



Week of July 30 - August 5 2017

The gospel reading for this coming Sunday includes six very brief parables about what Matthew calls "the kingdom of heaven." At worship, choose which picture of the mercy of God is most appealing to you, and at the Lord's Supper, take this treasure into yourself.

Choir is on summer break -- Look for practices to resume later in summer, early fall

Rotational Sunday School first work day - TOMORROW!

First Work Day is tomorrow, Wed., July 26th! (6:30pm start) Please join us as we re-decorate classrooms! (See below for more information.)

NO THROUGH TRAFFIC IN PARKING LOT

For safety reasons ('The Little Red Preschool' using lower level rooms, children in area, etc.), please do *NOT* use the parking lot for through traffic. *Thank you!*

THIS SUNDAY - JULY 30th!!

Service at Swanson's ('Swamp Lovers' Nature Preserve')

NOTE START TIME is 10:30am

Worship – Fellowship – Nature!

Lee and Jacqui Swanson have invited us to gather for worship on the hill at the Swamp Lovers'

Nature Preserve **this Sunday, July 30. Worship will begin at 10:30a with lunch to follow.**

There will not be a service at our church building that morning (except in case of inclement weather).

Carpooling sign-ups are available in the Narthex – drivers and riders are needed.

Directions: To get there, take Hwy 14 one-quarter mile west of Cross Plains and turn right onto County Hwy KP. On KP, take the first left turn onto Scheele / Cowling Road and turn right on the first turn to the hill. There is room to park at the top of the hill.

The open-air worship service will be accompanied by guitars, banjo, and violin/fiddle. **A sack lunch will follow; bring your sack lunch and the Swanson's and St. Martin's will provide beverages, dessert and tableware.** There are picnic tables in the pavilion, or you may prefer to bring a lawn chair.

Lee is also offering a 90-minute tour of the property on the "people mover" (which accommodates 30) after lunch, and you can stay the afternoon to look around if you would like to do so. If you want to learn more about the property ahead of time, check out the website, swamploversfoundation.org.

All Are Welcome! Invite you friends and neighbors!

Youth and Family Ministry Team

Rotational Sunday School 2017

First Work Day - Wed., July 26th! (6:30pm start)

Second Work Day - Saturday, Aug. 5th! (9am start)

The Youth and Family Ministry Team, along with feedback from Sunday School families, has decided to pursue a Rotational Sunday School format this year. Here is more information from www.rotation.org about what this new format will look like for us:

"In Workshop Rotation Sunday School, we teach the same Bible story for 4 to 5 weeks in a row to all our elementary students. Each week classes rotate into a new and unique workshop (art, video, game, drama, cooking, computer, etc). However, teachers stay-put in the workshop of their strength, -repeating their lesson each week to a new group, while adapting and improving their lesson during the "rotation." (Learn more at www.rotation.org)

There will be four Sunday School rooms dedicated to the Rotational format, and we have picked the following themes to be used (one theme per room): Kitchen, Movie Room, Story Room, and Arts Room (to include music, drama, and arts/crafts).

In order to get the most out of this program, we will be investing our time and talent into decorating each theme room to really set the tone – and that is where our talented congregation comes in. We have organized two "work days" to equip and decorate each of the theme rooms.

-- **Wed., July 26th at 6:30pm** and

-- **Sat., August 5th at 9:00am.**

Feel free to come to one or both dates for as much time as you are able to give.

The following is a wish list of items we would like to have bringing these themes to life. If you have any of these items lying around your house or know where you can get them and would like to donate them to our Sunday School Program, we would really appreciate it.

- *General*: painting tarps/canvas,tape
- *Movie Room*: Plywood (for stadium seating), black paint, glow in the dark stars, screen, projector, theater seats (approx. 12), old-fashioned popcorn popper, rope light
- *Story Room*: Large area rug, floor pillows, bean bag chairs, gauzy fabric panels for tent effect
- *Arts Room*: Easels, paint palettes, Cardboard, Costumes, hats, curtain and curtain rod, children's instruments, Chalk, markers, paint, brushes

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DAY CAMP

August 7th - 10th (Ages 4yrs - 5th grade)

*Fun, games, arts and crafts! Skits, Bible Time, Songs!
Enthusiastic Sugar Creek Bible Camp Counselors!*

All Are Welcome!

