



## St. Martin's 'Weekly Bread' March 1-7, 2020

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

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### Sunday School — Cookie Sale Extended Sunday!

St. Martin's Sunday School children just learned about the healing power of Jesus, specifically through the story of the ten lepers. They also learned about the American Leprosy Missions and how it continues to work today on behalf of the thousands of people who annually contract leprosy, mostly in under-developed countries.

You are invited to join in the Sunday School annual stewardship emphasis, when SM children will sell cookies in the shapes of hearts and pigs. Ask one of them about *Pete the Pig!* Donations will go to ALM to provide special shoes to those whose feet have been damaged by leprosy.

*Thank you for your support to empower our kids to make a difference!*

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### Madison Area Jail Ministry

*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* (Matt. 25:40)

Sunday marks the final week highlighting the Madison Area Jail Ministry. Wish list items remain on the Missions table, or you can make a general donation to Penny the Missions piggy.

*Thank you!*

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### Wed. Night Soup-Suppers and Lenten Services

Lenten services (starting next week, Wed., March 4th) will take place as they have in prior years with **soup-supper at 6pm** followed by **Lenten service at 7pm**.

Each week a different TLC team will set up, serve and clean up.

There will be a *weekly sign up* in the narthex for volunteers to bring soup, bread, and cookies. Chicken noodle soup will be available each week.

*Soup supper dates are March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1.*

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## Food Packing Event -- SAT. Feb. 29th

Feed My Starving Children will be holding a food packing event at *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church-Verona Campus* on **Saturday, February 29th**.

Seeing as this would be a terrific volunteering opportunity, the Youth Group has reserved ten spots for two different sessions.

The *first will be from 12-2pm*, and then the *second one will follow right after from 2:30-4:30pm*.

If you would like to claim these spots, please contact Lars Haskins at [yfm@stmartinscp.org](mailto:yfm@stmartinscp.org).

Once the ten spots are filled, you are more than welcome to sign up as an individual and put "St. Martin's" in the additional notes to let them know you are a part of our group. *Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions!*

*If you have one, be sure to wear your 'God's Work, Our Hands' t-shirt when you attend the food packing!*

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## Pastor's Letter for Lent

Lent is my favorite part of the church calendar. I love having a whole season dedicated to reflection and consideration of what is possible with our all-possible God. This year at St. Martin's, we are focusing on hunger. Around the world, more than 800 million people are living without food on a day-to-day basis. Even here in Dane County, experts estimate that as many as 12% of all country residents and 18% of children are food insecure. In a time when we are producing more food and more food waste than ever before, this is really inexcusable. We have to consider what is possible so that all God's children are fed.

I think all of us are hungry for something. Even if we aren't experiencing hunger for food or clean water, how many of us have felt hungry for love or relationships? Hungry for meaningful conversations or deeper connections? Have you ever felt spiritually hungry? Or maybe hungry for just something new and different, something exciting?

This is what Lent can be about. This year our education, missions, stewardship, and worship ministry teams are all coming together to help us think about hunger, what it means, who it affects, and how we can end hunger for our global and local neighbors. There will be many opportunities for us to come together as a congregation to worship, pray, and act on hunger, building

relationships as we build food security. Please consider signing up to participate in the Feed My Starving Children program with our family education team, or help build the first St. Martin's Community "Canstruction" structure for MOM with the missions team. Attend our Wednesday night soup suppers and worship and talk about the different kinds of hunger we all face and what scriptures have to say. Donate to the ELCA World Hunger campaign.

On Easter morning we will celebrate the God who Lives, who rose from the dead to give us everlasting life and eternal grace. Truly, anything is possible with our God, even an end to hunger. Help us make it happen!

*Blessings to you all on your Lenten journey!*  
Pr. Maggie+

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## MARCH TO STOMP OUT HUNGER

Have you ever been hungry? Not the type of hunger, where you've missed a meal because you were busy; but real hunger --where you didn't know where your next meal would come from. Or how you were going to feed your children...the cupboard is bare. What must that feel like? We've all heard stories of people dumpster diving to find food. How awful is that?

During the six weeks of Lent our focus will be on hunger, World Hunger and Local Hunger. What can you do to help out? Do you know someone who is struggling to put food on the table? Or maybe you have traveled to a place where food was scarce? If so, can you help them out? Consider making a donation to a local food pantry or to the ELCA World Hunger campaign. Or you could consider picking up a few extra items when you are shopping for your groceries. It's not always food that is needed, paper products such as paper toweling, toilet paper and diapers (yes, even adult size) are often being sought.

Think about how you have been blessed; then show your appreciation by helping to Stomp Out Hunger. The Stewardship Team encourages you to Have a Heart and do the right thing. Donations for the ELCA World Hunger campaign will be collected during our Wednesday night worship services. If you wish to make a donation to a food pantry, your items can be brought to church and we will make sure they get distributed. When we all work towards a common goal, the results can be tremendous.

The Stewardship Team

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## Canstruction

Various ministry teams of St. Martin's (Missions, Stewardship, Worship, and Youth and Family) are coming together to focus on the ELCA World Hunger campaign (see note, above). This includes opportunities to pray, study, and work together for an end to global and local hunger, including participation in the 'Canstruction' event to support MOM.

Canstruction is an annual program using canned goods to create sculptures for display at Madison West Towne Mall. This year's theme is Canopoly, a play on the popular board game, and *sculptures will be on display April 8-19.*

St. Martin's will be creating a "Community Chest." We are in need of creative, can-do people of all ages who are willing to assist with planning and constructing our Community Chest.

