



St. Martin's 'Weekly Bread' for Oct. 28 - Nov. 3 2018

Meal Train -- More dates added!

The Meal Train has been extended to at least Thursday, Nov. 8th.

The October 'meal train' was filled -- thank you everyone! -- but with the Greens now having to stay at the motel longer than they hoped more days (through at least Nov. 8th) have been added to the 'Meal Train'.

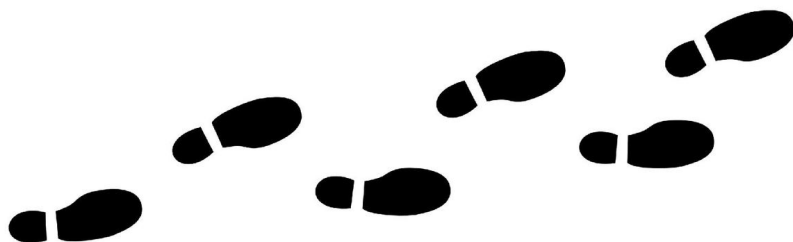
Please check status of the meal train and sign up for new dates (*Thurs., Nov. 8th, still available as of 10.26*) by going to <https://mealtrain.com/vw2eqy> or **CLICK HERE** (*And please watch for future requests.*)

Thank you again, everyone!! (Not having to eat restaurant meals is very welcome!!)

Food drop-off reminder:

The lower level church doors are *locked during the day* ('Little Red Preschool' security policy) and they *do not have staff to open if you ring*.

Therefore, please drop off food during regular office hours (to enter building from upper level) or arrange something else by contacting Jenny Niesen, Church Council President (798-2132 or mjniesen@juno.com) ... and don't forget to include note who meal is from and any special heating instructions. *Thank you!*



Step-by-Step, Walking with Christ

Join the St. Martin's Stewardship Team and take a walk with us. Our 2018 Stewardship emphasis encourages each St. Martin's member to "step up" your stewardship this year. Each week, we'll be reminding you of different opportunities to grow in faith, to share your time and talents, and to share your financial resources. Get ready to hear about weekly challenges! Are you ready to be on the team? Step Up!

The current challenge is to return an Information Card. You can find the card on our website homepage (www.stmartinscp.org). We are hoping for 100% participation, so please do your part. While we may have some of this information, it's important to double check it every few years. We also know that many of you are getting rid of landline phones, adding email addresses and cell phones, so help us keep our information current. If you have returned your card by Sunday, October 28, be sure to pick up an "*I Stepped Up*" sticker in the Narthex. *Wear it proudly during Sunday's service!*

*Come each Sunday and find out what the next challenge is!
Step Up - and walk with Christ!*

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

The Stewardship Team -
Ryan McCulloh, Tom Johnson, Karen Windels, and Lois Weiland



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) or the church office (798-2777; om@stmartinscp.org).

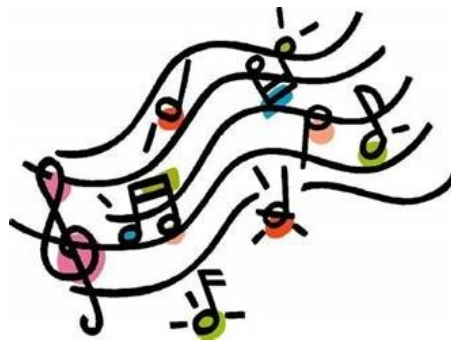
Thank you!

Pack the Pews! Next week! Nov. 4th!



On **Sunday, Nov 4th**, invite a friend or neighbor to church, wear your Green Bay Packer gear, and stay after for a tailgate lunch, as we **'Pact the Pews!** (Lunch served right after church in narthex.)

See you there!



Greetings Choir People!

St. Martin's will be hosting Thanksgiving Eve Service (Wed., Nov. 21st, 7pm) jointly with St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church this year, and we would again like to have anthems from a joint choir.

Two very familiar choir anthems have been selected - "*God Is So Good*" and "*I Will Give Thanks*", and we have copies of both in our music library. After consulting with Jan Doyle, we'll plan on rehearsing on Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m. before service on Nov. 4th & Nov. 11th. We're invited to attend the St. Francis choir rehearsal on Thursday evening, Nov. 15th at 6:30 p.m. to combine choirs for the first time, and that should take about 30 minutes. We'll rehearse the last time just prior to the Thanksgiving Eve service at 6:30 p.m. with the combined choirs.

BUT WAIT! We're also planning on offering one of those anthems on Sunday, November 18th, so even if you can't be present on Thanksgiving Eve, please come and rehearse and sing on 11/18! It will be great to gather together and praise God with choral music again!

Thanks to all for participating!!

Call Team Update

The Call Team is nearing completion of the first draft of the Ministry Site Profile which will be presented to Council for review. Once approved, it will be made available to the congregation.

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.

Donation Update

St Martin's donated 59 quilts and 43 Personal Care Kits to Lutheran World Relief this year following a blessing by Pastor Jeff. Thank you to all our quilters and everyone who purchased or made a donation towards a kit, and thank you Doris & Phil Fish for getting them to the train station to begin their journey to those who await their arrival.