Day camp starts with worship on Sunday, August 6th.

Register Today! (Deadline for registration is now Monday, July 31st) Registration forms can be found in the narthex, or on the church website -- click here: [Church Web Site](#) Or call 798-2777. No fee. Love offering accepted.

Interested in learning more about Sugar Creek? Click here: [Sugar Creek Bible Camp](#)

High School and Middle School Student Help Wanted!

Are you interested in helping at this years Vacation Bible School? We are looking for helpers for the both the younger and older kids, partial or full days. *Some of you may be looking for volunteer hours, required for graduation. This is a great opportunity and your help would be greatly appreciated — and the kids would love it!*

As noted above, VBS will run Aug. 7th – 10th (1st through 5th grades 9am to 3pm, 4 & 5 year-olds from 9am to noon).

For more information contact the VBS coordinator (Karen Windels), the office or Pastor K. *Thank you!*

Madison Mallards Baseball

Are you interested in going to a Madison Mallards' baseball game?

A group will be going on Friday Aug 4th (7:05p)

game).

Please let the office know by Monday, July 24th, of the number interested in going (om@smartinscp.org). *Late additions are possible, but no guarantee on ticket availability or selection.*

Ticket prices / options:

For \$10 you get ticket and a free Mallards Hat.

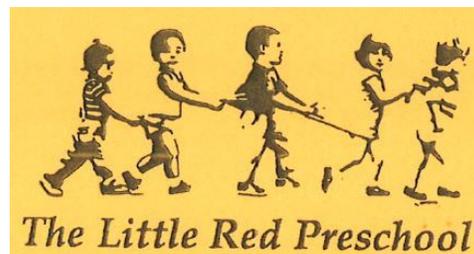
For \$20 you get ticket to reserved picnic table seating under large tents behind the first base side of the main grandstand plus access (starting 90 min before game, up to game time) to the 'Pepsi Tailgate Party' where there is all-you-can-eat ballpark food buffet (burgers, brats, hotdogs) plus all-you-can-drink Pepsi products (or water)!

For \$31 you get access to the 'TDS Triple-play' tailgate party (through the 5th inning), reserved box seats down the third baseline or 10 person picnic tables with large shade umbrellas, also with all-you-can-eat food options and Pepsi products!



Little Red Preschool Open House

You are invited to a Pizza and Ice Cream Social with Little Red Preschool on **Wed., August 2nd, from 6p - 7:30p** in St. Martin's Fellowship Hall.



Come and meet staff and gather information about the 4k and after-school options for the 2017-2018 school year. For more information, call Corena at (608) 831-0033 ext 1 (or cplittered@gmail.com)

Prayer Garden Memorial Brick Opportunity

The Prayer Garden Team is offering another opportunity for additional engraved bricks to be added to the center circle of the garden. If you have been wanting to honor, celebrate or remember a loved one, now is your chance to do so. The installation will take place sometime in late July or early August. If you wish to purchase a half brick and /or full block, please fill out a form located by the Prayer Garden Brick display in the Narthex, and submit it to the office by Monday, July 31st.

Madison Area Jail Ministry Opportunity

St. Martin's and the Missions Team is seeking a volunteer to share information and volunteer opportunities with our congregation. Minimal time is requested. Please contact Maureen (msberghoefer@tds.net) for more information.

Coming this Fall

The Missions Team announces a new community outreach ministry “**Feed The Lambs**” which will supply food to hungry children at Park Elementary on weekends when school resources are not available. Watch the newsletter and bulletin for updates on how you can be involved.



Choir Director Needed

The Worship Planning Team (WPT) is seeking a volunteer choir director for the senior choir. Our excellent director, Debbie Miller, is stepping back from this position soon so she can devote more time to family, friends, and travel.

