



ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



Week of October 11 - October 17 2015

Regional Women's Event "Climbing Beyond Our Limits" -- Thursday Oct. 15 6:30-8:00pm

Please consider coming to the Regional Women's Event: "Climbing Beyond Our Limits" *with international speaker Lori Schneider, first person with MS to scale Mt. Everest*

DATE: Thursday Oct. 15

TIME: 6:30-8:00pm

LOCATION: St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Middleton (7337 Hubbard Ave.)



Join mountaineer Lori Schneider as she shares her experiences climbing the Seven Summits, the highest peak on each continent, and her ultimate quest - her *2009 successful summit of Mt. Everest, becoming the first person with multiple sclerosis to accomplish this feat*. This is more than a climbing adventure, it is one woman's journey of moving beyond a diagnosis of MS and turning adversity into triumph. It is a story of scaling the mountains and obstacles we all face in our individual lives, and climbing beyond our own preconceived limitations. *Lori's message is one of hope, leadership, faith, and self-empowerment*. Join other women of faith for this inspiring evening.

Space is limited, so please RSVP by calling the Thrivent Financial office of, Steven Erickson at (608) 824-3511 or email steven.erickson@thrivent.com **by October 7**.

A free will donation will be taken at the door with all proceeds being divided equally between the MS Society of Wisconsin and Middleton Outreach Ministry.

Lutheran Men in Mission 'One Year to Live' Retreat

Each year, the Lutheran Men in Mission gather in retreat at the MacKenzie Center in Poynette, 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, Poynette, Wisconsin

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

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



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

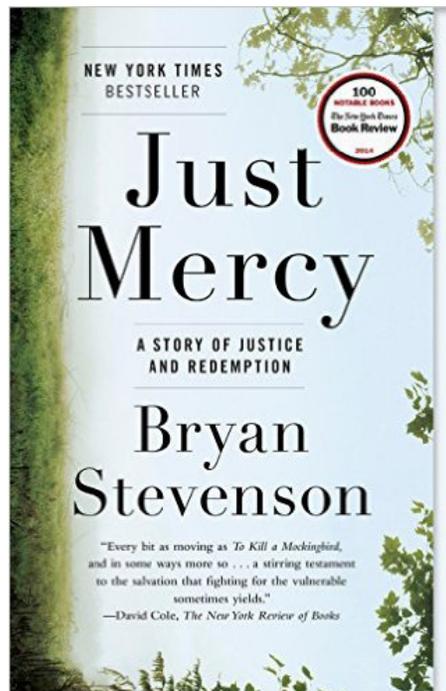
This fall, the Book Club will be reading *Just Mercy, a Story of Justice and Redemption*, written by Bryan Stevenson.

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 the discussion nights – **Tuesday, October 27, and Tuesday, November 17, starting 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> .



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!

Volunteer Opportunities

Join with Lake Edge
Lutheran for Two
Informational Sessions on
Volunteer Opportunities for
Congregations:



**1) Tour Habitat ReStore
East**

October 18; 9:30 am

Join Lake Edge Lutheran Church for a tour of Habitat ReStore East, 4207 Monona Drive. We will meet at the Habitat ReStore at 9:30. Join Volunteer Coordinator Kathleen and Lake Edge Lutheran Church member, Jeff Meicher, who is a weekly volunteer at Habitat ReStore.

2) Expanding our Circle of Relationships: Veterans and Families –

Faith Outreach and Community Reintegration

October 25; 9:30-10:15

Lake Edge Lutheran Church, Madison (4032 Monona Dr.)

A veteran's return to civilian life can be a difficult transition. Captain Connie Walker, U.S. Navy retired and member-at-large of NAMI's Veterans and Military Executive Council will provide a brief overview of recovery and reintegration challenges facing many Post-9/11 veterans and families. These challenges can include physical, psychiatric and moral injury; substance abuse and addiction; suicidal ideation; and secondary trauma for families and caregivers.

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:

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Upcoming Oppportunities for Involvment at St. Martin's

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

October 18: Campus ministries doing church service.

October 28: Trick-or-treat for the hungry by the confirmation students

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 26: Combined Thanksgiving service at St. Francis

November 28: Church Christmas season decorating

December 5: Cookie Walk

December 13: Caroling

December 16: Serve at the homeless shelter

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

STEWARDSHIP = Caring + Sharing + Giving

Being a steward of what God has entrusted us is finding ways to care for others, share with others and give to others. Stewardship is relational – God gives to us, and we give of ourselves to God in return. Stewardship should be viewed as giving to God’s mission in this world, of which we are participants together.

Each month, the Stewardship Team is highlighting a different theme related to Stewardship. Last month, our theme was “Caring.” The team challenged the congregation to practice “Caring” in one of three ways.

1. Volunteering to help with Vacation Bible School
2. Volunteering to make and/or serve food at Dane County Men’s Homeless Shelter.
3. Supporting the ELCA Malaria Campaign.

The theme for September: “Sharing.” It is the hope of the Stewardship Team that each month members of the congregation take time to pray about and ponder what it means to you to give back to God by practicing the theme of the month. What does sharing mean to you when you think about giving to others out of what God has given to you? Our challenge this month is to practice “Sharing” in one of two ways this month.

