



# ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



For the week of June 28 - July 4. This Sunday, June 28th:  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

**Special letter from Bishop Eaton ...**



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

June 18, 2015

It has been a long season of disquiet in our country. From Ferguson to Baltimore, simmering racial tensions have boiled over into violence. But this ... the fatal shooting of nine African Americans in a church is a stark, raw manifestation of the sin that is racism. The church was desecrated. The people of that congregation were desecrated. The aspiration voiced in the Pledge of Allegiance that we are "one nation under God" was desecrated.

Mother Emanuel AME's pastor, the Rev. Clementa Pinckney, was a graduate of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, as was the Rev. Daniel Simmons, associate pastor at Mother Emanuel. The suspected shooter is a member of an ELCA congregation. All of a sudden and for all of us, this is an intensely personal tragedy. One of our own is alleged to have shot and killed two who adopted us as their own.

We might say that this was an isolated act by a deeply disturbed man. But we know that is not the whole truth. It is not an isolated event. And even if the shooter was unstable, the framework upon which he built his vision of race is not. Racism is a fact in American culture. Denial and avoidance of this fact are deadly. The Rev. Mr. Pinckney leaves a wife and children. The other eight victims leave grieving families. The family of the suspected killer and two congregations are broken. When will this end?

The nine dead in Charleston are not the first innocent victims killed by violence. Our only hope rests in the innocent One, who was violently executed on Good Friday. Emmanuel, God with us, carried our grief and sorrow – the grief and sorrow of Mother Emanuel AME church – and he was wounded for our transgressions – the deadly sin of racism.

I urge all of us to spend a day in repentance and mourning. And then we need to get to work. Each of us and all of us need to examine ourselves, our church and our communities. We need to be honest about the reality of racism within us and around us. We need to talk and we need to listen, but we also need to act. No stereotype or racial slur is justified. Speak out against inequity. Look with newly opened eyes at the many subtle and overt ways that we and our communities see people of color as being of less worth. Above all pray – for insight, for forgiveness, for courage.

Kyrie Eleison.

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

**Youth Mission Send off!**

Pictured are some of those going on the Youth Mission Trip to South Dakota, leaving Saturday, June 27th.



High School Students going are Ben Calvin, Derek Calvin, Lauren Calvin, Grace Hartung, Galyn Hartung, Samantha Roll, Jon Henry Roll, Alicia Houck, Haley Osborne and Nicole McCue.

Chaperones include Cassie Kohrs, Mike Calvin, Ann Houck, Tami Roll and Cheryl Hartung

*Please keep them in prayer for their trip!*

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## Youth Stockholders!

**Hey Youth Stockholders!** Remember those **stock cards** you purchased way back in March?

**Time to pull them out!** Put 'em up somewhere you'll see it! Your car, the bathroom mirror, your office ... anywhere that you'll see it, and remember to pray for our youth!

**We leave for South Dakota on Saturday the 27th, and return July 5th!**

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## 'Spiff-up' the Old White Church - Wed. July, 1

Can you help spiff-up the Old White Church so it's ready for our worship on July 5th?

Cleaning day will be **Wednesday, July 1, starting at 9:00 A.M.** *Please let Jan Doyle know if you can help.*

This is a great opportunity for confirmation kids short on service hours to make some up over the summer.

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## Now that it is 'spiffed-up' ... Church Service July 5th at OLD WHITE CHURCH

Don't forget, the **church service on Sunday, July 5th, will be at the Old White Church.**

Same time, different location!

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## Two Exciting Ministry Opportunities ...

**First** -- I am so pleased to offer the *opportunity for people to become more involved in visiting our home-bound*. This is a vitally important ministry that we provide, and your assistance will allow us to do an even better job of visiting people on a regular basis. I would like to meet to discuss what this ministry would look like in terms of your commitment. *Please plan to attend an informational planning meeting on Sunday, July 12, following coffee fellowship time, approximately 10:30 in the Library*. Please mark your calendar. I look forward to this exciting opportunity to do ministry together – sharing God’s love with those unable to worship with us weekly anymore. Let me know if you have any questions.

**Second** -- We have been contacted by Community Connector Mindy Moore from United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Dane County to **enlist our community to partner** with her in **providing opportunities for adults with varying degrees of disabilities in the Cross Plains community to broaden their support network**. This is an excellent opportunity to be church outside our walls and into our community. You will be matched up with an adult that has similar interests as yours, providing an opportunity for individuals to make new connections outside of their families. What an exciting opportunity to share God’s love with others, loving our neighbors as ourselves! You will have guidance from Mindy when being introduced, and she will help you establish a connection with your person before you go solo.

