



St. Martin's 'Weekly Bread' Nov. 1-7 2020

Where all are welcome to worship, to learn, to serve in the name of Jesus Christ.



COFFEE WITH COUNCIL -- NOV 1st

Please join us after worship on November 1st for another coffee with council. We will be discussing church finances. We want your input so please plan to stay on Zoom after the service for this listening session with council.

As before, we will be using the same Zoom log in used for the worship service, so no need to switch to another meeting. Just stay put after the service ends and we will start the meeting.

Church Finances -- As of Sept. 2020

Giving continues to lag behind both budget and expenses. YTD Service Receipts were \$155,887.75 which is below our YTD budget of \$205,479.00. September service receipts were \$15,348.75 which is below our monthly budget of \$22,830.75

We are getting close to needing a line of credit loan despite having started the year with a balance of \$21,802.91 and receiving a PPP loan of \$17,000.

We have some difficult choices ahead. As a congregation we need to decide what our church will look like going forward. Will we continue to go further into debt? Will we eliminate positions and cut hours? (We will save some with Lars leaving, however this is likely to not cover the shortages we've seen this year.) Will we step up and meet our financial requirements?

We are looking for feedback so if you have suggestions, please feel free to contact one of the council members.

Sincerely, Bruce Salvo, Treasurer
Bruce.salvo@outlook.com

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY REMINDER

Sunday, November 1st, is All Saints Sunday so remember to please submit your names of loved ones who have passed to Pastor Maggie (Email: PastorMaggie@stmartinscp.org; Phone: 798-2777).

We will be having communion to mark All Saints Sunday so please have communion elements available during the worship service.

Please also have a candle (or candles) available to light to honor your loved ones during the service.

Prayer List

Please pray for:

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- Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe as she is installed as our new bishop of the South Central Synod of Wisconsin and for smooth transition for her and synod staff;
 - The upcoming elections, that every voice be heard with fair representation and that freely accessible voting for all might take place without injury or incident;
 - Teachers, students, and school administrators as they continue to learn and teach in increasingly innovative ways for the safety of all;
 - Animals and vegetation as they prepare for the changing seasons;
 - Doctors, nurses, public health administrators, and researchers as they continue to care for those infected with coronavirus, research a vaccine, and prepare for the upcoming flu season.
 - The family and friends of those who have passed away, especially Shirley Coulson, Tom Rohowetz, Jack Postle, Hazel Mikkelson, and Richard Grams;
 - Those who are ill, hospitalized, or recovering, especially Karen Esser, Janeen LaBelle Barreau, JoAnn Schneider, Bonnie Boyer, Elda Meier, and Herb Niebuhr;
 - Those who are home-bound, especially Irene Brockmann, Lucille Hoffmann, Arline Schmidt, and Gary Trappe.
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CHECK YOUR MAILBOX

Coming to your postal box soon! Yes, go out and check to see if you have any mail. The Stewardship Faith Promise letter and card will be arriving shortly. The letters should go out on Thursday, October 29 so expect to see something in the mail early next week. (Does anyone remember when we could actually get the letter the next day?) Now, more than ever, it's important that you make your Faith Promise for 2021. I urge you to promptly return the card either via snail mail, email or by dropping it in the lockbox by the office door at church. You can use my personal email – Loisweiland@gmail.com to return it to me via that method. Your response by Sunday,

November 15 will be greatly appreciated.

And let me take this time to remind you to reach out to someone outside of your immediate family on a daily basis. Find a new normal, work to stay sane and cope with the COVID19 pandemic. This week I'd like to ask that you keep all of our school children and their parents in your prayers. None of us can probably relate to the "school experience" that they are currently going through. Reach out these families and let them know that you are thinking of them. And as always, wash your hands, keep your distance, and wear a mask. The life you save, may be your own.

Lois Weiland
Stewardship Chair

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Our annual joint Thanksgiving worship service with St. Francis Xavier is cancelled this year.

In lieu of a dedicated Thanksgiving service, please join Pr. Maggie on Wednesday nights at 7:30 PM on Facebook for a brief devotional focused on gratitude and giving. The videos will be available on YouTube as well.

