



Week of Oct. 1-7 2017

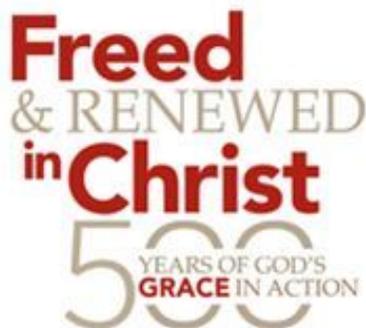
The gospel reading for this coming Sunday includes a short parable for all of us who have sometimes said No to God, and then later regretted it. Come to worship, to hear about God's welcome to us and to receive that welcome at the table of holy communion.

PLEASE - *No through traffic in parking lot*

For safety reasons ('The Little Red Preschool' using lower level rooms, children in area, etc.), please do *NOT* use the parking lot for through traffic. *Thank you!*

Pastoral Care (Oct. 2-6)

If you need pastoral care Oct. 2 to 6, please contact Pastor Kelli Fisher at 608-437-5294 (work) or 715-340-1476 (mobile). Pastor Kirsten will be out of town at a continuing education conference.



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. 27-28: Reformation Festival Hosted by Luther Seminary and National Lutheran Choir

Spend this Reformation weekend learning and reflecting on the future of our faith from leading scholars, theologians and musicians assembled by Luther Seminary and the National Lutheran Choir. Everyone from lay people to worship leaders can enjoy this two-day festival filled with workshops and presentations by more than 20 theologians and musicians.

Other highlights include:

- An optional Oktoberfest dinner followed by a premiere performance by the National Lutheran Choir of Holy Spirit Mass a new choral work commissioned for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.
- A closing festive worship service at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, with ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton preaching and massed choirs from area churches along with the National Lutheran Choir.

A complete schedule, including registration information is available at:
<http://www.luthersem.edu/reformation> or < [Click here](#) >



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://milwaukeeesynod.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)

Feed Our Children

Please sign up today 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.

St Martin's Property Team Highlight

The Property Management Team has been meeting monthly to assess, plan and implement property improvement and maintenance activities. Since being hired, Todd Duhr, our building manager, and been very busy with many day to day projects. He has been essential to helping to complete Sunday school rooms including the Dark Movie Room. We are happy with our new church roof and anticipate rear parking lot improvements very soon. Members of the team include Don Wittler, Bill Windels, Ralph Schulenberg, Todd Duhr, Al Curtis, and Brian Graedel.

Matching Gift Challenge

The St. Martins Legacy Endowment Fund Board of Directors is pleased to announce a \$10,000 matching gift challenge by a generous anonymous donor. During the challenge, taking place through Dec. 1, 2017, your contribution will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$10,000. We are required to accumulate \$25,000 in the fund before we can start using interest to promote our fund's mission of spreading the Word of God and helping the needy within and beyond our church walls. Currently we have \$14,383 in the fund and we see this as an opportunity to start putting the Legacy Endowment Fund to work for making a difference in the lives of people.

1. Either make check payable to St. Martins Lutheran Church or Mission Investment Fund and put the following account number in check memo: 54750500005705
2. Or, send check directly to St. Martins Lutheran Church, 2427 Church St, Cross Plains, WI 53528 or use Green Challenge Grant Envelopes in Narthex

Update: As of 9/21 The Legacy Endowment Fund is \$2000 towards its \$10,000 Matching Campaign goal. Great work St. Martin's. Keep it up!

Understanding Financial Planning Documents - *taking care of those you love*

You are invited to a no-cost seminar offered by the St. Martin Legacy Endowment Fund. Everyone will come away with information useful for the young or old. Discover ways to donate to what you feel is important and do so with positive tax benefits that will help you "plan smartly"! Learn about simple Power of Attorney and Medical directives and much, much more. All information reduced to simpler terms and take home outlines.

On either Saturday, Oct. 21, at 9:00am or Monday, Oct. 23, at 6:30pm you are invited to a seminar at St. Martin's Church where you will be provided with valuable financial insight and recommendations for various types of plans to consider for meeting your goals that would be of benefit to you and the church. The seminar's purpose is to educate. There will be no solicitation of money.

Our presenters will be Oscar Seibel, retired wealth management advisor M&I Bank and Joe Gabriel, financial associate with Thrivent Financial.

