



Week of Oct. 2 - Oct. 8 2016

NO Choir Rehearsal this Sunday (10/2)

Emergency Pastoral Contact this weekend (Oct 1 & 2)

If you need to contact pastoral staff this weekend call Pastor Dan at 608-417-0547 (cell) or 608-643-5128 (home).

Mark Your Calendar -- Go PACK the Pew! Sunday, Oct. 16th!

Invite a friend!

Wear your Packer's gear!

Prizes for best costumes!

Worship Service at 9:00am

Tail-gate at 10:15am

Irene Brockman Update

Irene is recuperating at Heartland in Black Earth. Her doctors were able to successfully repair her broken hip with the second surgery. Irene and her sons would like to thank the congregation for their continued prayers and support. Her family would like everyone to know that Irene would love to have visitors from St. Martin's and that she misses everyone very much.

Koats For Kids

Join the Sunday School students in collecting 'Koats for Kids' **now through Oct 8** St. Martin's is a Cross Plains collection location. Only winter outerwear is requested, items in good repair. All sizes in demand, but particular need for infant and toddler, larger teen (sizes 16-22), and oversized (XXXL and larger) adult sizes.

High School Youth - Sunday Oct 2 (6pm)

Following a fun fall kick-off on Lake Mendota and at the UW Memorial Union, *Youth Group will begin regular meetings this Sunday, Oct. 2 at 6:00pm in the Youth Room.* The plan is to meet every even Sunday. We will have pizza and treats, and put our heads together to brainstorm ideas for this year.

Update From The Committee: Restoring God's House

We have started our ask of support to raise dollars needed to complete the upper parking lot consisting of paint lines and improvements, repairing and painting lines to the bottom parking lot, and paint the church.

The membership voted at the annual meeting in January and we are responding to your vote to move forward and Restore God's House, our church from the recommendations from the property management committee.

The painting of the church took place this summer and came in under budget at \$12,430 and was paid for by the money that was set aside. This leaves us with a goal of raising \$54,000 to complete the upper and lower parking lot.

We need everyone's help to make this happen. We are asking for you to pray on your contribution, make a one time gift and/or pledge over 2016-2017. Make checks payable to St. Martin's Restoring Appeal, mail to the church or place in the basket during our Sunday service offering. Your gift qualifies for Federal/State tax deduction and you will receive a receipt.

Thank you for your support of restoring God's House, our church.

Committee of Restoring God's House

Council Invites Your Input

Starting in September, Church Council welcomes your participation in the first 15 minutes of each Council meeting 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. Church Council meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the church library. Contact any one of us at the following numbers: Pastor Curtis; 798-2777, Karen Windels; 798-5031, Gordie Esser; 438-4176, Greg Hinz; 798-1556, Kyla Schoenwetter; 434-4950, Mark Richardson; 413-0204 or Ron Goplin; 798-2518.

Audit Team and Finance Team Vacancies

The Church Council is seeking interested persons for both the Audit Team and Finance Team. No experience is required to participate in either – just a willingness to crunch a few numbers, learn from others and monitor St. Martin's finances. The Finance Team meets monthly, while the Audit Team does most of its work in the fall months. Terms of office are three years for both teams. If you are interested in either of these important ministry opportunities, please contact Karen Windels (798-5031) or Pastor Curtis (798-2777).

Cross Plains Firefighter's Association Breakfast

The Cross Plains Firefighter's Association 14th Annual Prevention Week Breakfast & Open House will be held this coming **Sunday, Oct. 2nd from 7:30a to 12pm** at the Cross Plains -Berry Fire Station (1501 Bourbon St., Cross Plains). Drop in and enjoy eggs, pancakes, ham, sausage, rolls, etc.! Prices are 3 and under free, ages 4 to 11 \$4, ages 12 to adult \$9, seniors \$7. Proceeds to be used to purchase additional firefighting equipment to help better serve you. Please see bulletin board in church lobby for more information.

Campus Ministry Student Referral

The ELCA has campus ministry locations at over 180 universities and colleges, including 10 in Wisconsin. Our synod sponsors three campus ministries at UW-Madison, UW-Platteville, and UW-

Whitewater.

Whether your students attend college in state or out of state, we could like to connect them to a campus ministry at their school. You (or your student) can register online by going to <http://lumin-networkreferral.org/> or by contacting Pastor Kirsten.

Consider donating Appreciated Stock now to St Martin's Legacy Endowment Fund

There can be income tax benefits during your lifetime if you make a donation of appreciated stock to St Martin's Legacy Endowment Fund. It is important to consult with your tax advisor to see how a gift of stock may affect your tax return. Some considerations are your personal income tax bracket and if you itemize deductions.

