



Week of May 22 - 28 2016

Reminders about this Sunday (May 22nd)!

Soul Purpose will be singing! (Brian Graedel, Ed Neumueller & Paula Elver)

Buy-a-Share Youth Fundraiser after church service!

Pastor Kirsten on the HOME STRETCH!

Have you heard? Pastor Kirsten is now scheduled for her second procedure to occur on June 6th! She has been waiting for this news for several weeks, and now the end to her recovery is in sight. The procedure involves spending two days in the hospital, and then discharged home, where she will need a few weeks of recovery. *We thank God for this news!* The Curtis family no longer needs meals brought to the home, but cards and visits are appreciated. Please call ahead of your visit to make sure she is not out power-walking! Her home number is 608-437-5472.

Help Needed for the Kirikov Family

Perhaps you met Alex and Hilary Kirikov's new twin boys last Sunday at church. Besides being adorable, they are doing the usual things 7 week old babies do best – eating lots, sleeping not as much, demanding to be held, and generally practicing being needy!

The Kirikov's have no family in the area to support them at this time, so the timing is perfect for St. Martin's family to step in and assist! If you would like to go over and help Hilary during the day, you may call her at 612-203-1653. If you would like to help supply a meal (no food allergies or preferences) please sign up on the sheet designated "Meal Assistance" in the narthex.

Hilary says any and all help is needed and very much needed and appreciated!

Celebrate Education Milestones and Moving On!

On Sunday, June 5th, we will celebrate the graduation milestones of our worshipping family. This includes graduating high school youth and others who have completed a degree or certificate (high school and beyond).

Please drop off or email a picture of yourself and a brief statement or two about your school/degree/certificate, and what your plans are for the immediate future. We will project graduates' pictures on the large screen and have a short "send off" during the worship service. *Get ready to celebrate!*

Pastor Finney contact information --

Pastor Jack can be reached at 608-873-6514 or jjfinney1962@gmail.com. Since he lives a distance, if you need immediate attention, you can call our emergency contact pastors: Pastor Rob Nelson, New Heights Lutheran W: 608-767-2247 or C: 608-513-0032. Pastor Barry Hoerz Vermont Lutheran W: 608-767-3312 C: 608-370-3100 (vermontlutheran.org).

Prayer Message from Pastor Jack

When I was a child I was taught to close my eyes when I prayed. I've since learned that sometimes we need to open our eyes to pray. Jesus said, "*Look at the birds of the air and the lilies of the field.*" When I look at them or other works of beauty like a piece of art, a sunset or a baby, I need only one word to respond--WOW! That's a prayer. When I see people in need in my family, congregation, community or on the news and I respond with help, that is a prayer. I am participating with God in caring for that person. My reaching out becomes part of the answer to their prayer. "*Lord Jesus, open my eyes to see the beauty around me and the cry of other's in need. Amen.*" Prayerfully, Pastor Jack

Mission Thank You: Habitat For Humanity

Last Saturday the St Martin's team gathered at the build site in Sun Prairie with helping hands, giving hearts and warm sweatshirts. Remarkable progress was made - see the before and after photos taken by Mike Kalvin.

Many thanks to builders Phil Fish (leader), Tom and Karen Smiley, Annette Kerl, Doug Fowell, Kim Mahaffey, Barbara Conway, Jim Knudtson and Mike Kalvin. A much

appreciated lunch was provided to all builders by Karen Wenning and Doris Fish. *Watch for more information on the next scheduled St Martin's Habitat build.*





St. Martins Legacy Endowment Fund

On Sunday, June 5th we have invited Rev Larry Westfield, a regional gift planner of the ELCA, to give a temple talk (at end of service) as a way of further introducing our Legacy Endowment Fund at St. Martins. He will stay after service to answer any questions. We will also be introducing Legacy topics in the Weekly Bread, at future temple talks, and at a special seminar that will be offered on Saturday November 5th, to be repeated again on Tuesday November 8th. The seminar will have professionals on hand to show many ways to contribute gifts to the Legacy Endowment Fund (LEF) with tax advantages.

The purpose of LEF is to enhance the mission of St. Martins Lutheran Church apart from the general operation of the congregation. Gifts to this Endowment Fund ensure the continuation of the many ministries and missions of St. Martins into the future. It is the intent that distributions from the Fund shall not be used for the annual operation budget of the Congregation.

