



## ***St. Martin's 'Weekly Bread' for Nov. 21 - Dec 1 2018***

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### **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service -- *tonight* at 7:30pm**

*The joint Ecumenical Thanksgiving service is tonight, starting at 7:30*

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### **Last call, Choir People!**

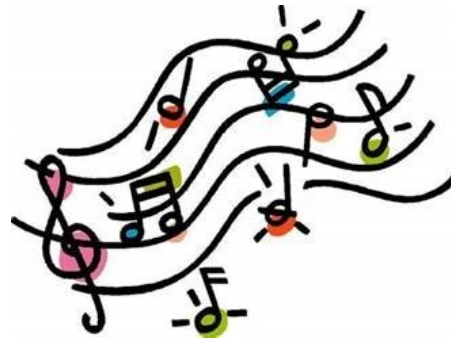
As noted above, the joint Thanksgiving Eve Service is *tonight, Wednesday, Nov. 21st, at 7:30pm.*

The last joint choir rehearsal will also be tonight at 6:30p (prior to the service).

It will be great to gather together and praise God with choral music again!

*Thanks to all for participating!!*

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### **Deck the Halls! Nov. 25th!**

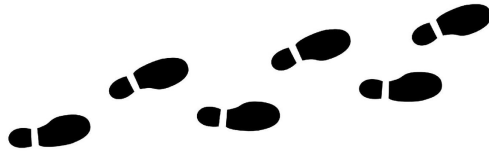
On **Sunday Nov. 25th** all are invited to participate in our *Advent Intergenerational Event* when we begin to prepare for the birth of our Savior.

- Stay for fellowship in the narthex following 9:00AM worship
- Then help to trim the Christmas trees in the sanctuary!
- Cookie decorating and other activities for children!



Invite a friend! This is a fun, informal, way to introduce St. Martin's to a newcomer!

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## STEP BY STEP ....

It's not too late to submit your Stewardship forms. In fact, we want you to *Step Up* and complete all of them if you haven't already done so. That means filling out an Information Card, Time & Talent (remember there is one for the children as well) and a Faith Promise card. Either place them in the offering plate or in the basket in the Narthex. *Thanks for Stepping Up!!*

Proverbs: 16:9 *"The human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps."*

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## Youth and Family Ministry Team

This team was formed in February, 2017 and meets monthly. The team is composed of representatives of the following age groups: Sunday school (children ages 3 through 4th grade), Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation Youth (children 5th grade through 8th grade), and High School Youth Group (children 9th through 12th grade). The Team's main purpose is to develop and support the Christian education programs for St. Martin's youth, and to assist families in the faith formation of their children. An additional goal is to create a continuum of learning milestones, programs and activities that will ensure the lifelong faith formation for members of all ages, including adults.

*Team Members (pictured) include:*

Jenni McCulloch, Team Facilitator ([jenni.mcculloh@gmail.com](mailto:jenni.mcculloh@gmail.com))  
Jenny Niesen, High School Representative ([mjniesen@juno.com](mailto:mjniesen@juno.com))  
Karen Windels, Sunday School Representative ([Karen.Windels@gmail.com](mailto:Karen.Windels@gmail.com))  
Redgy Nelson, Sunday School Representative ([rnelson@gmail.com](mailto:rnelson@gmail.com))  
Pastor Jeff Tomberlin, Confirmation Representative ([stmlcpastorjeff@gmail.com](mailto:stmlcpastorjeff@gmail.com))



## **Poinsettias!**

*Order Holiday Poinsettias by Dec. 2nd!*

It is time to place your order for poinsettias for our Christmas garden.

Cost is just \$14 per plant. Order Forms are available on the tables in the Narthex.

*Deadline for orders is Dec. 2nd.*

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***Join us for the 10th Annual Holiday Cookie Sale Fundraiser!*** (More info below.)

Bake, volunteer day of sale, shop & enjoy fellowship over a cup of warm apple cider, sing carols (from 9-10am).

Proceeds to giving tree flood victims, donation to Cross Plains State Bank flood victim distributing funds, and balance to help meet our budget.

*Hope you can join us!*

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# *Holiday Cookie Sale*



**Saturday, December 1st**

**9am - 11am**

**St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Cross Plains**

**Pick up a cookie box when you enter,  
fill with your holiday favorites,  
weigh, pay by the pound.**



**Door Prizes, Silent Auction,  
Free Treats and More!**



**[www.stmartinscp.org](http://www.stmartinscp.org)**

## **Call Team Report**

The Ministry Site Profile (MSP) is the document we present to the Synod to call our next pastor. It is a framework to list our strengths & needs; it is a snapshot of our vision for mission and our leadership needs; it records the voice of the congregation through your responses to the survey and it assists the Synod in recommending matches from the pool of pastors seeking a call. A blank copy of the MSP is posted on the Call Team bulletin board in the narthex for reference.

## **Special Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday, December 9th at 10:15 am**

Please plan to attend a special congregational meeting on *Sunday, Dec 9th after the 9am service*. This meeting will cover two important items:

*The first topic* that will be discussed is whether there is support for hiring a youth and family ministry coordinator.

