



---

## St. Martin's 'Weekly Bread' June 14-27 2020

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

---

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be NO Weekly Bread next week (staff gone).

---

## REOPENING PLANS

Last Sunday, council held an online meeting with the congregation to discuss our plans for resuming in-person worship. We have decided not to reopen our sanctuary until the county health department has determined that we are in Phase Two of the Forward Dane plan. You can learn more about the Forward Dane plan ([CLICK HERE for Forward Dane Plan](#)) (<https://publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus/forward-dane>).

Furthermore, regardless of when we move into Phase Two, we will not be reopening until July 5th at the earliest to give our worship team ample time to prepare. Both of these criteria, moving into Phase Two and no earlier than July 5th, must be met before we will resume in-person worship.

When we are able to return to worshipping in person, we will be implementing additional preventative measures. We will be holding multiple services to limit the number of people gathered, all worshipers will be required to wear masks, the pews will be marked to indicate safe distancing, we will not have any congregational singing, we will not be using physical contact or passing the offering plate, and there will be no fellowship time before or after the service. These measures are in accordance with the suggestions from the Wisconsin Council of Churches and the ELCA.

Pastor Maggie and the rest of council recognize that these measures may seem uncomfortable or even disconcerting, and we lament with you that this measures are now necessary. However, we also believe that this is what we must do to protect our community and worship in a way that will keep all of us safe. Perhaps out of this adaptive challenge we might even learn something new!

We will continue to keep you informed as decisions are made about reopening for worship. In the

meantime, please contact Pastor Maggie at [pastormaggie@stmartinscp.org](mailto:pastormaggie@stmartinscp.org) or 608-515-8618 with questions or concerns.

---

## JUNE LETTER FROM PASTOR MAGGIE

My dear beloved siblings in Christ,

My heart is aching. I know many of you feel the same. It seems lately every day I wake up to a new tragedy, each more horrifying than the last. That we have to face these challenges alone in our separate homes makes it all the more difficult to endure right now. My prayers are filled with lament.

However, as extraordinary as these circumstances may seem to us right now, we must remember that many of our neighbors have lived their whole lives in a similar state of fear and pain. What might feel to us to be surreal and previously unimaginable, has long been the everyday reality for people of color. Our Black siblings in America have been grieving for years. They have carried generations of suffering and injustice inflicted on them by our systems of government, law enforcement, education, commerce, healthcare and, yes, even our churches. For those of you like me who were born into privilege, born with the so-called “right” color of skin that makes us seem trustworthy, safe, kind, and educated in a way that our black siblings will never experience, we have inherited internalized prejudice which has allowed us to remain blissfully ignorant of the struggles people of color have to endure just to survive. We cannot afford to live in ignorance anymore. To continue to be silent about the reality of racism is a sin.

God created us to live in harmony with each other and with creation. God wants us to love all our siblings, just as God loves all life. But far too often, our selfishness and need for validation get in the way of seeing strangers the way God sees us. This is the heart of the gospel message, to care for each person as if they were the most beloved. All lives matter to God, but until we learn to see the most undeserved in our community as truly beloved, learn that Black Lives Matter, we will never achieve a reality where all lives matter to humans. Just as Jesus told his disciples that the loving shepherd must go out of his way to protect the one endangered sheep, we too must put aside our own reservations to ensure the safety of the most endangered among us.

I pray that out of this time of communal lament, we can grow in our compassion for one another. Perhaps we can use this time of uncertainty to find a way to take action in a meaningful way to strengthen the causes of our neighbors. We are now in a position where we have little else to do but listen and learn from those who live around us. At St. Martin’s we have a real gift for reaching out to serve our local community, but now is the time to recognize the struggles taking place in our larger community and the ways that we too are a part of larger unjust system, even if the immediate effects of racism aren’t readily apparent in our village streets. Now is the time to be still and pay attention. Hear what we didn’t hear before, see what we didn’t see before. Now is the time to consider how we ourselves have benefited from systemic racism and how we have been complicit in allowing those systems to continue. As our world gradually begins to reopen, and the longstanding brokenness of our world continues to become more apparent, perhaps we can use this as an opportunity to build something new together.

As always, I thank you for your constant support and prayers. Your faith keeps me strong and I rejoice daily that we are church together.

