



Weeks of July 10 - 16 2016

Pastor Kirsten surgery update

As you may know, Pastor Kirsten is recovering at home from her most recent surgery. *As always, she cares very deeply about everyone!* (But remember, 'doctor's orders' are for her to focus on recovery, have limited outside contact during this time.) *Please keep her in your prayers!*

FAMILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

St. Martin's Family Vacation Bible School is now scheduled for three evenings -- August 9th, 10th and 11th (Tues, Wed & Thurs.) from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. This switch to an evening time **gives families an opportunity to participate and learn with their child in a fun and meaningful way** that will surely bring everyone closer to God and each other.

The format will look like this:

- * 5:30 to 6:00 PM -- A time to dine and fellowship together (light supper provided)
- * 6:00 to 6:30 PM -- A time for all ages to learn together as a large group.
- * 6:30 to 7:15 PM -- A time for kids and parents to huddle in small groups for an expanded learning time, grouped by child's age/grade mates. This time will include skits, crafts, games, videos, and other fun, hands-on activities.
- * 7:15 to 7:30 PM -- A time for all ages to gather together in song and prayer.

Our planning team needs help in the following ways:

- * Music leaders
- * Small group leaders
- * Large group instructors
- * Middle and High School youth to assist children (if interested, meet right after worship, July 10th)

Planning meeting - Wednesday, July 20th 6:30 PM in the library

Parent and Youth Participant meeting - Monday, July 25th 6:30 PM in the library

Registration for children age 3 through 5th grade begins on July 11th. Just go on the St. Martin's website, or fill out a registration form in the Narthex. Need help with child care for younger ones? Just indicate this on the registration form. Friends and an accompanying parent(s) are also welcome. Questions can be directed to any member of the planning team, Jeannie Hering-Schuman, Kim Johnson, or Karen Windels.

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 before 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!

Kitchen Equipment Missing

The Congregational Care Team has noticed that there are several items missing from St. Martin's kitchen. If you accidentally have taken home an item from the kitchen, please return it to the counter, and we will gladly re-shelve it. It is St. Martin's our policy to not loan out any equipment, dishes, linens, etc., as it is too difficult to track loaned items. We ask that everyone adhere to this policy. Thanks!

Vacation Bible School Needs Your Leadership and Help!

A number of congregation members have asked about VBS this summer for our youngest members. We have held VBS in August, but other models can be considered. A planning meeting is now scheduled for June 30th at 6:30 PM in the church library. If you would like to help plan or participate in VBS this year, please let Karen Windels know of your interest (608-798-5031 or karenwindels@gmail.com).

Our Legacy Fund in 2019

Fast forward to May of 2019... The special outdoor Sunday service has ended and we are milling around the Prayer Garden and talking about the wonderment of God's work in the Legacy Endowment Fund that St. Martin's created only a few short years ago.

The conversation goes like this:

"Wow, isn't it just wonderful how that \$2800 from the interest of the Endowment Fund provided seed money to help start the local Single Parent program. The program helps with child care expenses and offers grants for retraining in jobs. This program is one that gives hope for the future of these parents and children.

Also, that Legacy Fund helped a mission in the country of Chad. The mission started a Christian school that provides funding for teachers and to build their school. Our church joined a group of ELCA churches that created the Chad project, exposing 100's of children to the Gospel and basic education.

Yup, and that fund last year helped purchase quilting supplies, and paid for shipping St. Martin's hand-crafted quilts to earthquake victims in South Korea."

Now back to today when we are just establishing our fund. We ask you to pray and find in your heart the determination to assist in creating the principal needed to fund missions and good works for our future generations. Please consider looking into how you may use your will, cash gift, life insurance, common stock donation, trust designation or how a plan specifically tailored to your situation can be made part of this Endowment Fund. The Legacy Fund Board has made it simple to act, as you only need to meet with the experts at the ELCA Synod office in a confidential, non-binding appointment.

Please note that this Endowment Fund is NOT a part of any other St. Martin Capital Campaign or SHOULD NOT replace any regular offering to St. Martins. The St. Martin Legacy Endowment Fund is a way of leveraging you're planning to spread the Gospel and serves those in needs for generations into the future.

Using a will to fund an endowment

Did you know that everyone has a will? The question is, who wrote the will? If you wrote a will to disperse all of the gifts you have received from God over the years, then hopefully you considered giving part of those assets back to God. If you did not write a will, then upon your death, you take all of those assets God has given you to a judge and say, "Here, God gave me all this, but you decide what happens now." Do you think God would want you or a judge to decide what to do with all that he has given you. Everyone needs to write their own will.

