



## ***Week of June 25 - July 1 2017***

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In the gospel reading for this coming Sunday, Jesus says several surprising things: that he has come to bring, not peace, but a sword; and that followers must love him more than they love their own family members. Come to worship to meditate on what these sayings might mean, and at the table, be strengthened to live the surprising life of the Christian.

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

### ***Reminder - June 25th Worship at Old White Church!***

This coming Sunday's worship will be at the 'Old White Church'! Same time, different location!  
***Stay afterwards for ice cream social!***

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### **Pastoral contact when Pastor Kirsten on vacation**

Pastor Kirsten will be on vacation July 1—July 15. If you have a pastoral emergency during that time, please contact pastor Ted Lindquist (West Middleton Lutheran Church) at 608-215-0754.

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### **Youth Mission Trip ... Home Again!**

The Youth Group returned from their trip to Colorado on Sunday, June 18th (after much driving!) with many wonderful experiences! Welcome back, everyone!

Members on trip included Elizabeth Boehnen, Galyn Hartung, Grace Hartung, Henry Hartung, Lexi Hillebrand, Nick Hinz, Nicole McCue, Valerie Niesen, Ella Rogers and Jon Roll along with chaperones Ann Boehnen, Cheryl Hartung and Shawn McCue.



## **Next Habitat Build - Sat., July 8th**

The next St. Martin's Habitat For Humanity Build is scheduled for Saturday, July 8 in Fitchburg (the same site as our first Build). We currently have 5 slots available. Please contact Maureen ([msberghoefer@tds.net](mailto:msberghoefer@tds.net)) if you can fill one and further details will be provided. *You are welcomed and encouraged to invite family, friends and neighbors to join.*

## **Jail Ministry Thank you!**

Thanks to everyone who contributed financially or purchased items for the recent Madison Area Jail Ministry. Pastor Christa, chaplain for the jail ministry, preached at St. Martin's that Sunday and held a well attended informational forum following service.

## **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](mailto:msberghoefer@tds.net)) for more information.

## **'Jazz for The Jail' (July 15th)**

'Jazz For The Jail' (to benefit the Madison Area Jail Ministry) will be held on Saturday, July 15 at *Good Shepherd Lutheran* from 6 - 8:30. Free will offering. More information and a sign up sheet is available at the Missions Table. We will arrange carpooling if interested. *Good fellowship for a good cause!*

# Vacation Bible School Day Camp

Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> ~ Ages 4 yrs.-5<sup>th</sup> gr.

Info & to register: [www.stmartinscp.org](http://www.stmartinscp.org)

(or call 798-2777)



Fun Games, Arts & 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 Sunday, July 23rd.) Registration forms can be found in the narthex, or on the church website -- click here: [Church Web Site](#)

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!*

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## **Save the date -- Worship at the Swanson's**

Mark your calendars. On **Sunday, July 30th**, worship will be at the Swanson's (**start time 10:30am**), **with a potluck to follow**.

*Stay tuned for more information!*

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## Youth and Family Ministry Team

### *Rotational Sunday School 2017*

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](http://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](http://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. Those dates will be **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



### **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.

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## 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](mailto: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.*

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries (upcoming or just past)**

#### **June Birthdays**

24th - Joann Goldben

#### **June Anniversaries**

23rd - Alan & Patty Harper (26th)

24th - Phil and Doris Fish (50th) - Happy 50th, Phil & Doris!

#### **July Birthdays** (Have an addition? Let the office know!)

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

7/18 Donna Blumer

7/20 Arline Schmidt, Sloane Hanson

7/22 Ed Neumueller, Pam Acker

7/23 Thomas Rhude, Nathan Schreiber

7/24 Rebecca Wendt

7/26 Jocelyn Green

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## Church Council Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2017

Those invited: Members-at-large – Ron Goplin and Jenny Niesen, Secretary- Kyla Schoenwetter, Vice President – Matt Wildman, Treasurer- Gordie Esser, Pastor Kirsten, and President- Mark Richardson

1. Call to Order: 6:35pm

2. Devotion: Mark lead devotion this month, which focused on “God’s Breath”, and how God can breathe life into us and how at the time of death we talk about the last breath. We need to remember that God is with us with every breath.

3. New Business

a. Consent Agenda: Approved

i. Pastor’s Report

ii. Treasures Report

iii. Mission Team Report

b. Secretary’s report was not part of the consent agenda this month: Approved as written.

4. Old Business:

a. Personnel:

b. Youth and Family Missions Status: The position is still open, may have a different option to explore (see section 5).

c. Pastoral Sabbatical: Jenny will contact Pastor Jenny and Pastor Rob to have them come to have an open forum and explain the purpose of the pastoral sabbatical. Pastor will connect with a colleague who will be taking a sabbatical and ask that she do a quick video about why the sabbatical is important and what it meant to her. Jenny would do a write up for the weekly bread and council would put notices in the bulletin to give people notice of when the forums will be. Council decided that September would be a good month to hold the open forum.

d. Treasurer’s Role VS Lois Role: Gordie and Lois have talked about the possibility of looking at a different database instead of Church Windows for accounting and event recording because the learning curve for that program is very large. Pastor will ask other colleagues what software they are using for recording different events and accounting purposes.

e. Website Update: Mark and Chuck met to look at different templates to update the Church Website. Chuck is planning on sending Mark an example of a new website using different templates. Council would like a new website to be live by June, 1st.

