



Week of March 6-12 2016

Choir Practice is Sunday mornings at 8am. *All are welcome!*

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!

Caring Bridge: 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

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).

Order your Easter Flowers!

Forms are available in the church lobby.

Select from Easter Lilies (\$13), Azaleas (\$19), Mums - Daisy (\$14) or Tulips (\$13). All are foil wrapped. (*See form for available colors.*)

Deadline for placing order is Wednesday, March 9th.

Join the Memorials Team!

Be a part of a team that prays about and seeks ways to steward Memorials to St. Martin's. There are times that Memorials are left to honor loved ones who have passed away. We need to form a team that will decide how to use those monies first and foremost to praise and honor God and also remember the one who rests eternally with God. Let Karen Windels (ph 798-5031) know if you'd like to join this important team that's forming.

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.

Creation Awakes: An Afternoon with Holden Village – Sunday March 6, 2016

You are invited to join Co-Executive Directors Peg Carlson-Hoffman + Chuck Hoffman as they share images and information about the impact of the Wolverine Creek Fire on Holden Village.

This free event is an opportunity for the Holden community to come together in familiar rhythms.

The Directors will provide insights on plans for 2016 and beyond. Following their presentation and a time for Q&A, attendees will enjoy the Holden Evening Prayer service.

3:00 pm Gathering, Holden Update and Q&A with Directors

4:30 pm Holden Evening Prayer

HOST LOCATION OF EVENT:
LAKE EDGE LUTHERAN CHURCH
4032 Monona Drive, Madison
(608) 222-7339 • www.LELC.org

For more information (and to register) please visit www.HoldenVillage.org.

Join the Missions Team!

Be a member of the Missions Team and be a part of an ongoing tradition at St. Martin's of finding and supporting ways to serve God by serving others.

This team will help identify, organize, and facilitate Missions-oriented tasks/projects/ideas.

If you would like to join this exciting team, let Pastor Kirsten or Chuck know at om@stmartinscp.org.

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 - Educational Series



Over the next six weeks, we will journey together through the season of Lent, reflecting on hunger, hope, and God's love in a world of both abundance and need. Each weekly session is based on a devotion from ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving, a special devotional for our congregation to use as we take up the challenge of responding to hunger through ELCA World Hunger together. Each weekly session will have: an opening prayer, a Scripture reading, a devotion from a leader in the ELCA, a group activity, a story from a ministry supported by ELCA World Hunger, questions for discussion, and a closing prayer. These sessions will be incorporated into our mid-week Lenten worship, with a brief time for discussion after worship for those who wish to continue the conversation.

Our goal for St. Martin's is to collect \$1,200 towards the ELCA's goal of \$2 million over the 40 days of Lent. You will notice that there is a paper chain around the altar rail and the altar, as well. This is a reminder to us that together we can help break the chains of poverty and hunger. Each link represents \$5 towards our goal of \$1,200. With each \$5 donation, a white link will be covered with a purple link. The 40 links on the altar covered with purple representing the first \$200 from the initial collection and additional white links represent \$738 more that has been collected (as of 2/28) for a grand total of \$938! Go, St. Martin's Team!

Check out the website for other ways to be involved in this exciting Mission opportunity!
<http://www.elca.org/40days>

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 6 - 12 2016

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

Sunday, Mar. 6

8:00a - Choir Practice

9:00a - Sunday Worship (Youth Lead)/ Sunday School

12:00pm - Crafts Group FH / K

Monday, Mar. 7 -- Open Schedule

Tuesday, Mar. 8

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

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

Wednesday, Mar. 9

5:00p - Confirmation and Pre-confirmation

6:00p - Soup Supper FH

7:00p - Mid-Week Worship

Thursday, Mar. 10

Centering Prayer

Friday, Mar. 11 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, Mar. 12

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 3.6.2016 - Youth Lead Service

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

Guest Minister -- Pastor Marsha Swenson

Accompanist -- Eileen Porter

Song Leader -- Jason Niebuhr

Special Music — Alex Niebuhr

Greeters -- Ella Rogers, Elizabeth Boehnen

Lector / Reader -- Henry Hartung

Communion Assistants -- Valerie Niesen, Nick Hinz

Ushers -- Cole Furguson, Caleb Wickre

Acolyte -- Lexi Boehnen, Joelle Jackson

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

Altar Guild -- Deb Wipperfurth

AV Team -- James Hartung, Paul Schluter

Coffee & Treats — Jeannie Hering-Schumann, Carmen Fowell, Lois Weiland

Milestone Communion Assistants—Darlene Schulenberg, Kathy Graedel

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