



ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



For week of May 24 to 30. This Sunday, May 24th: Day of Pentecost

Wear Red on Sunday to celebrate Pentecost!

Donor Challenge -- The 'Final' Numbers

The final (assuming no late donations) total for the building donor challenge is \$12,370 with 45 participants!

Thanks to all who made the donor challenge drive possible, and thanks be to God!

St. Martin's Plant Swap! -- THIS SUNDAY!

Bring plantings from your own garden to share with others! Invite friends or family members! Annuals and perennials, house or patio plants accepted. Take home a plant, give a donation if you wish. (You do not need to donate plants to participate.)

WHEN: Sunday, May 24th (10 to 11 AM)

(Please bring your plants, if possible, to church on Saturday morning, May 23rd.)

All proceeds go to the maintenance of St. Martin's Prayer Garden.

Help Sought: If you would like to assist in set-up, selling, or clean-up, please contact Karen Windels at 798-5031.

Welcome New Church Members!

Welcome Barb and Don Wittler and Gwen Fuhrman - our newest church members! If you didn't get a chance to say hello to them, please greet them the next time you can!

Pianist / Organist needed ...

St. Martin's Lutheran Church is looking for a part time, Pianist/ Organist, for 2 Sundays a month. Please, send a letter of interest and a resume to 2427 Church Street, Cross Plains, WI or by email at om@stmartinscp.org.

Responsibilities:

- Work in close collaboration with the Pastor and Worship and Music committee to provide a coordinated program of liturgical piano/organ music.
- Select and perform piano/organ music for all regularly scheduled worship services, including prelude, offering, postlude, hymns, and other liturgical aspects of worship, in cooperation with other musicians.
- Work with the Office Manager to communicate weekly music selections for worship services.

Qualifications:

- A good understanding of and familiarity with the liturgical worship as practiced in the ELCA, with flexibility to adapt to special liturgies and other music as needed.
 - Proficient keyboard techniques to lead congregational singing.
 - Knowledge of organ repertoire as appropriate for liturgical worship services.
 - Ability to work cooperatively to obtain the missions of the church.
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Sign up for Church Directory pictures!

We are still doing sign-up for Church Directory Pictures to be taken June 10th - 13th (Wed - Sat).

Sign-up now for your time slot!

You can sign-up by either 1) ***clicking on the link on the home-page of the church web site*** or (very easy to do!) or 2) ***sign up at church*** on Sunday's before the week of pictures (talk to Doris Fish or Carmen Fowell).

We could still use some help during week of photos (checking people in, etc.) If you would like to help, please talk to Doris or Carmen, or send a note to the office. Thank you! Office Ph 798-2777 email om@stmartinscp.org

Mark Your Calendars for a Violin, Viola and Piano Recital on May 31st (3 - 4pm)

There will be a student violin, viola and piano studio recital, accompanied by Nancy Kurr and Stacy Regehr, on the afternoon of Sunday, May 31st (weekend *after* Memorial Day) from 3 to 4pm at the church. Open to the public, admission is free, so please stop in to enjoy the music!



Butter Braids! Last Day to order is Sunday, May 24th

The fundraiser for the mission trip for the month of May is the selling of wonderfully delicious **butter braids**.

The high school youth will be selling them before and after worship, with ***May 24th being the last day you can order!*** Bring your checkbooks to pre-pay for your butter braids, and they will be delivered on June 7th.



First Communion Class

A First Communion class is being offered by Pastor Kirsten -- If your child has been baptized and would like to receive communion and has not taken First Communion class yet, plan on attending this first communion class as well as the bread-making afterward. Please let Chuck know if your child is planning on attending, so there are enough materials and space to accommodate the group. Email Chuck (om@stmartinscp.org) or call the office (798-2777)

-- **Saturday, May 23 (9:00am)** -- First Communion Class with Communion Bread Making to follow class.

-- **Sunday, May 24, 9:00 A.M.** -- First Communion Worship -- participants will receive special recognition and commune first with their families this day.

Property Management team - Up and Running!

The Property Management Team is up and running! St. Martin's is blessed to welcome five interested congregational members to our new Property Management Team. At the May Church Council Meeting, Al Curtis was appointed as the chair the team. The team is responsible for meeting regularly to proactively provide direction and management of St. Martin's property. It's not too late to jump on board! If you are interested in joining this group, please let Pastor or Al know.

Family graduate this spring?

If you or your son, daughter or other family member is graduating this spring (high school, college, tech school, etc.), please let us know the details! ***We want to recognize all graduates in the Weekly Bread and during worship on Sunday, June 7th.***

Please call or email the office to let us know (798-2777 or om@stmartinscp.org). Thank you!



