



St. Martin's 'Weekly Bread' Jan 3-9 2021

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

Annual Church Meeting & Other Important Dates

Please mark these important dates in your calendar:

Jan 10 -- Copies of annual report to be available.

Copies of the annual report will be sent out by email (PDF format) by January 10. If you receive your Weekly Bread by mail your copy of the annual report will be sent the same way (US Mail).



Jan. 17 -- 'Coffee with Council' A 'Coffee with Council' will be held on Sunday, January 17 after the church service to give people an opportunity to discuss and ask questions about the budget before voting on the 24th. Stay on Zoom after church if you would like to participate.

Jan. 24 -- Annual church meeting The annual church meeting is set for Sunday, January 24th, 2021. The meeting will be held on zoom, starting after the morning church service. (There will be no in-person meeting.)

All meetings on Zoom!

As noted above, all meetings will take place via Zoom, using the same Zoom link for Sunday morning worship. If you cannot access zoom there is also the call-in option.

Zoom Meeting Information:

Meeting ID: 919 1693 6384

Pass-code: 041277

Call in Option:

If you do not have an internet connection, you can still participate by phone. You will not be able to see us, but you will be able to hear and speak! To connect call (312) 626-6799. If busy, try (646)

558-8656. Normal carrier rates for long distance calls will apply. You will be prompted to enter a meeting ID: 919 1693 6384. If asked for a participant ID press the pound key (#) to bypass. You will now be in the worship service!

All In-Person Gatherings Suspended

As you know, **all in-person gatherings are suspended until at least January 15th** at which time council will re-examine the safety of resuming limited in-person activities. If you have questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to Pastor Maggie or any member of council, listed below.

Council Members (all phone area codes are 608):

Greg Valaskey, President, gvalaskey@gmail.com (798-3413)

Ryan McCulloh, VP, rjmculloh@uwalumni.com (712-8530)

Bruce Salvo, Treasurer, bruce.salvo@outlook.com (287-8671)

Bill Windels, Secretary, billwindels@gmail.com (215-5114)

Phil Fish, Member at large, pdfish46@gmail.com (279-3637)

Janet Gray, Member at large, j28gray@yahoo.com (333-3128)

Pastor Maggie Andersen Peterson, pastormaggie@stmartinscp.org (515-8618)

Sunday Worship -- ZOOM!

Although the building is closed, Sunday services will continue via Zoom!

Services open every Sunday morning by 8:45, so feel free to pour yourself a cup of coffee and settle in a bit early to have a chance to catch up with everyone before the service begins. Worship begins at 9. After the worship service, we will leave the meeting open for a while so you can have an online fellowship time!



There are two ways to connect to Zoom worship.

This connection information will NOT be published to Facebook or the church website for security. You are encouraged to share this login information direction with any friends or family who wish to join. The more the merrier!

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1--**Online:** please use this method if you have a stable internet connection as well as a device with a camera and microphone. This can be a tablet, smartphone, or laptop or desktop computer. To connect online, simply follow the link here: [CLICK HERE for Zoom Link](#)

(If you'd like to type the zoom link on your web browser, it is:

<https://zoom.us/j/91916936384?pwd=RGIFVFNSYjNBajM3eDIwSDhDZ0FJdz09>)

You may be asked for a pass-code, if so the code is 041277.

2-- **Phone**: if you do not have an internet connection, you can still participate by phone. You will not be able to see us, but you will be able to hear and speak!

To connect by phone, call +1 (312) 626-6799. If that number is busy, you can try +1 (646) 558-8656. Please be aware that your normal carrier rates for long distance calls will apply. You will be prompted to enter a **meeting ID**, that number is **919 1693 6384**. Next, you may be asked for a participant ID. Simply press # to bypass the participant ID. You will now be in the worship service!

For those who have been unable to attend the live worship services, recordings are available the next day on Facebook and YouTube.



St. Martin's Prayer List

Please pray for:

- Followers of God around the world as they prepare to observe the holiday season and give thanks for Christ's coming in a season of pandemic and unrest.
- A safe, quick, and equitable distribution of coronavirus vaccines, and for the health care workers, researchers, and public health officials overseeing its distribution.
- Elected officials and government workers as they transition into a new administration, that they hear the needs of the poor and underserved and work to bring justice and safety to all.
- Families who are finding ways to celebrate the Christmas season while distanced from one another, and for those who must celebrate alone, that they find joy and comfort.
- The family and friends of those who have passed away, especially Lorene Andersen
- For those who are sick, alone, grieving, or suffering in any way, especially Adrian, Heidi, Bonnie Boyer, Irene Brockmann, Lucille Hoffmann, Arline Schmidt, Darlene Schulenberg, Linda Sebree and Gary Trappe.

Bible Study Has Resumed!

Bible Study has started again. We will be looking at various texts from Old and New Testament as well as a few extrabiblical sources relating to how faith communities have survived in times of physical separation. How has isolation affected the way we think about our religious identities and how have our worship practices evolved based on geography and social connection? Come find out more! As always, all are welcome and no previous reading is required.

[\(Click Here for Zoom Link\)](#)

Meeting ID: 923 4138 0501

Passcode: 214699

Remember to...

It's a New Year! Yeah!!! So, if you changed your Faith Promise for 2021, please remember that you

should make that adjustment; especially, if you do online giving. I can help you if you use the Vanco Services direct deposit (and several of you did that on your Faith Promise card). However, if you use bank drafts or distributions from a retirement account, YOU will be the one who needs to make that change. Please request that your name appear on either the check or the stub.

