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## St. Martin's 'Weekly Bread' July 19-25 2020

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

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### **NEW! Community Challenge**

#### **#1: Spend time in your front yard!**

Are you struggling with ways to connect with your community during COVID? Safer at home got you feeling a little stuck at home?

Introducing our new Community Challenges! Every other week you will get a new challenge to help get you out and reconnected with our community while still following safe social distancing guidelines.

Your first challenge is an easy one! Spend one hour in your front yard at least two times a week. If you can, try to vary the time of day you go outside so you can notice how the rhythm of your neighborhood shifts over time. If you see anyone passing by, say hello (from at least six feet apart, of course)! Tell them what you are doing and why and encourage others to join you in their own lawns. Pay attention to what you notice. You might be surprised at all the things you didn't know about your neighborhood. Write them down. Say a prayer of thankfulness for everyone and everything you observe.

Finally, be sure to share your experiences on our weekly Facebook post every Thursday! Post a picture if you can! Help us be the church that lives out in the world!

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### **WORSHIP UPDATE**

Worship will continue online only through the month of July. Although we had been hoping to gather for outdoor worship this month, the recent rise in COVID cases in Dane County along with the new order from the health department forbidding outdoor gatherings of over 25 people caused us to take a step back for the safety of our community. Council, Worship Planning Team, and

Pastor Maggie continue to monitor the situation very closely and we will re-examine gathering for worship in some form next month. Until then, we encourage you to continue worshipping with us online.

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## **JULY LETTER FROM PASTOR MAGGIE**

*Greetings to you, my beloved siblings in Christ!*

This month marks one year of ministry together, and what a year it has been! We've worshiped together in new and creative ways, sang and prayed together, studied scripture together, and we've managed to do all this both within the walls of our building and from the sanctuary of our homes. Already, in just one year, we have redefined what it means to be "church" together! Though much of this development was due to circumstances beyond our control, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the effort you have all put into building our community together. You have managed to support each other through joys and sorrows, and you have done so much to proclaim Christ's love in our community even in these unprecedented times. Your ability to adapt to change and use challenges as opportunities for growth is undeniable. Wow. Truly, I am constantly humbled and amazed by you all.

As Paul said in his letter to the Philippi, "I thank my God every time I remember you." Your resiliency and strength give me hope and courage to continue in this ministry together. Our mission to share Christ's love and boldly worship our God has, I confess, felt like an insurmountable challenge at times during this period of social unrest, confusion, and a viral, unseen threat, but you have shown me that together we can do anything and your love reminds me always that God is with us, even in the most violent storm. For out of chaos, God created the world, and God is already creating something new and marvelous here at St. Martin's.

I am so grateful to be here with you, and though we may have had a wild start to the beginning of our journey together, I am so excited for what lies ahead. So here is to many more years of ministry together. Cheers and thank you!

*Peace in Christ to you always,*  
Pr. Maggie

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## **IN-PERSON WORSHIP IS CANCELLED -- PLEASE CONTINUE TO JOIN US FOR ONLINE WORSHIP AT 9 AM. BRING COMMUNION ELEMENTS!**

Greetings, my beloved siblings in Christ! As you may have heard, the Dane County health department issued a new order which restricts, among other things, outdoor gatherings of more than 25 people. This new order is in response to a recent rise in COVID cases in our county which researchers have traced to an increase in social gatherings of non-cohabitating friends and family as well as increased gatherings at bars and restaurants. As such, council and I have made the decision to put our plans to gather for outdoor worship this month on hold.

I firmly believe as Christians that we have a responsibility to serve as an example of how best to care for our community. Right now this means practicing social distancing and ensuring the safety

of the most vulnerable among us. We are blessed to have 2,000 years of knowledge to draw from on how to be a community gathered in Spirit when outside forces prevent us from gathering in body. Now is the time to draw on that knowledge and show the world that we know how to serve our neighbor, love one another, and rejoice in God's goodness loudly and boldly from the safety of our homes.

Council, Worship Planning Team, and I continue to monitor the situation very closely and we will re-examine gathering for worship in some form next month. In addition, we are exploring even more ways to practice fellowship and worship together safely and meaningfully, if remotely. Until then, we encourage you to continue worshiping with us online. Please join us for worship this Sunday at 9 AM as usual and remember to have some elements on hand for Holy Communion @ Home!