5. New Business:

a. Fundraiser Request: No new requests

b. Timeline for Teams to submit suggestions for Continuing Resolutions Revisions: Council has set a date of August 1st, for teams to present their comments and suggestions for changes to the Council for review before the end of the year.

c. Possibility of a MDiv Collaborative Learner from Wartburg Theological Seminary: This is a program by Wartburg that allows students to complete their 4 year education online with two 1 week long visits on campus to meet with others going for their Master’s in Divinity. The student would be employed half time by a congregation for the 4 years while attending school online full time. Pastor called Wartburg seminary to find out more information regarding this program. Council felt strongly that this was a good idea. The plan would be for Mark as president to call for a special meeting to get a Quorum together after church to discuss allocating monies from different staff positions to cover this position. The plan would be to put an announcement out the next 2 Sundays and Call a Special Meeting for June 4th.

d. Missions-food ministry (Feed the Lambs) at Park School: Our Endowment grant was approved to us \$2,500 to work with the school and food pantry to provide students and families struggling to provide food for families. Every Friday up to 15 students would be provided with food to bring

home for the weekend and the student would return the bag every Monday to allow the bag to be refilled for the next weekend.

e. Discussion on after school program: Pastor was approached to see if the Church would be willing to be a site for an after school program. Jenny will talk with Virginia Diebold and invite her to the next council meeting to get more information about what her idea is for the program. Would the Church be the site and KidSafe would be responsible for the liability and insurance? Council would like to get more information about this opportunity.

f. Mission Statement: "Know, Grow, Go" Could we create a logo using this statement on the new website? Will continue to discuss in future meetings.

g. Appreciations:

i. Got a thank you from the Schultz's and Nacho for the gift card.

ii. Council sent thank you notes to the different members on the Building and Grounds Team for their hard work and extra time put in to meet the needs of the church before hiring Todd as the Building and Grounds Technician. Also sent a thank you to Todd, for his great work and dedication as the new Grounds Technician.

h. Property management team: The roof is done. Building and grounds are currently working on gathering bids for the lower lot.

i. Announcements: none

j. Other:

i. Jenny filled the Council in about how Kyla and Amanda talked to the youth group about attending the National Youth Gathering. 3 youth are interested in attending the National Youth Gathering.

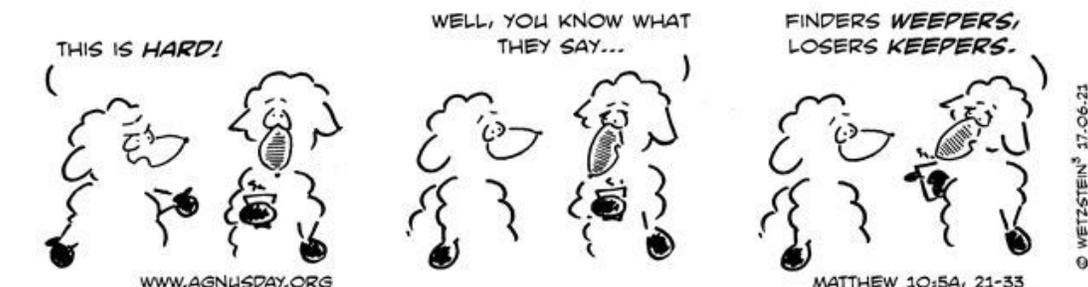
6. Prayer/Adjourn: Meeting ended @ 8:55

Next Meeting: June 19th Devotions: Jenny Snacks: Gordie

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## 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).



## Stayed 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).

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## 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)

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## 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](mailto:om@smartinscp.org)

-- Pastor Kirsten: [PastorKirsten@smartinscp.org](mailto:PastorKirsten@smartinscp.org)

-- Church Property Management Team (building & grounds maintenance requests / issues):  
[Property@smartinscp.org](mailto:Property@smartinscp.org)

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

Upcoming Schedule (Also available on the church web site - [www.smartinscp.org](http://www.smartinscp.org) - and in the Weekly

### June 25 - July 1, 2017

#### **Sunday, June 25 (at Old White Church)**

9:00a -- Sunday Worship

10:15 — Ice Cream Social

#### **Monday, June 26 -- Open Schedule**

#### **Tuesday, June 27**

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

6:30p - TLC L

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

#### **Wednesday, June 28**

6:30p -- Race Equity Meeting L

**Thursday, June 29**

6:00p -- VBS Planning Meeting L

**Friday, June 30** -- Open Schedule

**Saturday, July 1**

9:00a -- 10a Overeaters Anonymous LL

**PLEASE NOTE:** Church will be closed Monday July 3 and Tuesday, July 4th.

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

**Old White Church Address** - 2120 Brewery Rd, Cross Plains

## **Worship Participants - Sunday, June 25, 2017**

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Kirsten Curtis

Song Leaders -- Jason Niebuhr, Karen Windels

Musicians -- Ron Goplin, Mark Richardson, Ed Neumueller, Brian Graedel

Greeters -- Darlene & Ralph Schulenberg

Lector / Reader -- Jenny Niesen

Communion Assistants -- Bob & Redgy Nelson

Ushers -- Kay Meier, Susan Nelson

Acolyte -- Cole Ferguson

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

Altar Guild -- Darlene Schulenberg

AV Team -- Bill Windels

Coffee/Treats -- Bev Brunner, Jeannie Hering-Schumann, Bob & Redgy Nelson

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