



Week of October 18 - October 24 2015

Interested in Joining St. Martin's?

Are you, or someone you know, interested in "formally" joining the St. Martin's Lutheran Church family?

Come to a meeting on **Sunday, October 25**, following worship and coffee fellowship. **Beginning at 10:30am**, we will talk about becoming a member of St. Martin's, the opportunities to be involved in the community, specifically as it relates to serving God and one another.

It will be a time to ask questions and find out more about faith formation experiences as members of St. Martin's. Hope you can join us!

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

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.”*

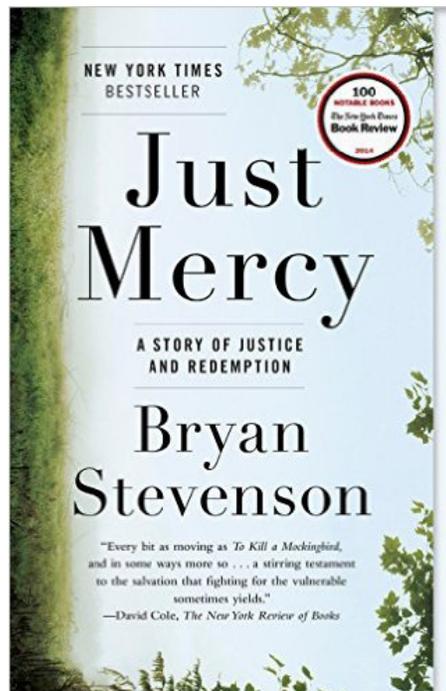
Pick up a copy of your own and begin reading. Then join the discussion nights:

**Tuesday, October 27 &
Tuesday, November 17
(start 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> .



ELCA World Hunger Appeal -- this Sunday, October 18

Please read the following article found on the ELCA website - [ELCA World Hunger](http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/ELCA-World-Hunger) (<http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/ELCA-World-Hunger>) and prayerfully consider if God is calling you to practice the Stewardship challenge this month by “Giving” to the ELCA World Hunger appeal this Sunday, October 18.

ELCA World Hunger

More than 800 million people — that's 1 in 8 people in our world today — are hungry.

As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.

Working with and through our congregations, in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. [Learn More.](#)

Hunger facts

- * 868 million people – that's 1 in 8 – are chronically hungry and cannot lead active daily lives. [1]
- * 1.2 billion people live in extreme poverty, living on less than \$1.25 per day. [2]
- * In the United States, more than 50 million people do not know where their next meal will come from. [3]
- * 46.2 million Americans are living in poverty. [4]

Source:

[1] Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, 2012

[2] The World Bank Poverty Overview

[3] USDA, 2011

[4] US Census, 2012

Trick-or-Treating for the Hungry!

On Wednesday, October 28, our Confirmation Students will be participating in a service project, collecting non-perishable food items door-to-door in our community for the food pantry.



We need Parents to help sort items at the church. If you can lend a hand, please contact Cassie (St Martin's Youth Director) at youth@smartinscp.org or 798-2777.

Collection will take place from 5:30-7:30 that night (Wed., Oct 28th).

If we miss your place, please drop off your items at the church.

Please share this information with friends and neighbors to make sure we have a great response!

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:

- Assist with serving communion
 - Read the Bible lessons for Sunday
 - Act as a greeter, welcoming others to church
 - Provide special music
 - Be a song leader for the congregation
 - Serve as an usher
 - Donate flowers for worship
 - Connect with others during coffee fellowship
 - Welcome all you encounter
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Upcoming Opportunities for Involvement 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 25: (Wed.) Combined Thanksgiving service at St. Francis

November 28: (Sat.) 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.

