



St. Martin's 'Weekly Bread' Oct. 4-10 2020

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

Lars here, with an update for all

I want to first and foremost say thank you from the bottom of my heart to each and every one of you, for being so kind and gracious to me during the past year and a half. I have enjoyed getting to know the families and members of St. Martin's, and participating in learning and fun activities with the children and youth especially. From fun Sunday School memories to meaningful conversations with confirmation students to the wonderful West Virginia mission trip with our high schoolers, I couldn't have asked for much more.

Beginning the week of October 5th, I will be taking on a new opportunity with a nonprofit organization in Madison in a quality assurance role. I look forward to this new chapter of my young career, and will surely take the skills and memories I have retained at St. Martin's with me. This is truly a wonderful community, and I know that God will continue to bless this Church.

Thank you once again, and please know that this is not goodbye. I am still close by in the area, and I certainly hope our paths will cross again in the future.

God bless you all!

Lars Haskins
Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator

HOLY COMMUNION THIS WEEK

We will be celebrating Holy Communion during our online worship service this Sunday, October 4th, via Zoom for the live service or YouTube/Facebook afterwards.

Please have communion elements ready for blessing and sharing with your fellow worshipers during

the service. Traditionally we use bread and wine, but God comes to us in countless forms across all distance, so feel free to use whatever you have available for eating and drinking.

Readers Needed for Sunday Zoom Services

Greetings, everyone. Do you feel you could contribute to Sunday (Zoom) services by being a reader?

Reader participation would usually involve reading a Psalm and doing the "ALL" response during the service. (Pastor Maggie can clarify, answer your questions.)

If you can help, please let Pastor Maggie or the office know.

Thank you!

'Zoom Greeters' needed for Sunday Services

Could you help?

We are in need of some 'Zoom Greeters' to monitor the Sunday Zoom services - let people into the meeting, mute as needed, etc.

Please let Pastor Maggie or the office know. (Pastor Maggie can answer your questions.) *Training available!*

Thank you for your help!

Prayer List

Please pray for:

- The people of Kenosha and surrounding communities across Wisconsin as they work together to rebuild a more just society, especially for Jacob Blake and his family, and all who were killed, injured, or otherwise harmed in the subsequent violence surrounding the shooting of Jacob Blake.
- The family and friends of Jack Postle
- The Spirit of Justice, Reconciliation, and Repentance to open the hearts of all and guide us to hold much needed conversations about race, prejudice and privilege across the United States.
- Teachers, school administrators, students and families as they begin a new school year unlike any other;
- Researchers and public health officials who are tracking outbreaks of virus and keeping our communities safe from disease;
- An end to the COVID-19 global pandemic, especially all medical teams and researchers who are still at work fighting the virus and finding a vaccine;
- Those who are ill, hospitalized, or recovering, especially Karen Esser, Janeen LaBelle Barreau, JoAnn Schneider, Bonnie Boyer and Herb Hiebuh;
- Those who are home-bound, especially Irene Brockmann, Shirley Coulson, Lucille Hoffmann,

COPING

What's normal? How to remain sane. These are articles that you've seen the past couple of weeks. And now, how are you coping? They are all a part of this year's Stewardship Drive. For once, I'm recycling a theme. Bet you didn't see that one coming! But "Why I Love St. Martin's" seems to be as relevant now as it was last year. Let's start by having You make a list of all the reasons that you Love St. Martin's. Keep the list someplace where you'll see it every day. Let it be a reminder, so that we can keep our hearts and minds with the church that we all love.

Last year, the biggest reason for Loving St. Martin's was The People. I mentioned in an earlier article about trying to find "normal" during COVID 19. It's hard! And keeping sane when things aren't normal is equally as difficult. So we need to learn to cope. There are many people who are going to find it hard to cope in the next weeks and months. For many the long (early) nights take a real toll on them. So, let's make a pact to be good stewards of our people. Check in on, not only your family, but your friends and neighbors. A call, handwritten note, a card, even an email can mean so much. If you are someone who has difficulty dealing with this time of year, let someone know. Reach out to one of us and ask us to help you Cope. Let us be the good shepherd and help one another.

