



Week of Oct. 29 - Nov. 4 2017

Wear RED Sunday 10/29

Please wear red in recognition of 'Reformation Sunday' this Sunday, Oct. 29th!

Take the Challenge

Are you a risk taker? Do you enjoy a challenge? Do you wish to make a difference? *Then we have the challenge for you!* An anonymous donor has approached *The Legacy Endowment Fund* (LEF) with a \$10,000 challenge. Your donation will be matched dollar for dollar, which means that we could reach our goal of \$25,000 to start making distributions from the Legacy Endowment Fund. *The Challenge runs through Dec. 1, 2017.*

As of Oct. 24 we have collected \$4,000 towards the Challenge. *Will you be the next one to help raise the money towards the \$10,000?*

To make a donation, use a Green donation envelope available in the Narthex. Make your check payable to Mission Investment Fund or St. Martin's Lutheran Church. Please put number 54750500005705 in the memo area. Checks can also be mailed to St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 2427 Church Street, Cross Plains, WI 53528. Thank you - The LEF Board

Become a 'Founding Member'

From now through Nov. 1 is a good time to become a "Founding Member" for St. Martins Legacy Endowment Fund. Contribute \$2500 or more before Dec. 1 and you will be a "Founding Member." (See the requirements below.) During the "Challenge Drive" ending Dec. 1, 2017 (see information, above), individuals contributing \$2,500 qualify, as their \$2,500 is matched totaling \$5,000. Founding members and all members will be recognized on a plaque in the Narthex. We also have some other ideas to visually identify the many who become members unless people choose to be anonymous. Putting the fund in your estate plan is a traditional way to contribute to

an endowment fund; however, contributing during your lifetime will give you the satisfaction of seeing your money being put to work to spread the Word of God and/or help needy members within and beyond our church wall.

The Living Vine Legacy Membership Defined

Founding Members of St. Martins Legacy Endowment Fund:

- are required to give a current gift/s of \$5,000 or more to the Fund
- must contribute \$5,000 before the first \$100,000 is collected for the Fund

Members of St. Martins Legacy Endowment Fund:

- may give a current gift or asset of any amount to the Fund
- or notify the Fund's Board of Directors that they have completed the paperwork to include the Fund in their estate plan

Fund member/s will be recognized in name only in Church Communications and on a name plaque in the narthex, unless the donor requests to be anonymous.

Thank you!

St. Martins Lutheran Church - Legacy Endowment Fund

New Member Sunday - Nov. 12th

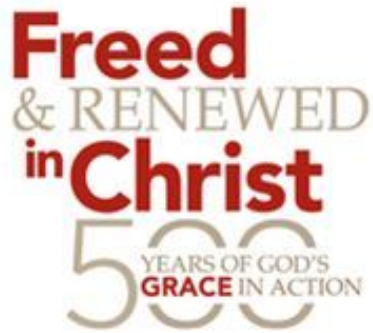
Are you considering becoming a member of St. Martin's, or know someone who might want to join? Please notify the office (798-2777 or om@stmartinscp.org) or Pastor Kirsten (pastorkirsten@stmartinscp.org). New members will be received on Nov. 12th.



Lower-Level Parking Lot paving is done!

... and now available for use!

All that is left to complete is line painting.



Synod-Wide Reformation Events - All Are Welcome!

Worship Planning teams invites everyone to be involved in one or all of the upcoming celebrations marking the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. These will include a synod event in Janesville – an ELCA event in the Twin Cities – and an ecumenical event (Lutheran and Catholic Bishops co-presiding) in Milwaukee.

Please see information below and articles in following weeks!



Oct. 31st: Reformation 2017 - 500th Anniversary

Commemoration Statewide Catholic and Lutheran Faith Event In Milwaukee - October 31 with Catholic and Lutheran Bishops - You Are Invited!

A special invitation from Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKi, Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and Paul Erickson, Bishop of the Greater Milwaukee Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

On **Oct. 31, 2017**, the ELCA and Catholic bishops of Wisconsin will gather with the faithful at *Ascension Lutheran Church, Milwaukee* to give thanks for the gifts received through the dialogues that have taken place over the last 50 years. You are invited to join in this very special event!