Payroll Protection Plan Loan announcement

Hello members of St. Martins. As many of you are aware, back in April St. Martins applied for and received a \$17,000 loan as part of the government CARES relief package. The PPP (payroll protection plan) loan was designed to help small businesses maintain payroll and mortgage payments through the early stages of the pandemic. Because of this loan, along with the continued support of the congregation we were able to maintain payroll and payments. We recently filled out the forgiveness papers and sent them to the SBA. We are very pleased to announce that the \$17,000 dollar loan has been completely forgiven.

The loan was designed to provide relief for 2.5 months. Obviously, the situation we are in is lasting much longer than that so your continued support is dire.

Thank you all for your continued generosity!

In-Person Worship Update

We now have limited seating (for up to 10 households) for in-person worship. This is on *first-come, first-serve reservation system*. (One household is you plus anyone who is part of your social distancing "pod").

We have spaced out the pews to allow for one household unit per pew, which allows for plenty of space between worshipers. Worshipers will be able to see and hear the entire Zoom worship service and watch Pastor Maggie lead and preach in the sanctuary. *Masks are required during the service and, unfortunately, there is no singing at this time.*

If you would like to put your name down for in-person worship, please contact the church office any time from 9-2 on Tuesdays or Thursdays and you will be put you on the list. (Email: om@stmartinscp.org; Ph: 798-2777)

Readers Needed for Sunday Zoom Services

Do you feel you could contribute to Sunday (Zoom) services by being a reader?

Reader participation would usually involve reading a Psalm and doing the “ALL” response during the service. (Pastor Maggie can clarify, answer your questions.)

If you can help, please let Pastor Maggie or the office know. *Thank you!*

'Zoom Greeters' needed for Sunday Services

Could you help?

We are in need of some 'Zoom Greeters' to monitor the Sunday Zoom services - let people into the meeting, mute as needed, etc.

Please let Pastor Maggie or the office know. (Pastor Maggie can answer your questions.) *Training available!*

Feed Our Children

Because schools are currently teaching remotely this school year the Feed Our Children program will be done differently. The Churches that comprise the Weekend Food Program, or what we at St. Martin's call 'Feed Our Children', will include both middle schools and the high school.



The bags to be packed will be divided between the Churches. Approximately 50-60 bags will be packed by St. Martin's each week. The bags are requested by families and delivered by a school bus at the student's bus stop, along with the school district's breakfast and lunch program.

We are looking for volunteers to help pack. It will be done on Wednesdays. Due to Covid19 we prefer that families or people in a “Covid Bubble” pack the bags.

If you can help please contact Doris Fish to reserve a Wednesday to pack. Her number is 608-279-5418.

Thank you!

Sunday Worship -- Connect using ZOOM!

Zoom services open every Sunday morning by 8:45, so feel free to pour yourself a cup of coffee and settle in a bit early to have a chance to catch up with everyone before the service begins. Worship begins at 9. After the worship service, we will leave the meeting open for a while so you can have an online fellowship time!

There are two ways to connect to Zoom worship.

This connection information will NOT be published to Facebook or the church website for security. You are encouraged to share this login information direction with any friends or family who wish to join. The more the merrier!

Meeting ID: 919 1693 6384

Pass-code: 041277

1--**Online:** please use this method if you have a stable internet connection as well as a device with a camera and microphone. This can be a tablet, smartphone, or laptop or desktop computer. To connect online, simply follow the link here: [CLICK HERE for Zoom Link](#)

(If you'd like to type the zoom link on your web browser, it is:

<https://zoom.us/j/91916936384?pwd=RGIFVFNSYjNBajM3eDlwSDhDZ0FJdz09>)

You may be asked for a pass-code, if so the code is 041277.

2-- **Phone:** if you do not have an internet connection, you can still participate by phone. You will not be able to see us, but you will be able to hear and speak!

