



# ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



Week of September 6 - September 12 2015

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## It's RALLY TIME!

***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 sign up in the narthex if you can bring a pie for the pie auction.

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## 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](mailto:PastorKirsten@stmartinscp.org)) or Cassie ([youth@stmartinscp.org](mailto:youth@stmartinscp.org)).

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## **NO Youth Group this Sunday (9/6)**

There will be NO Youth Group this Sunday! Enjoy your Labor Day weekend with your families!

***Hope to see everyone at Rally Day, September 13th, and on September 20th when Youth Group kicks off for the fall!***

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## **Malaria Campaign Update -- WE DID IT!**

We did it, St. Martins! We not only made our goal of \$1,000, we exceeded it! Our final total donated to the campaign was \$1,361!

Thank you so much for your support and generosity. Together, we can eradicate this disease! This \$1,361 could buy: 1361 tests-- to see if someone has the virus (1361 people is roughly the population of Black Earth!); 680 vaccines or 136 bed-nets.

Please continue to keep these efforts in your thoughts and prayers!

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## **Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits**

*Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kit collection begins this week and goes through 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.

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**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.

1. “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.”

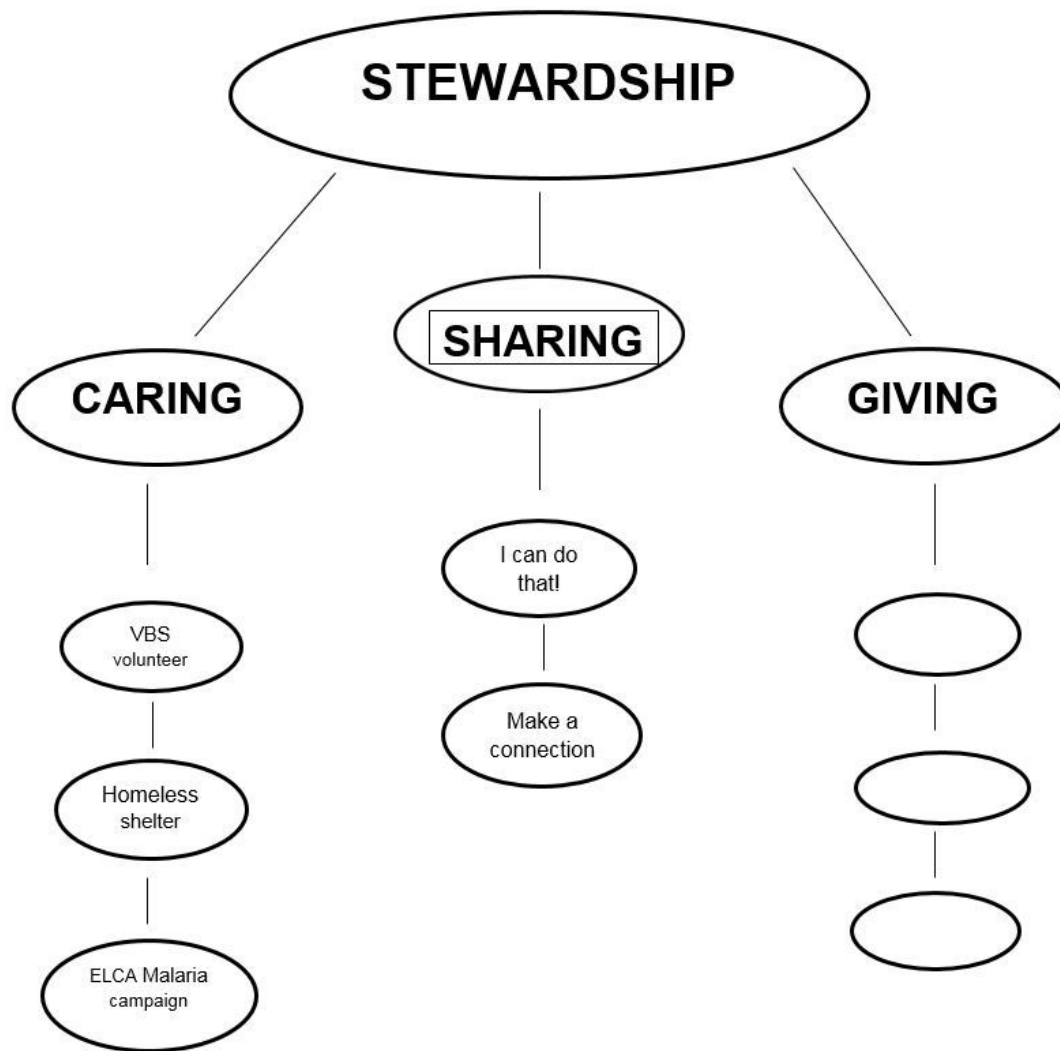
Here are some suggestions, but feel free to create your own:

