



Week of September 27 - October 3 2015

Extreme Makeover: Youth Room Edition!

It's here! *We are painting the youth room!*

We invite ALL high school kids AND parents to join us, Saturday, September 26th at 4pm to makeover the youth room!

We will be painting together ... enjoying community together ... building relationships together!
This is a great service project that benefits our community at church-- and it's a direct benefit for the youth as well!

Dinner will be provided. Cassie is hoping to see lots of people there!! (And please remember to wear appropriate 'paint clothing'!)

Coming Oct. 4th — 'Cring & Clazzy'

Don't forget ... Coming Oct. 4th—'Cring & Clazzy'!

Music, stories, laughter from The Sermon on the Mount.

They will be participating at the 9am service.

A Cheerful Heart is Good Medicine! (Women's retreat)



All women in our synod are invited to this retreat!

WHEN: Saturday, October 3rd, 2015

TIME: 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM

LOCATION: Covenant Lutheran Church, 1525 N. Van Buren St., Stoughton, WI.

Featuring three women with unique life stories:

-- Drawing on her background as an adaptive movement specialist, Heart Health Educator, professional speaker and author, Eliz Green uses the perspective and passion found during her ordeal and recovery of a suffering a heart attack at age 35 while carrying twins, to work with busy women to improve heart health, so they can live longer, feel better and stress less.

-- As a Meditative Coach, Marilyn Duguid, will assist you with the gentle but powerful technique that focuses and directs the imagination.

-- And as the third speaker will attest, for most people, getting old is a decision they make whether they know it or not. It basically comes down to the saying – “Use it or lose it!” Jill Izydor, LCSW, RYT, will guide you through some gentle movements that, when practiced on a regular basis, can help bring about emotional stability, clarity of mind and functional flexibility.

The morning will be topped off with wonderful local toe-tapping gospel bluegrass featuring *Three Wives Men* that will send you off refreshed and renewed!

Pre-registration is required.

Contact: Chris Doll (Covenant office) at 608-873-7494, or register online at:
<http://covluth.org/2015-womens-retreat-registration>

Cost: \$20 (Includes childcare, light breakfast fare, heart-healthy lunch, music & program.)

Men's Homeless Shelter - Thursday, Oct 8th

We will be serving at the Men's Homeless Shelter on Thursday, Oct 8th.

If you can help, please sign-up on the form in the Narthex.

Contact Doris Fish if you have any questions. (279-5418)

Lutheran Disaster Response -- California Wildfires

You Can Help Those Affected by the Wildfires in California Through Lutheran Disaster Response



As many of you already may know, a rage of more than a dozen wildfires has consumed parts of California in recent months, with one of the most ferocious in recent history erupting in Northern California.

Please keep in prayer all those affected by these fires and share within your networks that Lutheran Disaster Response is monitoring the situation and communicating with those impacted.

Through Lutheran Disaster Response, we stand ready as a church to provide assistance in the long-term recovery efforts once the fires subside.

What you can do:

Pray:

Pray for those who are evacuated and whose homes and livelihoods have been destroyed, grant them peace and healing.

Give:

Your gifts are needed now to help with immediate relief. Gifts designated for U.S. Wildfires will be used in full (100 percent) to assist those directly impacted.

Connect:

To learn more about the situation and the ELCA's response:

Look for an insert in this Sunday's bulletin of how you can support those affected by the wildfires.

Sign up to receive Lutheran Disaster Response alerts.

Check the Lutheran Disaster Response blog.

Like Lutheran Disaster Response on Facebook and follow @ELCALDR on Twitter.

Learn more: <http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/US-Wildfires>.

I can do that!!

Give a breathing offering to God – yourself! Volunteer to participate in worship. Be open to where God is calling you to serve as a worship leader. Allow for the Holy Spirit to guide you. Help St. Martin's practice in worship being "the priesthood of all believers."

Here are some suggestions, but feel free to create your own:

- Assist with serving communion
- Read the Bible lessons for Sunday
- Act as a greeter, welcoming others to church
- Provide special music
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- Serve as an usher
- Donate flowers for worship
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August, 2015 Financial Snapshot for Saint Martin's Lutheran Church

Service Receipts: (the negative number below means we are ahead of budget, which is not good)

Year-to-date offering receipts = \$179,553.93
Budget YTD offering receipts = \$188,776.00
(\$ 9,222.07)

Total Income (not including Donor Challenge receipts): (again, the negative number below is not good)

Year-to-date Income = \$207,179.80
Budget YTD Income = \$208,072.00
(\$ 892.20)

Expenses: (the negative number below is good - we are not spending as much as we budgeted for)

Year-to-date expenses = \$186,349.51
Budget YTD expenses = \$208,120.00
(\$ 21,770.49)

Our monthly service receipts continued to decline in August. We are currently \$9,222.07 behind budget in our offerings. Fortunately, our expenses through August continue to be managed well and we are still below our budgeted amount.

In most years past we have had to borrow against our line of credit during the summer months in order to stay afloat. However, we still have not had to do this - that is good news!

Our stewardship program is in full swing, and we ask that you prayerfully consider how you can respond to God and St. Martin's with what God has blessed you with. Thanks and praise to God!