April, 2015 Financial Snapshot for Saint Martin's

The Finance Team will begin providing a monthly snapshot of the church's financial picture.

Service Receipts:

Year-to-date offering receipts = \$79,085.93
Budget YTD offering receipts = \$94,388.00
(\$15,302.07)

Total Income (not including Donor Challenge receipts):

Year-to-date Income = \$95,496.01
Budget YTD Income = \$104,036.00
(\$8,539.99)

Expenses:

Year-to-date expenses = \$101,778.80
Budget YTD expenses = \$104,060.00
(\$ 2,281.20)

Our expenses through April are being managed well and we are below our budgeted amount; however our service receipts are substantially below budget. Service receipts from our monthly/weekly offerings make up 90% of our income. While we are holding the line on expenses, we are relying on our savings to make up the deficit. This is not wise long term plan. Total Income includes offerings plus designated giving (missions, prayer garden, and other one-time designations).

Above all, our giving to St. Martin's and to God should come from the heart and out of thankfulness for what God provides for us. As you pray about your giving plan to St. Martin's, please consider regular, automatic contributions, as it helps even out the peaks and valleys of cash flow.

Women of the ELCA Biennial Convention “Fruits of the Spirit”

Open to all Women of the ELCA and guests, the Women of the ELCA Biennial Convention - 'Fruits of the Spirit' – will be held **June 12 and 13, 2015** (at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, West Campus, Verona).

There's still time to Register! Registration for this event for non-delegates has been extended to May 28th!

The South Central Wisconsin Synod Women's Organization will hold their Biennial Convention at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – West Campus, Verona, WI on **Friday evening, June 12, and all day Saturday, June 13.**

While conducting the business of the 12th Biennial Convention is the focus, there will also be workshops, worship to experience, displays to visit and socializing.

Friday Evening – Business Meeting - Delegates will elect a new synod women's board.

Saturday Morning - Continental breakfast and morning worship with Bishop Mary Froiland preaching.

Saturday Workshops: Domestic Abuse Intervention Services; Financial Strategies for Women presented by Thrivent Financial; Don't Be a Target for Fraud; Everyday Yoga –Improve Balance, Strength & Flexibility; Refugee Resettlement- Making Global Connections through Refugee Ministry; Bullying Basics- Knowledge to Guide Your Child Through Situations Concerning Bullying; Definitions and Signs of Child Maltreatment; What Adults Need to Know about Child Sexual Abuse, Saba International; Let's Talk About White Privilege; and United for a Better Life Mission Project.

The cost of attending the Saturday convention that includes a continental breakfast beginning at 8 am and a noon luncheon, is \$40. Registration for non-delegates ends May 28, 2015.

Registration forms can be found in the April issue of the Trumpeter found on the synod website:

Who We Are > Synod Teams > WELCA

Link: http://www.scsw-elca.org/Who_We_Are/WELCA/2015_April_Trumpeter.pdf

Contact Polly Carter for further information at 608-271-7912.

Church Office Hours

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

Closed Memorial Day

Ph: 608-798-2777 Email: om@stmartinscp.org

Church Calendar for May 24 - May 30

Sunday, May 24 -- Day of Pentecost - wear RED

NO Choir

9:00 a. -- Worship (First Communion) S

NO Sr. High Youth Group

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day - office closed

Tuesday, May 26

6:30 am - Men's Bible Study L

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

Wednesday, May 27

7:00 - 8:30p - Centering Prayer

Thursday, May 28

Open calendar

Friday, May 29

Open calendar

Saturday, May 30

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Additional dates (and events) to keep in mind:

May 25 - Memorial Day (church office closed)

May 31 - Guest Speaker (Pastor John Ruppenthal)

June 7 - Celebration of those graduating

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

Worship Participants for Sunday, May 24

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Kirsten Curtis

Accompanist -- Jan Doyle

Song Leader -- Natalija Goomey

Special Music -- Natalija Goomey

Greeters -- Bruce & Sandy Salvo

Lector -- Jen Niesen

Communion Assistants -- Phil & Doris Fish

Ushers -- Oscar & Karen Seibel

Jr. Usher -- Madeline Phaneuf

Acolytes -- Joelle Jackson

Nursery -- Ashlyn Phaneuf

Counting Team -- Team 2

Altar Guild -- Darlene Schulenburg

AV Team -- Phil Fish, Bill Windels

Coffee & Treats -- Carmen Fowell, Jackie Swanson, Linda Sebree, Alan Curtis

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