If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Maureen Berghoefer at [msberghoefer@tds.net](mailto:msberghoefer@tds.net), and be on the lookout for more community projects to end hunger!

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## Lower Level Door Policy Change

***Starting May 1st all lower level doors will remain locked at all times, including before and during Sunday Services.***

To enter the building please do so through the main level doors.

*If you have any questions, please talk to a council member.*

*Thank you!*

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## Prayer List

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please call/email Pastor Maggie ([pastormaggie@stmartinscp.org](mailto:pastormaggie@stmartinscp.org)) or the office manager ([om@stmartinscp.org](mailto: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!*

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## Pre-Confirmation Classes

Pre-Confirmation classes (5th & 6th graders) meeting on Wednesday nights, starting at 6pm. *(Please remember to enter building through lower level doors.)*

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## Lower Level Doorbell

As school starts, please remember the lower level doorbell is ***only*** for use by *Little Red staff and families of Little Red students.* (They don't have staff to answer if you ring.)

All others must enter the church through the upper level door by the office.

*Thank you!*



## 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](mailto:vickih@scsw-elca.org)) and asked to be added ... *a great way to find out what is happening in the synod!*

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## Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

### MARCH 2020

#### *Anniversaries*

3/11 -- Van & Judy Valaskey, Barb & Don Wittler

#### *Birthdays*

3/1 Tom Kittle

3/2 Karen Seibel, Jan Doyle, Beth Dodsworth

3/3 Lisa Jackson

3/4 Brian Klock, Brad Niebuhr

3/6 Pam Miller, Jennifer Couey

3/8 Todd Duhr

3/16 Irene Brockmann, Armin Couey

3.17 Melissa Hinz

3/18 Steven Hillebrand, Jennifer Niesen, Ian Eisele

3/20 Dean Archer

3/21 Matt Couey

3/23 Sharon Johnson, Henry Hartung, Kate Wenning

3/24 Lee Swanson, Oliver Wenning, Kevin Boehnen

3/25 Amy Kjol

3/30 Alexandria Boehnen

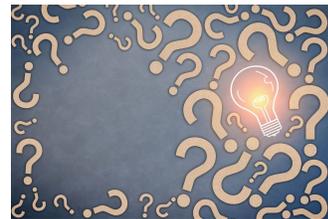
3/31 Samantha Roll

*Know of an addition? Correction? Please let the office know ([om@smartinscp.org](mailto:om@smartinscp.org)). Thank you!*

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## Questions? Comments? Concerns?

***There's a box for that!*** A wooden box has been mounted on the wall along hall from Narthex to office, across from drinking fountains, to help with communication between members of the congregation and the Council. Forms are provided next to the box. We welcome all input and ask that you complete all of the fields on the form, including your name, in case clarification or additional information is needed. This is intended to address any questions or concerns people may have for the Council.



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**Stay 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).

## Want to submit something for the bulletin or Weekly Bread?

If yes, **please send it to the office** (om@stmartinscp.org) **by 2pm the Wednesday before publication for consideration.** *Thank you!*

## Church Calendar

Wondering about meetings at the church (when, where), if a room is available, 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) or call 798-2777.

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## Church Office Hours & Email Addresses

*Office hours:*

Mon: 10 - 3 Tue: 10-2 Wed: 10 - 3 Thur: 10-2 Fri: CLOSED

Please call ahead (to make sure someone is here) if you want to stop by. Todd (building manager) may be in lower level office, especially during the morning, so you can call him (444-6765) if you need access to the building.

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

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

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## Pastoral Care Contact Information

If you would like to contact Pastor Maggie, she can be reached by phone at the church (608) 798-2777 or cell at 608-515-8618 or by email [PastorMaggie@stmartinscp.org](mailto:PastorMaggie@stmartinscp.org).

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

*Also available on the church web site ([www.stmartinscp.org](http://www.stmartinscp.org))*

### **Sunday, March 1, 2020**

9:00a -- Sunday Worship

10:30a -- Bible Study (library)

5:30p -- Narcotics Anonymous (library)

6:00p -- High School Youth Group (lower level)

**Mon., March 2** -- Open Schedule

**Tues. March 3**

6:00p -- Legacy Team (library)

**Wed., March 4**

5:45p -- Pre-Confirmation Class (lower level)

6:00p -- Soup Supper

7:00p -- Lent Service

**Thur., March 5**

6:00p -- TLC (lower level)

6:30pm -- AA Meeting (library)

**Friday, March 6** -- Open Schedule

**Saturday, March 7**

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

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

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## **Worship Participants (Sunday, March 1, 2019)**

Presiding Pastor -- Pastor Maggie

Accompanist -- Kristin Warner

Song Leader -- Karen Windels

Greeters -- Karen & Oscar Seibel

Reader / Communion Assistant -- Cathy Kittle

Communion Assistants -- Ron & Deb Goplin

Ushers -- Darlene & Ralph Schulenberg

Acolyte -- Austin Wildman

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

Altar Guild -- Deb Goplin

AV Team -- James Hartung

Coffee -- Karen Seibel

## **Worship Participants for Ash Wednesday Service (Feb. 26)**

Presiding Minister — Pastor Maggie

Accompanist — Kristin Warner

Reader / CA — Ron Goplin

Communion Assistants — Amy Wildman, Dana Fuhrman

Ushers — Artis Schulenberg, Remington Lockwood

Acolyte — Megan Niesen

Counting Team -- 4 (Steve & Patty Hillebrand, Deb Wipperfurth)

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