Are you using Give Plus and have that set up for regular disbursements? If you are and you want to change that amount, once again that's something YOU need to do. It's quite easy to make an edit... go ahead and try it.

So, you're using envelopes. Just remember to use the ones for 2021. Your number may have changed this year due to the decrease in the number of people using envelopes. Having the correct number will help me out immensely.

And if you haven't returned a Faith Promise card, it's not too late!!

Lois Weiland, Bookkeeper (608-220-3123)

Exciting News for Give Plus Users!!!

If you have been using Give Plus, you know that the only option available to you was to donate to the General Fund. Well, we've added two more funds that you can elect to donate to: Mortgage Reduction and Missions. These will show up on the screen and you will simply Click on the + in the upper right-hand corner to make your selection. You are able to make donations to one, two or all three funds in one transaction. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Just a reminder, the Give Plus app is FREE (don't you love that word?). The church is charged a small fee but as a user, you are not charged one. Give it a try!

Lois (608-220-3123)

Happy New Year!!!

2021 HAS to be better than 2020 treated us. There is hope on the way with the new vaccines and maybe, just maybe, life might return to something we call "normal". I know we are all looking forward to the day when we can worship in person. Way back in March, there is no way we ever expected to be out of church this long. So keep the Faith and continue to try to do something for others as well. As always, I have a few suggestions (and you're very welcome to send me your ideas):



- Share the link for our Sunday worship services.
- Make a New Year's Resolution (or two or three) that you really intend to keep!
- Look for the good in others and in difficult situations
- Do a video chat with family and friends.
- Share your love with someone.
- Count your blessings...you have a home, family, friends, food and so much more.
- Make a donation to someone in need or to an organization that can help those in need.
- Be good to yourself. Take care of yourself.

--And above all BELIEVE.

There is HOPE on the horizon. It may take some time for all of us to get the vaccine but there is HOPE. So in the meantime, let's continue to be aware of what we can do to prevent COVID....wash your hands, keep your distance, wear a mask and be smart about who you come in contact with.

Lois Weiland, Stewardship Guru
(608-220-3123 or LoisWeiland@gmail.com)

Keep in touch!

*Do you have a submission for the Weekly Bread? Want to let people know what is going on -- church team, event, something else? **If yes, please submit by 2pm the Wed. before publication for consideration. Thank you!***

Ways to continue Giving

Here are some ways you can continue your support

- Try the old tried and true method -*snail mail!* That's right, mail your check in! (2427 Church St., Cross Plains, 53528)
- Drop off your contribution by using the locked box by the office door. No need to come in contact with anyone and it gets you out of the house for a few minutes. Someone will check this box daily.
- Contact your bank and ask them to help you with online banking. Most banks will send out a check as you direct them to. Most will even pay for the stamp!
- Try Give Plus. Yes, there's an App for that and it's FREE. Easy to use prompts help you get set up easily, quickly. There's no fee to you and a small fee to the church.
- Paypal -- We have PayPal set up on our website. You do not have to have PayPal account of your own.
- Direct Deposit. Many of you already use this method. If you wish to set this up, contact our bookkeeper, Lois Weiland, by calling 608-220-3123.

Questions? Call Lois!

Prayer List - *Would you like something added?*

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please call/email Pastor Maggie (pastormaggie@stmartinscp.org) or the office manager (om@stmartinscp.org). Names will stay on the list for six weeks unless otherwise indicated by the prayer requester. Prayer requesters are responsible for making sure their loved ones are placed and remain on the list. *Thank you for your help in praying for those in need!*

Synod Newsletter '*What Matters*'

Stay connected to synod happenings, news, & events! 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 find out what is happening in the synod!*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

2021

January Anniversaries

19-- Richard & Lois Weiland

January Birthdays

10--Jeannie Hering-Schumann, Jeff Postle

16--Ellie Eisele

18--Bruce Salvo

19--Darlene Schulenberg

20--Tracie Rogers

23--Jim Doyle

26--Eugene Schumann

28--Judy Valaskey, Nate Schreiber

Know of an addition? Correction? Please let the office know (om@stmartinscp.org). Thank you!

Pastoral Care During COVID-19

During this time, all in-person visits are suspended, save for emergency situations. But that doesn't mean that we aren't here to provide support! Pastor Maggie is available for private phone calls or Zoom meetings.

If you would like to make an appointment, please call/text her cell at 608-515-8618 or send her an email at PastorMaggie@stmartinscp.org.

Church Office Hours and Email Addresses

Office hours: Suspended until at least mid-January, 2021

To send inquires, please use these emails:

OFFICE Email: om@stmartinscp.org

Property Management Team (building & grounds maintenance requests / issues):

Property@stmartinscp.org

-- Todd (building manager) can be reached at 444-6765.

Stay Informed! When the church is open, 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).

Church Calendar Wondering about meetings (if happening, when, where), if a room is available (when COVID restrictions are lifted), etc.? *Check the church calendar on the website—* www.stmartinscp.org. Events are updated on a regular basis, as the office is notified. *Have a question?* Send a note to the office (om@stmartinscp.org) or call 798-2777 (email contact is preferred).

Worship Participants

Presiding Pastor -- Pastor Maggie

Musician -- Kristin Warner

Video Team -- Geoff Peterson

Pastor Maggie is available! If you would like to talk to her or make an appointment, please call / text her cell at (608) 515-8618 or send her an email at PastorMaggie@stmartinscp.org.

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