A video invitation awaits you: <https://milwaukeeesynd.org/reformation-events/>

Nov. 4: Reformation Commemoration Synod-Wide Event!

South-Central Synod of Wisconsin invites you to a Special Reformation Commemoration Synod-Wide Event!
SATURDAY, NOV. 4 (at 7:00 pm)

Join the Reformation 500th Choir! All choirs and singers are invited to join in the SCSW-ELCA sponsored Reformation 500th Commemoration, held at the **First Lutheran Church of Janesville** on Sat, Nov. 4th (7pm).

This ecumenical event will feature full orchestra, handbell groups, and a festival choir composed of many different Protestant and Catholic backgrounds. Through music, word and prayer, we will highlight the role the Reformation has served in the development of the modern age. Above all, our joint commemoration focuses on the amazing mercy and love of God in Jesus Christ, the firm foundation by which all people of God stand.

For more information and to sign up, please contact Jan Knutson, (jknutson604@gmail.com -- 608-921-6534)

St Martin's Highlight -- Worship Planning

The primary focus of the Worship Planning Team is to assist with planning the various worship services for St. Martins along with providing opportunities for our members to actively participate in those services. St. Martin's' worship connects evangelism, social ministry, stewardship, Christian education and fellowship and all other areas of parish life—preparing all of us for ministry to and for those within and outside our church walls.

The team works with other ministry groups such as ushers, greeters, altar guild, musicians, communion assistants, liturgical arts and congregational care (to name a few) to provide meaningful and Christ-centered worship services. We strive to provide a variety of liturgies and worship/music activities that resonate with and reflect the diversity of the church.

The Worship Planning team meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month. Current team members are Jan Doyle, Deb Goplin, Sherri Hansen, Jeff Miller, Debbie Miller, Karen Windels and Pastor Kirsten. *Please contact one of these team members if you'd like to participate or learn more!*

Thank You, Phil!

Many thanks to Phil Fish for building the beautiful and functional new Missions Food Bin. For your convenience the bin is divided into three marked sections one for MOM, one for Heights Unlimited and one for Feed Our Children (the Park School week-end snack program. You will now be able to make your donation to the area of your choice. This is a perfect example of "God's hands, our feet". *Thank you again Phil for your skilled work and golden heart!*

Black Earth Food Pantry -- Need for volunteers

Informational meeting about Black Earth food pantry to recruit additional volunteers.

Can You Help Us? Want to make a difference in the world? Start here, at home. The Heights Unlimited Community Service Center needs you!

We feed and clothe families, the elderly, and the jobless. Those with low-paying work who can't make ends meet. The young moms who need our free food so they can pay the rent and not become homeless. The cancer patient, too poor and sick to shop, so we help her friend pick up her food. All these individuals come through our door.

Do you have a compassionate spirit? You can help us help them. Come to either of two information sessions on **Monday, Nov 6, or Wednesday, Nov 8, at the Black Earth branch of the State Bank of Cross Plains. Both meetings begin at 7:00PM and will run a half hour.**

You don't need experience, and training is easy. You can work out front or behind the scenes. You can rescue food, unload trucks, take out the trash, shop with customers, or choose many other tasks that make this charity run.

Our work is simple but our hearts are full. Join us.

Have a question? Call Carole Ecker (608-767-9367) or Joyce Evers (608-795-2353).

Rotation Workshop Sunday School Off to a Great Start!

Many thanks to the teachers and shepherds that have stepped up for our first rotation. Our next 5 week rotation will occur from October 29th through Nov. 26th. We are in need of a few shepherds for this unit, so please sign up for an opportunity to work and play with our Sunday School kids. 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.

Note to Parents ...

Soon we will be presenting new Bibles to Sunday School children 3rd grade and under. If your Sunday schooler is age 3 through third grade, we need to know if they have already received the Spark Story Bible.

Please let Karen or the office know (Karen; karenwindels@gmail.com or 798-5031, Office: 798-2777 or om@stmartinscp.org). Thank you!

