



St. Martin's 'Weekly Bread' JAN. 12-18, 2020

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

SAVE THE DATE! ANNUAL MEETING!

*The annual church meeting will be on **Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020** (after service).*

LAST CALL!!

Do you have something for the up-coming annual report? If yes, it is time to put it together!

Due date (and time) to submit items is *Monday, Jan. 13th (by noon).*

Please submit items to the office by email (om@stmartinscp.org), MS Word (or text) format, no later than noon on Jan. 13, 2020. *Thank you!*

Budget Informational Meeting

As noted above, St. Martin's annual meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 26 following the 9am worship service.

In preparation for the annual meeting, the preceding Sunday (Jan 19th), the 2020 budget will be available for review and Council members will answer questions about the budget after this service.

If there is a topic you would like to discuss at the annual meeting, it must be submitted by Wednesday, Jan 15th to om@stmartinscp.org in order to be considered for the agenda. Please contact any member of council with questions regarding the annual meeting. *Please plan to attend these important church events!*

January Update from Pastor Maggie

Happy New Year, my dear St. Martin's family! 2019 has been quite a year for us, and 2020 is looking to be just as exciting. I am looking forward to discerning God's next steps for our congregation with you all, listening to where the Holy Spirit is drawing us into our community and sharing Christ's love with our neighbors.

Here are just some of the amazing things you all have done in the last year:

Packed 683 bags (and counting!) of food for children in need in Cross Plains. 247 of those bags were part of our new program to provide food at Glacier Creek Middle School.

* Launched our God's Work Our Hands Sunday for the first time, which included reaching out to provide cheer to our neighbors at Girlies Manor and Milestone Senior Living.

* Sent 10 youth to West Virginia to help build and repair community buildings.

* Hosted public conversations between village leaders and residents regarding flood concerns.

* Opened our doors to 3 anonymous support groups, 2 of which were new this year.

* Celebrated our 140th anniversary!

* Confirmed 6 youth and baptized 2 babies into the body of Christ.

And so, so much more! God has truly blessed us in the last year and I am blessed to be with you as we continue to grow. I pray that you all experience a joyous, safe, and Spirit-filled new year with family and friends.

Peace in Christ, Pastor Maggie

Matching Challenge Update

In November, after the congregation was informed that the church had drawn \$27,000 on the Line of Credit, one of our members issued a Matching Challenge. The family would match up to \$25,000. And so the challenge went out. Can we, the congregation of St. Martin's, raise \$25,000? Not only could we, we did it in St. Martin's overachieving fashion! *The final number raised was \$34,085!!* The Line of Credit has been completely paid off. With the strong Faith Promises that have been made, we are confident that 2020 will be a good financial year. Regular, consistent giving will be the key to our success.



A huge Thank You to the Matching Challenge family and an equally HUGE Thank You to the many generous people of St. Martin's.

Why do we love St. Martin's? It's the people!

Why I Love St. Martin's!

There are a lot of reasons why people love St. Martin's. If you read some of the hearts that were posted on the windows the past several weeks, you know that the main reason is The People. The

People of St. Martin's are kind, loving, funny, generous and many other adjectives, but above all they are Family. Yes, the People of St. Martin's are our church Family. If you hurt, we hurt. If you're happy, then we're happy too.

So when the Stewardship team asking if the congregation could be '10 percenters', we weren't certain that could be achieved. First we wanted 10% more Faith Promises from people who did not submit one last year. Check that off--it happened! Hurrah!!!

Next we asked if each family could become 10 percenters by pledging 10% more than they did last year. Did we make it? YES, we did, in fact, the increase is just over 13% of what was pledged in Faith Promises last year!!

Congratulations! And a huge Thank You to everyone who submitted a Faith Promise. We have Faith that you will be able to attain your Promise. If you did not submit a Faith Promise, it's never too late to do so. Just fill out a card that can be found in the Narthex.

Pastor Maggie & Lois Weiland, the Stewardship Gurus

A New Year, A New YOU!

Are you one of those who makes New Year resolutions? If so, what are those for 2020? For many, it's to get "fit" which usually means going to a health club; and while we have good intentions, that resolution is often forgotten soon after the New Year. How about making a Stewardship resolution this year?