Here is just a short list of things to do to help you Cope (feel free to add your own):

- take a walk, jog, run
- admire our beautiful Wisconsin nature
- have a picnic
- dance with someone or by yourself
- sing or listen to music
- read a book
- do puzzles - crossword, Sodoku, jigsaw
- paint
- take a bike ride
- exercise
- cook healthy...try a new recipe
- try a new activity...maybe it's something you've always wanted to try. Take a chance.
- reach out and touch someone. You'll be glad you did.

So, our mission for the foreseeable future is to take care of one another. Let's help each other find the new Normal, to remain Sane, and to Cope with all that is going on around us. Reach out and touch someone! Keep your distance, wash your hands and wear a mask. Be a good steward.

Lois Weiland
Stewardship Chair

Sunday Worship -- Connect using ZOOM!

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our new Zoom worship services! We have loved sharing this new format with all of you and having the chance to see your faces and hear your voices! It has been a great opportunity for building community and feeling the connection of the Holy Spirit between us. For those who have been unable to attend the live worship services on Zoom,

recordings are available the next day on Facebook and YouTube.

We open the Zoom meeting every Sunday morning by 8:45, so feel free to pour yourself a cup of coffee and settle in a bit early to have a chance to catch up with everyone before the service begins. Worship begins at 9. After the worship service, we will leave the meeting open for a while so you can have an online fellowship time!

There are two ways to connect to Zoom worship.

NOTE: This connection information has been updated.

This connection information will NOT be published to Facebook or the church website for security. You are encouraged to share this login information direction with any friends or family who wish to join. The more the merrier!

Meeting ID: 919 1693 6384

Pass-code: 041277

1--**Online:** please use this method if you have a stable internet connection as well as a device with a camera and microphone. This can be a tablet, smartphone, or computer. To connect online, simply follow the link here: [CLICK HERE for Zoom Link](#)

(If you'd like to type the zoom link on your web browser, it is:

<https://zoom.us/j/91916936384?pwd=RGIFVFNSYjNBajM3eDIwSDhDZ0FJdz09>)

You may be asked for a pass-code, if so the code is 041277.

2-- **Phone:** if you do not have an internet connection, you can still participate by phone. You will not be able to see us, but you will be able to hear and speak!

To connect by phone, call +1 (312) 626-6799. If that number is busy, you can try +1 (646) 558-8656. Please be aware that your normal carrier rates for long distance calls will apply. You will be prompted to enter a **meeting ID**, that number is **919 1693 6384**. Next, you may be asked for a participant ID. Simply press # to bypass the participant ID. You will now be in the worship service!



UNRAVELED PRAYER CHAIN

During this time of uncertainty, as we all feel unraveled, we continue to pray for each other and remember that we are a community woven together in Spirit even when circumstances prevent us from gathering in person. Join us by adding your "unraveled" prayers to our prayer chain.

Every Tuesday and Thursday, from 9 AM to 2 PM, you are welcome to stop by the church, pick up a strip of fabric from the table in the narthex, and use the markers provided to write

or draw your prayer onto the fabric.

Your prayer can be whatever you want: a picture, a poem, a single word or many words. Whatever is on your heart. Place your completed prayer strip in the basket and we will collect them to add to our prayer chain over the next few months.

SHOW US YOUR TALENT!

Can you sing? Play an instrument? Write poetry or perform a monologue? We'd love to show off your talent during worship! If you are interested in performing during one of our live Zoom worship services, please let Pastor Maggie know at pastormaggie@stmartinssp.org. You will need access to a stable internet connection and a device with camera and microphone. If you need help with any of those items, just let Pastor Maggie know!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE FORM

Please return your membership update form if you haven't.

Don't have the form? Let the office know by emailing (om@stmartinssp.org) or calling (608-798-2777) and one will be sent to you.

