



***Week of Nov. 26 - Dec. 2 2017***

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## **Stay after Service Sunday, Nov. 26th to “Deck the Halls”!**

All are invited! Help trim the Christmas trees in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Decorate cookies, make an ornament, make Christmas cards for those in need, and help decorate the sanctuary windows! Decorate the narthex, sanctuary, and outdoor bushes with lights and boughs.

*And don't forget to stay for soup and sandwich potluck lunch in the fellowship hall!*

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## **Service Receipts -- Comparison**

Below is a chart that represents the Church Service Receipts (monthly giving) for 2017 compared to 2016.

You can see that the receipts are down significantly. This year we also experienced large expenditures that were not anticipated like the \$5,000 insurance deductible for the hail damage, elevator repairs, replacing the water softener, and repairs to the alarm system. We've also had some expenses that didn't materialize as expected but because the receipts are lower, we will likely be going into our line-of-credit before year's end.

If you'd like more information, please contact me at [esser5@yahoo.com](mailto:esser5@yahoo.com) and I will do my best to answer any questions. Thank you, Gordie Esser, Treasurer.

	2017	2016
Jan	23,112.00	20,240.25
Feb	18,697.00	16,000.00
March	14,733.55	22,921.00
April	16,962.00	20,853.00
May	17,351.44	15,084.25
June	11,072.00	15,338.00
July	13,902.00	17,660.00
August	15,734.56	12,554.00
Sept	11,500.86	14,833.00
Oct	16,315.15	27,989.42



## **Annual Holiday Cookie Sale - SATURDAY, DEC. 2nd!**

Mark your calendar! The annual cookie sale will be **Sat., Dec. 2 (from 9am-11am)** in the Fellowship Hall. *All are welcome!*

Please consider baking a few dozen of your favorite holiday cookies. Drop-off is Friday, Dec. 1 in the lower level kitchen (from 4:30pm-6:30pm) or Saturday morning (by 8:45am).

*Cookies are needed, and appreciated!*

Thank you!

*(Have a question? Can you help with setup, sales, cleanup? Please contact Gail Johnson -- gailjmadwi@gmail.com)*

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**Legacy Endowment Fund Match Challenge**

## Good news!!!

The Legacy Endowment Fund \$10,000 Match Challenge has been met!

Thank you St Martin's!

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## Welcome!

Welcome new St. Martin's church members, the Klock family!

*Kelly, Jason, Kylie, Dylan and Cole.*

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## Looking ahead ...

As we near the end of the year, I'll be preparing the Giving Envelopes. We offer a choice of Weekly or Monthly. In addition, we also offer Direct Deposit through Vanco Solutions and we also offer PayPal for another option. You do not need a PayPal account, just find the link on our website and it will take you to the church's account.

If you are interested in Direct Deposit, we have forms in the Narthex that can be completed. A three-day time period is needed to process an account. Some of you may be assigned a different number this year as we have reduced the number of boxes ordered. If you wish to switch from weekly to month or vice versa, please leave me a note in my mail slot or email me at [LoisWeiland@gmail.com](mailto:LoisWeiland@gmail.com). If you sign up for direct deposit or PayPal, no boxes will be issued.

Lastly, for those of you on Direct Deposit with Vanco, please let me know if you wish to change your amount of giving or change the schedule.

-- Lois Weiland, Bookkeeper (608) 220-3123 [LoisWeiland@gmail.com](mailto:LoisWeiland@gmail.com)

## Pledge Cards

If you still have your pledge card please turn it in to Lois (put in her mail slot in copy/work room next to office) or give to an usher who can turn it in. If you need a card they are available in the narthex. *Thank you!*

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## Know a family for the Giving Tree?

Seeking Families and Individuals in the Cross Plains area who would benefit from the Giving Tree. The need could be financial or emotional and your help in identifying these families is appreciated. **Deadline to receive names is Dec. 1st.** Please share contact information with Maureen (phone 798-4820 or email [msberghoefer@tds.net](mailto:msberghoefer@tds.net)).

## Giving Tree Volunteers Needed

Please sign up at the table in the narthex if you can help with preparing ornaments, setting up the tree, shopping, sorting and wrapping gifts, meeting & greeting the families picking up gifts, or if you can join the team who organize the Christmas closet.

## Giving Tree Wishes

Wishes are now displayed on the table in the narthex. Please stop by and choose an item to help make Christmas a little merrier for our adoptees. Your monetary donations are also appreciated so the Giving Tree Team can do the shopping for you. Please place your donation in 'Penny the Missions Pig' and mark "Giving Tree" on the memo line - your giving statement will be credited. *Thank you!*

## Christmas Closet Is Back!

Please repurpose your gently used items including clothing, toys/games/books, sheets, blankets, comforters, towels, rugs, decorations, kitchen ware, etc. that are in good condition to the table in the narthex. All items that are not chosen by our adoptee families will be delivered to Heights Unlimited Clothing Closet, MOM or St. Vincent de Paul. Please contact Maureen (798-4820 or [msberghoefer@tds.net](mailto:msberghoefer@tds.net)) with questions. *Thank you!*

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## Church Council -- Position Openings

There will be *two Congregational Council position openings* to be filled this coming year. Ron Goplin and Kyla Schoenwetter will be stepping down from Council this year, after having served their terms.

