



## Week of Nov 1 - Nov 7 2015

Remember to **SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 hour Saturday night** (yes, you get more sleep!)

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Cassie Kohrs has been serving as Youth Ministry Coordinator for St. Martin's since February. The Council would like to share with the congregation that Cassie's last day at St. Martin's was Monday, October 26.

We wish to extend Cassie regards as she continues to discern where God is calling her to serve in God's kingdom and thank her for her service to St. Martin's Lutheran Church.

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## Trick-or-Treat for the Hungry ... Did we miss your house?

Did we miss your house for Trick-or-Treat for the Hungry this past Wednesday, 10/28? (Confirmation Students participated in a service project, collecting non-perishable food items door-to-door in our community for the food pantry.)

*If you were missed, and would like to donate, or have additional items to donate, please bring your non-perishable food item to church this coming Sunday, Nov. 1. (Or you can drop your item off at the church during regular church hours.)*

Thank you!

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## New Member Sunday - Nov. 1

Next Sunday, November 1, we will be receiving "New Members." If you or someone you know would like to "formally" join St. Martin's, please let Chuck know in the office, at 798-2777 or [om@stmartinscp.org](mailto:om@stmartinscp.org), so we can plan accordingly.

*Plan on attending worship and coffee fellowship time to welcome our newest members.*

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## Lutheran Men in Mission 'One Year to Live' Retreat

Each year, the Lutheran Men in Mission gather in retreat at the MacKenzie Center in Poyette, Wisconsin for this *spiritual boot camp*. This 45-hour experience is not for the faint of heart! You will be adventurous and courageous, genuine and spiritual and you will be banded together to examine your life and make decisions.

**DATE: November 6 – 8, 2015**

**LOCATION: MacKenzie Center, Poyette**

Powerful testimonials include: *"Wow, I had no idea how powerful this retreat was and still is in my life. I have found true brothers and developed friendships that have just grown richer over time."*

For more information and to register, visit: [www.lutheranmen.org](http://www.lutheranmen.org)

You can also call or text Randy Dahlinger at (608) 219-1579 or email him at [highlander6022@gmail.com](mailto:highlander6022@gmail.com)

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## Fall Book Club book – 'Just Mercy, a Story of Justice and Redemption'

This fall, the Book Club will be reading *Just Mercy, a Story of Justice and Redemption*, written by Bryan Stevenson.

One description of this moving story - "*Just Mercy is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer's coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice.*"

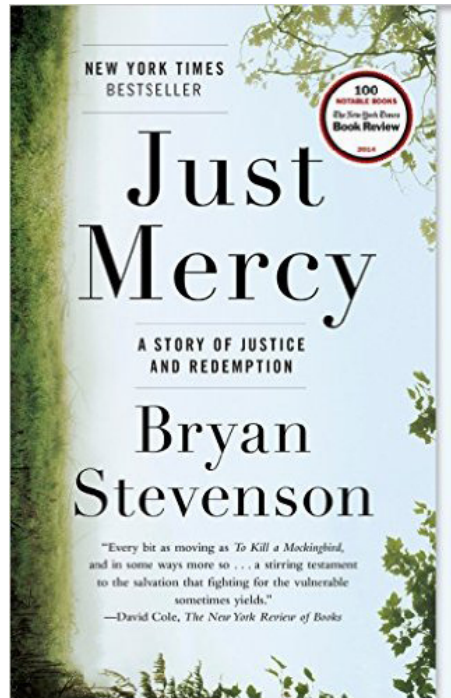
Pick up a copy of your own and begin reading. Then join our next discussion night:

**Tuesday, November 17 (library)**  
**Start at 6:30 P.M.**

*Attend one or both of the discussion nights.*

This is also the UW – Madison “Go Big Read” book, so there are a number of opportunities to discuss the book with people outside our community, in the Madison and surrounding areas.

Check out the schedule of events at <https://today.wisc.edu/events/tag/Go%20Big%20Read> and read more at <http://news.wisc.edu/24000> .



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## Let's study the Bible!

