



# ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



This Sunday: Palm / Passion Sunday



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**Challenge your Abundance!**

“But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill offering? For all things come from You, and of Your own have we given You. ...All this abundance that we have provided for building You a house for Your holy name...comes from Your hand and is all Your own.” 1Chron 29:14-16 NRSV

Dear Friends in Christ,

At our January 2015 Annual Congregational Meeting, the summary of our Capital Improvement Team building and property assessment was reported. Both large and small ticket items were identified for repair or replacement in the near future. St. Martin’s members unanimously voted to authorize the Church Council to spend up to \$20,000 to replace the church’s seven furnaces and two water heaters in the coming months, drawing upon a pre-approved Capital Improvement Loan, if needed.

Recently St. Martin’s has been blessed with a wonderful challenge: **an anonymous donor has offered to gift \$10,000 to St. Martin’s if our congregation members will first raise \$10,000!** The challenge is an opportunity to stretch and grow – a challenge that inspires us to unify our intent with our God-given abundance. This is a Spirit-led call to replace St. Martin’s aging furnaces and water heaters in 2015, without borrowing any bank funds!

If you are ready to meet the challenge, please make checks payable to St. Martin’s, and put “donor challenge” in the check memo line. Remember these donations should be considered beyond what you plan to give to the general fund. Heartfelt thanks go to you and to our generous donor!

Sincerely,

St. Martin’s Church Council

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## Another chance to 'Buy a Share in Our Youth' Fundraiser this Sunday!

The youth are heading out to Pine Ridge with Next Step Ministries in June and have one more fundraiser ... This Sunday! (A second chance for many of you!) After church we are again doing a “Buy a Share in Our Youth” fundraiser. This is a time for all members of the congregation to meet in the lobby ... we would love it if the congregation would “buy stock” in them. Please support us!

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## Job opening: Youth Leader Position

St. Martin's Lutheran is looking for a part-time Youth Ministries Director to coordinate its Christian Education programs. Must have a bachelors degree, or extensive experience, in Christian Education or Youth Ministries. If you are, or know someone interested in the job, send or email a cover letter and resume to St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 2427 Church St, Cross Plains, WI, 53528 or [om@stmartinscp.org](mailto:om@stmartinscp.org) by April 1, 2015. A job description is also posted on our web site, [stmartinscp.org](http://stmartinscp.org) (click on 'Documents' at top of web site - slightly hidden to right, under search box - then category 'Job descriptions').

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## **Last chance to order your Easter Lilies ... order going in Monday!**

Order time is here for Easter Lilies for St Martin's Easter Garden! Look for the forms at church -- just fill it out, indicate how many lilies you would like to order, and return to the ushers (or make sure it gets to the office). On Monday order will go to florist, so if you want to order do so soon!



## **Actors needed for Maundy Thursday Service ...**

A few more actors needed for Maundy Thursday Service. Talk to Pastor about needs. Sign-up in Nartex after service!

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## **Tenebrae Good Friday Practice at church ...**

Interested in giving a try at singing in a Tenebrae service for Good Friday? No formal voice training necessary! Rehearsals will be after church this and next Sunday. Come and give it a try!



## Youth Ministry at St Martin's

St. Martin's has many different youth groups. If you are wondering what they do or who is involved, this should help.

There are 4 main categories; Sunday-School, Confirmation, Senior High Youth, and Young Adults group.

Additional information can be found on St Martin's web site – [www.stmartinscp.org](http://www.stmartinscp.org)



-- Sunday School is divided into 4 sub-groups for classroom instruction: 3-4 year olds (BUZZ curriculum used); K and 1st graders (WHIRL curriculum used); 2nd and 3rd graders (WHIRL curriculum used) and 4th and 5th graders (GRAPPLE curriculum used)

The Sunday schedule starts with meeting in the Fellowship Hall (10 to 10:15am), parents are encouraged to attend. From 10:15 to 10:55am is Instruction in classrooms, parents invited as shepherds or teachers. From 10:55 to 11a is closing prayer in classroom, parents invited to participate and pick up their child.

Some highlights of the year include an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve. service at St. Francis (children sing at this service); an All Congregation Intergenerational Advent Event (activities, games, food) at the end of November; a Christmas Program followed by lasagna supper in December and an 'End of year Celebration' with activities, games and food (children sing at worship). Sunday School Leaders this year are Ann Boehnen, Karen Windels, Jennifer Niesen

-- Confirmation. Students attend confirmation from 6th-8th grade. They meet every Wednesday night from 5:00-6:30 pm. Confirmation students also assist with Sunday service where they can be an usher, Acolyte, Lector, communion assistant, part of the AV team, Nursery assistant, or help serve food after service. There are also many volunteer opportunities available through confirmation including assisting at the food pantry, 'fit the need' (help local residents around their house and property), local nursing homes and volunteer for local organizations (Optimists, Legion, Scouts, and Chamber of Commerce). The group also attends local synod wide gatherings to meet other youth from other churches and find out more about other volunteer opportunities. There is also a worship service with music and communion. Students are confirmed in 8th grade and a celebration is held in May. Leaders: Pastor Kirsten, Kathy Graedel, Amanda and Christopher Wright, Cassie Kohrs.