Resolve to:

- Attend church more often
- Give of your time and talents
- Provide financial support to St. Martin's
- Commit yourself to participating in at least one opportunity to further your faith formation
- Talk with your children about ways they can be good stewards

The first three are generally considered when determining who is a member of St. Martin's. How about making Stewardship a regular part of your day? Do something nice for someone; help someone in need; pray and offer support for someone. Then on Sunday, push yourself to head out to St. Martin's. (To offer your financial support we have many options available: direct deposit, 'Give Plus', bank drafts / withdrawals, and the traditional Giving Envelopes.) Which will you choose? Put a note on your refrigerator door as to what your Stewardship resolutions are for 2020. That way you'll see them every day and be more likely to keep them. *We can help each other keep up our Stewardship resolutions!*

2020 Envelopes

'Tis the time to pick up the 2020 Giving Envelopes. (They can be found on a table in the Narthex.) The weekly envelopes are in boxes, monthly in small envelopes.

Thank you! Lois Weiland, Bookkeeper

Prayer List

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!*

Pre-Confirmation Classes Have Started Again

Pre-Confirmation classes (5th & 6th graders) resumed Jan. 8th. Meeting dates moving forward will be Wednesday nights, starting at 6pm. *(Please remember to enter building through lower level doors.)*

Give Plus

As an alternate way of giving, consider using the 'Give Plus' app on your cell phones (can be downloaded through your app store). Once on, do a search for St. Martin's Lutheran Church. Then follow the prompts.

Lower Level Doorbell

As school starts, please remember the lower level doorbell is **only** for use by *Little Red staff and families of Little Red students*. (They don't have staff to answer if you ring.)

All others must enter the church through the upper level door by the office.

Thank you!



Stay up-to-date with 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!*

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

JANUARY 2020

Anniversaries

1/19 Lois & Richard Weiland

Birthdays

1/10 Jeannie Hering-Schumann, Jeff Postle

1/18 Bruce Salvo

1/19 Darlene Schulenberg

1/20 Tracie Rogers

1/23 Jim Doyle

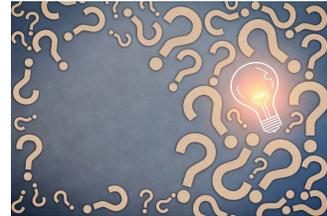
1/26 Eugene Schumann

1/28 Judy Valaskey, Nate schreiber

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

Questions? Comments? Concerns?

There's a box for that! A wooden box has been mounted on the wall along hall from Narthex to office, across from drinking fountains, 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.



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 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 & Email Addresses

Office hours:

Mon: 9 - 2 Tue: 10-2 Wed: 9 - 2 Thur: 10-2 Fri: CLOSED

Please call ahead (to make sure someone is here) if you want to stop by. Todd (building manager) may be in lower level office, especially during the morning, so you can call him (444-6765) if you need access to the building.

-- OFFICE: Ph: (608) 798-2777 Email: om@stmartinscp.org

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

Pastoral Care Contact Information

If you would like to contact Pastor Maggie, she can be reached by phone at the church (608) 798-2777 or cell at 608-515-8618 or by email PastorMaggie@stmartinscp.org.

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020

9:00a -- Sunday Worship

10:30a -- Bible Study - *Book of Ruth* (library)

5:30p -- Narcotics Anonymous (library)

6:00p -- High School Youth Group (lower level)

Monday, Jan. 13

12:00p — Annual Report Information Due

Tues, Jan. 14

6:00p — Church Council (library)

Wed., Jan. 15

6:00p -- Pre-Confirmation Class (lower level)

Thur., Jan. 16

6:30p -- AA Meeting (library)

Friday, Jan. 17 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, Jan. 18

9:15a -- Overeaters Anonymous (lower level)

Have an update? Please send a note to the office (om@stmartinscp.org)

Worship Participants (Jan. 12, 2019)

Presiding Pastor -- Pastor Maggie

Accompanist -- Kristin Warner

Song Leader -- Amy Wildman
Greeters -- Ralph & Darlene Schulenberg
Reader / Communion Assistant -- Lois Weiland
Communion Assistants -- Doris & Phil Fish
Ushers -- Dan & Mary Trappe
Acolyte -- Nolan Esser
Counting Team -- Team 2 (Marci Bartlett, Caleb Wickre)
Altar Guild -- Patty Hillebrand
AV Team -- Bill Windels
Coffee -- Judy Valaskey

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