For interested congregation members who would like to be considered for a position on Council, please reach out to one of the three Council Nomination committee members, in person or by phone: Maureen Berghoefer (608)-347-9504, Joyce Richardson (608)-413-0204 or Matt Wildman (608) 798-1882.

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## Rotation Workshop Sunday School

A teacher/shepherd sign-up sheet can be found in the Narthex near the Sunday School bulletin board. No experience is needed to teach or shepherd, and any assistance is greatly appreciated! All questions can be directed to any member of the Youth and Family Ministry Team, or call Karen Windels 798-5031.

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## Feed Our Children

Please sign up at the table in the Narthex if you can help with shopping or packing the week-end snack backpack program for Park Elementary kids. A rotational schedule will be prepared to include all volunteers and make the work load light.

Food Donations for the month of Oct and Nov will focus on the Feed Our Children Program. Please bring your offering to the Mission Table in the narthex. Suggested items are: instant oatmeal packets, single serving cereal boxes, granola bars, single serving fruit cups, fruit squeezes, small cans of soup, chicken/tuna, mac & cheese boxes, ramen noodle packets, Spaghetti O's with meat, noodle mixes (Rice a Roni, Knor, etc), crackers packaged in sleeves, peanut butter or Nutella (single servings or 8-12 oz plastic jar), individual packets of pretzels, peanuts, cookies, Goldfish crackers, etc, individual servings of hot chocolate.

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## Choir Director Needed

The Worship Planning Team (WPT) is seeking a volunteer choir director for the senior choir. We're looking for someone to lead rehearsals at 8:00am on Sundays and be present to lead us in our 9:00am Sunday services as well as special occasions (e.g., Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday).

Ideally, this person can join us at WPT meetings (1st Thursday each month), or we can coordinate and plan through other means as needed. We can provide music selection or coordinate with the director in any way that is helpful.

We are a welcoming choir and hope to find a leader who loves music, singing, and praising God as much as we do. We also have some promises of back-up leaders (with advance notice), so the new director will be supported with regard to their schedule.

This could be a rewarding opportunity for any musician (active or retired) or for a music student at

the university or high school level. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in directing our choir, please contact any member of the Worship Planning Team: Debbie or Jeff Miller, Jan Doyle, Sherri Hansen, Karen Windels or Deb Goplin.

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## **Birthday & Anniversary Announcements**

Do you (or someone you know) have a birthday coming up? Anniversary? Let the office know by sending a note (om@stmartinscp.org) with dates and names. (For birthdays, we only need date ... birth year, age, not needed *unless you want to provide it!*) *Please let the office know of any corrections needed.*

### **Nov. Birthdays**

11/26 - Robert Shields

11/28 - Jasmine Green

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## **Council Invites Your Input**

Church Council welcomes your participation in the first 15 minutes of each Council meeting (third Monday of month) for the purpose of sharing your ideas and insights. If you are interested in participating in this open forum time, please let one of the Council members know of your interest. Council meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the church library. Contact any member at the following numbers: Pastor Curtis (798-2777), Mark Richardson (413-0204), Gordie Esser (438-4176), Matt Wildman (798-1882), Kyla Schoenwetter (434-4950), Jenny Niesen (798-2132) or Ron Goplin (798-2518).

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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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## Suicide Prevention

*Need to talk to someone, or know someone who needs to talk to someone?*

Dane County Suicide Crisis Line: (608) 280-2600

National Suicide Prevention Line:

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433)

For Veterans Press 1, En Español Oprima El 2

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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

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

### Nov 26 - Dec. 2 2017

#### **Sunday, Nov. 26**

9:00a - Sunday Worship - *Church decorating and potluck afterwards!*

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

#### **Tuesday, Nov. 28**

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

7:00p - Boy Scout Troop 87 LL / FH

#### **Wednesday, NOV. 29**

6:00p - Confirmation Class (Mission / Service Project / Cookie Making)

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

#### **Friday, Dec. 1**

4:30—6:30p - Cookie Sale Setup K/FH

#### **Saturday, Dec. 2**

8:45a - 10a Overeaters Anonymous LL

9:00—11:00a - Cookie Sale FH

*L—Library; FH—Fellowship Hall; S—Sanctuary; YR—Youth Room; LL—Lower Level Classroom*

#### ***Planning ahead?***

Sunday, Dec. 24th - Children's Christmas Program (9am)

Sunday, Dec. 24th - Candlelight Service (7pm)

Monday, Dec. 25th - Christmas Day Service (9am)

## Worship Participants - Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017

Presiding Guest Minister—Rev. David Keeseey-Berg

Accompanist -- Eileen Porter

Song Leader -- Jason Niebuhr

Greeters -- Van & Judy Valasky

Lector / Reader / Communion Assistant-- Sandy Salvo

Communion Assistants -- Jon & Tami Roll

Ushers -- Penny Eveland, Ryan McCulloh

Acolytes -- Gus Wenning, Sophia Eisele

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

Altar Guild -- Deb Wipperfurth

AV Team -- Bill Windels

Coffee/Treats — *Join us for holiday decorating and potluck to follow!*

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