



Week of October 4 - October 10 2015

Sunday, Oct. 4th — ‘Cring & Clazzy’

Don't forget ... Coming this Sunday, Oct. 4th—‘Cring & Clazzy’!

Music, stories, laughter from The Sermon on the Mount.

They will be participating at the 9am service.

Practice for new liturgy this Sunday (beginning at 8:50am)

Choir will be leading a practice for our new liturgy this Sunday (Oct 4th), ***beginning at 8:50a, before worship begins.***

This is in preparation to begin the new liturgy the following Sunday, October 11.

Men's Homeless Shelter - Thursday, Oct 8th

We will be serving at the Men's Homeless Shelter in Madison on Thursday, Oct 8th.

If you can help, please sign-up on the form in the Narthex.

Contact Doris Fish if you have any questions (279-5418). *Please be at the church by 6:30pm on Thursday to leave for the shelter.*

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 October 15
TIME: 6:30-8:00pm
LOCATION: St. Luke's Lutheran Church
7337 Hubbard Ave. in Middleton



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'

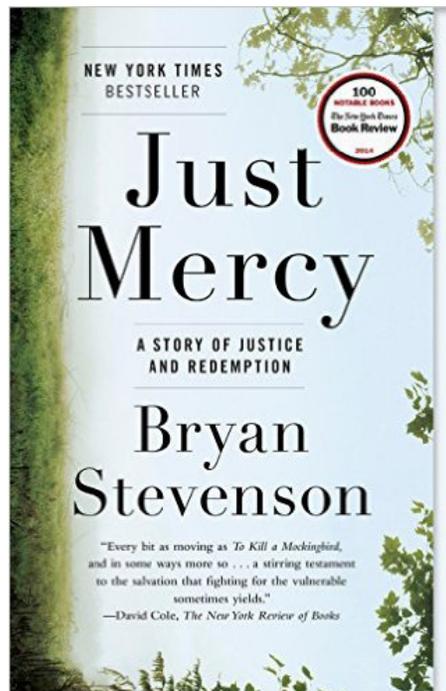
This fall, the Book Club will be reading *Just Mercy, a Story of Justice and Redemption*, written by Bryan Stevenson.

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> .



Lutheran Disaster Response -- California Wildfires

As many of you already may know, a rage of more than a dozen wildfires has consumed parts of California in recent months, with one of the most ferocious in recent history erupting in Northern California.



Please keep in prayer all those affected by these fires and share within your networks that Lutheran Disaster Response is monitoring the situation and communicating with those impacted.

Through Lutheran Disaster Response, we stand ready as a church to provide assistance in the long-term recovery efforts once the fires subside.

What you can do:

Pray:

Pray for those who are evacuated and whose homes and livelihoods have been destroyed, grant them peace and healing.

Give:

Your gifts are needed now to help with immediate relief. Gifts designated for U.S. Wildfires will be used in full (100 percent) to assist those directly impacted.

Connect:

To learn more about the situation and the ELCA's response:

Sign up to receive Lutheran Disaster Response alerts.

Check the Lutheran Disaster Response blog.

Like Lutheran Disaster Response on Facebook and follow @ELCALDR on Twitter.

Learn more: <http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/US-Wildfires>.

