



***Week of Jan. 8-15 2017***

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### **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. *Happy New Year's, everyone!*

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## Please bring non-perishable food items ... FINAL WEEK!

Our confirmation students will be delivering these items on Wed., Jan. 11th, helping out at the food pantry as part of a missions/service project.

Please remember to bring a non-perishable food item to church. These items will be donated to the new food pantry, *Heights Unlimited*. (Look for donation basket in narthex.)

Heights Unlimited is a 'mission outpost' in the community whose primary focus is providing basic necessities for individuals and families in Black Earth, Mazomanie, and the surrounding area while working to bring people to self-sufficiency. Food and clothing distribution, a 'handyman' program, school supply distribution and a self-sustaining ministry are some of the program services provided by Heights Unlimited. (Opening January 14th!)

Looking for information about how to get more involved in some way? Contact Brad Delwiche (608-284-0970), Pam Gattenby (608-469-7241) or Francine Rask (608- 212-5100).

*Thank you!*

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## 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@smartinscp.org](mailto:om@smartinscp.org). A detailed job description can be viewed on our church website at [smartinscp.org](http://smartinscp.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](http://www.stmartinspc.org)), by calling the office (798-2777), watching the news 'ticker' on Channel 3, Madison, or by checking their website, [channel3000.com](http://channel3000.com).

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## The Small Catechism

### ***Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton Encourages Reading the Small Catechism***

In her report to the 2016 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Churchwide Assembly, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton reflected on the ELCA's work over the past three years and lifted up future priorities for the church. Eaton said much of her focus the past three years has been on the "how and why we do this work," reminding the assembly of her four emphases for this church: We are church. We are Lutheran. We are church together. We are church for the sake of the world. "I think it's important when we organize our work together that we understand that we are church first," Eaton said. "And we need to be clear that our lives are formed by Word and Sacrament, that we gather as the beloved children of God around the means of grace, that our lives are in Christ." Emphasizing the Lutheran identity and the distinctive Lutheran voice, Eaton said she hoped the church is beginning to understand that "God is calling us to be a diverse, inclusive, multicultural church." "What does that look like? What does Lutheran look like?" asked Eaton. "We have to be very, very careful that we don't define ourselves by culture or by cuisine. There are more Lutherans of color throughout the world and throughout the Lutheran federation than there are European descent Lutherans," said Eaton. In an effort to focus on theology as that which defines and unifies all Lutherans, Eaton told the assembly she is calling this church to read the small catechism together from now until October 2017.

*(Read the whole article at [elca.org/News-and-Events/785](http://elca.org/News-and-Events/785))*





## 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>

## Mobile Device Catechism



## 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@stmartinssp.org)

*Thank you!*

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## 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; 413-0204 or Ron Goplin; 798-2518.

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## 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](http://www.lutheranservices.org)).

\* Adapted from The Suicide and Information Center online ([www.siec.ca/helpcard.htm](http://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](mailto:om@stmartinscp.org). A job description can be viewed on our web site, [stmartinscp.org](http://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](http://www.stmartinscp.org)).

## Cross Plains Community Blood Drive

Thur, 12 Jan. 2017 (1:00 to 6:00 pm) at St. Francis Fellowship Hall. For an appointment, contact 1-800-733-2767 or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) (use sponsor code 'Cross Plains'). *Walk-ins welcome!*

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## 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](mailto:om@stmartinscp.org)

-- Pastor Kirsten: [PastorKirsten@stmartinscp.org](mailto:PastorKirsten@stmartinscp.org)

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

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

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

### Dec. Jan 8-14, 2017

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#### Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017

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

12:00p - Craft Group FH

#### Monday, Jan 9

6:30p - Berry Hist. Soc. FH

#### Tuesday, Jan 10

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

6:30p - TLC L

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

#### Wednesday, Jan 11

6:30p -- Confirmation (Missions Service Project)

#### Thursday, Jan 12

6:30p - Centering Prayer

Friday, Jan 13 -- Open Schedule

#### Saturday, Jan 14

9:00a - 10a Overeaters Anonymous L

S—Sanctuary; L—Library; B—Building; MR—Music Room; FH—Fellowship Hall; CR—Choir Room; OS—Off Site; N—Nursery; PG—Prayer Garden; GLC—Gunderson Life Center; YR—Youth Room; LL—Lower Level Classroom; K - Kitchen

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### Worship Participants - Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017

Presiding Minister -- Rev. Bob Fisher

Accompanist -- Debbie Miller

Song Leader -- Jason Niebuhr

Special Music -- Mark Richardson

Lector / Reader -- Deb Goplin

Communion Assistants -- Katie Doyle, Maureen Berghoefer

Greeters -- Maureen Berghoefer, Jon Roll

Ushers -- Amy Wildman, Matt Wildman

Acolyte -- Lexi Boehnen

Counting Team -- Team 4 (Steve & Patty Hillebrand, Deb Wipperfurth)

Altar Guild -- Kim Mahaffey

AV Team -- Jeff Postle

Coffee / Treats -- Dana Fuhrman, Joyce & Mark Richardson



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