*In addition*, the call team will have the completed ministry site profile (MSP) available for the

congregation to view and ask questions about. (The MSP is the document submitted to the synod so pastoral candidates can be matched with the needs of St. Martin's.)

*We look forward to having a meaningful discussion about these important topics!*

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## **Christmas Closet Donations Needed**

Donations of gently used clothing, household items, bedding, games, etc. are needed. It's not too early to clean out your closets and empty your drawers. Please bring all items to the Mission Table in the narthex. Giving Tree families will be invited to shop the Christmas closet when they pick up their gifts.

## **Giving Tree Individuals / Families are being sought**

If you, or you know of someone who could use a helping hand this Christmas, please contact Maureen at 798-4920. Priority will be given to those affected by the flood, those in financial need and those in crisis.

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## **Quilters offering a Silent Auction**

The Quilters are offering a 'Silent Auction' *Christmas Quilt* (60" x 80") with a bid sheet located in the narthex. Bidding opens Sunday, Nov. 11 closes on Saturday, Dec. 1st at 11am. (Winner announced at end of Holiday Cookie Sale.)

*All proceeds to St. Martin's Quilters for material / batting for Lutheran World Relief Mission.*

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## **Meal Train -- Additional dates added!**

The Greens moved into an apartment in Cross Plains on Nov. 8th and would greatly appreciate 'Meal Train' meals **through at least mid-December**.

Please check status of the meal train and sign up for new dates which will be Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, by going to <https://mealtrain.com/vw2eqy> or [CLICK HERE](#) (And please watch for future requests.)

*Thank you again, everyone!!*

**Food drop-off:**

Drop off is at the church, please remember to come during regular office hours (and enter building from upper level as lower level doors are locked). If you need to arrange something else, contact Jenny Niesen, Church Council President (798-2132 or [mjniesen@juno.com](mailto:mjniesen@juno.com)) ... and don't forget to include note who meal is from and any special heating instructions. *Thank you!*

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## Thrivent Choice Dollars

Are you a Thrivent member? If so, you may have 'Choice Dollars' available to you. These funds can be designated to any charitable entity; so how about choosing St. Martin's?

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## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

If you know of someone who could use help from 'Neighbors Helping Neighbors' (*or if you can help in any way*), please contact Phil Fish (608-279-3637, [pdfish@charter.net](mailto:pdfish@charter.net)) or the church office (798-2777; [om@stmartinscp.org](mailto:om@stmartinscp.org)).

*Thank you!*

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## Ornament Decorating

The Worship Planning Team is looking for those interested in helping to decorate about 60 wooden ornaments for our indoor Christmas trees. (Target completion date is Nov. 21st.) All materials will be provided and the work can be done at church or in your home. If interested, please contact Karen Windels at 798-5031, or [karenwindels@gmail.com](mailto:karenwindels@gmail.com)

## Altar Flowers Anyone?

Want to honor a loved one, or celebrate a birthday, anniversary or other special event? *The Worship Planning Team wishes to remind everyone that altar flower donations are a great way to do this almost any Sunday of the year!*

How? Just sign up using the flower donation sheet posted on the bulletin board in the narthex under the "worship and music" display. If desired, assistance is available for securing and setting up the flowers.

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## Save the dates!

### November

- \* Stewardship Drive Continues
- \* Nov. 21 (Wed.) -- Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service at St. Martin's (7:30pm)
- \* Nov. 25 -- Advent Inter-generational Event after Worship - *Decorating church*
- \* Giving Tree begins

### December

- Children's Christmas Closet Continues
  - Christmas card outreach to Madison Area Jail Ministry
  - \* Dec. 1st (Sat.) -- Cookie Sale & Silent Auction! (9a - 11a)
  - \* Dec. 16 (Sun.) -- Christmas Caroling Shut-ins
  - \* Dec. 23 (Sun.) -- Children's Christmas Presentation (at 9am service)
  - \* Dec. 24 (Mon.) -- Christmas Eve Service (7pm)
- (No service on Christmas Day - Merry Christmas!)*

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## Pianist and Choir Director

St. Martin's has immediate openings for a pianist to accompany worship services and an adult choir director. The positions may be held by the same person or separately. (Sunday worship service is at 9 a.m.)

### *Pianist Responsibilities:*

Year around, provide worship music to include prelude, offering, postlude, hymns and liturgy for regular Sunday services as well as special services such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, mid-week Lenten, Holy Week and Easter. Collaborate with Pastor and others. Organ skills are welcome but not required. Pay is on per-service basis.

### *Choir Director Responsibilities:*

From Sept through April, authorized for up to 7 hours/week, direct one rehearsal per week toward choir participation in worship three Sundays a month as well as special services such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week and Easter. Collaborate with Pastor and others, communicate schedule and rehearsal details, coordinate with accompanist, and select music/supplies for the choir.

For full job descriptions or to submit a resume, please contact the church office (om@stmartinscp.org or 608-798-2777) or check the church web site home page (www.stmartinscp.org) for full job descriptions.

