



# ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



Week of May 8 - 14 2016

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## **NEWS FLASH – Pastor Kirsten on the HOME STRETCH!**

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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## **St. Martin's 4th Annual Plant Sale! May 6 & 7th!**

*Please join us on this fun, outreach fundraiser!*

When: Friday, May 6 (9am-11am) & Saturday, May 7 (9am-Noon)

Where: Under the white tent on the front lawn of St. Martin's Church!

(Held during Cross Plains 'Trout Days'.)

Here are some of the things you can do to support the sale:

\* Divide perennials and/or house plants to donate. We need 'sun lover' and 'shade plants' — big or small!

\* Donate pots, containers for gardeners to use digging out plants. (Place on sidewalk outside by the bell tower.)

Please volunteer to help —many hands are needed! Examples of help needed: Set up plants at sale, pricing plants, assisting customers, cashier, etc. A sign-up sheet to volunteer and/or donate plants is displayed in the narthex. Invite your neighbors and friends to the sale! There will be invite cards and posters available in the narthex. Please bring your plants to the church the week of the sale, due by Thur. May 5th, designated area by the prayer garden. Provide the name of your plant(s), shade or sun (you don't need to price). Contact Linda Sebree for more info (Lindaasebree@gmail.com or 608-413-0080). **Help is needed for setup and take-down on days of sale.**

*Proceeds from the plant sale go to garden maintenance and plant replacement.*

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## About Pastor Finney

Pastor Jack Finney will be serving us until Pastor Kirsten returns. He is a graduate of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago; and he received a certificate for spiritual direction from the Shalem Institute. He served four parishes in Illinois before retiring in 1999. As a semi-retired pastor he offers individual spiritual direction and gives sermons, talks, and retreats on Ways of Prayer and Spiritual Practices. He and his wife, Jan, moved to Stoughton eight years ago to live near their daughter and family; but last year they moved to West Hartford, CT. The Finney's feel rooted in Wisconsin and do not plan to move. They also have a son and family in Powell, Ohio, a suburb of Columbus. Jack and Jan have five grandchildren, including Emily who is a sophomore at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana. He looks forward to sharing in the ministry with us!

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 pastor: Pastor Rob Nelson, New Heights Lutheran Church (Black Earth), 608-767-2247 or 608-513-0032.

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## Prayer Message from Pastor Jack

As a spiritual director I am often a prayer coach, helping people deepen their prayer life. While I'm serving you, I'll be writing a weekly article on prayer. So here is the first one.

I think we have all have said to someone, "I'll pray for you." How do we do that and what is it's purpose? My favorite way of praying for another is this. Imagine the person sitting across from you. Visualize the Light of Christ totally surrounding that person. The Healing, Loving Light of Christ! After a minute or two, say, "God, is there anything you want me to do for \_\_\_\_\_ besides pray for him/her? You may hear an answer then, or maybe later, or maybe not at all. This way of prayer reminds us that we participate with God in the prayer. We can sometimes be part of the answer to a person's prayer. No, we cannot take away someone's cancer or pain; but we can be reflections of God's love to another. May I suggest you call one of the people we pray for at worship and say, "We have been praying for you. Is there anything else you need besides our prayers?" Even if they say, "No", your call is an act of love that can brighten their day. Prayerfully, Pastor Jack

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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 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).

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## *Spring Music Studio Recital*

Saturday, May 14th (3:00p-4:30p).

All are welcome to come hear a free music recital from **3:00-4:30pm Saturday, May 14** at St. Martin's featuring the viola, violin, and piano students of Nancy Kurr. A reception in the Narthex will follow.

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## Upcoming Concerts ...