**When?** November 1, 8, 15 & 22nd

**Where?** Library

**What Time?** 10:45, after worship and coffee fellowship

**Why?** *To encounter God through the living Word and grow in our faith together.*

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## CONFIRMATION STUDENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Wed, Nov. 4, 2015

On Wednesday, November 4th we will be joining 1,000 other middle schoolers in our area for worship!



The schedule looks like this:

Date: Wed., Nov. 4, 2015

Location: Alliant Energy Center, Madison

5:15p - Leave St. Martin's (carpool to event)

5:30p – 6:00 Registration / Check-in (returning around 8:30.)

6:00 – 8:15 Lively Worship and Conversation with Bishop Mary and Conversations with Missional Leaders

8:30p - Return

***Pizza and beverages will be served.***

In-kind offering for TEP: Bring Toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene items, and trial size hygiene items especially body wash, soap, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant.

***We hope to see you there!***

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## Promoting racial equality

Interested in finding out more about how to promote racial equality? Do you want to live out your baptismal promises of caring for others and working for justice and peace?

I am looking for a group of 10-15 people to commit to a year-long journey, studying a resource that the ELCA has published called "*Troubling the Waters for Healing of the Church.*" It is defined as a journey for white Christians from privilege to partnership.

If this sounds interesting to you, and you would like to sign up or find out more, please contact Pastor Kirsten.

The **start date for the group is November 29**, the first Sunday of Advent. I look forward to this journey with you.

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## I can do that!!

Give a breathing offering to God – yourself! Volunteer to participate in worship. Be open to where God is calling you to serve as a worship leader. Allow for the Holy Spirit to guide you. Help St. Martin's practice in worship being "the priesthood of all believers."

Here are some suggestions, but feel free to create your own:

- Assist with serving communion
- Read the Bible lessons for Sunday
- Act as a greeter, welcoming others to church
- Provide special music
- Be a song leader for the congregation
- Serve as an usher
- Donate flowers for worship
- Connect with others during coffee fellowship
- Welcome all you encounter

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## Upcoming Opportunities for Involvement at St. Martin's

Consider being involved in these activities at St. Martins --

November 12: Cross Plains business fair (at St. Francis). We will have a table there.

November 15: Commitment Sunday

November 22: Wishes for the Giving Tree will be available for pickup

November 25: (Wed.) Combined Thanksgiving service at St. Francis

November 28: (Sat.) Church Christmas season decorating

December 5: Holiday Cookie Walk Sale

December 13: Caroling

December 16: Serve at the homeless shelter

Also, put together food packages for finals week on campus.

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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

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

-- Pastor Kirsten: PastorKirsten@stmartinscp.org

-- Youth Director: Youth@stmartinscp.org

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

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## Church Calendar for Nov 1 - Nov 7 2015

Sunday, Nov 1

9:00a - Sunday Worship / Sunday School

7:00p - High School Youth Group

Monday, Nov 2 -- Open Schedule

Tuesday, Nov 3

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

6:15p - Worship Planning Team L

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

Wednesday, Nov 4

5:15p - 8:30p Confirmation Extravaganza (Alliant Energy Center)

7:00p Choir Practice MR

Thursday, Nov 5

7:00p - Community Safety Presentation S

Friday, Nov 6 — Open Schedule

Saturday, Nov 7

9:00 - 10 am 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

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## Worship Participants 11.1.2015

*Worship participants for this week are listed below. Thank you!*

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Kirsten Curtis

Accompanist -- Jan Doyle

Song Leader -- Karen Windels

Special Music -- Jason Niebuhr

Greeters -- Brian & Kathy Gradel

Lector / Reader -- Doris Fish

Communion Assistants -- Tom Johnson, Ann Houck

Ushers -- Jeannie Hering-Schumann, Jim Doyle

Acolyte -- Ella Rogers, Tyler Duhr

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

Altar Guild -- Debbie Wipperfurth

Altar Flowers -- (open)

AV Team -- James Hartung, Paul Schluter

Coffee & Treats -- Doris Fish

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