



Week of May 29 - June 4 2016

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### **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.

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### **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH BUY-A-SHARE CONTINUES!**

On Sunday, May 22nd, our High School Youth raised nearly \$1,300 (!) for their mission trip to Long Island, NY. *The waffles were delicious and the fund raising continues as we meet our \$2,000 goal.*

*You can still buy-a-share in the Narthex after worship for the next two Sundays! Don't miss this important opportunity to support our youth.*

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### **Annual Cross Plains Chamber 5K Run/Walk - Memorial Day!**

This year we are doing something a bit different in that we have changed the theme of the event. Instead of the event being just a Memorial Day race, we are going to designate WHO we are running in memory of by who or what we list on the back of our race day t-shirts.

**Event Details:**

- \* Location: Cross Plains American Legion Park (2217 American Legion Dr.)
- \* Registration: 8am
- \* Race Begins: 8:30am
- \* Entry Fee: \$20 per participant to include: Entry, T-shirt, snacks, bib number, water, entry to win prizes from Shoe Box, Endurance House, Cross Plains Chamber, etc.
- \* T-shirt sizes: Youth Small & Medium, Adult Small, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL

**How to register:**

- \* You can register day of event (forms will be at registration)
- \* Checks to be made out to "Cross Plains Area Chamber of Commerce" (*Non profit community organization supporting local business and community growth*)
- \* You can also register online: [www.cross-plains.wi.us](http://www.cross-plains.wi.us) (under Recreation Department and Online Registration and under Special Events)

*Hope to see you there rain or shine! Please invite your friends and family!*

***After the Race the festivities continue:***

- \* Parade following the race
- \* Memorial Day Ceremony
- \* Chicken BBQ dinners served from 12:30-4:30pm
- \* Kids Activities: bounce house, glitter tattoos, kickball, face painting, contests with the DJ

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## 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!*

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## 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!*

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## Prayer Message from Pastor Jack

When I was a child I was taught to fold my hands when I prayed. Sometimes that's helpful. See next week's message. But sometimes it makes more sense to pray with open hands. Jesus said, "Ask, and you will receive." He wants to give us courage, guidance, strength, love, forgiveness, etc. To receive those gifts we need open hands and hearts. I pray the Lord's prayer with open hands. You might want to try that. If we are asking for God's will, forgiveness, and daily bread, does it not make sense to pray with open, receptive hands, rather than folded hands? Prayerfully,  
Pastor Jack

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## 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.*





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## 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](mailto: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

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## **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](http://momhelps.org) or call Volunteer Coordinator Joan McGovern at 826-3409. Thank you!*

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## **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 Youth and Family Ministry Team, parents and other lay ministers.

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). A job description can be viewed on our web site, [stmartinscp.org](http://stmartinscp.org). (Or call Deb McCue – 798-3294)

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## 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](mailto:msberghoefer@tds.net) for more information.

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## 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](http://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.*

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## May 2016 Financial Snapshot for Saint Martin's Lutheran Church

**Service Receipts:** (the negative number below means we are behind budget, which is not good)

Budget YTD offering receipts = \$101,064.00  
Year-to-date offering receipts = \$ 80,014.25  
-\$ 21,049.75

**Total Income:** (again, the negative number below is not good)

Budget YTD Income = \$132,644.00  
Year-to-date Income = \$ 97,418.07  
-\$ 35,225.93

**Expenses:** (the negative number below is good - we are not spending as much as we budgeted for)

Budget YTD expenses = \$132,592.00  
Year-to-date expenses = \$ 98,445.14  
-\$ 34,146.86

Our expenses through April 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 having to dip into our cash reserves to make up the deficit. This is not a wise long term plan. Additionally, with summer approaching, giving tends to taper off; you may be planning your family vacations, but our bills do not take a vacation.

Above all, our giving to St. Martin's and to God should come from the heart and out of thankfulness for what He 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.

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## Plant A Row ('PAR')

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."*

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## 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 signup on the sheets in the Narthex. Call ahead if you want to stop by to make sure someone is at the office.

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## '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](http://www.stmartinscp.org)).

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## 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](mailto:om@stmartinscp.org)

-- Pastor Kirsten: [PastorKirsten@stmartinscp.org](mailto:PastorKirsten@stmartinscp.org)

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

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## Pastor Finney contact information --

Pastor Jack can be reached at 608-873-6514 or [jjfinney1962@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://vermontlutheran.org)).

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## Church Calendar for May 29 - June 4 2016

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

**Sunday, May 29**

\* 9:00a -- Sunday Worship

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

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

**Tuesday, May 31**

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

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

**Wednesday, June 1** -- Open Schedule

**Thursday, June 2** -- Open Schedule

**Friday, June 3** -- Open Schedule

**Saturday, June 4**

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

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

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## Worship Participants - May 29, 2016

Guest Minister -- Pastor Jack Finney

Accompanist -- Sherri Hansen

Song Leader -- Karen Windels

Greeters -- Lee & Jacqui Swanson

Lector / Reader -- Lee Swanson

Communion Assistants -- Phil & Doris Fish

Ushers -- Jeannie Hering-Schumann, Jim Doyle

Acolyte -- Joelle Jackson, Lexi Boehnen

Counting -- Team 1 (Jenny Niesen, Darlene Schulenberg, Gale Kooistra, Joyce Richardson)

Altar Guild -- Darlene Schulenberg

AV Team -- James Hartung

Coffee -- Van & Judy Valaskey

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