Peace in Christ,

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

St. Martin's Emergency Food Pantry (EFP) will open in early July. Boxes of pre-packaged food will be available to anyone leaving a message on the designated church line which will be checked daily and arrangements made for pick up or delivery within the Cross Plains area. 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 is currently seeking a limited number of families to pack the first 50 boxes, please contact Maureen at 608 788-4820 (msberghoefer@tds.net) to lend a hand. Thank you, everyone!!

---

## Bread & Wine

*What does Communion look like at your home?*

(Photo credit - Bill Windels)



---

## SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Bible study is resuming this week! Beginning this weekend, our Sunday morning class will be studying the Gospel of John, while our Tuesday evening class will be 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](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.*

---

## Some Youth & Family Ministry Reminders ....

*Next Step Ministry is offering a potential local mission opportunity for high school-aged youth groups. The details of this proposal will be clarified soon. Please contact me via email if there are any questions involving this.*

During these times of uncertainty remember that the power of connection and prayer is still very strong during all of this!

*A couple of on-going reminders*

-- Sugar Creek notified congregations that their summer camp season will now be shortened and will begin on Sunday, July 12th. Our YFM team had agreed on two possible weeks for our St. Martin's youth to attend, and both of them would still be available, being the weeks of July 19th-24th & August 2nd-7th. *If you are still interested, please be sure to visit their website and sign up. Have them bring a friend!*

-- High schoolers have been meeting weekly on Sunday evenings for Zoom sessions which have included general conversation, game nights, and devotional conversations. We are currently working to see if there are any local mission opportunities that our students can participate in.

I want to wish everyone the safest wishes, and know that each of you are called by name, and that you are His, even during times of chaos.

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

---

## Keep in touch with 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 Wednesday before publication for consideration. We are trying to keep everyone informed but need updates to do that! Thank you!**

---

## 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)

---



## Qigong

Sandy will be transitioning to different hours for the summer, online and at Marshall Park, with a suggested fee for those who are able.

Sandy is certified through the Institute of Integral Qigong and Tai Chi and teaching Qigong and Tai Chi Easy classes and workshops. For more details, she can be reached at

[sandy@centered-connections.com](mailto:sandy@centered-connections.com)

*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!*

---

## Flu Prevention ....

You have heard this before, but ... 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

### JUNE

#### *Anniversaries*

6/14 Ian & Mindy Eisele  
6/21 Pastor Maggie & Geoff  
6/23 Alan & Patty Harper  
6/24 Phil & Doris Fish

#### *Birthdays*

6/14 Kathleen Graedel  
6/17 Lisa Voss, Hilary Kirikov  
6/18 Remington Lockwood  
6/19 Jason Klock  
6/20 Jaelyn Green  
6/21 Nicole McCue  
6/24 Joan Goldben  
6/25 Ben Calvin, Derek Calvin, Lauren Calvin  
6/27 Veronica Kurr  
6/28 Cole 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](mailto: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](mailto:om@stmartinscp.org)

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

[Property@stmartinscp.org](mailto: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](http://www.stmartinscp.org). Events are updated on a regular basis. *Questions?* Send a note to the office ([om@stmartinscp.org](mailto: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](http://www.stmartinscp.org))*

**Sunday, June 14, 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., June 15** -- Open Schedule

**Tues., June 16** -- Open Schedule

**Wed., June 17** -- Open Schedule

**Thur., June 18**

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

**Friday, June 19** -- Open Schedule

**Saturday, June 20**

-- 9:15a -- Overeaters Anonymous (lower level)

**Sunday, June 21, 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., June 22** -- Open Schedule

**Tues., June 23** -- Open Schedule

**Wed., June 24** -- Open Schedule

**Thur., June 25**

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

**Friday, June 26** -- Open Schedule

**Saturday, June 27**

-- 9:15a -- Overeaters Anonymous (lower level)

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

---

## Worship Participants

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

---

©2020 St. Martin's Lutheran Church | 2427 CHURCH ST., CROSS PLAINS, WI 53528

[Web Version](#)

[Preferences](#)

[Forward](#)

[Unsubscribe](#)

Powered by [Mad Mimi®](#)

A GoDaddy® company