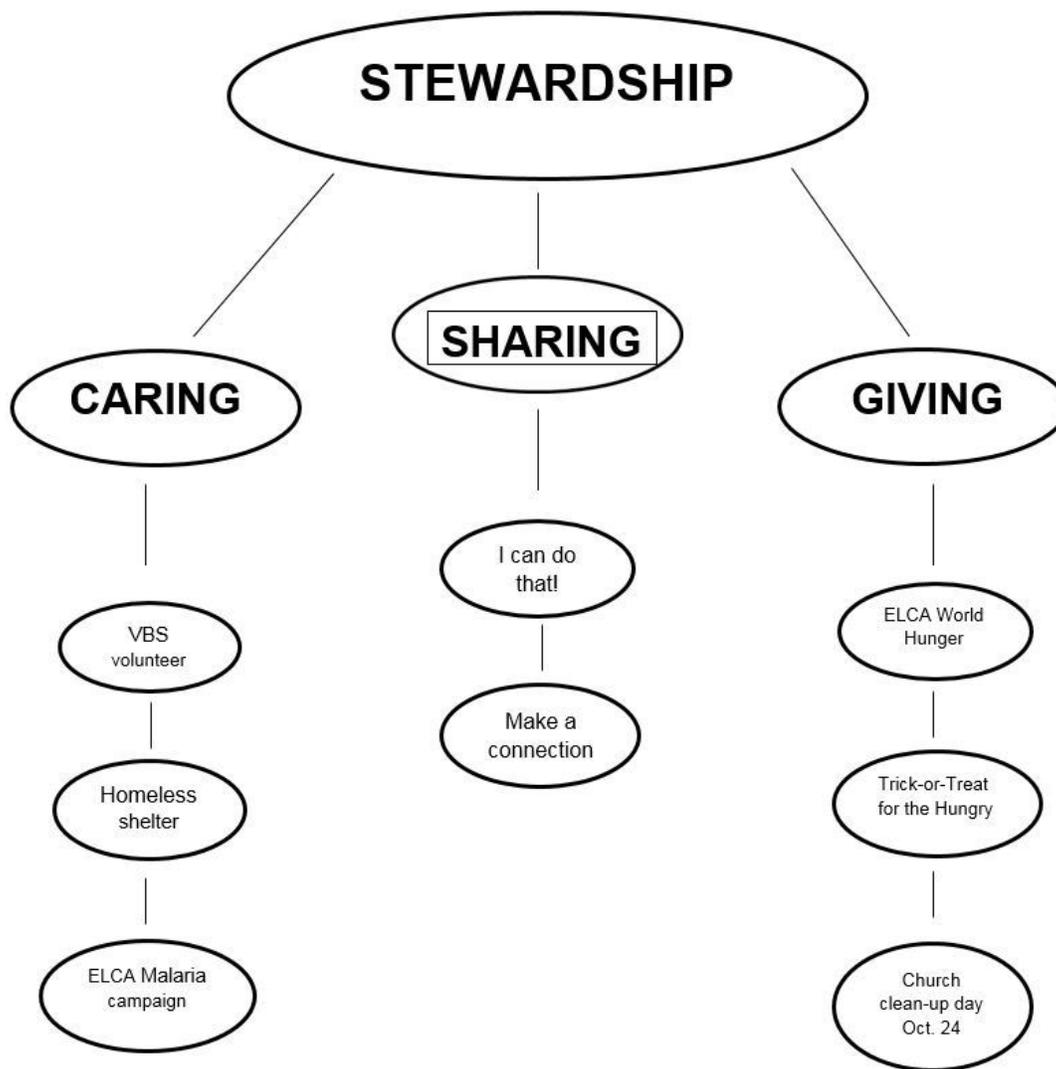
STEWARDSHIP = Caring + Sharing + Giving

October's Stewardship theme is "giving." The Stewardship Team offers three challenges to "give" this month.

First, Sunday, Oct. 18, we are lifting up ELCA World Hunger - "give" your support to this important ministry either through prayers or a financial contribution.

Second, we are hosting a fall clean-up day at the church on Saturday, October 24, starting at 9:00 A.M. - "give" your time and energy to beautify our building and grounds.

Third, we challenge you to "give" towards ending hunger in our community by contributing non-perishable food items when Confirmation kids Trick-or-Treat for the Hungry on Wednesday, October 28. Together - we can "give" of ourselves, our time, or our money to share God's love with others and help further God's mission in the world.



'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@stmartinscp.org

-- Pastor Kirsten: PastorKirsten@stmartinscp.org

-- Youth Director: Youth@stmartinscp.org

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

Church Calendar for Oct 18 - Oct. 24 2015

Sunday, Oct 18

9:00a - Sunday Worship / Sunday School

7:00p - High School Youth Group L (1st & 3rd Sundays)

Monday, Oct 19 -- Open Schedule

Tuesday, Oct 20

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

6:30p - Church Council L

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

Wednesday, Oct 21

6:30p Confirmation

7:00p Choir Practice MR

Thursday, Oct. 22 — Open Schedule

Friday, Oct. 23 — Open Schedule

Saturday, Oct.24

9:00 am -- LUAD L

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 10.18.2015

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

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Kirsten Curtis

Guest Speaker — Rev. Emily Tveite

Accompanist -- Jan Doyle

Song Leader -- Karen Windels

Greeters -- Tom & Gail Johnson

Lector / Reader -- Cheryl Hartung

Communion Assistants -- (1 open) James Hartung, Patty Harper

Ushers -- Annette Kerl, Alex Niebuhr

Acolyte -- Nick Hinz, Lexi Boehnen

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

Altar Guild -- Debbie Wipperfurth

Altar Flowers -- (open)

AV Team -- Alan Curtis, Jeff Postle

Coffee & Treats -- Karen Seibel, Jeannie Hering-Schumann, Dorthy Howell

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