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## Nursery Options

Attention parents of children 4 and under! Are there times during worship when your child needs a little more wiggle room or needs to speak their piece in a robust voice? *We have a space for that!*

The Library is now equipped with some clean toys and age-appropriate books for your child's use. Feel free to use this space and toys whenever the need arises. And don't forget that you can turn the "speaker" dial near the light switch that will enable you to hear all the happenings in the sanctuary while your child plays. We continue to have space in the downstairs Nursery room designed for children 4 and under, also equipped with a speaker to pipe in the Sanctuary events. We'll let you know when those toys have been cleaned for use. (Brought to you by the Youth and Family Ministry Team)

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## Give Plus

As an alternate way of giving, St. Martins has an app called '*Give Plus*'.

To use:

- 1) Go to the App Store and download 'Give Plus'.
- 2) When you open the app, you'll be asked to select a church by putting in your zip code (53528) or church (St. Martin's).
- 3) Next you can set up an account or opt to Give Now.
- 4) Once you make your selection, you can either select a dollar amount suggested or write in an amount. (If you wish to use regularly you will need to set up an account.)
- 5) Following the prompts, you will be given the option to use a credit/debit card or a checking/saving account. If using a credit card/debit card, you can either use the camera on your phone to capture your credit card information or enter it manually.
- 6) Continue to follow the prompts ... And then you're done!

*At this time, we only have the general giving account set up for St. Martin's. There is no cost to you for using this service.*

If you have any questions, please contact the church accountant, Lois Weiland, at 608-220-3123 or [loisweiland@gmail.com](mailto:loisweiland@gmail.com).

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## Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

### November

#### Birthdays

- 11/21 -- Rebecca Brunner, Valerie Niesen
- 11/23 -- Alison Dodsworth
- 11/26 -- Robert Shields
- 11/28 -- Jodie Green, Jasmine Green

*(No Nov. anniversaries known of ... please let office know if this is incorrect!)*

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

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## Questions? Comments? Concerns?

***There's a box for that!*** A wooden box has been mounted on the wall along hall from Narthex to office, across from drinking fountains, to help with communication between members of the congregation and the Council. Forms are provided next to the box. We welcome all input and ask that you complete all of the fields on the form, including your name, in case clarification or additional information is needed. This is intended to address any questions or concerns people may have for the Council.

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## Stay Informed!

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).

## Want to submit something for the bulletin or Weekly Bread?

If yes, please send it to the office (om@stmartinscp.org) by 2pm the Wednesday before publication for consideration. Thank you!

## Church Calendar

Wondering about meetings at the church (when, where), if a room is available, etc.? Check out the church calendar on the website—[www.stmartinscp.org](http://www.stmartinscp.org). Events are updated on a regular basis. Questions? Send a note to the office (om@stmartinscp.org) or call 798-2777.

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## Church Office Hours & Additional Email Addresses

*Scheduled office hours:*

Mon: 8:30 - 3:30 Tue: 10-2 Wed: 8:30 - 3:30 Thur: 10-2 Fri: 8:30-10:30

***Make sure to 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

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

-- Pastor Jeff: Email: stmlcpastorjeff@gmail.com; Cell: (608) 217-9821

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## Interim Pastor Contact Information

If you need to contact our Interim Pastor, Jeff Tomberlin, you can call the office (798-2777), call him direct (cell: 608-217-9821) or email him (stmlcpastorjeff@gmail.com).

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# CHURCH CALENDAR

*Also available on the church web site ([www.stmartinscp.org](http://www.stmartinscp.org))*

## **Sunday, Nov. 25**

9:00a -- Sunday Worship 'Christ the King' S

10:00a -- Advent *Intergenerational Event 'Deck the Halls!'* after service.

**Monday, Nov. 26** -- Open Schedule

**Tuesday, Nov. 27** -- Open Schedule

**Wednesday, Nov. 28**

6:00p — Confirmation (L) and Pre-Confirmation Classes (LL)

**Thursday, Nov. 29** — Open Schedule

**Friday, Nov. 30** -- Open Schedule

**Saturday, Dec. 1**

9:00a—11a -- Holiday Cookie Sale FH

**Sunday, Dec. 2**

9:00a -- Sunday Worship (1st Advent) S

S—Sanctuary; L—Library; LL - Lower Level

*Have an update? Please send a note to the office ([om@stmartinscp.org](mailto:om@stmartinscp.org))*

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## **Worship Participants**

### **Nov. 25 ('Christ the King')**

Presiding Minister -- Jeff Tomberlin

Accompanist – Eileen Porter

Song Leader – Jason Niebuhr

Greeters -- Deb & Ron Goplin

Lector / Reader / Communion Assistant – Lee Swanson

Communion Assistants — Bob Nelson, Katie Doyle

Ushers -- Bob & Redgy Nelson

Acolyte -- Nolan Esser

Counting Team -- Team 3 (Joyce Richardson, Valerie Neisen)

Altar Guild — Deb Goplin

AV Team – Bill Windels

Fellowship – Kathy Graedel

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