One Example: Sale of stock or alternative donation to St Martin's Legacy Endowment Fund

1. Assume you purchase stock for \$10,000 and today it is worth \$50,000 for a long-term capital gain of \$40,000.
2. Assume you are married filing a joint return with taxable income over \$75,000 or single with taxable income over \$37,650.

Your \$50,000 gift could only cost you \$30,800 when you consider the tax savings that may be available. Your tax savings could be higher or lower depending on your taxable income and if you itemize deductions. That is why it is important to discuss this type of donation with your tax preparer to determine how you may benefit. This is one of the topics that will be discussed at the workshops this fall plus how something like this might be accomplished.

God has called us to help those in need and to spread the gospel. It is important to remember everything we have, be it health, intelligence, physical assets or cash are gifts from God. This is your opportunity to answer his call so that when your time comes, your legacy of helping others and spreading the gospel will live on for generations to come..

Mark Your Calendar

Workshops to learn more about the St. Martin Legacy Endowment Fund will be Sat., November 5th and repeated Wed., November 9th. Watch for details!

Please note that this Endowment Fund is NOT a part of any other St. Martin Capital Campaign or SHOULD NOT replace any regular offering to St. Martins. The St. Martin Legacy Endowment Fund is a way of leveraging you're planning to spread the Gospel and serves those in need for generations into the future.

Please contact any current Board of Directors member for confidential assistance in direction: James Hartung, Hilary Kirkow, Tom Johnson, Van Valaskey or Lois Weiland.

Because it is important that you have a will with specific language regarding your donation, it is crucial to have someone with expertise help with the preparation. _For more information regarding this, please contact your own attorney and/or financial planner._

Free advice for funding the St. Martins Legacy Endowment is also available at:

Lutheran Planned Giving of Wisconsin

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Youth and Family Ministry Team Opportunity

The Church Council is seeking to establish a Youth and Family Ministry Team as outlined in our Constitution. This Team will work with Pastor and, hopefully, a Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator to establish and oversee our Christian education programs for St. Martin's children of all ages. We are hoping to get this Team off the ground in September. The Team would likely meet monthly to make programmatic and procedural decisions, as well as support our staff in executing the programs. If you are interested in serving in this vital ministry opportunity please contact Karen Windels (608-798-5031, or karenwindels@gmail.com). Thank you!

Next Book Club Book — *The Tiger's Wife*

The supreme storyteller Téa Obreht weaves together masterfully a narrative that is mesmerizing. The reader gets lost in the stories of war, death, love and life. Pick up a copy and start reading today, and put **Oct. 24th** on your calendar to get together and discuss this wonderful book!

Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator Position

St. Martin's is seeking to hire a half-time, Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator who can work effectively with children of all ages.

The purpose of this position is to direct and coordinate a comprehensive and expanding ministry for our children, youth and families. This position will work with Pastor, our Youth and Family Ministry Team, parents and other lay ministers.

Send or email a cover letter and resume to St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 2427 Church St, Cross Plains, WI, 53528 or om@smartinscp.org. A job description can be viewed on our web site, smartinscp.org. (Or call Deb McCue – 798-3294)

Stayed 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).

'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

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

Upcoming Schedule (Also available on the church web site - www.stmartinscp.org - and in the Weekly Bread):

Oct. 2 - Oct. 8

Sunday, Oct 2

* NO Choir Rehearsal

* 9:00a -- Sunday Worship

* 6:00p -- High School Youth Group YR

Monday, Oct 3

* 7:00p -- Valley Home Cemetery Association L

Tuesday, Oct 4

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

* 6:30p -- Legacy Endowment Meeting L

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

Wednesday, Oct. 5

* 6:30p -- Confirmation Class

Thursday, Oct. 6 -- Open Schedule

Friday, Oct. 7 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, Oct. 8

* 9:00a -- 10a Overeaters Anonymous LL

Oct 16th - *'Go Pack! the Pew Sunday!'* Service at 9a followed by Tail-Gate get-together. (Wear your Packer's gear! Prizes for best costumes!)

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; K - Kitchen

Worship Participants - Sunday, Oct. 2

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Dan Odden

Accompanist -- Sherri Hansen

Song Leader -- Jason Niebuhr

Greeters -- Bob & Redgy Nelson

Lector / Reader -- Cheryl Hartung

Communion Assistants -- Galyn Hartung, Patty Harper

Ushers -- Donna Blumer, Frank Durham

Acolyte -- Tyler Duhr, Joelle Jackson

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

Altar Guild -- Deb Goplin

AV Team -- James Hartung, Paul Schluter

Coffee / Treats -- Jeannie Hering-Schumann, Ryan & Jenni McCulloh family

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