



ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



Week of September 13 - Sept. 19 2015

It's RALLY TIME! This Sunday!

Rally Day is September 13th. After the church service, stay for the kids games run by the youth group, sign up for Sunday school and confirmation, and visit the team booths where you can get to know the many ministries of the church and will have the opportunity to get involved in those ministries.

For dessert there will be **pie** ... if you are the high bidder at the pie auction. (*Please see note below, need for more pies to auction.*)

Need for Pies!

Attention all bakers!

There is still a need for more pies for the pie auction (Sunday, Sept 13th, after service in the fellowship hall).

Please label pies with donor name and the variety of pie. Pies should be brought to the kitchen in preparation for display.

All proceeds will be used for missions. Thank you for your help!

CHANGES FOR FALL PROGRAMMING!

This Fall, St. Martin's is implementing some new changes in the youth programming-- there are changes at the Church School, Confirmation and High School levels! All of these have been thoughtfully considered with all of the leaders, Pastor Kirsten and Cassie. We are excited to dive into the fall programming with your children, to continue strengthening their faith journeys.

CHURCH SCHOOL — This fall, we are moving church school back to during worship. The kids will leave after the children's sermon, and will rejoin worship in time to take Communion with their families. We hope this will encourage Sunday School families to attend worship together!

CONFIRMATION — This year we are merging 5th and 6th grade into a time of "Pre-Confirmation" and Confirmation will be offered to 7th and 8th graders. All will be held on Wednesday night at 6:30, with an opening with all the kids, before the split off into their separate programming. The Pre-Confirmation program will use the Grapple Curriculum previously used by the 4th and 5th graders for Church School, and the 7th and 8th graders will continue to use the Faith Inkubators curriculum.

HIGH SCHOOL — After a lot of prayer and consideration, it has been decided that High School Youth group will remain on Sunday nights at 7pm. The change to this is we are moving from weekly meetings to bi-weekly meetings. *High School Youth Group will now meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month.* All freshman through seniors are welcome!

We hope that these changes will help your children grow in their faith in meaningful ways, and we would love to have you and your family participate! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kirsten (PastorKirsten@stmartinscp.org) or Cassie (youth@stmartinscp.org).

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Ironman Wisconsin Sunday 9/13 ... Bikes on roads!

Do you travel in the Verona, Mt Horeb, Cross Plains area before or after church? If so, please note **'Ironman Wisconsin' is this Sunday, September 13th.**

The primary roads used for biking, in and near Cross Plains, include from Garfoot to Hwy KP, Bourbon Rd, Cty P to Stagecoach. *This area will be **very congested**, starting around 10am and lasting until about 3:45p!* Last riders in the area should be heading back to Madison by 4pm. (They must complete the bike course by 5:30p.)

'Ironman' starts at 7:00am with a 2.4 mile swim in Lake Monona in front of the Monona Terrace, followed by a 112 mile bike ride (including two loops of a route from Verona to Mt Horeb to Cross Plains and back to Verona), ending with a full, 26.2 mile marathon in downtown Madison. Complete maps of the bike route, along with marathon route in Madison and other race information can be found on the IronMan web site: www.ironman.com

If you have never watched an Ironman, consider checking it out. The athletes really enjoy your support!

Parent & Student Confirmation Meeting -

Confirmation age students and parents, please mark you calendar to attend an information meeting.

When? Sunday, September 20th

Where? Church (sanctuary)

Time? 6:30pm

See you there!

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kit collection goes through Sunday, 9/13.

Items needed are: Dark colored Bath Towels (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 57"), Adult-sized Toothbrushes, sturdy wide toothed Combs or Picks, Metal Nail Clippers, Bath Sized Soap.

The kits will be blessed with the St. Martin hand-made quilts before being shipped to third world countries.

Monetary donations towards their purchase are also appreciated. Please make your check payable to St. Martin's and indicate LWR Kits on the memo line. Cash donations should be marked for LWR Kits also so giving statement can be credited. Please contact Maureen at 798-4820 with questions, or if you'd like to help assemble.

Mindy Moore -- Sept. 20th

Are you compassionate? Do you care about the well-being of others? Do you want to see your community strengthened? Are you the type of person that wants to invest in something that matters?

If any of those are true of you, there are amazing opportunities in your community to connect with some great people to help them be included in community. There are many

people in the area that are somewhat isolated for various reasons. They are valuable people that need partners in the community in multiple capacities.



*Come on **Sunday, September 20th** and stay after the service to learn more about opportunities to partner with people in the community from Mindy Moore.*

Partnering with people is a fun way to connect with friends and make some new ones!

