



Week of March 18-24 2018

Soup Supper

The last Lent soup supper will be this coming Wednesday, March 21st (served at 6pm).

This week the Youth & Family and Confirmation 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.

Thank you everyone for you help!

Call Team Update

Save the Date!

Please mark your calendars, **April 15th** the Call Team will be holding a special event and needs your help!

More details will be provided in the near future, however please plan to attend a meeting after the 9:00 service to help provide input on the future of St Martin's.

Upcoming Adult Activity - Kettle Maple Syrup (Mar. 21st)

Our next "Adult Adventure" will take us to 5260 Otto Kerl Road to visit and observe the process of making maple syrup presented by owners Tim & Jan Noll. They will have a 20-minute seminar in the sugar house and will give free maple treats and tours of the maple woods. Fresh syrup will also be available for purchase.

The date is **Wed., March 21, 2018 (4PM)**. If you wish to carpool, please meet at the upper parking

lot at church at 3:45. Or if you plan to drive, just take Co. KP and turn right at the little old school house onto Otto Kerl Rd. Look for the sign on the right about ¼ mile up the hill. Children, if supervised, are welcome to attend this fun event.

Please let us know by Sunday, March 18 if you plan to attend as the Noll's will appreciate knowing the number of people in our group. Contact Kathy G. (836-7420; brikathy@chorus.net) or Bob N. (516-5655; rnelson130@charter.net). Thank you!

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.

Remaining dates we plan to sing include 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.

Holy Week Services

Please pick up a Holy Week service schedule from the tables in the narthex. *Give to a friend, neighbor, or family member and encourage them to join us for Holy Week and Easter services.*

■ **Palm
Sunday**
(3/25)

-
9am
Service

■ **Maundy
Thursday**
(3/29)

-
7pm
Service

■ **Good
Friday**
(3/30)

-
1pm
and
7pm
Services

■ **Easter
Sunday**
(4/1)

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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!

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.

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.*

SAVE THE DATES!

Congregational Meeting (April 8th)

Please plan to attend a special *Congregational Meeting* after the service.

Spring Cleanup (April 21st)

Save the date! The annual St. Martin’s spring clean up will be **__Saturday, April 21st (starting at 9am)**. Reserve the date and volunteer to help!_

VBS (June 11-14th)

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

March Anniversaries and Birthdays

Anniversaries

March 11th - Van & Judy Valaskey

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Birthdays

3/11 - Justin Radtke, Joe Joyce, Rob Frye

3/12 - Caitlyn Jarlsberg, Kendra Kalvin

3/16 - Irene Brockmann, Jane Turnipseed, Armin Couey

3/17 - Melissa Hinz

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

3/20 - Dean Archer, Courtney Conroy

3/21 - Logan Schultz, Matt Couey

3/22 - Matthew Harper

3/23 - Sharon Johnson, Henry Hartung, Kate Wenning

3/24 - Lee Swanson, Oliver Wenning

3/25 - Amy Kjol, Ryan Wiebe

3/26 - Liam Ward,

3/28 - Diane Lynch

3/29 - Jennifer Ruland

3/30 - Jacob Hagman, Alexandria Boehnen

3/31 - Gale Kooistra, Samantha Roll

Know of an addition? Correction? Please let the office know (om@stmartinscp.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.stmartinspc.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@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 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 18-24 2018

Sunday, March 18

9:00a -- Sunday Worship S

Monday, March 19

6:30p -- Church Council L

Tuesday, March 20

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

Wednesday, March 21

5:00p -- Confirmation (Mission—Service Project)

6:00p -- Soup Supper FH

7:00p -- Lent Mid-Week S

7:30p -- Choir Practice CR

Thursday, March 22 -- Open Schedule

Friday, March 23 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, March 24

8:45a -- Overeaters Anonymous LL

L—Library; FH—Fellowship Hall; S—Sanctuary; LL—Lower Level Classroom

Worship Participants - Sunday, March 18, 2018

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Jeffrey Tomberlin

Accompanist -- Debbie Miller

Song Leader -- Jason Niebuhr

Greeters -- Jon Roll, Kathy Graedel

Lector -- Reader / Communion Assistant -- Karen Windels

Communion Assistants -- Kathy Graedel, Karen Seibel

Ushers -- Penny Eveland, Susan Nelson

Acolytes -- Joelle Jackson, Kylie Klock

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

Altar Guild -- Deb Wipperfurth

AV Team -- Jeff Postle

Coffee Fellowship -- Karen Seibel, and Joyce Richardson

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