



## St. Martin's 'Weekly Bread' Oct. 20-26 2019

*'Where all are welcome to worship, to learn,  
to serve in the name of Jesus Christ.'*

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### 'Coffee with Council -- THIS Coming Sunday, OCT. 20th

Join St. Martin's Council for our first "*Coffee with Council*" event on Sunday, October 20th after worship in the Narthex from 10:15 am to 11:15 am.

This is an opportunity to meet the Council, converse with fellow members, and share your ideas and suggestions for the good of St. Martin's. While we will not have a set agenda, possible topics of conversation could include community outreach opportunities and ideas for expanding church involvement.

*Looking forward to enjoying coffee and conversation together!*

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### Pastor's Post

It's hard to believe that we are into October already. Where has the time gone? Last month launched a new year of Sunday school, pre-confirmation, and Bible Study with our annual Rally Day. We also held our first ever God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. Thank you to everyone who participated! It was a big success and we hope to hold it again next year.

A couple of weeks ago, Geoff and I went camping for two nights at Devil's Lake. It was so wonderful to disconnect from all the busyness of our lives for a few days and just spend time in the moment observing what was around us in God's world.

Fall is a busy time for many of us. While nature is getting ready for winter's long rest, we hardly have a moment to breathe. Busy schedules get in the way and pretty soon we wonder where the time has gone.

In our text for Sunday, October 13, Jesus heals a group of people with leprosy (Luke 17:11-19).

Only one of the healed takes a moment to stop, praise, and give thanks. It's a reminder to us that when things get busy, when life rushes by from one thing to the next, it's all the more important to take a moment to praise God and put Christ back at the center, because doing so gives us the strength we need to push on when life gets overwhelming.

So, somewhere at the top of all our much too long to-do lists, remember to praise God so we have the strength to get through the rest.

Peace in Christ,  
Pr. Maggie

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## **The Squash Garden has been harvested!**

400 pounds of butternut was grown by the Garden Team with part of the bounty going to Middleton Outreach Ministry and the remainder going to the Heights Unlimited Food Pantry. Thank you to those who planted the seeds, tended the plants as they matured, harvested the bounty and got it to the food pantries. The Team consisted of Bruce Salvo, Bill Windels, Linda Sebree, Maureen Berghoefer, Todd Duhr and Kathy Graedel.

## **God's Work. Our Hands T-shirts**

We will be placing another order for those who missed the first. We need a minimum of 10 before we can place an order - currently 8 are committed. Please contact Maureen - [msberghoefer@tds.net](mailto:msberghoefer@tds.net) with your order or for additional information.

## **Giving Tree Families are sought for the Christmas season**

If you know of an individual or family who would benefit from this St Martin's Christmas tradition, please contact Maureen - [msberghoefer@tds](mailto:msberghoefer@tds.net). Deadline for submitting names is Friday, Nov. 29.

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## **Giving Tree Closet Time!**

Time to purge your gently used bedding, toys, games, books and seasonal clothing (Fall & Winter only please) from your closets. We have a new home for them and they will be deeply appreciated by our adopted families. We will be accepting your donated items through Sunday, Dec. 8 at the Missions Table in the narthex.

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## **Joint Thanksgiving Choir!**

If you are interested in joining the combined choir for the Thanksgiving Eve Service at St. Francis (6:30pm on Nov. 27th), please note practices will be on Nov 7, 14 & 21st (all 7-7:30p) at St Francis. Music can be found in the church copy room.

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## Prayer List

We have updated our prayer list policy. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please call/email the office manager (om@stmartinscp.org) or Pastor Maggie (pastormaggie@stmartinscp.org). Names will stay on the prayer list for six weeks unless otherwise indicated by the prayer requester. Prayer requesters are responsible for making sure their loved ones are placed and remain on the list. *Thank you for your help in praying for those in need!*

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## Bible Study - Sunday's after service

A Bible Study with Pastor Maggie (studying the Acts of the Apostles) meets weekly this fall every Sunday after worship, starting at 10:30 in the library.

All adults (including high school students) are welcome to attend. If you have a Bible (any translation), please bring it with you, otherwise Bibles are available in the church library.

