



Week of Jan 28 - Feb. 3 2018

2018 Church Council Members

Pictured below are the church council members elected at the annual meeting (Jan. 21st).

Thank you everyone for your time and service! (And a special thank you to 'retiring' council members Kyla Schoenwetter and Ron Goplin.)

Front (l to r):

Gail Johnson (Vice President)
Jenny Niesen (President)
Gordie Esser (Treasurer)

Back (l to r):

Mark Richardson (Member at Large, council liaison to call team)
Ryan McCulloh (Member at Large)
Matt Wildman (Secretary)



Racial Equity Event

A Racial Equity Ministry Event has been planned by our South Central Synod of Wisconsin. The synod has had some education events to help give a Christian perspective on race equality issues. You are invited to the remaining presentations in Feb, and March: Looking through an African-Centered Lens presented by Rev. Stephen Marsh, Lake Edge Lutheran Church.

Part II: Sunday Feb 4 -- The River of Struggle: Black Life in the Americas

Part III: Sunday, March 11 -- The Secret of Joy: How the Struggle Continues

All events will be held at New Life Lutheran Church (7564 Cottage Grove Rd., Madison) and begin at 4:00pm, ending about 6:00.

Please check What Matters for a more detailed description and a brief bio for Rev. Marsh. (www.scsw-elca.org/Communications/WhatMatters/WhatMatters2017-12-27.pdf) CLICK following link for description: [Race Equity Event](#)

CHOIR for LENT!

The Adult Choir will be back for the Lenten Season (through Easter) with *rehearsals starting Wed., Jan 31st at 7pm in the choir room.*

When mid-week Lenten soup-suppers begin the rehearsal time will change to immediately after the service. On Sundays when the choir will sing rehearsals will be from 8:15a-8:45a.

The plan is to sing Ash Wednesday, two Sundays in Lent, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter. Please considering lending your voice to this short-term commitment!

Interested? Have questions? Please contact the accompanist (Sherri Hansen) at 608-234-8570 or email her at sherrihansen@tds.net.

UNDIES SUNDAYS!

Collecting your freshly shopped or gently used undergarments at the Missions Table *during the month of February* to benefit local clothing closets. Socks, t-shirts, briefs, boxer shorts, panties, bras, sleepwear, disposable diapers and infant onesies in all sizes are needed and appreciated. “Penny” the Missions Piggybank will also be happy to receive your financial donation and volunteers will do the shopping for you. *Thank you!*

Questions? Comments? Concerns?

There's a box for that! A wooden box has been placed in the Narthex 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.

CHILI SUPPER!

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, February 18th!** Come join us for a Chili Supper *fundraiser for the 2018 National Youth Gathering*. All money raised will help offset transportation costs for the Youth Gathering.

Three youth from St. Martin's will be traveling to Houston, Texas for the Gathering in June. The Chili Supper is sponsored by several churches in the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin: Evangelical, Immanuel, Barneveld, Two Steeples, Perry, West Middleton, St Martin's and New Hope Lutheran Churches.

Bring your appetites because there will be red chili, white (chicken) chili, and vegetarian chili, along with bars, cookies, and beverages. Prices are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, and kids under 5 are free. There will also be a silent auction. We hope to see you there and appreciate your support of our youth!

What: Chili Supper Fundraiser

When: Sunday, February 18th

Time: 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Where: Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mt. Horeb (315 E Main St)

Sunday School kids invite you to “Have A Heart”

For the next few Sundays, our youngest children are now studying the story of The Good Samaritan. You remember -- it's a story of a Samaritan traveler who breaks through prejudice by saving the life of a Jew who had been robbed and beaten. This was not just an act of kindness, it took risk and personal sacrifice of the Samaritan's time and money.