To connect by phone, call +1 (312) 626-6799. If that number is busy, you can try +1 (646) 558-8656. Please be aware that your normal carrier rates for long distance calls will apply. You will be prompted to enter a **meeting ID**, that number is **919 1693 6384**. Next, you may be asked for a participant ID. Simply press # to bypass the participant ID. You will now be in the worship service!

For those who have been unable to attend the live worship services, recordings are available the next day on Facebook and YouTube.

UNRAVELED PRAYER CHAIN

During this time of uncertainty, as we all feel unraveled, we continue to pray for each other and remember that we are a community woven together in Spirit even when circumstances prevent us from gathering in person. Join us by adding your "unraveled" prayers to our prayer chain.

Every Tuesday and Thursday, from 9 AM to 2 PM, you are welcome to stop by the church, pick up a strip of fabric from the table in the narthex, and use the markers provided to write or draw your prayer onto the fabric.

Your prayer can be whatever you want: a picture, a poem, a single word or many words. Whatever



is on your heart. Place your completed prayer strip in the basket and we will collect them to add to our prayer chain over the next few months.

SHOW US YOUR TALENT!

Can you sing? Play an instrument? Write poetry or perform a monologue? We'd love to show off your talent during worship! If you are interested in performing during one of our live Zoom worship services, please let Pastor Maggie know at pastormaggie@stmartinscp.org. You will need access to a stable internet connection and a device with camera and microphone. If you need help with any of those items, just let Pastor Maggie know!

St. Martin's Emergency Food Pantry (EFP)

Feeding Those In Need, One Box at a Time!

Please refer those in need of emergency pre-packaged food to the contact information posted on the St. Martin's outdoor sign (798-2777 extension #7).

Volunteers from the Emergency Food Pantry will arrange for food pick up from the church, or make delivery within 24 hours of receiving the call. We will direct families to MOM or Heights Unlimited for on-going, long term assistance. (Middleton Outreach Ministries -- MOM -- 608-826-3414; Heights Unlimited -- Black Earth -- at 608-767-3663)

The St. Martin's EFP is made possible through a generous grant from LUAD.

FALL BIBLE STUDY

Sunday morning Bible study is continuing with our study of John. Feel free to join! This is a Zoom meeting starting at 10:30a.

NOTE: this is a different Zoom meeting from the Sunday worship. You will need to leave the worship meeting and enter the Bible study meeting to participate.



All are welcome to join us, whether you have participated before or not! All you need is a Bible in any translation and a curious mind willing to wrestle with important faith questions. Join us and invite your friends!

Join Zoom Meeting:[CLICK HERE for Bible Study Zoom Link](#)

If you'd like to type the link location in your browser, it is:
<https://zoom.us/j/97699728692?pwd=R0xyTlpUN285S2w0VXZ4b2ljbm1ndz09>

Meeting ID: 976 9972 8692

Passcode: john

Keep in touch!

Do you have a submission for the Weekly Bread?

Want to let people know what is going on -- church team, event, something else?

If yes, please submit by 2pm the Wed. before publication for consideration.

Thank you!

Health Reminders ...

A lot of information about COVID can be found on the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) web site: [CDC - COVID-19 Info](#)

or

World Health Organization ('WHO'): [WHO COVID-19 Info Page](#)

A lot of up-to-date information can also be found on the Johns Hopkins 'Coronavirus Resource Center' [Click here for Johns Hopkins Link \(https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/\)](https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/)

If you have questions about Dane County Health orders, check out the following link: [Public Health Dane County](#)

Want to talk to someone at the health office? They can be reached at 608-266-4821

If you feel unwell (or think you might be contagious) or in doubt we encourage you to consult with your medical provider and stay home. Wash your hands frequently ... Use hand sanitizer frequently ... Avoid touching your face ... Sneeze and cough into a tissue or your elbow ... Use a face cover if going out in public ... Avoid crowds and standing near others.