- Assist with serving communion
- Read the Bible lessons for Sunday
- Act as a greeter, welcoming others to church
- Provide special music
- Be a song leader for the congregation
- Serve as an usher
- Donate flowers for worship
- Connect with others during coffee fellowship
- Welcome all you encounter

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!




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## Synodical Women's Organization Fall Updates

*Meet with other women to share your experiences and learn from each other about Discipleship, Justice, and Stewardship.*

Special topic – How Women Can Advocate Against Racism. All women are invited.

Thursday, September 10, from 6:15 (registration starts) to 8:00 pm, at Barneveld Lutheran Church, 505 Swiss Lane, Barneveld.

Needed – Women's Synod Board Members

Meet new people, make new friends, and share your talents. The Women's Synod Board is looking for several more Board members for 2015 to 2017. Join with other women from around the synod to provide support and fellowship for the church's women's organization. For more information, please call or email Helen Sheahan at 608-692-7553 or sheahan1@sbcglobal.net

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## Cross Plains Community Blood Drive

Cross Plains Community Blood Drive will be held on **Thursday, September 10, 2015 1:00-6:00pm** at **St. Francis Fellowship Hall**.

For an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) (Use sponsor code Cross Plains.)

Walk-ins welcome!

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## St. Martin's - Need for Commercial Cleaner

If you have had experience with commercial cleaning and are interested in submitting a bid to clean St. Martin's, or if you know someone with those qualifications, please contact the Property Management Team at [Property@stmartinSCP.org](mailto:Property@stmartinSCP.org) for details.

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## *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](mailto: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

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## '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](http://www.stmartinscp.org)).

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## 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](mailto:om@stmartinscp.org)

-- Pastor Kirsten: [PastorKirsten@stmartinscp.org](mailto:PastorKirsten@stmartinscp.org)

-- Youth Director: [Youth@stmartinscp.org](mailto:Youth@stmartinscp.org)

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

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## Church Calendar for Sept. 6 - Sept 12 2015

### **Sunday, Sept 6**

9:00a - Sunday Worship

7:00p - NO Sr. High Youth Group (enjoy Labor Day holiday!)

**Monday, Sept. 7** Labor Day (Office Closed)

### **Tuesday, Sept. 8**

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

6:30p - TLC L

7:00p - 8:00p - Centering Prayer S

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

**Wednesday, Sept 9** Open Schedule

**Thursday, Sept 10** Open Schedule

**Friday, Sept 11** Open Schedule

### **Saturday, Sept 12**

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

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## Worship Participants for September 6 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 -- Jeff and Debbie Miller

Lector & CA -- (open)

Communion Assistants -- (open)

Ushers -- Penny Eveland, Matt Wildman

Acolyte -- (open)

Nursery -- (open)

Counting Team -- Team 2 (Steve Schunk, Frank Durham, Kim Johnson)

Altar Guild -- Deb Goplin

Altar Flowers -- Jeff and Debbie Miller (celebration of Sept. birthdays)

AV Team -- James Hartung, Paul Schluter

Coffee & Treats -- Jeannie Hering-Schumann, Karen Smiley

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