With a good plan you can give back to God leaving a donation that keeps giving long after your death. Although it's something most people don't like to think about, funds from your will can be directed to a specific purpose, such as the St. Martin's Legacy Endowment Fund. One way to use your will to fund an endowment is to use it to create a trust, such as a charitable remainder trust. In the charitable remainder trust, a certain amount of income can be paid to your beneficiary for a specified period of time or circumstance. After that, the remainder of the amount in the trust goes to a charity of your choosing, such as an endowment fund. Another way is to simply include a statement in your will that says: "After all my bills are paid, I want 10% of my estate (a tithe) to go to St. Martins Legacy Endowment Fund."

Because it is important that the will have specific language regarding donation, it is crucial to have someone with expertise help with the preparation. ***For more information regarding this, please contact your own financial planner, attorney or:***

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MOM Volunteer Opportunities

For anyone looking for opportunities to serve in your community, the following are the current volunteer needs at the Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM):

Food Pantry Cleaning Volunteer
Mobile Food Pantry Volunteer
MOM Garden Mentors
Clothing Center Volunteer
Senior Program – Drivers and Volunteers to assist with chores/housekeeping for those 60+

If you are interested in any of these opportunities you can check the MOM website at momhelps.org or call Volunteer Coordinator Joan McGovern at 826-3409. Thank you!

Save the Date!

Special outdoor potluck picnic and Worship Service at the Swanson's to celebrate the beauty of God's creation!

When: Wednesday, July 20th, rain or shine

Where: Lee & Jacqui Swanson are hosting at 'Picnic Hill' on Scheele Rd. (west on Hwy 14 to KP, north about 1/4 mile to Scheele Rd, go left. You will see picnic area from Scheele.)

Time: Arrive anytime after 5:30 PM

What to Bring: A dish to share (meat, drinks, table service provided).

Who: Adults, Kids and Friends!

Transportation: If you need a ride, call Deb Goplin at 798-2518

(Bathroom services provided on site.)

Please sign-up in the Narthex on Sunday so we have a head-count.

Don't miss this! Fun for Everyone!

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. (Or call Deb McCue – 798-3294)

Mission Opportunity: Jail Ministry Liaison

Could your calling be communicator between St Martin's and the prison program of the MALC (Madison Area Lutheran Council)?

You would: 1) Pray for the prison ministry 2) Attend the annual liaison meeting held in fall. 3) Attend annual meeting held in winter 4) Promote events of the ministry in the bulletin and Weekly Bread.

A little of your time would go a long way to bring more awareness to St Martin's of the MALC. Please contact Maureen - msberghoefer@tds.net for more information.

CaringBridge for Bobby Rogers

A CaringBridge Site was created for Bobby Rogers. We will use this online space to share health news, and you can write messages of encouragement in return. Please visit often to keep updated and show your support.

Site Link: www.caringbridge.org/visit/bobbyrogers

Site Name: bobbyrogers

CaringBridge is a nonprofit offering trusted spaces where family and friends can connect and share during any type of health event.

Office Coverage Help Needed

During Pastor Kirsten's recovery time we are looking for help with office and phone coverage on Tue. & Thur (10a–noon). Please contact the office (798-2777 or om@smartinscp.org) or sign up on the sheets in the Narthex. Call ahead if you want to stop by to make sure someone is at the office.

'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@smartinscp.org

-- Pastor Kirsten: PastorKirsten@smartinscp.org

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

Pastor Contact Information

If you need pastoral assistance, please call Pastor Jeff Miller (608-370-9155, or jwdlmiller@outlook.com) or one of our emergency contact pastors: Pastor Rob Nelson (New Heights Lutheran W: 608-767-2247 or C: 608-513-0032) or Pastor Barry Hoerz (Vermont Lutheran W: 608-767-3312 C: 608-370-3100 vermontlutheran.org).

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

JULY 10 - JULY 16th

Sunday, July 10

9:00a -- Sunday Worship (Youth Led)

Monday, July 11

6:30p -- Berry Historical Society FH

Tuesday, July 12

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

6:45p -- Worship Planning Team L

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

Wednesday, July 13 -- Open Schedule

Thursday, July 14

6:30p -- Centering Prayer

Friday, July 15 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, July 16

9:00a -- 10a Overeaters Anonymous LL

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

Worship Participants

JULY 10

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Jack Finney

Accompanist -- Sherri Hansen

Song Leader -- Karen Windels

Greeters -- Ella Rogers, Mike Calvin, Ann Boehnen

Lector / Reader -- Galyn and Henry Hartung

Communion Assistants -- Nicole McCue, Nick Hinz

Children's Message -- Valerie Niesen, Elizabeth Boehnen

Message -- Grace Hartung, Jon Roll, Cheryl Hartung

Ushers -- Mike Calvin, Ann Boehnen

Acolyte -- Ella Rogers, Tyler Duhr

Counting Team -- Team 5 (Brian Graedel, Kevin Boehnen)

Altar Guild -- Deb Wipperfurth

AV Team -- (open)

Coffee & Treats -- Dana Fuhrman, Dorothy Howell

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