



Week of March 13-19 2016

Special Choir Practice: *Please note there is a Choir Practice on Wednesday (3/16), after mid-week service, to go over Holy Week Music.*

Remember to set your clocks ahead! ... Spring ahead!

Daylight savings starts on Sunday, March 13th.

Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday night (or you'll be late to Sunday services).

Pastor Kirsten update - Home!

Pastor is at home as of Monday (2/29), and receiving expert care from her family. She has many restrictions on her activity, but walks short distances several times each day with the assistance of Alan. She reported that it will take several weeks before she will know about her second procedure. Visitors are welcomed, but it is best to call ahead. Alan Curtis' phone is 608-438-2902. If you would like to make a meal for Pastor's family, please sign up on the sheet which can be found in the Narthex. If you want to see almost daily updates, go the Caring Bridge web site and log in! Pastor sends her love and prayers to her family at St. Martin's!

CaringBridge: www.caringbridge.org/visit/kirstencurtis. (You may have to register if you don't have an account.)

Home address (for cards, etc.): 800 Norsk Ridge, Mount Horeb, WI 53572

Holy Week Worship Opportunities —

The Worship Planning Team has been hard at work planning worship services for Holy Week. In addition to Pastor Marsha, we will be blessed with the familiar faces of Pastor Jeff Miller and Bishop Mary Froiland.

Palm Sunday March 20th, 9 AM - Pastor Jeff Miller presiding, with readings from some of our Sunday School children and Nacho the donkey!

Maundy Thursday Worship March 24th, 7 PM -- Pastor Jeff Miller presiding.

Good Friday Worship March 25th, 1 PM -- Traditional worship with Pastor Marsha Swenson.

Good Friday Worship March 25th, 7 PM -- Bishop Mary Froiland presiding with a special Good Friday Cantata performed by St. Martin's Choir.

Easter Sunday Worship March 27th, 9 AM -- Bishop Mary Froiland and Pastor Marsha Swenson Presiding, celebrating our Lord's resurrection and breaking the chains of death and hunger!

Invite your friends and extended family to join us for Holy Week. All are welcome!

Office Coverage Help Needed ...

Office coverage help is needed during Pastor Kirsten's absence.

We are looking for people to help cover church phones on Tuesday's and Thursdays (10a—2p). Please contact the office (798-2777 or email om@stmartinscp.org) to let them know your availability.

Pastor Marsha Introduction

Hi, Everyone!

Curious about your contract pastor? New term for me, too. It's good to be among you. And it's good news to hear of Pastor Kirsten's remarkable progress toward healing.

I've been asked to say a little about me. Grew up on Madison's west side (Randall School and West High). Lived most of my adult life in the Chicago area. Felt called to ministry around age 10, but in those days girls couldn't do that. After a collection of careers including baby photographer, recreation coordinator, desktop publishing and some others, I turned 50 as I entered Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC).

My first call was in Lee, IL, near Rochelle; then served in Ashippun, WI. My last call before retirement was in Reedsburg. It's really been an honor to serve in those places, and discover who I am in ministry along with all those good folks. I've been helping out in the chaplain role at Oakwood, and provide regular worship services at St. Mary's Care Center. In the realm of pulpit supply, most Sundays I am somewhere in our local synod filling in for a pastor who is away.

Since retiring and moving back to Madison, I have indulged in my life-long love of international folk dancing. We dance two evenings a week, and on Fridays some of us gather in my home to sing the songs we dance to, mostly Balkan. That's as close as I get to being athletic, but am always happy to cheer for the home team.

Looking forward to meeting all of you! Call me Pastor Marsha, or Marsha, or Pastor; your choice. But do count on me to fill St. Martin's need for a pastor while Pastor Kirsten recovers.

Joy and peace,
Pastor Marsha

Please contact me at any time if you would like to meet or speak by phone!

Phone number: (608) 515-6002
Email: marshaswenson@ymail.com (yes, 'y' mail dot com)
Office Hours: Tues 1:00p-3:30p

Blow Your Horn on Easter Sunday!

Do you play the trumpet? Worship Planning Team is looking for someone who would be willing to donate their talent on Easter Sunday, specifically to play along on some of our hymns. If you or someone you know would be willing to help out, please contact Debbie Miller (608-633-6757) or Jan Doyle (608-798-4524).