Upcoming Opportunities for Involvement at St. Martin's

Consider being involved in these activities at St. Martins --

Rally Day: September 13

October 4: Cringe & Clazzy musical church service

October 4: Rise Up Youth synod convention

October 18: Campus ministries doing church service.

October 28: Trick-or-treat for the hungry by the confirmation students

November 12: Cross Plains business fair at St. Francis. We will have a table there.

November 15: Commitment Sunday

November 22: Wishes for the Giving Tree will be available for pickup

November 26: Combined Thanksgiving service at St. Francis

November 28: Church Christmas season decorating

December 5: Cookie Walk

December 13: Caroling

December 16: Serve at the homeless shelter

Also, put together food packages for finals week on campus.

STEWARDSHIP = Caring + Sharing + Giving

Being a steward of what God has entrusted us is finding ways to care for others, share with others and give to others. Stewardship is relational – God gives to us, and we give of ourselves to God in return. Stewardship should be viewed as giving to God’s mission in this world, of which we are participants together.

Each month, the Stewardship Team is highlighting a different theme related to Stewardship. Last month, our theme was “Caring.” The team challenged the congregation to practice “Caring” in one of three ways.

1. Volunteering to help with Vacation Bible School
2. Volunteering to make and/or serve food at Dane County Men’s Homeless Shelter.
3. Supporting the ELCA Malaria Campaign.

The theme for September is “Sharing.” It is the hope of the Stewardship Team that each month members of the congregation take time to pray about and ponder what it means to you to give back to God by practicing the theme of the month. What does sharing mean to you when you think about giving to others out of what God has given to you? Our challenge this month is to practice “Sharing” in one of two ways this month.

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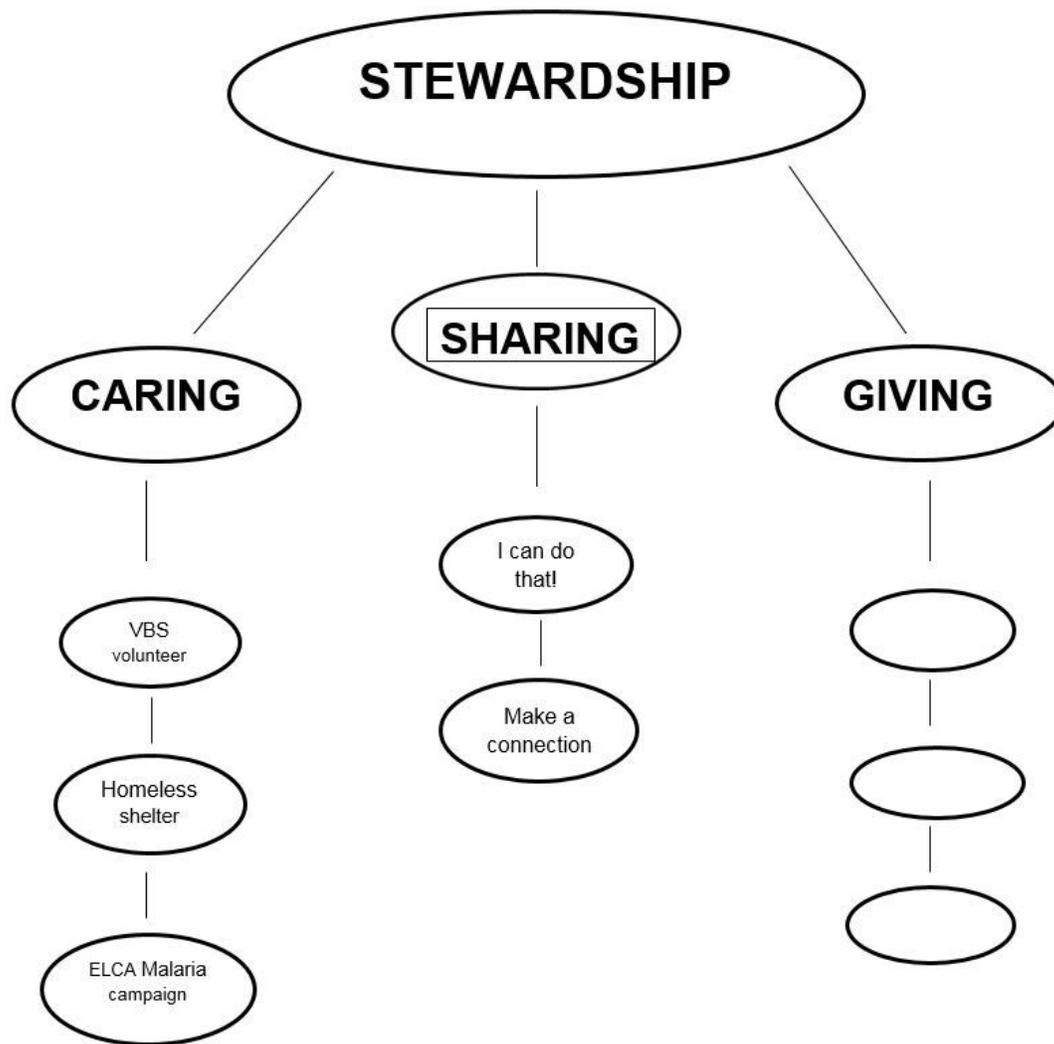
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1. Make a connection – On September 20, Mindy Moore will join us. She is the Community Connector for United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) of Greater Dane County. Mindy has several people in our community that she is seeking to make connections for with others, to broaden their support network. She will describe what this looks like and answer questions after the service if people are interested in being church outside the walls, into the community, connecting with people with disabilities, so they experience God’s love through others outside their families. The theme for October is “Giving.”

