



For July 15-21 2018

Call Team Survey

Your input is deeply valued by the Call Team in the search for our next pastor.

The Call Team appreciates your input in identifying top priorities for St. Martin's. *To help, please fill out the following survey (link below) so your voice is heard.*

After clicking on link, print out survey, complete and put in Call Team Box in the Narthex (or fill out a survey that can be found in the Narthex). If you have a scanner you can email your completed survey to St.MartinsCallTeam@gmail.com *Thank you!*

[<< Click Here for Survey >>](#)

Outdoor Worship at Swanson Property

Sunday 7/29 at 10:30AM

Lee and Jacqui Swanson have graciously offered to host our outdoor worship service again this summer at their property just outside of Cross Plains.

Please join us for **worship at 10:30AM on July 29** (Note start time)

Bring a sack lunch to enjoy after the service! Beverages (water and lemonade) and cookies/bars will be provided. There are picnic tables for seating but feel free to bring a lawn chair as well. A bathroom facility is available at the site. Directions to the property can be found on the small tables in the narthex.

In case of bad weather, please check the church voicemail at 798-2777. Rain date is Sunday, August 5.

Invite a friend or neighbor to worship with us in the midst of God's creation!

Financial update

Submitted by Gordie Esser, treasurer

The chart below shows the *total income vs. total expenses* for the first half of 2018

	Income	Expenses
January	\$ 33,061.51	\$ 17,546.47
February	\$ 18,009.73	\$ 21,255.47
March	\$ 15,054.43	\$ 26,318.93
April	\$ 18,375.01	\$ 24,511.94
May	\$ 16,211.25	\$ 21,541.67
June	\$ 15,919.23	\$ 20,225.38
Total	\$116,631.16	\$131,399.86

Our budgeted monthly expenses are \$23,202.00.

Thank you everyone who helped at the office!

To all who volunteered and helped cover at the office while staff was gone, *thank you!* Your help during that time was greatly appreciated!



St. Martin's Original Church

In 1878 Pastor Schenck and 27 families organized St. Martin's Lutheran Church. They met in the school house which was then located just north of the church.

In 1886 the original church was built jointly with the English settlers and each congregation met every other weekend. The bell was installed in 1891.

We were a multi-point parish until 1972, meaning the pastor served other congregations along with St. Martin's. Rev Lange was the first full time pastor.

The last regular service in the original church was held in 1974. Since then there is an annual service in the summer and the church can still be rented for weddings.

In 1986 the church was leased for 99 years to Cross Plains/Berry Historical Society for \$1. It was restored and is used as the Society's museum.

A display about the original church can be found in the narthex. There's also many scrapbooks in the history section of the library that have pictures and information about the original church.

Creating a Re-imagining Church Group

As a member of the Call Team who will be leading the effort of pastoral discernment, I would like to have a discussion with church leaders and concerned people on the future direction for how we do church at St. Martins. Church consultants are floating many ideas out there that are working in growing churches and I will share some of this information for the purpose of generating discussion.

I believe that congregation feedback is important to look at needs and concerns, but when it comes to re-imagining a new way to do church it is a given that church as we have experienced it in the past will likely not work in the future. We need to look at current research for proven ideas that St. Martins can incorporate into what we feel have been successful for us.

I will try to have five or six sessions that will last from about 1 hour to 1.5 hour over the summer months. I realize that not everyone will make all the sessions, but please let me know if you are willing to be a part of this conversation when you are available. I will send out a "doodle" and try to find a meeting date where most people can meet. Let me know within the next 7 days by responding to me directly either in person, or by calling 798-2752 or email at veval@tds.net. If you have questions, then give me a call.

About 10% of churches in this country are healthy and we will look at what they do to have a growth rate over 5% every year. If we can come to an agreement on the direction we want for our church, then we can better discern which pastor candidate can best lead us in this effort. *Thank you!* Van V.

School Backpack Drive

Stop by the Mission Table during June to purchase back to school items for area children from

low-income families. Children from pre-K through high school and college will benefit from your generosity. Last year 1,000 children received back pack support through the MOM program. If you would like to do your own shopping, a list of most needed items is provided at the Mission Table. Extra large backpacks for the high school student are in demand. Donations of gently used athletic apparel and equipment are also being collected for the student athletes.

Thank you everyone!



**St. Luke's
Sommer Fest at
Capital Bier Garten**
7734 Terrace Avenue, Middleton

**Sunday, August 5, 2018
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

Music by the JED'S
Jeff Rohlwing, Ed Boswell, David Huntsman,
and James Waldo

And special appearance by the St. Luke's Praise Band.