Consider give a gift which will change lives for generations to come. Gifts to the Fund can come in many different asset forms such as Cash, Investment Accounts, Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds, Retirement Plans, Insurance, Personal Property, Real Estate, Business Ownership Interest and other Assets. The Endowment Board is here to help you carry out your legacy wishes and oversee investments in the Fund.

Checks can be made to St. Martin's Lutheran Church Legacy Endowment Fund. To arrange a personal and confidential visit, or to learn more, please contact the Office or email LEF@stmartinscp.org

Please note that the LEF is NOT part of any other St Martins capital campaigns or SHOULD NOT replace regular offerings to St Martins.

St. Martin's Legacy Endowment Fund is a new opportunity to strengthen St. Martin's faith journey for the future through legacy giving. The faith of tomorrow blooms from the seeds of today.

In Christ,
James Hartung

MOM Volunteer Opportunities

For anyone looking for opportunities to serve in your community, the following are the current volunteer needs at the Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM):

- Food Pantry Cleaning Volunteer
- Mobile Food Pantry Volunteer
- MOM Garden Mentors
- Clothing Center Volunteer
- Senior Program – Drivers and Volunteers to assist with chores/housekeeping for those 60+

If you are interested in any of these opportunities you can check the MOM website at momhelps.org or call Volunteer Coordinator Joan McGovern at 826-3409. Thank you!

Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator Position

St. Martin's is seeking to hire a half-time, Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator who can work effectively with children of all ages.

The purpose of this position is to direct and coordinate a comprehensive and expanding ministry for our children, youth and families. This position will work with Pastor, our Education Team, parents and other lay ministers.

For further information, please contact Karen Windels, Congregation President of St. Martin's Lutheran. (608-798-5031 or karenwindels@gmail.com).

Mission Opportunity: Jail Ministry Liaison

Could your calling be communicator between St Martin's and the prison program of the MALC (Madison Area Lutheran Council)?

You would: 1) Pray for the prison ministry 2) Attend the annual liaison meeting held in fall. 3) Attend annual meeting held in winter 4) Promote events of the ministry in the bulletin and Weekly Bread.

A little of your time would go a long way to bring more awareness to St Martin's of the MALC. Please contact Maureen - msberghoefer@tds.net for more information.

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.

Plant A Row ('PAR') Update --

The 'PAR' garden has been tilled & prepared by Whitey Hillebrand, and Ralph Schulenberg has already planted potatoes, beets and onions as St Martin's begins their mission of donating the harvest to area food pantries to feed the hungry.

A donation box is on the table in the narthex for contributions towards the purchase of additional fruits, vegetables and other items for the garden. *"Inch by inch, row by row, gonna make this garden grow."*

Choir Practice / Summer Break

There will be no choir practices until further notice (on summer break). *Thank you to everyone!!*

Office Coverage Help Needed ...

During Pastor Kirsten's recovery time we are looking for help with office and phone coverage on Tue. & Thur (10a-noon). Please contact the office (798-2777 or om@smartinscp.org) or sign up on the sheets in the Narthex. Call ahead if you want to stop by to make sure someone is at the office.

'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

Call ahead if you want to stop by (in case there has been a last minute change).

-- OFFICE: Ph: (608) 798-2777 Email: om@smartinscp.org

-- Pastor Kirsten: PastorKirsten@smartinscp.org

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

Church Calendar for May 22 - 28 2016

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

Sunday, May 22

* 9:00a -- Sunday Worship

* 10:00a -- Buy-a-Share Youth Fundraiser

Monday, May 23 -- Open Schedule

Tuesday, May 24

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

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

Wednesday, May 25 -- Open Schedule

Thursday, May 26 -- Open Schedule

* 6:30p -- Centering Prayer

Friday, May 27 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, May 28

* 9:00a -- 10a Overeaters Anonymous LL

Monday, May 30th - *Memorial Day* (office closed)

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 - May 22, 2016

Guest Minister -- Pastor Jack Finney

Accompanist -- Debbie Miller

Song Leader -- Jason Niebuhr

Special Music -- 'Soul Purpose' — Brian Graedel, Ed Neumueller & Paula Elver

Greeters -- Patty & Steve Hillebrand

Lector / Reader -- Casey Peterson

Communion Assistants -- Jon & Tami Roll

Ushers -- Ralph & Darlene Schulenberg

Acolyte -- Henry Hartung, Tyler Duhr

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

Altar Guild -- Deb Goplin

AV Team -- Phil Fish, Bill Windels

Coffee -- Karen Seibel, Karen Smiley & Joyce Richardson

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