If you have any of the following interests, then you might be the perfect match!  
Bowling / Shopping / Going out to eat / Going to Brewer’s games / Fishing / Going on walks /  
Playing checkers / Love to watch sports / Love to watch musicals

If you are interested in finding out more, please let me know. Peace, Pastor Kirsten

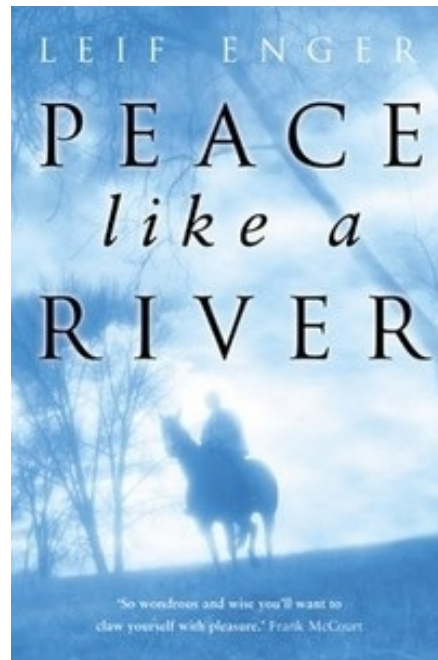
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## July Book Club

WHEN? THURSDAYS – JULY 9, 16, 23, 30  
TIME: 9:00 A.M.  
WHERE? CROSSROADS COFFEEHOUSE (2020  
MAIN STREET, CROSS PLAINS)  
WHY? TO TALK ABOUT HOW FAITH INTERSECTS  
WITH LIFE  
BOOK? PEACE LIKE A RIVER (BY LEIF ENGLER)

Summary: A young asthmatic boy named Reuben Land narrates the story of his family after his brother kills two bullies who had targeted them. His brother Davy is convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to prison. His brother escapes from prison and heads for the Badlands in North Dakota. Reuben and his family then go on the road in search of the brother, and along the way, they learn the ways of God.

This is the first book of many books I hope to share with you. We will read and discuss several chapters each week, beginning with chapters 1-5 for our first meeting. Please join me to discuss this lovely book about life, faith, and how the two connect. -  
Pastor Kirsten



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## 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](http://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](mailto: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.

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## '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.

There is also a link for this form on the home page of the website ([www.stmartinscp.org](http://www.stmartinscp.org)).

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### ***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**

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**

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!***

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## **Blood Drive - Thursday, July 9th**

The summer months are an especially difficult time to maintain a sufficient blood supply as many donors are vacationing or spending time with friends and family. ***Please consider a blood donation at the Cross Plains Blood Drive, July 9th.***

What: Cross Plains Community Blood Drive

When: Thursday, July 9, 2015 (Time: 1:00-6:00 pm)

Where: St. Francis Fellowship Hall

For an appointment, contact 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) Use sponsor code 'Cross Plains'

Walk-ins welcome

Thank you!

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## **New email addresses for Youth Director and Property Management Team**

Sending an email to ***St. Martin's Youth Director*** (Cassie)? Please use this new email address: **[Youth@stmartinscp.org](mailto:Youth@stmartinscp.org)**

The ***Property Management Team*** would like all building and grounds maintenance requests and / or issues sent to this email address: **[Property@stmartinscp.org](mailto:Property@stmartinscp.org)**

Thank you!

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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

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

-- Pastor Kirsten: PastorKirsten@stmartinscp.org

-- Youth Director: Youth@stmartinscp.org

-- Church Property Management Team (building & grounds maintenance requests / issues):  
Property@stmartinscp.org

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## Church Calendar for June 28 - July 4

### Sunday, June 28

9:00a - Sunday Worship - Guest Pastor, JoAnn Fabie

### Monday, June 29

Open Schedule

### Tuesday, June 30

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

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

### Wednesday, July 1

9:00a - Old White Church Cleanup

### Thursday, July 2

Open Schedule

### Friday, July 3

Open Schedule

### Saturday, July 4

9:00 - 11 am Overeaters Anonymous LL

### *Additional dates (and events) to keep in mind:*

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

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## Worship Participants for June 28th

Presiding Minister (guest pastor) -- Pastor JoAnn Fabie  
Accompanist -- Jan Doyle  
Song Leader & Special Music -- Jason Niebuhr  
Special Music (flute) -- Mark Richardson  
Greeters -- Ron and Deb Goplin  
Lector -- Jenny Niesen  
Communion Assistants -- Redgy Nelson, Ann Houck  
Ushers -- Susan Nelson, Amy Wildman  
Acolyte -- Ella Rogers  
Nursery -- Elizabeth Boehnen  
Counting Team -- Team 2  
Altar Guild -- Darlene Schulenberg  
AV Team -- Phil Fish, Bill Windels  
Coffee & Treats -- Doris Fish and Jeannie Hering-Schumann

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