*All responses are needed and your participation helps us prepare for God's mission for our church!
Thank you!*

JOIN THE NEW BELL CHOIR!

They produce one of the most distinctive and pleasing sounds to the ear. The mellifluous tones of handbells and chimes are a regular part of the music ministry at many churches. A big part of handbell ringing is that it's something you can do without any musical background at all. It's a matter of learning the counting and techniques of ringing the bells, the different sounds the bells make. The attraction is that so many people can do it, especially people who want to be involved with the music ministry of church. It's also a great way to be involved socially distanced from each other during the time of Covid!



Starting in the fall of 2020, Kristin Warner will be directing the St. Martin's Handbell Choir. Whether you are new to handbells or are a pro, you are encouraged to be part of the group. Reading music isn't a prerequisite, and if you can't read notes, don't let that stop you from being part of the group. As a director, Kristin's passion is to bring out the emotion and meaning of the music that the choir is playing. She is looking forward to teaching people to go beyond just the basics and create art work.

Tentative schedule: Wednesday evening rehearsals, time TBD. This will all be figured out after I

see how many people are interested in being part of the group. My goal is to have our first performance be during Advent, whether it's in person or via Zoom.

If you are interested in being part of the St. Martin's Handbell Choir, or if you just have some general questions, feel free to give Kristin a call or an email.

Kristin Warner
singingchick1515@me.com
719-963-9136

St. Martin's Emergency Food Pantry (EFP)

Feeding Those In Need, One Box at a Time!

Please refer those in need of emergency pre-packaged food to the contact information posted on the St. Martin's outdoor sign (798-2777 extension #7).

Volunteers from the Emergency Food Pantry will arrange for food pick up from the church, or make delivery within 24 hours of receiving the call. We will direct families to MOM or Heights Unlimited for on-going, long term assistance. (Middleton Outreach Ministries -- MOM -- 608-826-3414; Heights Unlimited -- Black Earth -- at 608-767-3663)

The St. Martin's EFP is made possible through a generous grant from LUAD.

FALL BIBLE STUDY

Now using a New Link!

Sunday morning Bible study is continuing with our study of John. Feel free to join! This is a Zoom meeting starting at 10:30a. (*Please Note: this is a different Zoom meeting from the Sunday worship. You will need to leave the worship meeting and enter the Bible study meeting to participate.*)

All are welcome to join us, whether you have participated before or not! All you need is a Bible in any translation and a curious mind willing to wrestle with important faith questions. Join us and invite your friends!

(NEW LINK!) Join Zoom Meeting:[CLICK HERE for Bible Study Zoom Link](#)

If you'd like to type the link location in your browser, it is:
<https://zoom.us/j/97699728692?pwd=R0xyTlpUN285S2w0VXZ4b2ljbm1ndz09>

Meeting ID: 976 9972 8692
Passcode: john

Keep in touch!

Do you have a submission for the Weekly Bread?

Want to let people know what is going on -- church team, event, something else?

If yes, please submit by 2pm the Wed. before publication for consideration.

Thank you!

Health Reminders

A lot of information about COVID can be found on the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) web site: [CDC - COVID-19 Info](#)

or

World Health Organization ('WHO'): [WHO COVID-19 Info Page](#)

A lot of up-to-date information can also be found on the Johns Hopkins 'Coronavirus Resource Center' [Click here for Johns Hopkins Link](https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/) (<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/>)

If you have questions about Dane County Health orders, check out the following link: [Public Health Dane County](#)

Want to talk to someone at the health office? They can be reached at 608-266-4821

If you feel unwell (or think you might be contagious) or in doubt we encourage you to consult with your medical provider and stay home. Wash your hands frequently ... Use hand sanitizer frequently ... Avoid touching your face ... Sneeze and cough into a tissue or your elbow ... Use a face cover if going out in public ... Avoid crowds and standing near others.