Celebrate and support Feed My Lambs!



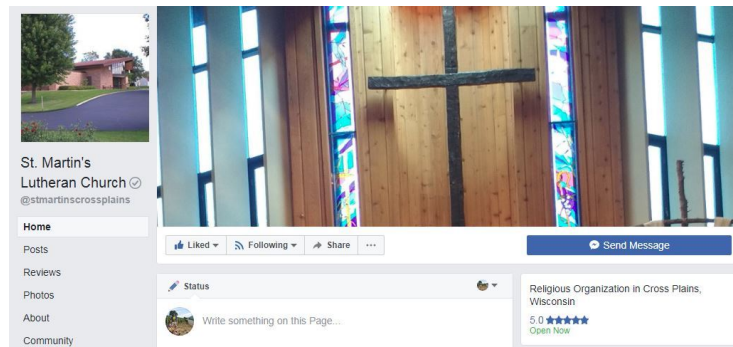
Feed My Lambs
Lutheran World Relief Program for Children in Need

Celebrate and support Weekend Food Program!

Over 150 elementary school children are receiving food bags for the weekend. All free will donations will go to feed our children.

Little Library—Need for Children's books!

The Little Library outside the prayer garden is in need of children's books for summer reading. If you have any to donate please place or contact Gail (Gailjmadwi@gmail.com). *Thank you!*



Have an Event for the Church Facebook Page?

Would you like to have an upcoming event promoted, recap an event with a write-up /photo's on our Facebook page? If yes, please email to Gail at gailjmadwi@gmail.com.

Facebook is an additional way to stay in touch, be viewed by members, visitors and others in the community. !

if you haven't, please 'like' the St. Martin's Facebook page! [CLICK HERE --> St. Martin's FaceBook Page](#) and 'Like' the page.

You can go directly to the church Facebook page by typing (on your browser address line): www.facebook.com/smartinscrossplains



Hwy P (Church St.) Road Work -- Looking Better!

Work is progressing with new paving in front of the church. As has been the case most summer, if the front entrance (Hwy P / Church St.) is not available please use the 'back' parking lot entrance (Martin St.).

Looking for updated project info? Visit the village web page (www.cross-plains.wi.us) or [CLICK HERE](#).

Updates will be posted periodically on the bulletin board by the drinking fountains.

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

JULY

Birthdays

7/1 -- Chase Rogers
7/3 -- Sabrina Bartlett
7/4 -- Roman Blaha
7/6 -- Tami Roll
7/9 -- Jenni McCulloh
7/10 -- Lorren Hoffmann
7/11 -- Joleen Schreiber
7/12 -- Eliana Roenneburg
7/13 -- Linda Knudtson, Tyler Acker
7/15 -- Ann Boehnen, Haley Schreier
7/16 -- Douglas Fowell
7/18 -- Donna Blumer, Mary Kay Knipfer
7/20 -- Arline Schmidt
7/22 -- Ed Neumueller, Pam Acker
7/23 -- Thomas Rhude, Nathan Schreiber
7/24 -- Rebecca Wendt
7/25 -- Casey Klock
7/26 -- Jocelyn Green
7/31 -- Tom Johnson, Dylan Klock

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 out 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

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

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

-- Pastor Jeff: Email: stmlcpastorjeff@gmail.com; Cell: (608) 217-9821

Interim Pastor Contact Information

If you need to contact our Interim Pastor, Jeff Tomberlin, you can call the office (798-2777), call him direct (cell: 608-217-9821) or email him (stmlcpastorjeff@gmail.com).

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

July 15 - 21

Sunday, July 15

9:00a -- Sunday Worship S

Monday, July 16

6:30p -- Church Council L

Tuesday, July 17

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

Wednesday, July 18 -- Open Schedule

Thursday, July 19 -- Open Schedule

Friday, July 20 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, July 21

8:45a -- Overeaters Anonymous L

S—Sanctuary; L—Library; FH—Fellowship Hall

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

Worship Participants

July 15

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Jeffrey Tomberlin

Accompanist – Jan Doyle

Song Leader – Jason Niebuhr

Greeters -- Jeff & Debbie Miller

Lector / Reader Communion Assistant – Lee Swanson

Communion Assistants — Bruce & Sandy Salvo

Ushers -- Jacqui & Lee Swanson

Acolyte -- Gus Wenning

Counting Team -- Team 2 (Marci Bartlett, Donna Blumer)

Altar Guild — Deb Wipperfurth

AV Team – Jeff Postel

Coffee Fellowship – Doris Fish

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