



Week of March 11-17 2018



Clocks Ahead Saturday night!

Daylight savings starts Saturday night, so before you go to bed *set your clocks ahead one hour.*

Yep, clocks 'Spring ahead! Spring forward!' this weekend!

Soup Suppers

The next Lent soup suppers (served at 6pm) will be Wed. March 14 & 21.

Each week different Team Leadership Circle (TLC) teams will set up, serve and clean up. Sign up sheets are in the narthex for volunteers to bring soup, bread, milk and cookies. *Please have items at church by 5:30pm and have soup HOT and ready to serve.* Chicken noodle soup will be available each week.

Team Schedule:

Mar. 14 - Worship & Music Team;

Mar. 21 - Youth & Family and Confirmation

Thank you everyone for you help!

Easter Chocolates for Sale!

St. Martin's Youth Group is selling chocolate bunnies, lambs and eggs this Easter! Good old fashioned Easter Chocolates made by Seroogy's right here in

Wisconsin. Just like the ones you remember from your childhood!

Proceeds will benefit youth trips this summer to Houston to provide relief from Hurricane Harvey, and attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering.

Fudge Eggs are \$5. Lambs and bunnies are \$3.20 and will be on sale after church.

Won't your children and grandchildren will be delighted to see them Easter morning?! Thank you for supporting St. Martin's Youth!



Racial Equity Event

You are invited to the last presentation (March 11) in the Racial Equity Ministry series to help give a Christian perspective on race equality issues: Looking through an African-Centered Lens ('The Secret of Joy: How the Struggle Continues') presented by Rev. Stephen Marsh, Lake Edge Lutheran Church.

Location: New Life Lutheran Church (7564 Cottage Grove Rd., Madison) starting at 4pm, ending about 6:00.

Please check What Matters for a more detailed description and a brief bio for Rev. Marsh. (www.scsw-elca.org/Communications/WhatMatters/WhatMatters2017-12-27.pdf) CLICK following link for description: [Race Equity Event](#)

Choir for Lent!

The Adult Choir is back for the Lenten Season (through Easter)!

With mid-week Lenten soup-suppers now started, rehearsal time will be immediately after the service. On Sundays when the choir sings rehearsals will be from 8:15a-8:45a.

Up-coming dates we plan to sing include Sunday 3/11, Palm Sunday (3/25), Maundy Thursday (3/29) and Easter (4/1). *Please considering lending your voice to this short-term commitment!*

Interested? Have questions? Please contact the accompanist (Sherri Hansen) at 608-234-8570 or email her at sherrihansen@tds.net.

Second Annual UNDIES SUNDAYS Mission was a big success!

A big 'Thank-you!' to our St. Martin's family for another successful drive for new and gently used

undergarments provided for the Middleton Outreach Ministry, (MOM). Jan Doyle, Maureen Berghoefer and I sorted and delivered 308 items to MOM on Tuesday, March 27. Items included men's and women's pairs of socks, men's t-shirts, briefs/boxers, women's bras, panties, boy's and girl's pajamas, socks and undies, infant onesies, pajama's and socks and 109 disposable diapers. The folks at Mom offered a special Thank-you to the members of St. Martin's Lutheran Church. Everything was very much appreciated. -- Kathy Graedel

St. Martin's Facebook Page

St. Martins is re-launching its Facebook page and we need your help to validate it by clicking 'Like' on our page.

In your Facebook search bar type 'St. Martins Lutheran church'. This will take you to link for our FB page where you can 'Like' the page. (You can also click 'Follow' or 'Share', too!)

Facebook will be additional way to stay in touch, be viewed by members, visitors and others in the community.

More details to come once we are up and going!

Fun Upcoming Adult Activities We are kicking off our new season of Adult Activities

Our first event will take us to our own Rosemary Garfoot Library in Cross Plains **on Monday, March 12th. Meet at the library entrance at 6PM** to view and enjoy the *PATCHWORK FOLK ART SHOW* then move into the community room for the 6:30 *HIMALAYAN SINGING BOWL* Demonstration by Mark Richardson (see more info about both of these in this Weekly Bread). Some folks signed up for the singing bowl demonstration because space is limited but if you did not don't worry — come and enjoy!

Open Kettle Maple Syrup -- For our next activity we will travel to 5260 Otto Kerl Rd to Tim and Jan Noll's Maple Syrup Open House. Date to be determined, but we could go during the week, likely be only guests during our time there. Please meet with me (Kathy G.) after church on Sunday, March 11th, for a brief meeting to discuss the best date to enjoy this event. You can also email me (brikathy@chorus.net) or call (836-7420) to share your thoughts.

If you would like to discuss and help organize future ideas and activities, please call me at 836-7420 (or email brikathy@chorus.net) and we can plan some events! Thank you and God Bless — Kathy G.

Himalayan Singing Bowls Demonstration

Council member Mark Richardson will be providing a free introduction and demonstration of Himalayan Singing Bowls for relaxation meditation and healing at the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library (2107 Julius St., Cross Plains), **Monday, March 12 from 6:30-8pm**. You won't want to

miss this fascinating interactive evening of sound healing and vibrational therapy. Seating is limited. To secure a seat please register by calling the library at 798-3881.

Missions March Emphasis: Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM)

St. Martin's is one of the area churches that serves on the MOM CSC (Community Service Council). Kathy Graedel and Jan Doyle are our representatives. Please visit the Missions Table in the church narthex to learn more about the many services MOM provides and an exciting annual event "*Canstruction*" which brings together businesses, churches, schools and organizations to build creative structures made of canned goods.

