



Week of Jan. 29 - Feb 4 2017

Annual Meeting — this coming Sunday, January 29th.

The church annual meeting is Sunday, Jan. 29th, following worship service. Pick up your copy of Annual Report in narthex (now available).

Choir Practice

Choir practices begin this Sunday, January 29th! Come and bring a friend!

Volunteers Needed (Homeless Shelter)

St. Martin's will be serving at the Men's Homeless Shelter on **Feb 9**.

Volunteers are needed to make food and to serve the meal. We are in the middle of winter and that usually means that there will be more men using the shelter and so more food is needed, so if you can help with providing one thing that will really help. If you have questions please contact Judy Valasky.

Sign up sheet posted in Narthex along with a recipe for the mail dish.

Join the Missions Team!

Please join us for a Missions Team meeting on Monday, Feb 6th (6:30p) in the church library. You are warmly invited to learn more about continuing Mission ministries for 2017, the process for introducing new ministries and how they are supported. We look forward to receiving your input, taking your questions and presenting a variety of Mission opportunities for your consideration. If you are unable to attend, but would like more information, please contact Maureen (msberghoefer@tds.net or 798-4820). *Please consider being a part of this important team! All are welcome!*

New Audio-Visual System Being Installed

You may notice a new audio (and computer system) in the 'AV booth' at the back of the sanctuary. Please have patience as everything is going through final adjustments (and staff is learning how to use it). This new system provides excellent new features, including ability to record sermons and adjust sound remotely, among others. *Thank you to everyone involved in this project!*

Youth Trip Summer 2017

St. Martin's Youth Group will be traveling to Colorado Springs June 10-18 for this summer's mission trip. This affluent area, home to the US Olympic Committee and the Air Force Academy, is seeing an increase in the number of people in poverty who are without adequate homes, food or hope in this beautiful city. Students will serve this need by remodeling affordable housing apartments, serving in food pantries, and reaching out to the community. All high school students (including incoming freshmen) are welcome. *Deadline for registration is March 15.* Questions? Contact Cheryl Hartung at cherylshartung@gmail.com or ask any smiling, friendly, excited youth!

Adult Forums—Starting Feb 5th

Starting next week, plan on attending adult forums after worship, starting at 10:30am in the library. This will be an Adult Education hour designed to help one another grow in our faith.

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.

Options for Making Direct Deposits to St. Martin's

The most "painless" way is to go through Vanco Payment Solutions. We have forms in the Narthex that you can fill out and turn into our bookkeeper, Lois Weiland. You have the option of selecting how often you wish payments to be withdrawn from either your Checking or Savings account and also the date(s) you wish. Our most popular are Weekly (Monday) and on the 1st and 15th of the month.

If you are already having direct deposit through Vanco Payment Solutions and wish to increase your giving:

- you can fill out the form but you do not need to attach another voided check UNLESS you are changing accounts, OR
- you can simply contact Lois via email – bookkeeping@smartinscp.org and let her know what the change should be, OR
- leave her a note in her mail slot in the workroom next to the office.

Please note that the Pledge Card that you may have filled out is not sufficient enough to make this change. We need some written request.

Other options:

- We have PayPal set up and you do NOT need to have a PayPal account to use this. Go to our website, www.stmartinscp.org; on the Home page, click on the Donate to Church through PayPal. You will be directed to our PayPal account and will have the option of donating using PayPal (if you have a PayPal account) or using a credit card. Whichever you choose the next steps are easy to follow.
 - Another option to work with your bank to set up payments. You have control over when payments are sent; how often and for what amount.
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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).

Boy Scout Troop 87 Pancake Breakfast (4th Annual)

Cross Plains Area Boy Scout Troop 87 is holding a pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, Feb 5th (Super Bowl Sunday) at St Francis Parish Hall.

This event is the Troop's primary fundraising event for the year. Monies raised go toward providing programming for the Scouts for the entire year. Program events this year include Snow Base, Summer Camp, backpack thru the Nicolet Forest, Bicycle Jamboree, merit badges and rank advancements as well as volunteer projects such as Scouting for Food or clearing brush at Festge Park.

Thank you for your support as Boy Scout Troop 87 continues to provide opportunities for the boys in the Cross Plains area to get involved in Scouting. *Please consider making a financial contribution towards our Pancake Breakfast fundraiser!*

WHAT: Boy Scout Troop 87 -- 4th Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

DATE: Sunday, Feb. 5th ('Super Bowl' Sunday)

TIME: 8am - Noon

LOCATION: St. Francis Parish Hall

MENU: All-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage links, scrambled eggs, doughnuts, coffee and choice of milk or orange juice

Admission: Adults \$6, Seniors \$5, Children (5-11) \$3.

Have an opinion about the future of Cross Plains?

Please take a few minutes to complete the Cross Plains Area Chamber Market Analysis Survey.

This is an exciting time for Cross Plains. Many of you may know that The Cross Plains Area Chamber of Commerce, in a joint effort with the Village of Cross Plains, is working on a Market Analysis with the UW Extension.

The market analysis for downtown Cross Plains will provide current and objective information on business development opportunities that could enhance the quality of life in the community. The study focuses on retail and service businesses.

We need your help to guide the community's business retention, expansion, and attraction efforts. The survey(s) will take only a few minutes of your time to complete and your responses on the resident & visitor surveys are anonymous, so feel free to be direct. *If you have already taken the survey(s) THANK YOU!* We would love if you would share with other people who live, work and/or play in the Cross Plains Area.

We have 3 surveys - one for residents, one for business owners (or primary contacts in the CP market), and one for visitors. If you are a **business owner** (or primary contact) and a resident, we would be grateful if you could complete both surveys. **Residents** are not limited to people who live in CP but people who use our resources regularly and live in the area. The **visitor** survey is also being sent to recreational visitors via local organizations including Ice Age Trail Alliance, Black Earth Creek Watershed Association and more.

Please click on the links below to complete the survey(s).

[Business Survey \(Business Owners/Primary Local Representative\)](#)

[Resident Survey \(Use local services and live in the area\)](#)

[Visitor Survey \(Visitor to the area for recreational amenities\)](#)

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 29 - Feb 4, 2017

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Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017

8:00a - Choir Practice

9:00a - Sunday Worship

10:15a - Annual Church Meeting

Monday, Jan 30

11a -- Tom Cape funeral

Tuesday, Jan 31

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

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

Wednesday, Feb 1

6:30p -- Confirmation (Bible Lesson)

Thursday, Feb 2

6:30p -- Worship Planning Team L

Friday, Feb 3 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, Feb 4

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. 29, 2017

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Kirsten Curtis

Accompanist -- Sherri Hansen

Song Leader -- Karen Windels

Special Music — Brian Graedel, Ed Neumueller

Lector / Reader -- Deb Goplin

Communion Assistants -- Bob & Redgy Nelson

Greeters -- Matt & Amy Wildman

Ushers -- Deb Wipperfurth, Alicia Houck

Acolyte -- Cole Ferguson

Counting Team -- Team 1 (Jenny Niesen, Darlene Schulenburg, Gale Kooistra)

Altar Guild -- Darlene Schulenburg

AV Team -- Al Curtis

Coffee / Treats -- Judy Valasky, Karen Seibel

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