Your Legacy Endowment Board

Lower Parking Lot Re-Surfacing

- Lower lot will be completely closed during work – no parking and no access to building through lower level doors. (Drive from upper lot will be blocked off.)
- Access to lower level of church building will be through main doors (upper level), then stairs or elevator down until work is completed.
- Lower level doors should not be used to exit building unless there is an emergency. (Signs will be posted.)
- Work is expected to take 3-5 days, depending on weather.

Church History - Charter Members

St. Martin's 'Evangelische Kirche' (Protestant Church)

We still have some descendants of these charter members here in Cross Plains, and two of them are still members of St. Martin's, Ralph Schulenberg and Jeanne Hering Schuman. If anyone has information about our first members let us know.

-- Debbie McCue and Doris Fish

The first members of St. Martin's Church:

John Hirchenhan (President), Henry Scheele (Secretary), Adam Klueber (Treasury)

John Albright, Mrs. Andelmann, William Binger, Michael Brendler, John Denner

Albert Festge, Gustave Hering, Emil Hering, John Kading, Michael Klueber

John Lappley, Charles Meyer, Ferdinand Schulenberg, James Schultz

Fritz Schubert, Edward Ziegler, Charles Watzke



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. Anniversaries

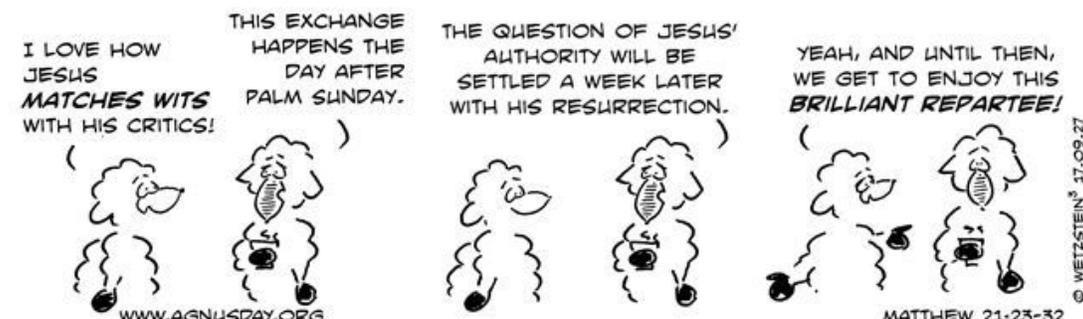
10/1 Brian & Kathy Graedel (50)
10/5 Robert & Pam Miller (42)
10/7 Alan & Pastor Kirsten Curtis (27)
10/17 Frank & Barbara Durham (34)

Oct. Birthdays

10/1 Paul Schluter
10/5 Brian Jackson, Timmy Curtis
10/13 Joelle Jackson
10/16 Kimberly Kahl
10/17 Gus Wenning
10/18 Samantha Fogel, Colton Klein
10/22 Jim Knudtson, Jenna Rogers
10/24 Debra Wipperfurth
10/27 Dale Jacobson
10/30 Shirley Coulson

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).



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. 1 - 7 2017

Sunday, Oct. 1

9:00a - Sunday Worship

Monday, Oct. 2

7p - Valley Home Cemetery Assoc. L

Tuesday, Oct. 3

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

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

Wednesday, Oct. 4

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

Thursday, Oct. 5 -- Open Schedule

Friday, Oct. 6 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, Oct. 7

8:45a - 10a Overeaters Anonymous LL

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

Save the Dates!

* **Oct. 15th** Go Pack! The Pew! Sunday, October 15th. Come dressed in your best Packer gear!
Prizes for best costumes!

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

Worship Participants - Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017

Presiding Minister—Pastor Kirsten Curtis

Accompanist -- Sherri Hansen

Song Leader -- Karen Windels

Special Music -- Mark Richardson

Greeters -- Jeff & Debbie Miller

Lectors / Readers / Communion Assistant -- Debbie Miller

Communion Assistants -- Patty Harper, Sue Duhr

Ushers -- Lee & Jacqui Swanson

Acolyte -- Tyler Duhr, Cole Ferguson

Counting Team -- Team 3 (Mike & Kay Calvin, Alan & Patty Harper)

Altar Guild -- Kim Mahaffey

AV Team -- James Hartung

Coffee/Treats — Jeannie Hering-Schumann, Amy Esser

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