Ways to continue Giving

Here are some ways you can continue your support

-- Try the old tried and true method -*snail mail!* That's right, mail your check in! (2427 Church St., Cross Plains, 53528)

-- Drop off your contribution by using the locked box by the office door. No need to come in contact with anyone and it gets you out of the house for a few minutes. Someone will check this box daily.

-- Contact your bank and ask them to help you with online banking. Most banks will send out a check as you direct them to. Most will even pay for the stamp!

-- Try Give Plus. Yes, there's an App for that and it's FREE. Easy to use prompts help you get set up easily, quickly. There's no fee to you and a small fee to the church.

-- Paypal -- We have PayPal set up on our website. You do not have to have PayPal account of your own.

-- Direct Deposit. Many of you already use this method. If you wish to set this up, contact our bookkeeper, Lois Weiland, by calling 608-220-3123.

Questions? Call Lois!

Prayer List

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please call/email Pastor Maggie (pastormaggie@stmartinscp.org) or the office manager (om@stmartinscp.org). Names will stay on the 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!*

Synod Newsletter 'What Matters'

Stay connected to synod happenings, news, & events! 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 find out what is happening in the synod!*

Birthday Addition to List

Please Note: *Another person celebrating her birthday anniversary on Sept. 25th, missed on prior lists, is Pastor Maggie!*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Oct. Birthdays

5-- Brian Jackson, Kristofer Rhude
13-- Joelle Jackson
16-- Kimberly Kahl
17-- Gus Wenning
18-- Colton Klein
22-- Jim Knudtson, Jenna Rogers
24-- Debra Wipperfurth
30-- Shirley Coulson

Oct. Anniversaries

1-- Brian & Kathleen Graedel
5-- Robert & Pam Miller
8-- Kay & Tom Meier
17-- Frank & Barbara Durham

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

Pastoral Care During COVID-19

During this time, all in-person visits are suspended, save for emergency situations. But that doesn't

mean that we aren't here to provide support! Pastor Maggie is available for private phone calls or Zoom meetings.

If you would like to make an appointment, please call/text her cell at 608-515-8618 or send her an email at PastorMaggie@stmartinscp.org.

Church Office Hours & Email Addresses

Office hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30a-1:30pm

If you want to stop by please call ahead to make sure someone is there.

OFFICE Phone: (608) 798-2777

OFFICE Email: om@stmartinscp.org

Property Management Team (building & grounds maintenance requests / issues):

Property@stmartinscp.org

-- Todd (building manager) can be reached at 444-6765.

Stay Informed! Monthly Church Council Minutes and Financial Reports can be found in the narthex (on the bulletin board), when the church is open, for your review. Please review, make copies as you would like (but please put the original copies back).

Church Calendar Wondering about meetings (if happening, when, where), if a room is available (when COVID restrictions are lifted), etc.? *Check the church calendar on the website—* www.stmartinscp.org. Events are updated on a regular basis, as the office is notified. *Have a question?* Send a note to the office (om@stmartinscp.org) or call 798-2777 (email contact is preferred).

CHURCH CALENDAR

All events are subject to change, especially with COVID-19 Virus restrictions. Calendar is also available on the church web site (www.stmartinscp.org)

Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020

--9:00a -- Sunday Worship. Live on Zoom. (See above for connection info.)

--5:30p -- Narcotics Anonymous

Mon., Oct. 5 -- Open Schedule

Tues., Oct. 6 -- Open Schedule

Wed., Oct. 7

--7:30p -- Mid-Week Devotional

Thur., Oct. 8 -- Open Schedule

Friday, Oct. 9 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, Oct. 10 -- Open Schedule

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

Worship Participants

Via Zoom!

Presiding Pastor -- Pastor Maggie

Musician -- Kristin Warner

Video Team -- Geoff Peterson

Pastor Maggie is available! If you would like to talk to her or make an appointment, please call / text her cell at (608) 515-8618 or send her an email at PastorMaggie@stmartinscp.org.

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