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

Upcoming Opportunities for Involvement at St. Martin's

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

- October 4: Cringe & Clazzy musical church service
- 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 is “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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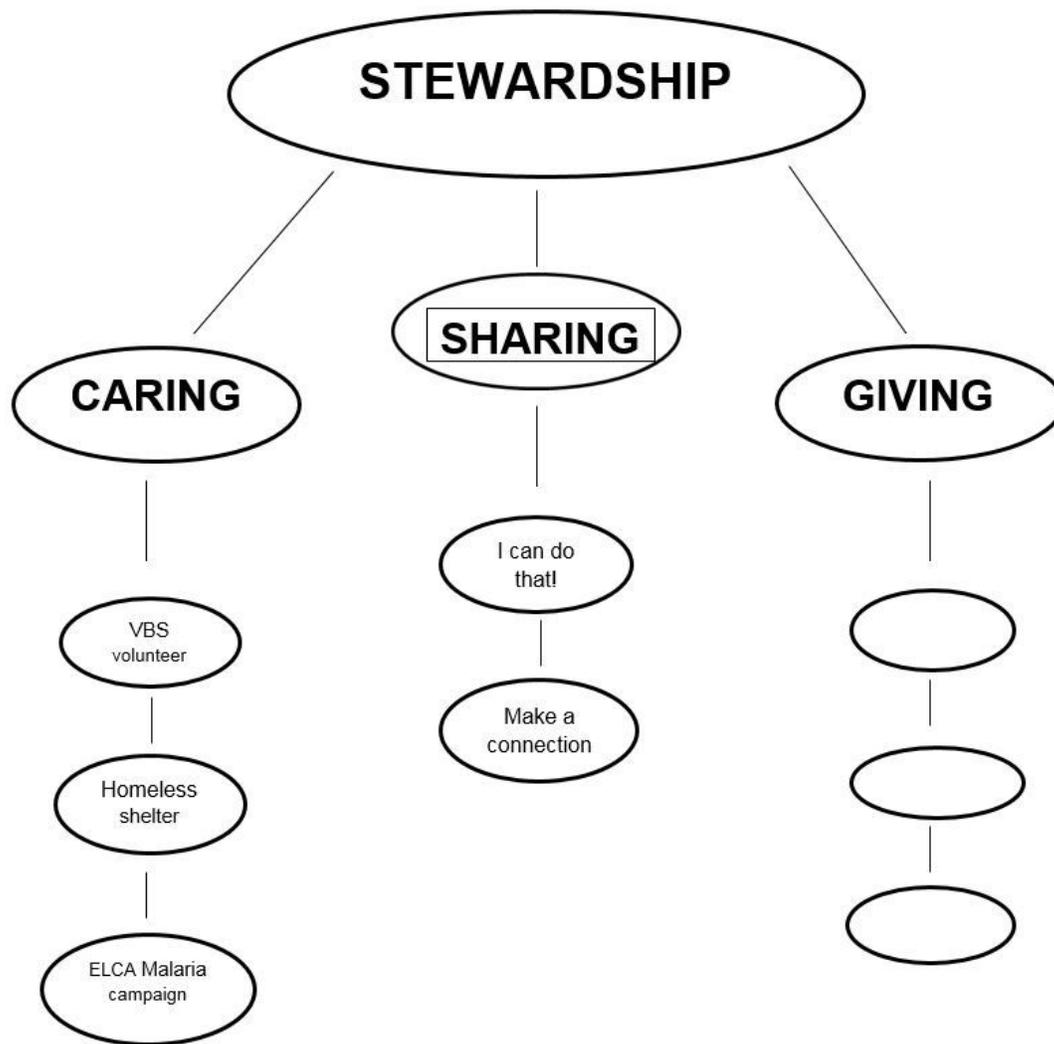
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1. Make a connection – On September 20, Mindy Moore will join us. She is the Community Connector for United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) of Greater Dane County. Mindy has several people in our community that she is seeking to make connections for with others, to broaden their support network. She will describe what this looks like and answer questions after the service if people are interested in being church outside the walls, into the community, connecting with people with disabilities, so they experience God’s love through others outside their families. The theme for October is “Giving.”

The Stewardship Team will be finalizing plans at our next meeting for October. If you have any ideas, let one of the team 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!



13th Annual Fire Prevention Week Breakfast & Open House

When - **Sunday, Oct 4th** (7:30a - 12 noon)

Where - Cross Plains - Berry Fire Station (1501 Bourbon Rd, Cross Plains)

Price: 3 and under FREE; 4 to 11 \$4; 12 to adult \$9; Seniors \$7

Menu: Scrambled eggs, ham & sausage, pancakes, hash browns, sweet rolls, coffee, milk & juice.

Station equipment will be open for the public to view. Proceeds to be used to purchase additional firefighting equipment to help better serve you.

'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 4 - Oct. 10 2015

Sunday, Oct 4

— 9:00a - Sunday Worship / Sunday School

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

Monday, Oct 5

— 7:00p Valley Home Cemetery Asso. L

Tuesday, Oct 6

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

--- 6:30p - TLC Meeting L

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

Wednesday, Oct 7

— 6:30p Confirmation

— 7:00p Choir Practice MR

Thursday, Oct. 8 — Open Schedule

Friday, Oct. 9 — Open Schedule

Saturday, Oct.10

— 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

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