In Peace,  
Pastor Maggie

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## Why We Love St. Martin's!!!

Hello to my St. Martin's family. I'm hoping each and everyone of you is staying sane and healthy during this truly crazy time. I miss you.

Each year when we kick off a new stewardship campaign, our goal is to have something stewardship related each month of the year. We've been making some headway and I thought we had plans for April and May; but that was until we received our Stay-At-Home (SAH) orders and then my ideas dried up. Does that sound familiar? Were you like me, the first week of the SAH, you got a lot of work done at home. But then week 2 came around and somehow the To Do List that I had, didn't get much crossed off. In fact, if I'm to be honest with you, I think I just started my Week 3 list after how many weeks??? It was all too easy to say, "I'll do it next week." Sounds like a book that my granddaughters love ... Goose Goofs Off. Not matter what's happening to Goose that day, she says: "I'll do it tomorrow." So now I'm trying to get back into the swing of things.

So much as happened, not just with the COVID-19, but also with the protests. At the risk of sounding like Ellen DeGeneres: Be Kind. Be Kind to the people around you. Maybe they don't look exactly like you but, Be Kind. Maybe people around you don't have the same beliefs ... Be Kind. Talk to them and you might be surprised to find that you do have some things in common... Be Kind. That's it for the month of July. Our stewardship theme is Be Kind. Reach out to others and give them a helping hand when they need it. Be Kind.

For all the reasons that we love St. Martin's – add Being Kind to that list.

Lois Weiland  
Stewardship Chair

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## St. Martin's Emergency Food Pantry (EFP)

### *Help Us Help Them!*

Please refer those in need of emergency pre-packaged food to the contact information posted on

the St. Martin's outdoor sign (798-2777 extension #7).

Volunteers from the Emergency Food Pantry will arrange for food pick up from the church, or make delivery within 24 hours of receiving the call. We will direct families to MOM or Heights Unlimited for long term assistance.

*The St. Martin's EFP is made possible through a generous grant from LUAD.*

ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

EMERGENCY

FOOD  
PANTRY

**Feeding Those In Need One Box at a Time!**



**NEED FOOD NOW? CALL ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH  
AND LEAVE A MESSAGE  
608-798-2777  
AND SOMEONE WILL GET BACK TO YOU WITHIN  
24 HOURS**

**FOR ONGOING NEED CONTACT OUR LOCAL  
PANTRIES:  
MIDDLETON OUTREACH MINISTRIES (MOM),  
MIDDLETON 608-826-3417  
OR  
HEIGHTS UNLIMITED, BLACK EARTH  
608-767-3663**

Contact: St. Martin's Emergency Food Pantry  
Phone: 608-798-2777  
[www.stmartinscp.org](http://www.stmartinscp.org)

**ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH |**

2427 CHURCH ST | CROSS PLAINS, WI 53528

## SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Please join us for weekly online Bible study! Currently our Sunday morning class is studying the Gospel of John, while our Tuesday evening class is studying the Book of Daniel through a racial justice lens. All are welcome to join us in our discussion, so please invite your friends! Until further notice, we will continue to meet online via Zoom. Connection information is below:

--Sundays, 10:30 AM, Zoom link: [Sunday Zoom bible study link](#)

Password "john".

You can also call in at +1 (312) 626 6799, meeting ID # 946 4619 2594.

--Tuesdays, 7:00 PM (no class July 14), Zoom link: [Tuesday Bible study link](#)

Password "daniel".

You can also call in at +1 (312) 626 6799, meeting ID # 996 0228 6175.

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## Prayer List

Please pray for:

- Dane County and other communities who are seeing rising numbers of COVID-19 cases;
- Researchers and public health officials who are tracking outbreaks of virus and keeping our communities safe from disease;
- An end to the COVID-19 global pandemic, especially all medical teams and researchers who are still at work fighting the virus and finding a vaccine;
- Safety for all who celebrate national holidays and Summer weather, especially in their travels;
- Peace and recognition of dignity between the people of Palestine and Israel;
- Those who have passed away, especially Norm Esser and his loved ones;
- Those who are ill, hospitalized, or recovering, especially Linda Benson, Bev Brunner, Melissa Graedel, Elda Meier, Tom Meier, Sara, Doris Fish;
- Those who are home-bound, especially Irene Brockmann, Shirley Coulson, Lucille Hoffmann, Arline Schmidt, and Gary Trappe.