Ways to continue Giving

Here are some ways you can continue your support

- Try the old tried and true method -*snail mail!* That's right, mail your check in! (2427 Church St., Cross Plains, 53528)
- Drop off your contribution by using the locked box by the office door. No need to come in contact with anyone and it gets you out of the house for a few minutes. Someone will check this box daily.
- Contact your bank and ask them to help you with online banking. Most banks will send out a check as you direct them to. Most will even pay for the stamp!
- Try Give Plus. Yes, there's an App for that and it's FREE. Easy to use prompts help you get set up easily, quickly. There's no fee to you and a small fee to the church.
- Paypal -- We have PayPal set up on our website. You do not have to have PayPal account of your own.

-- Direct Deposit. Many of you already use this method. If you wish to set this up, contact our bookkeeper, Lois Weiland, by calling 608-220-3123.

Questions? Call Lois!

Prayer List

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please call/email Pastor Maggie (pastormaggie@stmartinscp.org) or the office manager (om@stmartinscp.org). Names will stay on the list for six weeks unless otherwise indicated by the prayer requester. Prayer requesters are responsible for making sure their loved ones are placed and remain on the list. *Thank you for your help in praying for those in need!*

Synod Newsletter 'What Matters'

Stay connected to synod happenings, news, & events! To receive copies of the electronic newsletter 'What Matters', email Assistant to the Bishop for Media, Communications & Leadership Development, Deacon Vicki Hanrahan (vickih@scsw-elca.org) and asked to be added ... *a great way to find out what is happening in the synod!*

Birthdays

NOV. Birthdays

11/4--Paxton Schreiber
11/9--Mark Niesen
11/16--Nancy Kurr, Mindy Eisele
11/18--Jacqui Swanson, Patty Harper, Dan Trappe
11/19--Shawn McCue
11/21--Rebecca Brunner, Valerie Niesen
11/26--Robert Shields

Know of an addition? Correction? Please let the office know (om@stmartinscp.org). Thank you!

Pastoral Care During COVID-19

During this time, all in-person visits are suspended, save for emergency situations. But that doesn't mean that we aren't here to provide support! Pastor Maggie is available for private phone calls or Zoom meetings.

If you would like to make an appointment, please call/text her cell at 608-515-8618 or send her an email at PastorMaggie@stmartinscp.org.

Church Office Hours & Email Addresses

Office hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30a-1:30pm

If you want to stop by please call ahead to make sure someone is there.

OFFICE Phone: (608) 798-2777

OFFICE Email: om@stmartinscp.org

Property Management Team (building & grounds maintenance requests / issues):

Property@stmartinscp.org

-- Todd (building manager) can be reached at 444-6765.

Stay Informed! When the church is open, Monthly Church Council Minutes and Financial Reports can be found in the narthex (on the bulletin board) for your review. Please review, make copies as you would like (but please put the original copies back).

Church Calendar Wondering about meetings (if happening, when, where), if a room is available (when COVID restrictions are lifted), etc.? *Check the church calendar on the website—* www.stmartinscp.org. Events are updated on a regular basis, as the office is notified. *Have a question?* Send a note to the office (om@stmartinscp.org) or call 798-2777 (email contact is preferred).

CHURCH CALENDAR

All events are subject to change, especially with COVID-19 Virus restrictions. Calendar is also available on the church web site (www.stmartinscp.org)

Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020

--9:00a -- Sunday Worship. Live on Zoom. (See above for connection info.)

--10a -- Coffee With Council (after service, stay on Zoom!)

--5:30p -- Narcotics Anonymous

Mon., Nov. 2 -- Open Schedule

Tues., Nov. 3 -- Open Schedule

Wed., Nov. 4

--7:30p -- Mid-Week Devotional

Thur., Nov. 5 -- Open Schedule

Friday, Nov. 6 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, Nov. 7 -- Open Schedule

Have an update? Please send a note to the office (om@stmartinscp.org)

Worship Participants

Via Zoom!

Presiding Pastor -- Pastor Maggie
Musician -- Kristin Warner
Video Team -- Geoff Peterson

Pastor Maggie is available! If you would like to talk to her or make an appointment, please call / text her cell at (608) 515-8618 or send her an email at PastorMaggie@stmartinscp.org.

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