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.

Who is Adam Lohrman?

If you happen by the office and notice someone you don't recognize, it might be Adam Lohrman. Adam is using the spare office as a work space as he completes work on his Doctorate in Theology (from Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago). Adam's hours fluctuate, but you might see him after regular office hours so don't be surprised! (And fee free to say 'hi'!)

History of the Old Businesses of Cross Plains

On **Monday, Nov. 13th** (*starting at 6pm*), the Historical Society will be doing a Power Point Presentation on the History of Old Businesses of Cross Plains. It will be presented by Becky Nolte and narrated by the President of the Society, Lyle "Doc" Esser.

The presentation will be held at St. Martin's in the sanctuary. This will be similar to his popular walking tours. Doc Esser has an incredible amount of knowledge and stories regarding the history of Cross Plains, so this is an event you don't want to miss!



Choir Director Needed

The Worship Planning Team (WPT) is seeking a volunteer choir director for the senior choir. Our excellent director, Debbie Miller, is stepping back from this position soon so she can devote more time to family, friends, and travel.

We're looking for someone to lead rehearsals at 8:00 on Sundays and be present to lead us in our 9:00 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) including Debbie, 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: Pastor Kirsten, Debbie or Jeff Miller, Jan Doyle, Sherri Hansen, Karen Windels, Deb Goplin.

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.*

Oct. Birthdays

10/30 Shirley Coulson

Nov. Birthdays

11/3 - Christopher Wright, Erin McCauley

11/4 - Julie Blaha, Paxton Schreiber

11/9 - Mark Niesen, Elijah Schluter

11/14 - Jack Turnipseed

11/16 - Nancy Kurr

11/18 - Jacqui Swanson, Patty Harper, Dan Trappe

11/19 - Shawn McCue

11/21 - Rebecca Brunner, Valerie Niesen

11/26 - Robert Shields

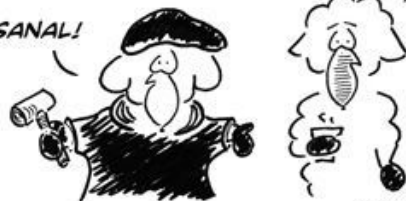
11/29 - Jodie Green

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).

TO COMMEMORATE THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION, WE'VE PRODUCED THIS COMIC STRIP ON AN *ACTUAL* GUTENBERG PRINTING PRESS.

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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).

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

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@stmartinscp.org

-- Pastor Kirsten: PastorKirsten@stmartinscp.org

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Oct. 29 - Nov 4 2017

Sunday, Oct. 29

9:00a - Sunday Worship

Monday, Oct. 30

10:30a - Memorials Team L

Tuesday, Oct. 31

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

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

Wednesday, NOV. 1

6:00p - Confirmation Class (Small Group Night)

Thursday, Nov. 2

5:15p - Stewardship Team L

6:30p - Worship Planning Team L

Friday, Nov. 3 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, Nov. 4

8:00a - LUAD Council FH

8:45a - 10a Overeaters Anonymous LL

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

Save the Date!

Saturday, Dec. 2nd - Holiday 'Cookie Walk' (9-11am) Have a question? Please contact Gail Johnson gailjmadwi@gmail.com.

Planning ahead? Christmas Services

Sunday, Dec. 24th - Children's Program (9am) - Candlelight Service (7pm)

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

Worship Participants - Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Kirsten Curtis

Accompanist -- Sherri Hansen

Song Leader -- Jason Niebuhr

Greeters -- Phil & Doris Fish

Lectors / Readers / Communion Assistant -- Maureen Berghoefer

Communion Assistants -- Bob Nelson, Ann Houck

Ushers -- Dan & Mary Trappe

Acolytes -- Ryan Roenneburg, Adam Herring

Counting Team -- Team 4 (Steve & Patty Hillebrand, Deb Wipperfurth)

Altar Guild -- Deb Wipperfurth

AV Team -- Bill Windels

Coffee/Treats — Kay Calvin, Judy Valaskey

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