Mark your calendars and plan to stop by West Towne Mall the weekend of April 28 to see the impressive structures which will be dismantled and donated to the MOM Food pantry following the event to help keep the pantry shelves stocked during the summer months. The theme for 2018 is "Rock N Roll". As famous rocker Neil Diamond says, "Pack up the babies and bring the old ladies let's everyone go!" Please visit the Mission Table in the narthex to see the display of items currently most needed by the food pantry. Your donated items can be delivered to the MOM food collection bin.

What's new in the Church Library?

Have you been in the church library recently? A new plaque has been added to the historical display honoring all the Pastors who have served at St. Martins and the years that they served.

Debbie McCue has been working with the engraving company for several months designing this plaque, please take time to look at it and if there are questions contact Debbie or a member of the Memorial team. Hopefully this plaque and the rest of the historic display will help all of us understand the mission the early members of St. Martins had for this church.

The Way of The Cross

Our theme for Lent this year is "The Way of the Cross". Midweek services will emphasize this theme in message and symbols displayed in the chancel area. In addition, there will be an opportunity for everyone to make their own cross during Wednesday soup supper times (6-7pm). Beautiful hardwood crosses are available for kids and adults to decorate using a variety of medium. They will be located on tables in the Fellowship Hall. Families may take as many sessions as they choose to complete their cross. We want to thank Elaine Meister for making these beautiful crosses for our congregants. This Lenten activity is co-sponsored by the Youth and Family Ministry and Worship Planning Teams.

Call Team Report

The Team met on Sunday 2/25 and Thurs. 3/1 to discuss the first few chapters of the book “Shift” by Mark Tidsworth who spoke at the 2017 Synod Assembly. “Shift” is a resource they will continue to review as one of the resources that will be used to help align St. Martin's with present day needs and culture. “Shift” will be introduced to the congregation within the next few weeks and the Call Team looks forward to engaging in valuable discussion with the congregation as they partner together in bringing the next pastor to St. Martin's, with God's help.

Patchwork Folk Art Show

Local artist Laurie Bragg-Valaskey has an exhibit running now through March 31st at the Rosemary Garfoot Library (Cross Plains). She uses quilting and applique techniques to tell her stories on fabric. Influenced by both folk and modern art, Laurie's fabric art is inspired by old family photos, the natural world, and her own photography.

Madison Area Jail Ministry Awareness: “Mothers In Chains”

Wisconsin Jails have routinely shackle pregnant women during prenatal visits, and used belly chains during labor and delivery. This practice inflicts the burden of shame on the mother and the American Medical Association states is a health risk to both mother and child. A bill has been introduced to provide guidance on when and how correctional officers may restrain women in labor. *Please keep “Mothers In Chains” in your prayers.*

VBS -- SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School ('VBS') is now *scheduled for June 11th (Monday) through June 14 (Thursday)*. Watch for details to follow!

March Anniversaries and Birthdays

Anniversaries

March 7th - Jon & Tami Roll

March 11th - Van & Judy Valaskey

Birthdays

3/1 - Phyllis Wendt, Tom Kittle

3/2 - Jan Doyle, Beth Dodsworth, Karen Seibel

3/3 - Lisa Jackson

3/4 - Brian Klock

3/8 - Todd Duhr

3/17 - Melissa Hinz

3/18 - Ian Eisele, Steven Hillebrand , Jennifer Niesen

3/20 - Dean Archer

3/23 - Henry Hartung, Kate Wenning

3/24 - Lee Swanson, Oliver Wenning

3/25 - Amy Kjol

3/30 - Alexandria Boehnen

3/31 - Gale Kooistra

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

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.

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: Jenny Niesen (798-2132), Mark Richardson (413-0204), Gordie Esser (438-4176), Matt Wildman (798-1882), Gail Johnson (575-0170) or Ryan McCulloh (712-8530).

Weather Issues / Closings

Church closing information can be found on the church web site (www.smartinspc.org), by calling the office (798-2777), watching 'ticker' on Channel 3, Madison, or check their website, channel3000.com.

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@smartinscp.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 out the church calendar on the website—www.stmartinscp.org. Events are updated on a regular basis. Questions? Send a note to the office (om@stmartinscp.org) or call 798-2777.

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@stmartinscp.org

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

-- Pastor Jeff: Email: stmlcpastorjeff@gmail.com; Cell: (608) 217-9821

Interim Pastor Contact Information

If you need to contact our Interim Pastor, Jeff Tomberlin, you can call the office (798-2777), call him direct (cell: 608-217-9821) or email him (stmlcpastorjeff@gmail.com).

CHURCH CALENDAR

Also available on the church web site (www.stmartinscp.org)

March 11-17 2018

Sunday, March 11

8:15p -- Choir Practice CR

9:00a -- Sunday Worship S

Monday, March 12

9:30a -- 1:00pm -- Quilters FH

Tuesday, March 13

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

Wednesday, March 14

5:00p -- Confirmation (Bible Lesson)

6:00p -- Soup Supper FH

7:00p -- Lent Mid-Week S

7:30p -- Choir Practice CR

Thursday, March 15

6:30p -- Call Team L

Friday, March 16 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, March 17

8:45a -- Overeaters Anonymous LL

Worship Participants - Sunday, March 11, 2018

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Jeffrey Tomberlin

Accompanist -- Sherri Hansen

Song Leader -- Karen Windels

Greeters -- Amy & Matt Wildman

Lector -- Reader / Communion Assistant -- Jenny Niesen

Communion Assistants -- James Hartung, Galyn Hartung

Ushers -- Kathy Graedel, Kay Meier

Acolytes -- Lexi Boehnen

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

Altar Guild -- Deb Goplin

AV Team -- Jason Niebuhr

Coffee Fellowship -- *Cake provided by Van & Judy Valaskey as they celebrate their 51st Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations, Van and Judy!*

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