Upcoming Opportunities for Involvement at St. Martin's

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

October 4: Cringe & Glazzy 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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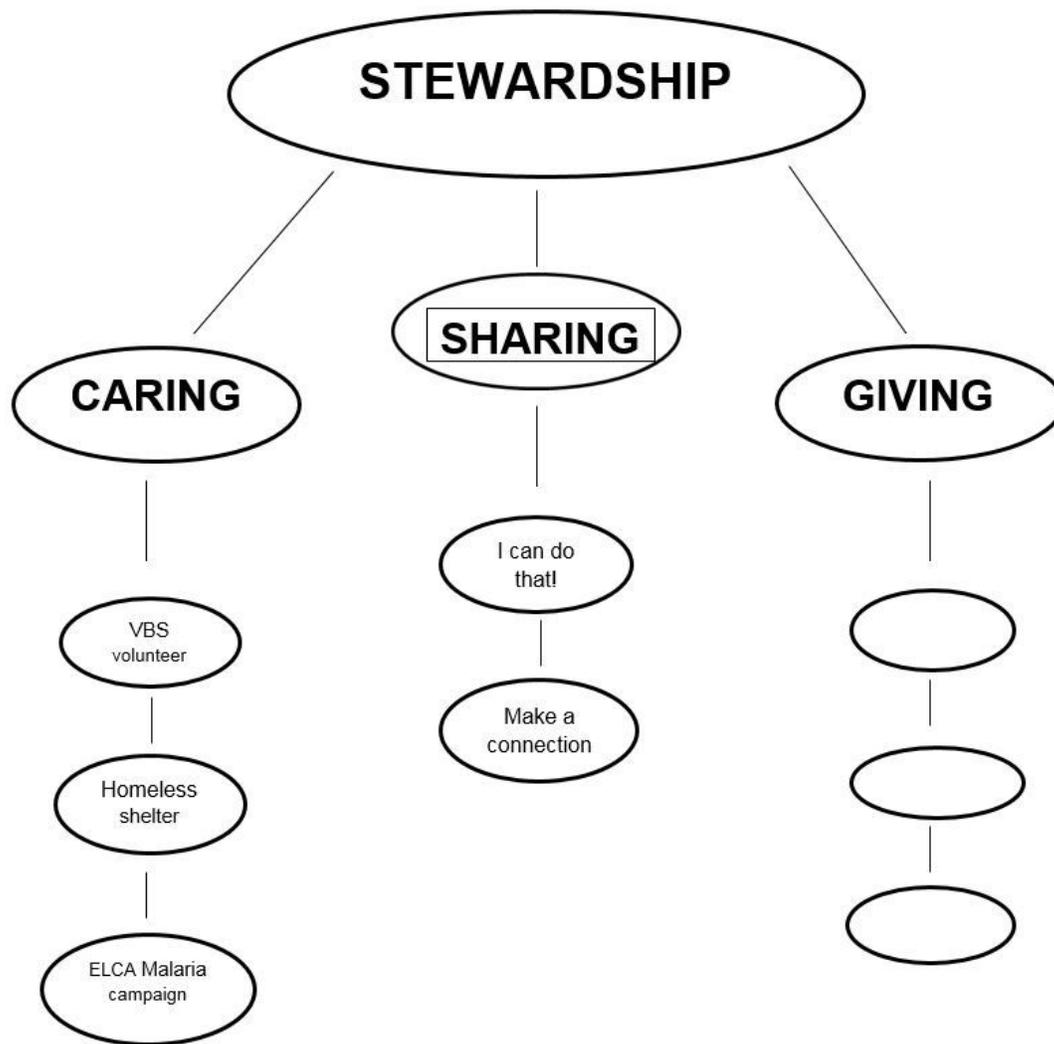
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1. Make a connection – On September 20, Mindy Moore will join us. She is the Community Connector for United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) of Greater Dane County. Mindy has several people in our community that she is seeking to make connections for with others, 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!



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.

'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. 27 - Oct. 3 2015

Sunday, Sept 27

— 9:00a - Sunday Worship / Sunday School

Monday, Sept. 28

— 6:30p Church Council Meeting L

Tuesday, Sept. 29

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

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

Wednesday, Sept 30

— 6:30p Confirmation

— 7:00p Choir Practice MR

--- 7:00p Centering Prayer G

Thursday, Oct. 1 — Open Schedule

Friday, Oct. 2 — Open Schedule

Saturday, Oct. 3

— 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 27 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 -- Debbie Miller

Song Leader -- (open)

Special Music — Ed Neumueller and Brian Graedel

Greeters -- (2 open)

Lector / Reader -- (open)

Communion Assistants -- (1 open); Redgy and Bob Nelson

Ushers -- Steve & Patty Hillebrand

Acolyte -- Joelle Jackson

Counting Team -- Team 4 (Steve & Patty Hillebrand, Debbie Wipperfurth)

Altar Guild -- Darlene Schulenburg

Altar Flowers -- (open)

AV Team -- Phil Fish, Bill Windels

Coffee & Treats -- Karen Siebel

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