CaringBridge for Bobby Rogers

A CaringBridge Site was created for Bobby Rogers. We will use this online space to share health news, and you can write messages of encouragement in return. Please visit often to keep updated and show your support.

Visit:

Site Link: www.caringbridge.org/visit/bobbyrogers

Site Name: bobbyrogers

CaringBridge is a nonprofit offering trusted spaces where family and friends can connect and share during any type of health event.

Mission News

Kathy Graedel and Jeff Postle will represent St. Martin's on the Middleton Outreach Ministry CSC (Community Service Council). Watch for their posting MOM volunteer opportunities and upcoming events in the Weekly Bread and in the bulletin as they bring new awareness to our members and the Cross Plains community of client services and programs available. Many thanks to Deb Archer for her past years of service as our CSC representative.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER'S 40 DAYS OF GIVING

During Lent we have been on a journey to reflect on hunger, hope and God's love in a world of both abundance and need. Each weekly session is based on a devotion from the ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving. As part of this journey and reflection St. Martin's set a goal of donating \$1,200 to assist the ELCA in raising 2 million dollars nationwide by Easter Sunday. As donations have been received, we have kept track of our commitment by turning the white chain links on our altar rail into purple links. An anonymous congregation member has pledged to match our goal once we have met it. ***As of today you will notice that we have met and exceeded our goal, raising \$1,274!*** Way to go St. Martin's Team!

If you still wish to join our pledge, please use either the remaining ELCA Hunger envelopes or regular envelopes on the back of the pews, and write your check out to St. Martin's with ELCA World Hunger on the memo line of the check. Together we will make a difference for those who are victims of poverty, hunger, displacement, homelessness and disaster. Check out the website for other ways to be involved in this exciting mission opportunity! www.elca.org/40days

NEWS FROM THE WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM

You may have noticed that the cross drape has been absent during this time of Lent. It has come to the attention of the Worship Team that St. Martin's is not in compliance with the safety regulations required when hanging the drape at such a height using the equipment we now own. Further, the church could be liable for injuries that might result when hanging the drape. Given the safety and liability concerns, we will suspend the hanging of the drape until more consideration can be given to this situation.

Lent Soup Supper's

Sign-up sheets for Lent Soup Supper's are located in the Narthex.

Please consider signing up to bring soup, milk, bread or cookies, or help setup, serve or cleanup. Suppers will be on Wednesday evenings at 6pm, the last date being March 16th.

Weather Cancellations

In the case of inclement weather, we will post the cancellation on our church website (www.stmartinscp.org) by 7:45 A.M.

A cancellation message will also be on our church phone recording by 7:45 A.M. The church number is 798-2777.

'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).

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

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

Church Calendar for March 13 - 19 2016

Upcoming Schedule (Also available on the church web site - www.stmartinscp.org - and in the Weekly Bread):

Sunday, Mar. 13

8:00a - Choir Practice

9:00a - Sunday Worship / Sunday School

6:30p - Youth Meeting YR

Monday, Mar. 14

9:30a - Quilting Group FH

6:30p - Berry Hist. Soc FH

6:30p - Church Council L

Tuesday, Mar. 15

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

6:30p - Property Management Team L

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

Wednesday, Mar. 16

5:00p - Confirmation and Pre-confirmation

6:00p - Soup Supper FH

7:00p - Mid-Week Worship

7:45p - Choir Practice (following worship)

Thursday, Mar. 17 -- Open Schedule

Friday, Mar. 18 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, Mar. 19

9:00a - 10a Overeaters Anonymous LL

Remember — CHOIR PRACTICE is now on Sunday Mornings (8am). All are welcome!

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; K - Kitchen

Worship Participants 3.13.2016

Worship participants for this week are listed below. Thank you!

Minister -- Pastor Marsha Swenson

Accompanist -- Debbie Miller

Song Leader -- Karen Windels

Greeters -- Lee & Jacqui Swanson

Lector / Reader -- Sandy Salvo

Communion Assistants -- Ron & Deb Goplin

Ushers -- Gary & Karen Trappe

Acolyte -- Joelle Jackson

Counting Team -- Team 5 (Brian Graedel, Kevin Boehnen)

Altar Guild -- Darlene Schulenburg

AV Team -- Alan Curtis

Coffee & Treats — Dana Fuhrman, Veronica Kurr, Barb Wittler

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