



Week of September 20 - Sept. 26 2015

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Parent & Student Confirmation Meeting -

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

When? ***Sunday, September 20th***

Where? Church (sanctuary)

Time? ***6:30pm***

See you there!

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. Martin's --

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.

13th Annual Fire Prevention Week Breakfast & Open House

When - **Sunday, Oct 4th** (7:30a - 12 noon)

Where - Cross Plains - Berry Fire Station (1501 Bourbon Rd, Cross Plains)

Price: 3 and under FREE; 4 to 11 \$4; 12 to adult \$9; Seniors \$7

Menu: Scrambled eggs, ham & sausage, pancakes, hash browns, sweet rolls, coffee, milk & juice.

Station equipment will be open for the public to view. Proceeds to be used to purchase additional firefighting equipment to help better serve you.

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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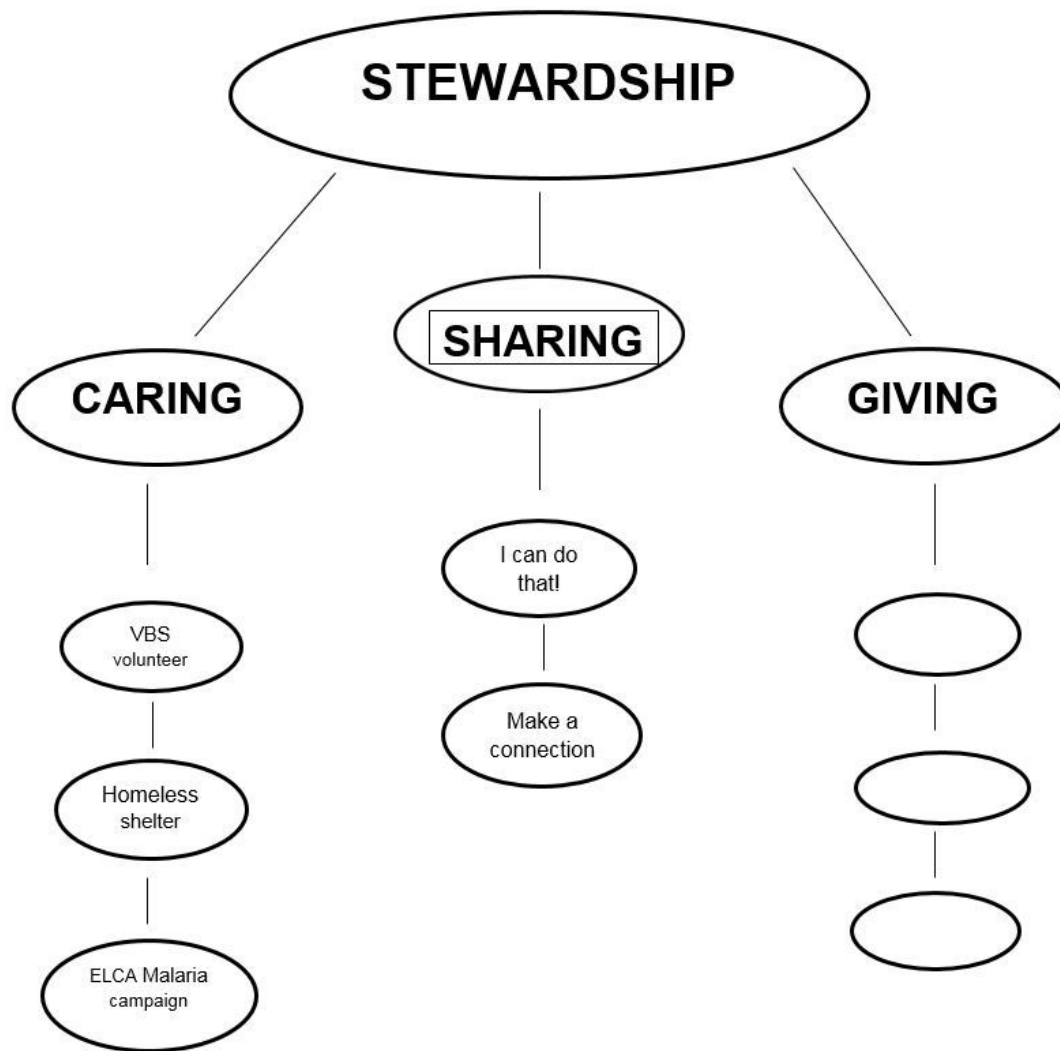
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1. Make a connection – On September 20, Mindy Moore will join us. She is the Community Connector for United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) of Greater Dane County. Mindy has several people in our community that she is seeking to make connections for with others, 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!



'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. 20 - Sept 26 2015

Sunday, Sept 20

— 9:00a - Sunday Worship / Sunday School

— 6:30 p Parent & Student's Confirmation Information Meeting (sanctuary)

— 7:00p - Sr. High Youth Group (*1st and 3rd Sundays*)

Monday, Sept. 21 — Open Schedule

Tuesday, Sept. 22

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

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

Wednesday, Sept 23

— 6:30p Confirmation Kick-off

— 7:00p Choir Practice MR

Thursday, Sept 24 — Open Schedule

Friday, Sept 25 — Open Schedule

Saturday, Sept 26

— 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 20 September 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 -- Jan Doyle

Song Leader -- (open)

Greeters -- (open)

Lector & CA -- (open)

Communion Assistants -- (open)

Ushers -- Steve & Patty Hillebrand

Acolyte -- (open)

Nursery -- (open)

Counting Team -- Team 5 (Brian Graedel, Kevin Boehnen)

Altar Guild -- Debbie Wipperfurth

Altar Flowers -- (open)

AV Team -- Patty Neumueller, Jeff Postle

Coffee & Treats -- Carmen Fowell, Deb Goplin, Patty Harper

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