### **Concert Announcement #1**

*The Festival Choir of Madison (Rick Weiland and Sherri Hansen are singers) presents "An Evening with Joseph Flummerfelt,"* Joseph is a world renown choral master and will be conducting this final concert of the season. Works will include Rachmaninoff, Bruckner, Brahms, and Mendelssohn and very much mirror the repertoire that would be typical of a St. Olaf's or Luther College Choir concerts. This concert will be held on **Saturday, May 7th at 7:30 pm at Christ Presbyterian Church, 944 East Gorham St.**, Madison. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$12 seniors, and \$9 for students.

### **Concert Announcement #2**

*To celebrate the release of her second piano collection, "Piano Weavings II," by Augsburg Fortress Publishers, new accompanist Sherri Hansen invites you to a concert celebrating spring!* Joining her will be acclaimed singer-songwriter, Richard Burxvoort Colligan who also just released a new album and songbook, "Trust." Richard has led worship at several South-Central Synod events recently including the Synod Assembly in 2015 and the LEAD conference last March. Concert will be on **Friday, May 13th, at 7pm at the Madison Christian Community, 7118 Old Sauk Rd**, Madison. Free will offering requested and reception to follow.

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## **Cross Plains Lions Trout Days -- Fri. & Sat. May 6th & 7th**

*Cross Plains Lions want to remind you that our annual Trout Days celebration is nearly here!*

The Lions Club carry on our long held tradition of encouraging village residents to host city wide garage sales. (On Saturday the 7th St Vincent DePaul will provide a drop off site for left over useable items you may want to donate. Site is located in the lower parking lot of St. Francis Catholic Church.)

- On Saturday the Lions will host our “**Kids Train**” and other child friendly activities at Zander Park off Main Street.
- On Saturday our **Trout Contest** will also be held at the Food Stand in Terry’s parking lot.
- On both Friday May 6th and Saturday the 7th, the Lions will have food and beverage service from 4 stands located around the village.
- A special **Pig Roast** is planned for Saturday in Zander Park off Main Street bordering the beautifully restored Black Earth Creek.

*All profits from Lions Trout Day food sales support local charities as well as Lions charities at the state, national, and international level.*

*There are many activities and events scheduled for the extended Trout Day weekend. Initial information was published in last week’s edition of the News-Sickle-Arrow. Additional community events information includes:*

- **Trail tour** hosted by the Ice Age Trail organization on Saturday -- 1:00PM planned start from the American Legion Park.
- The **library** is again hosting their annual **book fair and sale** at the library, both Friday and Saturday.
- The North West Dane County Seniors are hosting a fund raising **spaghetti lunch/dinner** on Thursday the 5th, along with a garage sale on Friday and Saturday.
- The **Life Foundation** is featuring an information area including community garden plot details. They will be located at the NW Dane County Senior site on Bourbon Road.
- Black Earth Creek Water Shed Association (BECWA) presents “**Bugs by the Creek**” at 1:00 PM on Saturday in Zander Park off Main Street.

***St Martin’s events of note:***

- On **Friday and Saturday, St. Martins is hosting a *plant sale*** at the church.
- On **Saturday the St Martin’s Youth Group will also have *bake sales* at the 4 Lions food stands** with proceeds going to support ongoing Super Storm Sandy mission relief.

The whole village will celebrate the completion of highway road work construction. Our business community welcomes your support of their efforts to maintain services through the construction period. The Lions welcome all who want to join in the celebration of Spring’s arrival. Hope to see you at Lions Trout Days 2016.

As Cross Plains Lions, gratefully we serve. Visit with us on our website and Facebook

Thank you for your support!

Bob Nelson  
Lions Trout Day Event Chairperson

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## Mission & Adult Activity Opportunities

**MISSIONS: Habitat For Humanity:** If you are interested in volunteering for the Sun Prairie Build on Saturday 5/14, please contact Maureen at [msberghoefer@tds.net](mailto:msberghoefer@tds.net). Other tentative dates planned for the Madison West Side Build are Saturday 6/11 & Saturday 6/25, please mark your calendars and watch for updated information.