We're looking for someone to lead rehearsals at 8:00 on Sundays and be present to lead us in our 9:00 Sunday services as well as special occasions (e.g., Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday).

Ideally, this person can join us at WPT meetings (1st Thursday each month), or we can coordinate and plan through other means as needed. We can provide music selection or coordinate with the director in any way that is helpful.

We are a welcoming choir and hope to find a leader who loves music, singing, and praising God as much as we do. We also have some promises of back-up leaders (with advance notice) including Debbie, so the new director will be supported with regard to their schedule.

This could be a rewarding opportunity for any musician (active or retired) or for a music student at the university or high school level. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in directing our choir, please contact any member of the Worship Planning Team: Pastor Kirsten, Debbie or Jeff Miller, Jan Doyle, Sherri Hansen, Karen Windels, Deb Goplin.

Birthday & Anniversary Announcements

Do you (or someone you know) have a birthday coming up? Anniversary? Let the office know by sending a note (om@smartinscp.org) with dates and names. (For birthdays, we only need date ... birth year, age, not needed *unless you want to provide it!*) *Also, please send any corrections that are needed.*

July Birthdays

7/31 Tom Johnson

August Birthdays

Mark Richardson, Donette Zander 08/02

Ron Goplin 08/03

Robert Nelson 08/04

Brenda Hagman 08/08

Tyler Duhr 08/11

Annette Kerl 08/12
Amy Harper 08/13
Felicity Cole 08/16
Gage Ripp 08/18
Savanna Jackson 08/20
Susan Nelson 08/23
John Faber 08/25
Shirley Starczynski, Ralph Schulenberg, Elizabeth Meier 08/29
Karen Wenning 08/31

Council Invites Your Input

Church Council welcomes your participation in the first 15 minutes of each Council meeting (third Monday of month) for the purpose of sharing your ideas and insights. If you are interested in participating in this open forum time, please let one of the Council members know of your interest. Council meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the church library. Contact any member at the following numbers: Pastor Curtis (798-2777), Mark Richardson (413-0204), Gordie Esser (438-4176), Matt Wildman (798-1882), Kyla Schoenwetter (434-4950), Jenny Niesen (798-2132) or Ron Goplin (798-2518).

Agnus Day -- *Look for it next week with a new cartoon!*

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).

Suicide Prevention

Need to talk to someone, or know someone who needs to talk to someone?

Dane County Suicide Crisis Line: (608) 280-2600

National Suicide Prevention Line:

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433)

For Veterans Press 1, En Español Oprime El 2

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

Upcoming Schedule (Also available on the church web site - www.smartinscp.org - and in the Weekly

July 30 - August 5 2017

Sunday, July 30

10:30a -- Worship at the Swanson's

Monday, July 31

7:00p -- Race Equity Group L

Tuesday, August 1

6:30a -- Men's Bible Study L

7:00p -- Boy Scout Troop 87 FH

Wednesday, August 2

6:00-7:30pm -- Little Red Preschool— Pizza & Ice Cream Open House FH

Thursday, August 3 -- Open Schedule

Friday, August 4

7:05p -- Mallards Baseball Game (at the 'Duck Pond')

Saturday, August 5

9:00a -- 'Rotational Sunday School' classroom work-day (2nd of two) LL

9:00a -- 10a Overeaters Anonymous LL

L—Library; FH—Fellowship Hall; S—Sanctuary; YR—Youth Room; LL—Lower Level Classroom

Worship Participants - Sunday, July 30, 2017

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Kirsten Curtis

Special Music -- Ron Goplin, Brian Gradel, Bill Windels, Nancy Kurr

Song Leader -- Karen Windels

Greeters -- Jeannie Hering-Schumann, Greg Hinz

Lector / Reader -- Maureen Berghoefer

Communion Assistants -- Greg Hinz, Casey Pererson

Ushers -- Donna Blumer, Jon Roll

Acolyte -- Gus Wenning

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

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