



St. Martin's 'Weekly Bread' Oct. 6-12 2019

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

'Healthy Congregation' talk Oct. 12th

On Saturday, Oct. 12th, starting at 10am, Rev. Steve Kottke (Assistant to the Bishop for Leadership Support) will be giving a talk at St. Martin's titled 'Healthy Congregations'. Presentation will be an introduction to systems theory and what makes for healthy communication and relationships within a congregation. *Hope to see you there!*

THANK YOU!

God's work Our hands Sunday was a rousing day of service to the community and beyond by the members of St. Martin's!

The sanctuary was covered in a sea of orange T-shirts personalized with the St. Martin's name. Pastor Maggie led an inspiring Children's Sermon and service that resonated heavily with the theme and Geoff Peterson lettered the banner, covered with the hands of our children, that draped the altar.

While rainy weather cancelled Swamplovers Nature Lovers Pod Picking and Neighbors Helping Neighbors, sunshine was brought to Girle's Manor and Milestone Senior Center through our musicians Ron Goplin, Bill Windels, Jeff Postle and Brian Graedel with Amy Wildman on vocals. The residents sang along, clapped, tapped their feet and smiled for a most enjoyable afternoon. Bingo was also served up to the residents by our St. Martin's volunteers along with cookies and beverages.

Back at Fellowship Hall two quilts were tied under the expert eyes of Bev Brunner and Lois Weiland; more than enough Giving Tree ornaments were cut and assembled for the 2019 season under the coordination of Kay Meier and Feed Our Children week-end food bags were prepared

for Glaciers Creek Middle School directed by Debbie McCue and Patty Harper.

Thank you to our all leaders, our cookie makers, our musicians, our Bingo volunteers and all who participated. Our first God's work Our hands Sunday was a day of service, fellowship, and discipleship. God had his hands in it! – Maureen Berghoefer





Third Quarter Giving Statements Are Set to Arrive

Third quarter giving statements will be emailed or mailed out next week. Please keep an eye out for a notice if you are receiving them via email. Check over the statement for accuracy and notify Lois if you have a question. You can put a note in her mailslot in the work room or email her at loisweiland@gmail.com or call her at 608-220-3123.

Our finances have been "challenged" lately, so if you are able to "Step Up" to help offset our shortfall that would be very much appreciated. We currently have borrowed \$14,000 from the line of credit. So you ask, what's the difference? The biggest and best change is that we have a full-time pastor; and with that comes a salary, housing allowance and benefits. You will also recall that we hired a Youth & Family Coordinator earlier this year. When this decision was made, we knew that we needed people to Step Up to meet this commitment. We have had a few families Step Up, but not enough to match what is needed. Most of our expenses are set so there is very little room to cut anything. Council and the team members have been faithful in keeping expenses in check.

Good things are happening at St. Martin's. We have welcomed Pastor Maggie. Despite cool and dreary weather, we had a successful Rally Day and our first God's Work, Our Hands event. Now in

the Fall, we are looking forward to a new stewardship drive, the annual Cookie Walk, the Giving Tree and Clothes Closet just to mention a few of the "happenings" at St. Martin's. Invite a friend, neighbor or past member to come check us out.

Sunday School & Pre-Confirmation Classes have started!

Sunday School (for ages 3 through 4th grade) has started.

Pre-Confirmation Class (for kids in 5th and 6th grade) has also started.

You may register your child(ren) for either Sunday School or Pre-Confirmation using the registration form located in the narthex or by downloading the form using the link below.

Children's Christian Education Classes are free and open to everyone. *Questions?* Contact any member of the Youth and Family Ministry Team!

Sunday School and Pr-Confirmation Registration Form: << [CLICK HERE for Form](#) >>

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!*

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!

Christian Education Teachers!

St. Martin's Youth and Family Ministry Team has specific needs for those interested in working with our youngest children ages 3 through 4th grade.

We invite you to consider stepping up to teach for just three Sundays during the 2019-2020 school year. Consider these reasons:

- You'll become an instant hero to parents and kids.
- Kids will start waving at you in church.
- You'll become part of a team of new friends.
- Because we all really do have time for what's important and fun.
- Because there is no higher calling than helping raise up a new generation of disciples!

Skills required: The ability to read, a sense of humor, a caring spirit, and the love of God growing in your heart. For more information, contact any member of the Youth and Family Ministry Team; Lars Haskin, Karen Windels, Jenny Niesen, Jenni McCulloh, Redgy Nelson or Pastor Maggie.

SAVE THE DATE - OCT. 20th

Save the date for *Coffee with Council* coming up on October 20th after worship! More details to follow.

Audio Visual (AV) Team Looking for New Recruits

Have you ever considered joining the St. Martin's AV team? If not, you don't know what you have been missing! It's a lot of fun and it's not nearly as intimidating as it looks. (Hint: we only use a few of the many bells and whistles on the sound board.) We control the sound during the services and also play Power Point slide shows and the occasional YouTube video. And on Maundy Thursday you get to dim the lights in the sanctuary at the end of the service. The commitment is for one time per month plus a few extra times during Lent, Easter and Christmas. You would receive ample training from friendly AV team members and would not be asked to "go-it-alone" until you feel ready. If you would like to see what it is all about, talk to James Hartung, Bill Windels or Jeff Postle. We can arrange for you to sit at the AV station with us to see if you are interested in learning more. *Thanks for considering this rewarding opportunity to serve!*

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.



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!*

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

OCTOBER

Anniversaries

10/1 Brian & Kathleen Graedel

10/5 Robert & Pam Miller

10/17 Frank & Barbara Durham

Birthdays

10/5 Brian Jackson, Kristofer Rhude

10/12 Mary Vassalotti

10/13 Joelle Jackson

10/16 Kimberly Kahl

10/17 Gus Wenning

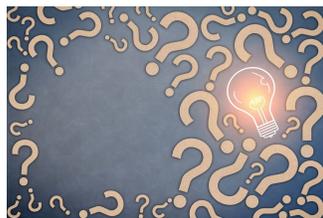
10/18 Colton Klein

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@stmartinscp.org). Thank you!



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.

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@stmartinscp.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.stmartinscp.org. Events are updated on a regular basis. *Questions?* Send a note to the office (om@stmartinscp.org) or call 798-2777.

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

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

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Sunday, Oct. 6

9:00a -- Sunday Worship / Sunday School

5:30p -- Narcotics Anonymous (library)

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

Monday, Oct. 7

7:00p -- Valley Home Cemetery Assoc. Meeting (library)

Tuesday, Oct. 8 -- Open Schedule

Wednesday, Oct. 9

6:00p -- Church Council (library)

Thursday, Oct. 10

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

6:30p -- AA Meeting (library)

Friday, Oct. 11 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, Oct. 12

9:15a -- Overeaters Anonymous (library)

10a — Rev. Steve Kottke—'Healthy Congregation' presentation (sanctuary)

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

Worship Participants -- Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Maggie

Accompanist – Kristin Warner

Song Leader – Karen Windels

Greeters – Bob & Redgy Nelson

Lector / Reader Communion Assistant – Maureen Berghoefer

Communion Assistants – Mark Niesen, Jenny Niesen

Ushers – Karen & Oscar Seibel

Acolyte – Ollie Wenning

Counting Team (3) – Joyce Richardson, Valerie Niesen

Altar Guild – Patty Hillebrand

AV Team – James Hartung

Coffee – Artis Schulenberg

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