

# ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



## Week of Nov 29 - Dec 5 2015

*Remember -- Choir Practice, now on Sunday mornings at 8am. (Not on Wed.)*

All are welcome!

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## Church Decoration - Nov 29th (after service) with Potluck to follow

All are invited on *Sunday, November 29th* to participate in our annual Advent Intergenerational event, when we will prepare our hearts and minds to anticipate the birth of our Savior.

Activities will include:

Worship at 9 AM; come see the living advent calendar!

Help trim our new Christmas trees in the Sanctuary, and Fellowship Hall tree.

For the kids, decorate cookies, make an ornament for the tree and paint the windows!

Decorate the narthex, sanctuary, and outdoor bushes with lights and boughs.

**Stay for a potluck lunch** in the Fellowship Hall. (Sign up to bring something to share!)



*Bring a friend you have been meaning to invite – this is an informal, fun way to introduce St. Martin's to a newcomer!*

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## Care Packages for College Students

St. Martin's would like to send a care package to support our college students as they wrap up the semester.

If you would like to help out with this great ministry opportunity, please bring in items for the care packages: all snack items - cookies/bars, gum, crackers, trail-mix, popcorn, raisins, licorice or other candy, etc.

*Have items to church by this Tuesday, December 1st.* Home-baked goods are great, too! Just bake your treats on Tues or Wed and drop them off on the *day of packaging – Wed. December 2.*

***Join the Confirmation students in the fun of putting the care packages together on Wednesday evening, December 2, starting at 6:30 P.M.***

Please let Pastor Kirsten know if you are able to help assemble the care packages.

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## Calling all (holiday!) Bakers!!

The Annual **Holiday Cookie Walk Sale** is fast approaching -- *Saturday, Dec 5th, 9am-11am.*

*The success of the sale is having your home baked holiday favorites available to sell.*

***Please drop your cookies off on Friday, Dec. 4th (fellowship kitchen) from 4:30pm-6pm or 8am on the morning before the sale starts.***



*Please mark containers with or without nuts.*

Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

Questions or to volunteer contact Gail Johnson at 575-0170.

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## Concert at Perry Lutheran Church - Sunday, Nov. 29th

## **IN CONCERT**

**David Jeglum, Tom Black and Diane Dangerfield**

When: Sunday, November 29th.

Time: 7:00pm

*Early music at 6:40* by Torrie Peterson-Waldvogel and Ana Capri Peterson-Waldvogel

Location: Perry Lutheran Church, Daleyville (1057 Hwy 78 South, Mt. Horeb)

*Sponsored by Perry Men in Mission*

**FREE WILL OFFERING**

*Come early for a good seat.*

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## **Giving Tree**

Giving Tree Families / Individuals now being accepted through Sunday 12/6. If you or someone you know needs a little extra help this Christmas, please contact Maureen at 798-4820.

Volunteers Needed for Giving Tree. Lots of opportunities are available - shoppers, gift sorters, gift wrappers, Christmas Closet organizers, Greeters to welcome families pick up gifts on 12/19, tear down, etc. Please sign up on the GT clipboard.

Ornaments have been requested by a Giving Tree family. Please consider donating one and make Family A's Christmas tree truly beautiful. Place your offering in the basket on the GT table.

Gently used clothing, shoes, bedding, towels, kitchen goods, toys and children's books are needed. Please bring your items to the large classroom in the lower level marked Christmas Closet.

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## **Christmas Cards Please ...**

The holidays can be especially depressing for the men and women in Madison jails. With the exception of a small scoop of ice cream for dessert, Christmas will go unnoticed. It will be the same as every other day in jail.

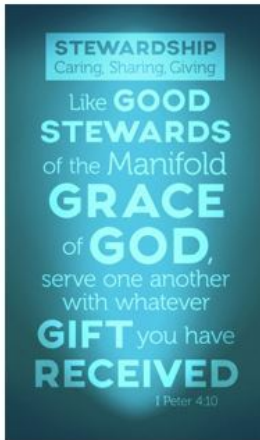
A simple card with a hand written note will bring a smile and a bit of joy to someone's day. Many of the men and women keep them all year long reflecting on them regularly.

Please place your cards in the box on the Giving Tree Table. (Sign with your first name only, stickers can be used to decorate envelopes, no beads, paper clips, ribbons, etc.)

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## **Pledge cards still being accepted**

Did you overlook turning in your pledge card? If so, please put yours in the narthex mail box.  
Thank you!



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

**"Steward's ship" was launched. Jump on board & join the crew!**

To show I care.

I want to share.

and give this way to get us there.

I will make an offering to God in the following way(s):

Time: \_\_\_\_\_ (All hands on deck!)

Talents: \_\_\_\_\_ (Grab an oar and pitch in!)

Money: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Keep the boat afloat.) *General Giving.*  
*Per Week / Month / Year (circle one)*

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## 2016 Giving Envelopes (want a change?)

Now is the time to request a change to your Giving Envelopes for 2016. Would you like Weekly or Monthly envelopes? If you are happy with what you now have then you do not need to do anything. *Please let Lois know if you would like a change by putting a note in the Bookkeeper's mail slot in the office workroom.* (People on Direct Deposit or bank transfers do not receive envelopes.) Thank you!

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## No High School Youth Group on Sundays ...

High School Youth Group will NOT meet Sunday nights.

*We will be taking a break for awhile. During this time, we will evaluate current youth programming and plan for the future.*

If you would like to be a part of this important process, contact Pastor Kirsten. Thank you!

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

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

November 29: (Sunday, after church) Church Christmas season decorating. *Potluck to Follow!*

December 3: Assemble 'care packages' for college students

December 5: Holiday Cookie Walk Sale (*cookies needed!*)

December 13: Caroling

December 16: Serve at the homeless shelter

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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](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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## Church Calendar for Nov 29 - Dec 5 2015

### Sunday, Nov 29

8:00a - Choir Practice

9:00a - Sunday Worship / Sunday School

*After worship TODAY — Church decorating followed by potluck*

### Monday, Nov 30

6:15p - Worship Planning Team L

### Tuesday, Dec. 1

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

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

### Wednesday, Dec 2

6:30pm -- Confirmation Service Night—Assembly of College Care Packages

**Thursday, Dec 3** -- Open Schedule

### Friday, Dec 4

11:00am—Funeral of Geri Schumann

### Saturday, Dec 5

9:00a - Holiday Cookie Walk FH

9:00a - 10a Overeaters Anonymous L

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### **NOTE THESE EVENTS ABOVE**

Sun., Nov 29th -- **Church Decorating (potluck to follow!) after service**

Sat., Dec 5th — **Cookie Walk**, 9am-11am (*cookies needed!*)

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 11.29.2015

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

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Kirsten Curtis

Accompanist -- Eileen Porter

Song Leader -- Jason Niebuhr

Greeters -- Tom & Gail Johnson

Lector / Reader -- Debbie Miller

Communion Assistants -- Phil & Doris Fish

Ushers -- Kay Meier, Kathy Graedel

Acolyte -- Valerie Niesen, Cole Ferguson

Counting Team -- Team 5 (Brian Graedel, Kevin Boehnen)

Altar Guild -- (open)

Altar Flowers -- (open)

AV Team -- Alan Curtis

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