The Stewardship Team will be finalizing plans at our next meeting for October. If you have any ideas, let one of the team know: Bruce Salvo, Amy Wildman, Mark Niesen, Bill Windels, or Pastor Kirsten.

Now that Steward’s ship has been found, let’s continue to make Steward proud and continue to find ways to do Stewardship together!



Get a Flu Shot! Keep Yourself and Your Family Healthy

Are you ready for flu season? Influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory disease that can lead to serious complications, hospitalizations or even death. Anyone can get flu, even healthy people, and vaccination is the single best way to protect yourself and your family against influenza.

Annual influenza immunization is necessary because the influenza virus changes from year to year. The flu vaccine you got last year wasn't designed to fight the virus strains in circulation this flu season. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the flu vaccine as the first and most important step in preventing flu.

Check with your medical provider about getting your flu immunization updates.

Sugar Creek Bible Camp golf outing - open to all

Don't forget the upcoming ***Sugar Creek Bible Camp golf outing*** at Edelweiss Chalet Country Club! Tournament is open to all!

Date -- Saturday, Sept. 19th

Time -- Noon (Shot Gun Start)

Dinner at 5:30pm (followed by awards and raffle)

Registration is \$75/per non-Edelweiss member with a half cart. (\$40 for Edelweiss member, cart extra) Pay out: First, fifth, tenth, etc.

Don't golf? Join for dinner (5:30pm) for \$30.

Registration forms are available at Edelweiss Pro Shop, Primrose Lutheran Church or email primrosechurch@gmail.com. (Sign-up deadline is September 14th.)

Questions? Contact Disk Hartman (608-214-6385)

Edelweiss Chalet Country Club

W 4764 Edelweiss Rd.

New Glarus, WI 53574

Ph (608) 527-2315

'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

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

-- Pastor Kirsten: PastorKirsten@stmartinscp.org

-- Youth Director: Youth@stmartinscp.org

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

Church Calendar for Sept. 13 - Sept 19 2015

Sunday, Sept 13 -- RALLY DAY!

9:00a - Sunday Worship

10:00a - Rally-Day LL

7:00p - NO Sr. High Youth Group (they meet on 1st and 3rd Sundays, only)

Monday, Sept. 14

6:30p Berry Hist. So FH

Tuesday, Sept. 15

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

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

Wednesday, Sept 16

7:00p Choir Practice MR

Thursday, Sept 17 Open Schedule

Friday, Sept 18 Open Schedule

Saturday, Sept 19

9:00 - 10 am Overeaters Anonymous LL

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

Worship Participants for September 13 2015

If you have a conflict please arrange a substitute. If you traded with someone and your name is incorrectly listed, please remind the person you traded with. Thank you!

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Kirsten Curtis

Accompanist -- Debbie Miller

Song Leader -- Jason Niebuhr

Greeters -- (open)

Lector & CA -- (open)

Communion Assistants -- (open)

Ushers -- Dan & Mary Trappe

Acolyte -- (open)

Nursery -- (open)

Counting Team -- Team 1 (Jenny Niesen, Darlene Schulenberg, Gale Kooistra)

Altar Guild -- Deb Goplin

Altar Flowers -- (open)

AV Team -- Alan Curtis, Jason Niebuhr

Coffee & Treats (served in lower level this week) -- Jeannie Hering-Schumann, Debbie Miller,

Kathy Graed

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