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## Keep in touch, Congregation!

Do you have a submission for the Weekly Bread? Want to let people know what is going on -- church team, event, something else?

**If yes, please submit by 2pm the Wed. before publication for consideration.**

*Thank you!*

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## Youth & Family Ministry ....

Hello St. Martin's families!

I hope you have been staying as safe and healthy as possible during these uncertain times we

continue to face. There are a few announcements that I would like to share.

First off, our high schoolers had a blast on our retreat up north last week in place of our 2020 Next Step Mission trip. The Hartung family graciously offered their cabin for us to use for the week, along with many water activities, boating, and tie dying! We enjoyed afternoon devotions on the pontoon boat and our video series provided by Next Step Ministries for positive discussion. We wish nothing but the best for our outgoing seniors and where God may lead them on their next stage in life, and we hope that they will cherish the memories of St. Martin's Youth Group.

Following that, it is with great sorrow that I notify you that Sugar Creek Bible Camp is officially cancelling all summer programs for 2020. While we partially expected this to happen, the YFM team is in the process of providing something for our youth, so stay tuned about the details in regards to that!

I continue to wish everyone the safest of thoughts, and I pray for strength and good feelings for our members and our community.

God's Peace,  
Lars Haskins  
Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator

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## Weekly Happenings at St. Martin's!

Here is a rundown of what to look forward to in the next few weeks:

**Sunday morning worship live on Facebook (9am).** Videos will be posted on YouTube for later viewing.

**Sunday Bible study (10:30am).**

**Sunday evening Youth Group (7pm) on Zoom** (Contact Lars to join)

**Tuesday Bible study (7pm)**

**Wednesday afternoon Qigong (2pm)** with Sandy Salvo on Zoom. Contact Sandy at [sandy@centered-connections.com](mailto:sandy@centered-connections.com) for more information (and see note, below).

**Wednesday night devotional (7pm)** live on Facebook.

**Every day at 1 PM join us in Spirit for prayer.** *This is not an online event, just take a moment wherever you are, whatever you are doing, to join with the St. Martin's community in prayer.*

***Stay tuned for more updates, new information on upcoming readings!***

*This too shall pass, and when it does we shall celebrate the glory of the resurrection with a renewed understanding of what it means to have new life in Christ who left the tomb. In the meantime, we are still God's people and we still here for each other.*

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**Qigong**

Centered Connections ... for a more compassionate world.

Qigong, with Sandy Salvo, is now on Monday mornings at 9:30 via Zoom.

*All are welcome!*

For more information contact Sandy or check out her website.

[www.centered-connections.com](http://www.centered-connections.com)

[spowers28@gmail.com](mailto:spowers28@gmail.com)

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## Watch live Sunday Worship Services on Facebook!

If you aren't able to make the live worship on Facebook (Sunday mornings, 9am), feel free to watch the videos on YouTube (posted after service) or by following the links on our church website.

**For Facebook:** ([click here for Facebook live link](#))

**Youtube:**(videos posted after live event): ([click here for YouTube](#))

Links are also available on the church website: [Stmartinscp.org](http://Stmartinscp.org) ([Click here](#))

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## Flu Prevention ....

Just in case you haven't heard: Wash your hands frequently ... Use hand sanitizer frequently ... Avoid touching your face ... Sneeze and cough into a tissue or your elbow ... Use a face cover if going out in public ... Avoid crowds and standing near others ... Stay home if you think you might be sick ... When in doubt consult with a healthcare professional.

*As always, if you feel unwell or think you might be contagious, we encourage you to consult with your medical provider and stay home.*

Health Links:

More information can be found on the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) web site: [CDC - COVID-19 Info](#)

or

World Health Organization ('WHO'): [WHO COVID-19 Info Page](#)

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## Ways to continue Giving

*Here are some ways you can continue your support ....*

-- Try the old tried and true method - *snail mail!* That's right, mail your check in! (2427 Church St., Cross Plains, 53528)

-- Drop off your contribution by using the locked box by the office door. No need to come in contact with anyone and it gets you out of the house for a few minutes. Someone will check this box daily.