-- Senior High Youth Group. This group is made up of Students in high school (freshman- senior). They meet on Sunday nights from 7:00-8:30 pm, all year round. They meet to share fellowship, have a little fun, and to pray (of course). This year they have attended several area wide youth gatherings including Sun Prairie, Milton, and Janesville. They will be hosting a gathering here at St Martin's in early May. These gatherings help them meet new people, see other churches, have a little fun, and worship together to share the good news of God. Members of the group also have the opportunity to travel on a mission trip during the summer, hosting events to build awareness and fundraise for the trips. Past trips include Joplin Missouri, Montana, Oklahoma, and West Virginia.

The Sr. High Youth Group will have the opportunity to participate in leading a Sunday church service, help with confirmation, and volunteer locally. Upcoming events include a Youth lead

service and 'noisy offering' on April 19th; 30 Hour Famine, April 25th, 26th (raise money for the hungry); Butterbraid sales fundraiser in early May; Mission Trip to South Dakota from June 27th-July 5th. Leaders include: Cassie Kohrs, Pastor Kirsten, Wes Cole, Mike Calvin. Curriculum information can be found at: <http://www.faithink.com>

-- College / Young Adult group. This group is for young adults out of high school who want to gather for fellowship, worship, and prayer. This is a relatively new group for our church led by one of the group and pastor Kirsten. They meet periodically throughout the year to get together and goal is to help them transition into other adult groups within the church and community.

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If you are interested in joining a group, or getting more involved to lead or just help out, please contact one of the leaders or you can always email or call the church office and we can get you to the right person. [om@stmartinscp.org](mailto:om@stmartinscp.org) Ph (office): 608-798-2777

Thank you for supporting our youth at St Martin's!

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## 'Canstruction' to help end area hunger ...

Canstruction® is a community competition to end hunger. Teams build incredible, highly imaginative structures out of canned goods and packaged food they have either purchased or collected. (Displays will be at West Towne Mall.) Upon completion of the event, the food will be distributed through MOM's (Middleton Outreach Ministry) Food Pantry and other area organizations that are sponsoring the event. To help, bring canned goods and put them in the bin located in the Nartex. Collection will be through April 26th.



FOUR VOLUNTEERS will be needed on that day (April 26) to take donations to West Towne, help take down ('deconstruct') displays, and help distribute donations to local food pantries. If you can help, send a note to the office where we will keep track of how many (and who) has volunteered. Thank you!

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## Easter Bunny Egg Hunt!

The Cross Plains Annual East Egg Hunt (sponsored by Cub Scout Pack 87) will be on Saturday, April 4th at 10am - Baer Park, Cross Plains. Bring your camera for photos with the Easter Bunny! (And remember to bring your own basket!)



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## **Sending an Email to the office (with information for Weekly Bread or Sunday Bulletin)?**

Want to send an email to the office with something for an upcoming Weekly Bread or Sunday Bulletin? We are trying to make communications easier (at least by email!). If you have something you want in the Weekly Bread, and send an email, please note that in the subject line (example: 'For WB on 3.22.15'). If for the Sunday Bulletin also make note in the subject line of your email ('For Sunday Bulletin 3.22.2015'). Doing so can lessen the likelihood of your message being 'lost in the clutter' (also best if you only cover one topic in your email). Thank you and have a great week -- enjoy the beginnings of SPRING!

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## **Church Calendar for March 29 - April 4**

**Sunday, March 29**

8:15 Choir Warm Up MR

9:00 a. Palm Sunday Worship with Pastor Kirsten

10:00 a. Sunday School FH

10:00 a Youth Fundraiser Narthex

10:15 a Tenebrae service practice S

7 - 8:30 p Sr High Youth Group

**Monday, March 30**

Open calendar

**Tuesday, March 31**

6:30 a. Men's Bible Study L

7:00 - 9 p. Boy Scout Troop 87 LL

**Wednesday, April 1**

5:00 - 6:30 p Confirmation S

7:15 - 8:15 p Choir Practice MR

**Thursday, April 2**

7:00 p - Maundy - Thursday Worship with Pastor Kirsten S

**Friday, April 3**

1:00 p - Good Friday Worship with Pastor Kirsten S

7:00 p - Good Friday Tenebrae Service with Pastor Kirsten S

**Saturday, April 4**

9:00 - 11 a. Overeaters Anonymous LL

Early Note: Easter Service on Sunday, April 5, is at 9:00a

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

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## Worship Participants for Sunday, March 29

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Kirsten Curtis

Accompanists -- Mary Vassalotti and Jan Doyle

Percussion -- Greg Hinz

Song Leaders -- St. Martin's Choir

Special Music -- St. Martin's Bell Choir

Greeters -- Bob & Redgy Nelson

Lector & Communion Assistant -- Lee Swanson

Communion Assistants -- Dave & Michelle Phaneuf

Ushers -- Gary & Karen Trappe

Jr. Usher -- Madeline Phaneuf

Acolyte -- Ashlyn Phaneuf

Nursery -- Elizabeth Boehnen

Counting Team -- Team 2

Altar Guild -- Deb Wipperfurth

AV Team -- James Hartung

Coffee & Treats -- Patty Harper, Judy Valaskey, Jeannie Hering-Schumann

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