**Habitat Food Providers & Servers Needed (5/14)** -- If you are interested in providing or serving lunch to the St Martin's Sun Prairie Habitat for Humanity Build on **Sat. 5/14**, please contact Doris Fish at 279-3637 or [pdfish@charter.net](mailto:pdfish@charter.net).

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## Mission Updates --

**NEWBORN KITS** —Thirty-three newborn kits were completed for Global Health Ministries last week. The generosity of so many made it possible. *Thank you* to everyone who purchased items or made a financial donation. *Thank you* to the Quilters for preparing sheeting for each kit from their supplies. *Thank you* to Redgy Nelson and Bev Brunner for packing each kit with love and care. *Thank you* to Ron & Deb Goplin, for delivering them to the Synod Assembly last week. They are on their way to developing countries to help mothers celebrate the birth of their babies with much needed items. *They go with our prayers and blessings!*

**PAR (Plant A Row)** 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."*

**MOM Info (food donations):** 44,000 pounds of food was donated to the MOM Food Pantry through the recent 6th Annual Canstruction event "sCANing the Galaxy" held at West Towne Mall. *Thank you everyone!*

**Invitation** - MOM Distribution Center (Food Pantry) invites you to the next public tour on Tuesday 5/17 between 5 & 6:30 PM - 3502 Parmenter St. Come see what MOM does firsthand and/or drop off a clothing or food donation.

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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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## **Choir Practice / Summer Break**

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

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## **2016 Synod Assembly Summary**



**ONE STORY: ALWAYS RE-FORMING**  
**2016 Synod Assembly Summary**

**SOUTH-CENTRAL SYNOD OF WISCONSIN, ELCA**

**Total Attendance: 382 Voting Members + 64 Visitors = 446 total**  
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**RESOLUTIONS PASSED**  
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- Resolution #1: Establishment of an annual Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Sunday
- Resolution #2: U.S. Aid to State of Israel as a Tool for Peace
- Resolution #3: Memorial to the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly Regarding U.S. Aid to the State of Israel
- Resolution #4: Justice for the Holy Land through Responsible Investment
- Resolution #5: Establishment of a Synod-wide Observance in Support of Lutheran Campus Ministries
- Resolution #6: In Support of Military Personnel, Veterans and Their Families
- Resolution #7: Requesting Changes to On-Leave-From-Call Policy for Rostered Leaders

**ELECTIONS**  
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By acclamation, the following were elected to Synod Council: Jessica Guido (Lay Female); Rev. Kathy Jacobson (Clergy Female); Matthew Helmers (Lay Male)

**OFFERING**  
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**Global Health Ministries (GHM) Kit In-gathering - 30 Congregations Participating**

- Hospice Kits = 722
- Newborn Kits = 544
- Blankets = 91
- Rolled Bandages = 3,249

*Special thanks to Ted and Jeff Sehmer for managing the transport of the kits to the GHM warehouse and to everyone that donated toward transportation costs.*

**Worship Offering**

**\$7,611.67**

Designated to split equally between the South-Central Synod of WI Endowment Fund to be used for Outreach and Mission in our synod and the 2016 focus of the Campaign for the ELCA, Hunger and Poverty. \$7,611.67 was gathered (including \$640.00 online)

**Special Music Brought Us Into the Presence of God!**  
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We were moved by the music of Jonathan Rundman who played throughout our assembly. Our assembly plenary time on Saturday was organized within the framework of worship where we Gathered with Morning Prayer. Then at noon, we reflected on the Word and we concluded the day in worship where we were Sent to serve. In addition, award-winning composer Ben Johnston-Urey and a fabulous orchestra and choir from Good Shepherd, Madison, breathed life into the Sunday celebration service. Ben & Caitlin Johnston-Urey wrote an original song, "May the Lord Bless You" as did Nancy Raabe, AIM, composer, who wrote, "The Spirit Led by Day." Bishop Eaton surprised us by joining in with the orchestra as a flautist! Visit the synod website for music details which will be posted soon! [www.scsw-elca.org/Events/SynodAssembly](http://www.scsw-elca.org/Events/SynodAssembly).