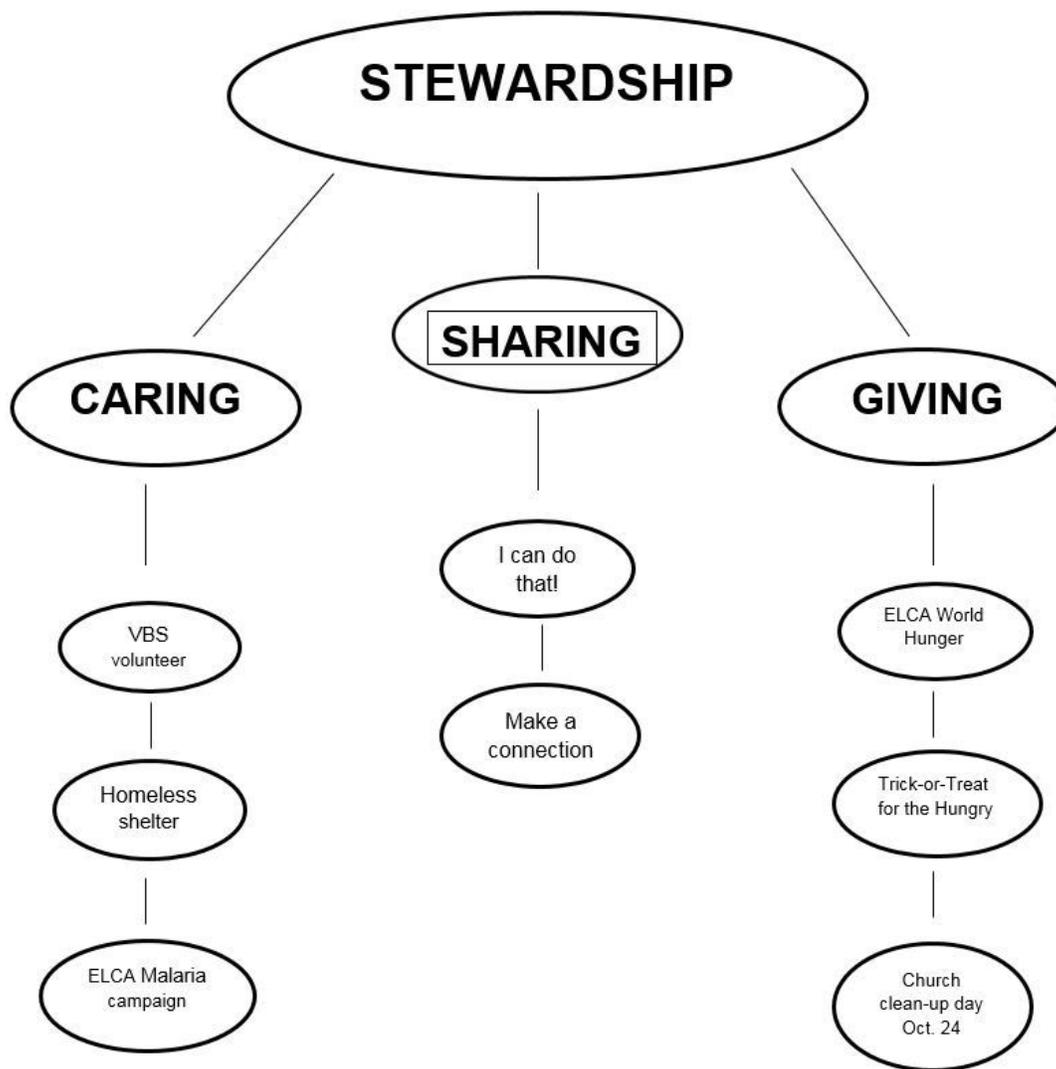
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If you have any ideas, let one of the Stewardship Team members know -- Bruce Salvo, Amy Wildman, Mark Niesen, Bill Windels, or Pastor Kirsten.

Now that Steward’s ship has been found, let’s continue to make Steward proud and continue to find ways to do Stewardship together!



'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).

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@smartinscp.org

-- Pastor Kirsten: PastorKirsten@smartinscp.org

-- Youth Director: Youth@smartinscp.org

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

Church Calendar for Oct 11 - Oct. 17 2015

Sunday, Oct 11

— 9:00a - Sunday Worship / Sunday School

Monday, Oct 12

— 9:30a - 1:00p Quilting Group FH

— 6:30p - 8:30p Berry Hist. Soc FH

Tuesday, Oct 13

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

— 7:00p - 8:30p - Centering Prayer S

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

Wednesday, Oct 14

— 6:30p Confirmation

— 7:00p Choir Practice MR

Thursday, Oct. 15 — Open Schedule

Friday, Oct. 16 — Open Schedule

Saturday, Oct.17

— 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

Worship Participants 10.11.2015

Worship participants for this week are listed below. Please contact a substitute if you are not available. Thank you!

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Kirsten Curtis

Accompanist -- Debbie Miller

Song Leader -- (open)

Greeters -- Mike & Kay Calvin

Lector / Reader -- Ron Goplin

Communion Assistants -- (1 open) Bruce & Sandy Salvo

Ushers -- Jim & Linda Knudtson

Acolyte -- Henry Hartung, Cole Ferguson

Counting Team -- Team 2 (Steve Schunk, Frank Durham, Kim Johnson)

Altar Guild -- Darlene Schulenberg

Altar Flowers -- (open)

AV Team -- Alan Curtis, Jason Niebuhr

Coffee & Treats -- Karen Seibel, Dana Furnhman, Jeannie Herring Schuman and Elizabeth Collins

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