*No pre-reading necessary, only an open mind and a willingness to talk and to have fun!*

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## Give Plus

As an alternate way of giving, consider using the 'Give Plus' app on your cell phones (can be downloaded through your app store). Once on, do a search for St. Martin's Lutheran Church. Then follow the prompts.

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## Lower Level Doorbell

As school starts, please remember the lower level doorbell is **only** for use by *Little Red* staff and families of *Little Red* students. (They don't have staff to answer if you ring.)

All others must enter the church through the upper level door by the office.

*Thank you!*



## Stay up-to-date with Synod Newsletter '*What Matters*'

Stay connected to synod happenings, news, & events! Grow in your faith and leadership! Stay connected to exciting events and stories of our faith in action in our synod!

To receive copies of the electronic newsletter '*What Matters*', email Assistant to the Bishop for Media, Communications & Leadership Development, Deacon Vicki Hanrahan (vickih@scsw-elca.org) and asked to be added ... *a great way to stay connected!*

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## Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

### OCTOBER

#### *Anniversaries*

10/17 Frank & Barbara Durham

#### *Birthdays*

10/22 Jim Knudtson, Jenna Rogers

10/24 Debra Wipperfurth

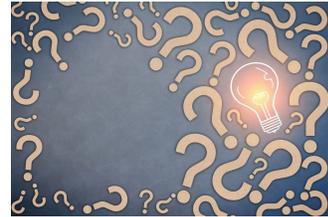
10/30 Shirley Coulson

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

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## 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.



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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).

## Want to submit something for the bulletin or Weekly Bread?

If yes, **please send it to the office** (om@smartinscp.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 the church calendar on the website—[www.smartinscp.org](http://www.smartinscp.org). Events are updated on a regular basis. *Questions?* Send a note to the office (om@smartinscp.org) or call 798-2777.

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## Church Office Hours & Additional Email Addresses

*Summer office hours:*

Mon: 9 - 2 Tue: 10-2 Wed: 9 - 2 Thur: 10-2 Fri: CLOSED

***Please call ahead (to make sure someone is here) if you want to stop by. Todd (building manager) may be in lower level office, especially during the morning, so you can call him (444-6765) if you need access to the building.***

-- OFFICE: Ph: (608) 798-2777 Email: [om@stmartinscp.org](mailto:om@stmartinscp.org)

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

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## Pastoral Care Contact Information

If you would like to contact Pastor Maggie, she can be reached by phone at the church (608) 798-2777 or cell at 608-515-8618 or by email [PastorMaggie@stmartinscp.org](mailto:PastorMaggie@stmartinscp.org).

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

*Also available on the church web site ([www.stmartinscp.org](http://www.stmartinscp.org))*

### **Sunday, Oct. 20**

9:00a -- Sunday Worship / Sunday School

10:15a -- Coffee with Council (Narthex)

5:30p -- Narcotics Anonymous (library)

6:00p -- High School Youth Group (lower level)

**Monday, Oct. 21** -- Open Schedule

**Tuesday, Oct. 22** -- Open Schedule

**Wednesday, Oct. 23** -- Open Schedule

### **Thursday, Oct. 24**

6:00p -- Pre-Confirmation Class (lower level)

6:30p -- AA Meeting (library)

**Friday, Oct. 25** -- Open Schedule

### **Saturday, Oct. 26**

9:15a -- Overeaters Anonymous (library)

*Have an update? Please send a note to the office ([om@stmartinscp.org](mailto:om@stmartinscp.org))*

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## Worship Participants - Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Maggie

Accompanist -- Sherri Hansen

Song Leader -- Karen Windels

Special Music -- Ed Neumueller

Greeters -- Amy & Matt Wildman

Lector / Reader Communion Assistant -- Sandy Salvo

Communion Assistants – Kevin & Ann Boehnen  
Ushers – Penny Eveland, (OPEN)  
Acolyte – Austin Wildman  
Counting Team (1) – Jenny Niesen, Darlene Schulenberg, Gale Kooistra  
Altar Guild – Deb Goplin  
AV Team – Jeff Postel  
Coffee – Judy Valaskey

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