburg Fortress Publishers has released their first mobile app, featuring Luther's Small Catechism. Perfect for anyone who wants easy access to Martin Luther's guide to the basics of Christian faith on the go – here's the link to find out how to download your free mobile app today! - [Small Catechism Mobile App](#)

<http://info.augsburgfortress.org/luthers-small-catechism-new-mobile-app>



Anti Racism Training Workshop

Date: Jan 28, 2017

Time: 8:30am – 3:00pm

Synod Hosted Event

Location: Our Savior's Lutheran

Church (550 Lincoln Drive, Sun Prairie, WI)

In a country of diverse cultures and ethnicities, how do we begin conversation that deepens understanding and compassion?

In this presentation we will explore how our knowledge, ideas, values, actions and faith impact our hearts, minds and souls and our strength to have authentic conversations.

We will emphasize deep listening, where all participants, regardless of age, gender, race, sexual orientation will be heard and honored.

This event is especially helpful for:

- Pastors, Deacons, Chaplains
- Youth Ministry Leaders
- Council Leaders
- Post Confirmation Youth
- Teachers
- People who work with the public
- Community protectors
- Anyone who yearns to know how to better love our neighbors

About the Speakers:

Rhonda Hill has served as Assistant to the Bishop of the Greater Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA since 2010. Rhonda develops strategies for urban ministries and has focused her practices on issues of race and poverty. Her commitment to raising awareness about racism is seen through her previous work with the Milwaukee Social Development Commission and her as co-facilitator of "Unlearning Racism" at the YWCA. Rhonda has a master's degree in marriage and family therapy.

Dr. Sharon Chubbuck has been a professor in the College of Education at Marquette University since 2001. Her research and teaching have consistently focused on pursuing socially just educational practices, with particular emphasis on how race intersects with equitable educational opportunities. Prior to coming to Marquette, she and her husband worked in an integrated church in Illinois that actively pursued racial integration. This experience inspired her return to college to earn her Ph.D. and continue this focus in educational settings.

Cost: \$35 includes lunch. Free childcare is available.

Online registration is OPEN! Click here for more information and to register: [On-Line Registration](https://bit.ly/SCSWRacialEquality2016) (<https://bit.ly/SCSWRacialEquality2016>)

Youth and Family Ministry Team Opportunity

The Church Council is seeking to establish a Youth and Family Ministry Team as outlined in our Constitution. This Team will work with Pastor and, hopefully, a Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator to establish and oversee our Christian education programs for St. Martin's children of all ages. We are hoping to get this Team off the ground in September. The Team would likely meet monthly to make programmatic and procedural decisions, as well as support our staff in executing the programs. If you are interested in serving in this vital ministry opportunity please contact Karen Windels (608-798-5031, or karenwindels@gmail.com). Thank you!

Looking for Group Confirmation Pictures (2000-2014)

Do you have group pictures of confirmation students from the years 2000 through 2014? We are trying to update our church history / records and are looking for pictures from those years.

If you have any, please forward to the office (om@stmartinscp.org)

Thank you!

Council Invites Your Input

Church Council welcomes your participation in the first 15 minutes of each Council meeting (third Monday of month) for the purpose of sharing your ideas and insights. If you are interested in participating in this open forum time, please let one of the Council members know of your interest. Church Council meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the church library. Contact any one of us at the following numbers: Pastor Curtis; 798-2777, Karen Windels; 798-5031, Gordie Esser; 438-4176, Greg Hinz; 798-1556, Kyla Schoenwetter; 434-4950, Mark Richardson; 370-9176 or Ron Goplin; 798-2518.

A note from Pastor Kirsten

Please know that I am available if you need help. Know how to help others as well. if you can't reach me at church, my cell phone number is 438-5834.

Suicide Prevention Helpcard *

If someone you know:

- threatens suicide
- talks or writes about wanting to die
- appears depressed, sad, withdrawn, hopeless
- shows significant changes in behavior, appearance, mood (either from being "normal" to being depressed or the reverse)
- abuses drugs, alcohol
- deliberately injures himself or herself
- says he or she will not be missed if gone
- gives away treasured belongings . . .

You can help:

- stay calm and listen
- take threats seriously
- let him or her talk about his or her feelings
- be accepting; do not judge
- ask if he or she has suicidal thoughts
- ask how intense and frequent these thoughts are
- ask if he or she has a plan
- ask if he or she has a means to carry out the plan
- don't swear secrecy—tell someone
- assure the person it is okay and necessary to get help . . .

Get help: You cannot do it alone

Accompany the person to your:

- hospital emergency room
- mental health services
- police
- family, friend, relative
- clergy, teacher, counselor
- family doctor
- or call your crisis line

Call your 911 number for emergency assistance or check the inside front cover page of your telephone book for local crisis services. The National Crisis Helpline is 888-784-2433 (1-888-SUICIDE). The National "YOUTH" Crisis Helpline is 800-999-9999.

For information on the nearest ELCA social ministry organization providing non-emergency counseling for suicidal persons, call Lutheran Services in America (LSA), 800-664-3848. You may visit LSA online (www.lutheranservices.org).

* Adapted from The Suicide and Information Center online (www.siec.ca/helpcard.htm).

Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator Position

St. Martin's is seeking to hire a half-time, Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator who can work effectively with children of all ages.

The purpose of this position is to direct and coordinate a comprehensive and expanding ministry for our children, youth and families. This position will work with Pastor, our Youth and Family Ministry Team, parents and other lay ministers.

Send or email a cover letter and resume to St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 2427 Church St, Cross Plains, WI, 53528 or om@stmartinscp.org. A job description can be viewed on our web site, stmartinscp.org.

Stayed 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).

'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

Call ahead if you want to stop by (in case there has been a last minute change).

-- 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

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

Dec. Jan 15-21, 2017

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Sunday, Jan. 15, 2017

9:00a - Sunday Worship (no Choir Practice)

Monday, Jan 16 -- Open Schedule

Tuesday, Jan 17

6:30a - 8:00 am - Men's Bible Study L

7:00p - 9:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 87 LL FH

Wednesday, Jan 18

6:30p -- Confirmation (Bible Lesson)

6:30p -- Legacy Endowment Committee L

Thursday, Jan 19 -- Open Schedule

Friday, Jan 20 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, Jan 21

9:00a - 10a Overeaters Anonymous L

L—Library; FH—Fellowship Hall; S—Sanctuary; CR—Choir Room; PG—Prayer Garden; YR—Youth Room; LL—Lower Level Classroom; K - Kitchen

Worship Participants - Sunday, Jan. 15, 2017

Presiding Minister -- Rev. Bob Fisher

Accompanist -- Sherri Hansen

Song Leader -- Jason Niebuhr

Lector / Reader -- Ann Houck

Communion Assistants -- Greg Hinz, Alicia Houck

Greeters -- Jim & Linda Knudtson

Ushers -- Donna Blumer, Frank Durham

Acolyte -- Gus Wenning, Caleb Wickre

Counting Team -- Team 3 (Mike & Kay Calvin, Alan & Patty Harper)

Altar Guild -- Deb Wipperfurth

AV Team -- Jeff Postel, Jason Niebuhr

Coffee / Treats -- Carmen Fowell, Jacqui & Lee Swanson

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