



St. Martin's 'Weekly Bread' July 5-11 2020

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

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.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY, JULY 5 IS CANCELLED

JOIN US INSTEAD 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 effective this morning 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 a 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

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

Quarantine Brain ... Giving Statements

How are you and your brain holding up during this time? Well, on Wednesday, July 1st, you should have received two emails from St. Martin's with your current Giving Statement.

The problem was that the first one had a subject line of 2019 as did the text, but the actual statement was correct ... Yes, I thought I had everything set up correctly but that was in the Print

tab not the Email tab. Augh!! Quarantine Brain!! So in early evening, I sent out another email with the correct subject line and text information and the same statement. I apologize for filling up your inbox, but if you too have quarantine brain, maybe it's good to know you're not the only one.

If you do not have email or do not have an email address on file, then a copy of your statement was mailed to you. And it has the correct information! If you prefer to receive an email copy, please contact me and let me know your email address.

If you did not receive an email or mailed statement, please contact me as well.

Stay well Stay safe. Wash your hands. Wear a mask. Be kind.

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Congratulations, Pastor Maggie!

Pastor Maggie is celebrating the first anniversary of her Ordination this coming week (July 6th).
Wish her well and congratulations!

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!

St. Martin's Emergency Food Pantry (EFP)

St. Martin's Emergency Food Pantry (EFP) is now open!

Boxes of pre-packaged food are available by leaving a message on the designated church line which is checked daily. All who request a box will receive contact information and be encouraged to register for the MOM or Heights Unlimited food pantries where ongoing support is available.

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

The Missions Team thanks Kathy Graedel, Patty Harper and Maureen Berghoefer for packing Emergency Food Pantry boxes and bags.

Please watch the Weekly Bread for other volunteer opportunities.

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

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Our Sunday morning class is studying the Gospel of John, while our Tuesday evening class is studying the Book of Daniel. 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). ([CLICK here for SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY ZOOM link](#))

Password "john".

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

--Tuesdays (7 PM). ([CLICK here for TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY ZOOM link](#))

Password "daniel".

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

Prayer List

Please pray for:

--Those who promote racial justice, that their voices be heard and their cause amplified without resorting to destructive means of securing justice;

-- Those who have lost their homes or livelihoods due to neighborhood riots, that peace be restored, that blame not be misdirected at those who protest with nonviolence, and that opportunists who seek to diminish the cause of peaceful protestors be suppressed;

--The lives and loved ones of Ahmed Aubrey, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, Tony McDade, and all other people of color who have been killed at the hands of police violence, that their deaths will not be forgotten and that God's justice for them will prevail;

-- All law enforcement agencies, that they be safe as they continue their work of protecting all people, including those marching for justice, that they be guided by love and compassion for those they serve and not use their power to promote violence or prejudice, that they continue to seek ways to protect their communities honorably and peacefully;

--For 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, that lifesaving information not be distorted for political means, and for recent gatherings and reopenings to not give way to a resurgence of outbreaks;

--Those who have passed away, especially Bobby Ragan and his loved ones;

--Those who are ill, hospitalized, or recovering, especially Norm Esser, Brian Graedel, Melissa Graedel, Jeannie Hering-Schumann, Elda Meier, Tom Meier, Bob Windels, Eric and Sara;

--Those who are homebound, especially Irene Brockmann, Shirley Coulson, Lucille Hoffmann, Arline Schmidt, and Gary Trappe.

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 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.

Cross Plains Blood Drive

During this pandemic, the need for blood does not change but the number of donations has been reduced. Donating blood is considered an essential need.

The Cross Plains blood drive will be held on July 9th. The St. Francis Fellowship Hall is a large open room which allows for good social distancing. There will be additional safeguards in place for the safety of the donors, volunteers, and staff.

Details:

Red Cross Blood Drive
St Francis Xavier-Fellowship Hall
2947 Thinnes Street
Thursday, July 9, 2020
Time: 1 pm to 6 pm

Requirements:

- All donors are encouraged to pre-register for an appointment by logging on to the web site: RedCrossBlood.org/ sponsor code Cross Plains, or by calling 800-733-2767
- All donors must wear a mask. If you do not have one, one will be provided.
- All donors will be screened prior to entering into the room
- All donors will be screened for COVID antibodies at no charge

Extra sanitation methods will be used throughout the site, including complete wipe down of the donor beds between donors.

Since school age kids are not in school, older teens may consider donating. They must be at least 17 years old to donate to the general blood supply, or 16 years old with parental / guardian consent, and must be in good health and weigh at least 110 pounds.

Thank you for those that are willing and able to help during these stressful times!

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 ([Click here](#))

Qigong

Qigong ... Gentle movement that will stimulate the immune system and help relieve anxiety during these uncertain times, done standing or seated and requires no equipment or

special skill. All ages can enjoy and benefit!

Sandy has transitioned to different hours for the summer (online and at Marshall Park) with a suggested fee for those who are able.

For more details, she can be reached at sandy@centered-connections.com



Flu Prevention

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 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](#)

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!

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!*

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!*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

JULY

Birthdays

7/1 Chase Rogers
7/3 Sabrina Bartlett
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
7/20 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!

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.

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.

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. *Questions?* Send a note to the office (om@stmartinscp.org) or call 798-2777.

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 5, 2020

-- 9:00a -- Sunday Worship. Live on Facebook. Check website for links: www.stmartinscp.org

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

Mon., July 6 -- Open Schedule

Tues., July 7 -- Open Schedule

Wed., July 8 -- Open Schedule

Thur., July 9

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

Friday, July 10 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, July 11 -- Open Schedule

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

Worship Participants

On-Line! Check church website for links: www.stmartinscp.org

Presiding Pastor -- Pastor Maggie
Video Team -- Geoff Peterson

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.

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