



ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



For week of June 14 to 20. This Sunday, June 14th: Third Sunday after Pentecost

Pianist / Organist needed ...

St. Martin's Lutheran Church is looking for a part time, Pianist/ Organist, for 2 Sundays a month.

A complete job description can be found on the church web site (www.stmartinscp.org).

If interested, please, send a letter of interest and a resume to 2427 Church Street, Cross Plains, WI or by email at om@stmartinscp.org. Or talk to one of the members of the personnel committee: Pastor Curtis, Debbie McCue, Jeff Postel, Doris Fish, Mark Blaha or Kyla Schoenwetter.

Bread Making class ...

First Communion class, followed by bread making, was held on Saturday, April 23rd. Fun was had by all!

Pictured are (back, L to R) Redgy Nelson, Angle Volkema, Jaquelin Volkema and Deb Goplin. Front (L to R) are Oliver Wenning, Nolan Esser, Tyler Duhr and Kate Wenning.



'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.

Church Picnic - June 24th

Mark your calenders and please join us for an outdoor picnic / potluck, games and fellowship!

When? June 24th (Wednesday)

Where? At the church

Time? 6pm

See you there!



Pastor's post ...

Sometimes we neglect the responsibility of sharing God's love first and foremost in our day-to-day lives, especially when encountering those who are not familiar with the Gospel message. Sometimes we Christians lose sight of how others perceive us. When someone does not know about God, his son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, it's essential that they receive the Christian greeting of love and acceptance in hopes that through the love of God, the Holy Spirit will enter their hearts and minds. As they hear the Word of God, they will be enabled to accept the knowledge that Christ's life, death, and resurrection reconciled us sinners with God, making things right between God and us, allowing all who believe to receive salvation through Christ's death on the cross.

It is the responsibility of the members of the church to share with those newly associated with Christ that we Christians are responsible not only to God but to one another. As the founding father of our faith Martin Luther expressed so succinctly, "Let us, therefore, act with fear and humility, cast ourselves at one another's feet, join hands with each other, and help one another. I will do my part, which is no more than my duty, for I love you even as I love my own soul." Part of this process must employ the use of the Bible to advance God's will in our world, sharing with those new to the faith community the living Word of God. Christ's teachings refer to remembering the poor, (2 Corinthians 8:9), seeing the needs of those around us first. Luke 3:11 – "And he answered them, 'He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise.'" Also, in Luke 6: 20b-21 – "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you that hunger, for you shall be satisfied." Over and over again, the living Word of God tells us to look to those around us and not to ourselves, sharing with them what God has first given us. How one conducts oneself is key to reaching out to those who are culturally different than oneself when ministering to those in our midst.

We Christians must band together and promote a multicultural respect for one another. I agree with the ELCA social statement "Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture" (<http://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements/Race-Ethnicity-and-Culture>) in stating, "We of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America too often react fearfully or grudgingly to the diversity of cultures. We are to delight in the fact that the people called, gathered, and enlightened have such diversity. We are, as a multicultural church, to minister in a diverse but divided society." Accepting, validating, and respecting those one encounters allows one to share God's love with them, loving our neighbors as ourselves. (Luke 10:27) Welcoming the mystery of God at work in our hearts and minds through our encounters with those who are culturally and/or religiously different will ensure that God's reign will indeed come.

Peace,
Pastor Kirsten

Steward update ...

Unfortunately, Steward has still not found his ship. We are excited to announce that he will be here this Sunday, though, to give us an update of his ongoing adventure. Steward did share that he continues to find examples of “Stewardship” in his search for his ship. Recalling what was shared with him about the History of Stewardship in the church, Steward’s mind has been opened to seeing God at work in the world through those he encounters.

Steward thought it would be good to remind all of us at St. Martin’s the reflections on the History of Stewardship that were shared with him and the rest of the congregation last time he visited. In reading about Stewardship:

- We learn that we are not masters living in a world that we own and control, but we rather are stewards of what has been entrusted to us.
- Christian stewardship is rooted in God’s gift of Jesus Christ to us, and we are entrusted with sharing this gift.
- Through God’s grace, we freely receive God’s gifts and have permission to use these gifts.
- Stewardship has to do with every aspect of living out personal faith, including creation, lifestyle, gifts, finances and callings/vocation.
- Churches are increasingly dependent on lay members to assume their rightful place of servant leadership, using their gifts to participate in God’s work in the world today.

Yes, Steward, these are good reminders for all of us. So ... will Steward’s ship be found?!? Will Steward ever be reunited with his ship? You know – will he fully understand “Steward – ship”? Stay tuned

Super Summer Events at St. Martin’s

Summer is often a more relaxed time to connect with friends and have some extra fun as well. **St. Martin’s Worship Planning Team has lined up some spirited events that guarantee to provide inspiration and fellowship for all ages.** Invite your friends too!

Surprise Sundays

June 21 – Blend with the Best (worship, malts, mix-it-up with others)

July 5 – Sundae Sunday (worship at the old White Church, make an ice cream sundae)

July 19th – Bike-to-Church Sunday (worship, get some “gorp”, gab with others)

August 2th – Youth in Mission Sunday (Youth share mission trip experiences)

August 9th –Soul Purpose Sunday (Brian and Ed lead worship with Paula Elver joining)

August 16th – Sunday Buzz (worship, skit, kick off ELCA Malaria Campaign, “mosquito” treats)

Wonderful Wednesdays

June 24 – Annual Church Picnic (outdoor potluck, games, fellowship)

July 22 – Spoke Folk Concert (potluck, be entertained by ‘Spoke Folk’, learn bike safety)

August 19th – Gather Round the Campfire (S’mores, storytelling, sing-a-long)

Renew your faith, enjoy fellowship with others – summer is here!

Church Office Hours

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

Ph: 608-798-2777 Email: om@stmartinscp.org

Church Calendar for June 14 - June 20

Sunday, June 14

9:00a - Sunday Worship S

10:15a - 12:00p -- Youth Mission Trip Planning L

7:00 pm -- Sr High Youth group

Monday, June 15

Open Schedule

Tuesday, June 16

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

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

Wednesday, June 17

Open Schedule

Thursday, June 18

Open Schedule

Friday, June 19

Open Schedule

Saturday, June 20

9:00 - 11 am Overeaters Anonymous LL

Additional dates (and events) to keep in mind:

June 21 - Send off for Youth Mission Trip

July 5 - Church Service at White Church

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

Worship Participants for June 14th

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Kirsten Curtis
Accompanist -- Jan Doyle
Song Leader -- Karen Windels
Greeters -- Bob and Redgy Nelson
Lector -- Tom Smiley
Communion Assistants -- Kim Johnson, Steve Schunk
Ushers -- Jim and Linda Knudtson
Acolyte -- Joelle Jackson
Nursery -- Valerie Niesen
Counting Team -- Team 4
Altar Guild -- Debbie Wipperfurth
AV Team -- Jason Niebuhr
Coffee & Treats -- Kathleen Nussbaum, Karen Windels, Lois Weiland

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