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## 2016 Synod Assembly Summary

Theme: "One Story: Always Re-Forming"

Synod Assembly 2016 Overview

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The annual synod assembly was held April 30 - May 1, 2016 at the  
Kalahari Convention Center - Wisconsin Dells, WI

Our synod gathered in Assembly around the theme: "One Story: Always Re-Forming." Our keynote speaker, ELCA Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton, used her plenary time on Saturday to **LISTEN** to members of our assembly and asked the following questions:

- What is distinctive about our identity as a Lutheran church?
- What kind of church do we believe God is calling us to become?
- How do we become an inclusive, diverse church that is inspiring and relevant in different communities?
- What is God calling us to do in a world that is facing unprecedented levels of poverty, conflict and violence, inter-religious tension and massive displacement of people?
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On Sunday, Presiding Bishop Eaton invited us to **HEAR** and brought us the message during worship and then shared her impressions of how we are the church together in this time and place during her churchwide report. Bristol Lutheran Church, Sun Prairie was featured in her video!

This theme of *One Story: Always Re-Forming* was carried throughout the Assembly. We remained mindful of it during business sessions, in workshops, during mission moments and during the banquet program where we heard reflections from anniversary honorees, Rev. Roger Eigenfeld (50 yrs), Rev. Ron Nybroten (50 yrs), and Rev. Bud Buchheim (60 yrs).

### Engaging Breakouts

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**Fourteen breakouts were offered** on both Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning including: Intersections of Faith & Science, Mutual Ministry Teams, Our Changing Lutheran Identity, ELCA World Hunger; Around the World and Here at Home, Caring for Military Families, Faith & Climate Change, Wondering Creatively, Faith & the Arts, Disaster Planning & Your Congregation, Encouraging Healthy Lifestyles, Talking to Youth and Adult Church Members about Human Trafficking, the New Word and Service Roster, and Developing Your Planned Giving Story. All were engaging!

### NEXT ASSEMBLY GATHERING

Dates: April 29 - April 30, 2017      Location: Madison Marriott, Middleton, WI

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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](mailto: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.

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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.smartinscp.org](http://www.smartinscp.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@smartinscp.org](mailto:om@smartinscp.org)

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

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

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## Church Calendar for May 1 - 7 2016

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

**Sunday, May 8**

\* 9:00a -- Sunday Worship and Sunday School

\* 6:00p -- Youth Group YR

**Monday, May 9**

\* 9:30a -- Quilting Group FH

\* 6:30p -- Berry Hist. Soc. FH

**Tuesday, May 10**

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

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

**Wednesday, May 11** -- Open Schedule

**Thursday, May 12**

\* 6:30a -- Centering Prayer G

**Friday, May 13** -- Open Schedule

**Saturday, May 14**

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

\* 2:00p -- Music Recital N/S/FH

**Sunday, May 15—Pentecost.** *You are invited to wear something red, yellow, or orange -- the colors of fire.*

Remember — CHOIR PRACTICE is Sunday Mornings (8am). All are welcome!

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 8, 2016

Guest Minister -- Pastor Jack Finney

Accompanist -- Sherri Hansen

Song Leader -- Karen Windels

Greeters -- Tom & Gail Johnson

Lector / Reader -- Lois Weiland

Communion Assistants -- Bruce & Sandy Salvo

Ushers -- Jim & Linda Knudtson

Acolyte -- Nick Hinz, Cole Ferguson

Counting -- Team 4 (Steve & Patty Hillebrand, Deb Wipperfurth)

Altar Guild -- Deb Goplin

AV Team -- Alan Curtis

Coffee / Treats -- Dana Fuhrman, Greg Hinz family, Mike & Kay Kalvin family

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