Bible Study: Women in the Bible

Join us for an exploration of the importance of women in the Bible. Recent MDiv graduate Kristofer Rhude will be facilitating discussion which will include a Bible study, and an examination of the ELCA's draft social statement on "*Women and Justice*" which will be voted on during next year's Church-wide Assembly in Milwaukee!

First meeting will be Monday, October 1st. All genders welcome!

6:30 - 8:00 PM ***Mondays*** in October

6:30 - 8:00 PM *first three* ***Tuesdays*** in November

Attention Parents -- First Communion & Acolyte Training

Parents - If you would like to have your child participate in **First Communion training or Acolyte training** please sign up by contacting the church office.

First Communion will take place during worship this fall. Please direct questions to any member of

the Youth and Family Ministry Team. *Thank you!*

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)

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

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.

Save the dates!

October

* Stewardship Drive begins

November

* Stewardship Drive Continues

* Nov. 4 -- Pack the Pews, Tailgate

* Nov. 8 (Thur.) -- Cross Plains Chamber Expo, St. Martin's booth

* Nov. 21 (Wed.) -- Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service at St. Martin's

* Nov. 25 -- Advent Intergenerational Event after Worship - *Decorating of the church (with potluck)*

* Giving Tree begins

December

* Dec. 1st (Sat.) -- Cookie Walk! (8a - 11a)

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.

MUTZY'S MONSTER MASH

All the decorations from the Cross Plains Halloween House will be displayed outside at the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library October 15 - Halloween. Join us for a pumpkin carving party Sunday October 28 12-3 at the Legion. We will also be handing out candy Halloween night to trick or treaters.

This is a community Halloween event that is continuing on the tradition that Mary Dahlk began nearly 40 years ago by decorating her yard for Halloween. Thank you to our planning team, made up of several community members, leaders, and organizations in town, including the Cross Plains Lions Club, Crossroads Coffeehouse, Rosemary Garfoot Public Library, and the Cross Plains Area Chamber of Commerce.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? Below are some areas of need.

- Transport props October 10-11.
- Wash and spray pumpkins the weekend of October 12-14. Until then they will be stored on Doc's trailer.
- Set up props for display the weekend of October 12-14.
- Donate pumpkins, candy, candles, batteries, drinks, snacks or ??
- Help take down the monsters the weekend after Halloween
- Be creative - let us know what you would like to do to build this event!!
- Attend the next planning meeting: **October 8, 2018 @ Crossroads Coffeehouse 6pm.**
- Spread the word!



Adult Adventures

Our mission is to promote fellowship in God's name while enjoying various activities within the community. (Leader: Kathy Graedel)



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.

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

October

Birthdays

10/30 -- Shirley Coulson

November

Birthdays

11/3 -- Thomas Weaver
11/4 -- Julie Blaha, Paxton Schreiber
11/5 -- Lizanne Dodsworth
11/9 -- Mark Niesen, Elijah Schluter
11/10 -- Erik Bartelson
11/15 -- Fallon Voss
11/16 -- Nancy Kurr
11/17 -- Ryan Delmore
11/18 -- Jacqui Swanson, Patty Harper, Dan Trappe
11/19 -- Shawn McCue
11/21 -- Rebecca Brunner, Valerie Niesen
11/23 -- Alison Dodsworth
11/26 -- Robert Shields
11/28 -- Jodie Green, Jasmine Green

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

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.

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. Events are updated on a regular basis. Questions? Send a note to the office (om@stmartinscp.org) or call 798-2777.

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

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).

CHURCH CALENDAR

Also available on the church web site (www.stmartinscp.org)

Sunday, Oct. 28

9:00a -- Sunday Worship S

Monday, Oct. 29

6:30p -- Bible Study—Women in the Bible L

Tuesday, Oct. 30 -- Open Schedule

Wednesday, Oct 31-- Open Schedule (NO Pre or Confirmation Class)

Thursday, Nov. 1

1:30p -- Worship Planning Team L

6:30p -- TLC L

Friday, Nov. 2 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, Nov. 3

8:45a -- Overeaters Anonymous L

Sunday, Nov. 4

8:00a -- Choir Rehearsal CR

9:00a -- Sunday Worship / ***'Pack the Pews!'*** S

S—Sanctuary; L—Library; CR - Choir Room

Have an update? Please send a note to the office (om@stmartinscp.org)

Worship Participants

Oct. 28

Presiding Minister -- Jeff Tomberlin

Accompanist – Eileen Porter
Song Leader – Karen Windels
Greeters -- Tom & Gail Johnson
Lector / Reader / Communion Assistant – Redgy Nelson
Communion Assistants — Maureen Berghoefer, Kathy Graedel
Ushers -- Amy & Matt Wildman
Acolyte -- Dylan Klock
Counting Team -- Team 2 (Marci Bartlett, Caleb Wickre)
Altar Guild — Deb Wipperfurth
AV Team – Bill Windels
Coffee Fellowship – Judy Valaskey, Linda Sebree

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