-- Contact your bank and ask them to help you with online banking. Most banks will send out a

check as you direct them to. Most will even pay for the stamp!

-- Try Give Plus. Yes, there's an App for that and it's FREE. Easy to use prompts help you get set up easily, quickly. There's no fee to you and a small fee to the church.

-- Paypal -- We have PayPal set up on our website. You do not have to have PayPal account of your own.

-- Direct Deposit. Many of you already use this method. If you wish to set this up, contact our bookkeeper, Lois Weiland, by calling 608-220-3123.

*Questions? Call Lois!*

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## Prayer List

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please call/email Pastor Maggie ([pastormaggie@stmartinscp.org](mailto:pastormaggie@stmartinscp.org)) or the office manager ([om@stmartinscp.org](mailto: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!*

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## Dane County Health Order FAQ

Are you looking for more information about 'Dane County Health Order #8' (when and where you should have face-mask on, who should wear, who is exempt, etc.)?

Check out this 'Frequently Asked Questions' link: [Public Health Phase 2 FAQ](#)

If you have additional questions, check out the link to 'Public Health Madison and Dane County' [Public Health Dane County](#)

Want to talk to someone at the health office? They can be reached at 608-266-4821

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## 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](mailto:vickih@scsw-elca.org)) and asked to be added ... *a great way to find out what is happening in the synod!*

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### JULY

#### *Birthdays*

7/20 Arline Schmidt

7/22 Ed Neumueller, Pam Acker  
7/23 Thomas Rhude, Nathan Schreiber  
7/24 Rebecca Wendt  
7/26 Jocelyn Green  
7/29 Amy Wildman  
7/31 Dylan Klock

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

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## Pastoral Care During COVID-19

During this time, all in-person visits are suspended, save for emergency situations. But that doesn't mean that we aren't here to provide support! Pastor Maggie is available for private phone calls or Zoom meetings.

If you would like to make an appointment, please call/text her cell at 608-515-8618 or send her an email at PastorMaggie@stmartinscp.org.

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## Church Office Hours & Email Addresses

*Office hours:*

Please call ahead (to make sure someone is there) if you want to stop by.

**OFFICE Phone:** (608) 798-2777

**OFFICE Email:** om@stmartinscp.org

**Property Management Team** (building & grounds maintenance requests / issues):

Property@stmartinscp.org

-- Todd (building manager) can be reached at 444-6765.

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**Stay Informed!** Monthly Church Council Minutes and Financial Reports can be found in the narthex (on the bulletin board), when the church is open, for your review. Please review, make copies as you would like (but please put the original copies back).

**Church Calendar** Wondering about meetings (if happening, when, where), if a room is available (when COVID restrictions are lifted), etc.? *Check the church calendar on the website—* www.stmartinscp.org. Events are updated on a regular basis, as the office is notified. *Have a question?* Send a note to the office (om@stmartinscp.org) or call 798-2777 (email contact is preferred).

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

*All events are subject to change, especially with COVID-19 Virus restrictions. Calendar is also available on the church web site (www.stmartinscp.org)*

**Sunday, July 19, 2020**

-- 9:00a -- Sunday Worship. Live on Facebook. Check website for links: [www.stmartinscp.org](http://www.stmartinscp.org)

-- 5:30p -- Narcotics Anonymous (library)

**Mon., July 20** -- Open Schedule

**Tues., July 21** -- Open Schedule

**Wed., July 22** -- Open Schedule

**Thur., July 23**

-- 6:30pm -- AA Meeting (library)

**Friday, July 24** -- Open Schedule

**Saturday, July 25** -- Open Schedule

*Have an update? Please send a note to the office ([om@stmartinscp.org](mailto:om@stmartinscp.org))*

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## Worship Participants

**On-Line!** Check church website for links: [www.stmartinscp.org](http://www.stmartinscp.org)

Presiding Pastor -- Pastor Maggie

Video Team -- Geoff Peterson

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**Remember** - *Pastor Maggie is available!* If you would like to talk to her or make an appointment, please call / text her cell at (608) 515-8618 or send her an email at [PastorMaggie@stmartinscp.org](mailto:PastorMaggie@stmartinscp.org).

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