Our Sunday School children have decided to sacrifice personal time and funds to decorate heart-shaped cookies that will be sold on Feb. 11 and 18 during the fellowship hour. The funds will go to African children who have been orphaned by the AIDS epidemic, many of whom have AIDS themselves. The money will go toward live-saving meals. It costs \$22 to feed a child in an orphanage for one month. *Please consider buying a cookie for any amount of donation. Your generosity will help our kids help other kids live and thrive. Have-A- Heart!*



Choir Director Needed

The Worship Planning Team (WPT) is seeking a volunteer choir director for the senior choir. We're looking for someone to lead rehearsals at 8:00am on Sundays and be present to lead us in our 9:00am Sunday services as well as special occasions (e.g., Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday).

Ideally, this person can join us at WPT meetings (1st Thursday each month), or we can coordinate and plan through other means as needed. We can provide music selection or coordinate with the director in any way that is helpful.

We are a welcoming choir and hope to find a leader who loves music, singing, and praising God as much as we do. We also have some promises of back-up leaders (with advance notice), so the new director will be supported with regard to their schedule.

This could be a rewarding opportunity for any musician (active or retired) or for a music student at the university or high school level. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in directing our choir, please contact any member of the Worship Planning Team: Debbie or Jeff Miller, Jan Doyle, Sherri Hansen, Karen Windels or Deb Goplin.

Middleton High School Country Breakfast

The Middleton High School Choral Boosters invite you to attend the 23rd Annual Country Breakfast on **Sunday, Jan. 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at the **MHS Student Center** (2100 Bristol St.). *Tickets are \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Seniors/Children (10 and under), and can be purchased at the door.*

Have an all-you-can-eat breakfast of pancakes, eggs, yogurt, sausage, fruit and beverages, while enjoying a showcase of incredible MHS choral and individual talent all day long. This is the biggest fund raiser of the year for the MHS choral program. Stop by before or after church services! Your support is greatly appreciated!

Birthday & Anniversary Announcements

Do you (or someone you know) have a birthday coming up? Anniversary? Let the office know by sending a note (om@stmartinscp.org) with dates and names. (For birthdays, we only need month and day ... birth year, age, not needed *unless you want to provide it!*) *Please let the office know of any corrections.*

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. Council meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the church library. Contact any member at the following numbers: Mark Richardson (413-0204), Gordie Esser (438-4176), Matt Wildman (798-1882), Kyla Schoenwetter (434-4950), Jenny Niesen (798-2132) or Ron Goplin (798-2518).

Weather Issues / Closings

Church closing information can be found on the church web site (www.stmartinspc.org), by calling the office (798-2777), watching 'ticker' on Channel 3, Madison, or check their website, channel3000.com.

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.

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

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

-- Pastor Jeff: Email: stmlcpastorjeff@gmail.com; Cell: (608) 217-9821

Interim Pastor Contact Information

If you need to contact our Interim Pastor, Jeff Tomberlin, you can call the office (798-2777), call him direct (cell: 608-217-9821) or email him (stmlcpastorjeff@gmail.com).

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Jan 28 - Feb. 3 2018

Sunday, Jan 28

9:00a -- Sunday Worship S

Monday, Jan 29 -- Open Schedule

Tuesday, Jan 30

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

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

Wednesday, Jan 31

6:00p -- Confirmation Class (Mission / Service Project)

7:00p -- Choir Rehearsal ('Choir for Lent') CR

Thursday, Feb. 1 -- Open Schedule

Friday, Feb. 2 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, Feb. 3

8:45a -- Overeaters Anonymous LL

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

Worship Participants - Sunday, Jan. 28, 2018

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Jeffrey Tomberlin

Accompanist -- Sherri Hansen

Song Leader -- Jason Niebuhr

Greeters -- Jenni & Ryan McCulloh
Lector—Reader / Communion Assistant -- Ann Houck
Communion Assistants -- Gordie Esser, Maureen Berghoefer
Ushers -- Dan Trappe, Mary Trappe
Acolytes -- Elli Eisele, Dylan Klock
Counting Team -- Team 4 (Steve & Patty Hillebrand, Deb Wipperfurth)
Altar Guild -- Kim Mahaffey
AV Team -- Bill Windels
Coffee Fellowship — Jeannie Hering-Schumann, Alan & Patty Harper family

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