



St. Martin's 'Weekly Bread' JAN. 5-11, 2020

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

SAVE THE DATE! ANNUAL MEETING!

Mark your calendar -- The annual meeting will be on **Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020** (after the service).

Submitting Items for Annual Report

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

The due date to submit items is *Monday, Jan. 13th (by noon).*

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



Christmas Poinsettias

With apologies, two recognitions were inadvertently left out of the 2019 Christmas Poinsettia acknowledgments.

Penny Dishler -- *In Memory of Ralph Kempainen*

Brian & Kathy Graedel - *In Celebration of Our Family*

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. The weekly ones are in boxes and the monthly ones are in a small envelope.

PLEASE, PLEASE do NOT use them until January 5, 2020. Why??? Because I ordered fewer envelopes this year and many of you will have a new number. Please don't mess with my mind ... it's already as confused as it needs to be. 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 - Start again Jan. 8

Pre-Confirmation classes (5th & 6th graders) resume Jan. 8, 2020. 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

1/01 Tim Kjol

1/02 Redgy Nelson

1/10 Jeannie Hering-Schumann, Jeff Postle

1/18 Bruce Salvo

1/19 Darlene Schulenberg

1/20 Tracie Rogers

1/23 Jim Doyle

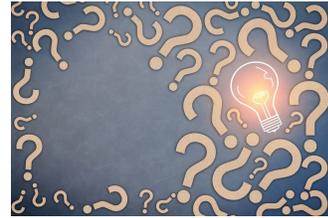
1/26 Eugene Schumann

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 & Additional Email Addresses

Summer 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

OFFICE HOURS (HOLIDAY)

The office will have very limited hours during the New Year's week (Dec. 30—Jan 3). If you need to stop by please call ahead or email: (608) 798-2777 or om@stmartinscp.org. Pastor Maggie is always available — see her contact info, below. *Thank you!*

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@smartinscp.org.

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Sunday, Jan. 5

9:00a -- Sunday Worship

10:00a — Post-Christmas Clean-up

5:30p -- Narcotics Anonymous (library)

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

Monday, Jan. 6 -- Open Schedule

Tues, Jan. 7 -- Open Schedule

Wed., Jan. 8

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

Thur., Jan. 9

6:30p -- AA Meeting (library)

Friday, Jan. 10 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, Jan. 11

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

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

Worship Participants (Jan. 5, 2019)

Presiding Pastor -- Pastor Maggie

Accompanist -- Kristin Warner

Song Leader -- Karen Windels

Greeters -- Amy & Matt Wildman

Reader / Communion Assistant -- Amy Wildman

Communion Assistants -- Lois Weiland, (OPEN)

Ushers -- Jeannie Hering-Schumann, Susan Nelson

Acolyte -- Austin Wildman

Counting Team -- Team 1 (Jenny Niesen, Darlene Schulenberg)

Altar Guild -- Deb Goplin

AV Team -- James Hartung

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