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## St. Martin's 'Weekly Bread' Sept. 27 - Oct. 3 2020

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

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### Sunday Worship -- Connect using ZOOM!

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our new Zoom worship services! We have loved sharing this new format with all of you and having the chance to see your faces and hear your voices! It has been a great opportunity for building community and feeling the connection of the Holy Spirit between us. For those who have been unable to attend the live worship services on Zoom, recordings are available the next day on Facebook and YouTube.

We open the Zoom meeting every Sunday morning by 8:45, so feel free to pour yourself a cup of coffee and settle in a bit early to have a chance to catch up with everyone before the service begins. Worship begins at 9. After the worship service, we will leave the meeting open for a while so you can have an online fellowship time!

There are two ways to connect to Zoom worship.

NOTE: This connection information has been updated.

***This connection information will NOT be published to Facebook or the church website for security.*** You are encouraged to share this login information direction with any friends or family who wish to join. The more the merrier!

**Meeting ID: 919 1693 6384**

**Pass-code: 041277**

1--**Online:** please use this method if you have a stable internet connection as well as a device with a camera and microphone. This can be a tablet, smartphone, or computer. To connect online, simply follow the link here: [CLICK HERE for Zoom Link](#)

(If you'd like to type the zoom link on your web browser, it is:

<https://zoom.us/j/91916936384?pwd=RGIFVFNSYjNBajM3eDIwSDhDZ0FJdz09>)

You may be asked for a pass-code, if so the code is 041277.

2-- **Phone:** if you do not have an internet connection, you can still participate by phone. You will not be able to see us, but you will be able to hear and speak!

To connect by phone, call +1 (312) 626-6799. If that number is busy, you can try +1 (646) 558-8656. Please be aware that your normal carrier rates for long distance calls will apply. You will be prompted to enter a **meeting ID**, that number is **919 1693 6384**. Next, you may be asked for a participant ID. Simply press # to bypass the participant ID. You will now be in the worship service!

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## Hoffmann 67th Anniversary

As you may have noticed under the 'Birthday's & Anniversaries' section below, Lorren and Lucille Hoffmann will be celebrating their 67th (sixty seventh!) wedding anniversary on Sept. 26th.

Please consider dropping them a card or note. Their address is Lorren & Lucille Hoffmann, 2220 East St., Cross Plains, WI 53528.

*Happy Anniversary, Lorren and Lucille!*

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## Lars here, with an update for all

I want to first and foremost say thank you from the bottom of my heart to each and every one of you, for being so kind and gracious to me during the past year and a half. I have enjoyed getting to know the families and members of St. Martin's, and participating in learning and fun activities with the children and youth especially. From fun Sunday School memories to meaningful conversations with confirmation students to the wonderful West Virginia mission trip with our high schoolers, I couldn't have asked for much more.

Beginning the week of October 5th, I will be taking on a new opportunity with a nonprofit organization in Madison in a quality assurance role. I look forward to this new chapter of my young career, and will surely take the skills and memories I have retained at St. Martin's with me. This is truly a wonderful community, and I know that God will continue to bless this Church.

Thank you once again, and please know that this is not goodbye. I am still close by in the area, and I certainly hope our paths will cross again in the future.

God bless you all!

Lars Haskins  
Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator

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## Prayer List

Please pray for:

--The people of Kenosha and surrounding communities across Wisconsin as they work together to rebuild a more just society, especially for Jacob Blake and his family, and all who were killed, injured, or otherwise harmed in the subsequent violence surrounding the shooting of Jacob Blake.

--The Spirit of Justice, Reconciliation, and Repentance to open the hearts of all and guide us to hold much needed conversations about race, prejudice and privilege across the United States.

--Teachers, school administrators, students and families as they begin a new school year unlike any other;

--Researchers and public health officials who are tracking outbreaks of virus and keeping our communities safe from disease;

--An end to the COVID-19 global pandemic, especially all medical teams and researchers who are still at work fighting the virus and finding a vaccine;

--Those who are ill, hospitalized, or recovering, especially Karen Esser, Janeen LaBelle Barreau, JoAnn Schneider and Herb Hiebuh;

--Those who are home-bound, especially Irene Brockmann, Shirley Coulson, Lucille Hoffmann, Arline Schmidt, and Gary Trappe.

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## Keeping Sane

Keeping sane. Hmm ... how do I do that? Thinking back to early March, most of us didn't think we'd still be trying to get rid of COVID 19. Heck, we weren't even wearing masks all that much. Washing hands, yup did that a lot and still doing it. I think most of us thought that if we stayed at home and didn't have contact with others, that we'd be done with this in no time. Of course that assumed that everyone did the same thing. So here we are six months later and still doing battle with it even as the number of cases increase. So what do we do to keep sane?

Back in March and April, Rick and I took a lot of rides around the countryside, just to get out of the house. I put together more jigsaw puzzles than I should have; and if you have a need for any, let me know. I have a couple that will make you wonder why you even started them. I did books of crossword puzzles as well as Sudoku. I read a lot of books and I pieced together a number of quilts. Then came May and I was able to get outside. Garlic mustard and buckthorn along with my garden were calling my name. (And now in the Fall, I'm back at attacking the buckthorn.) It felt great to be outside and doing things. The number of countryside drives that we took decreased as we started using our new ebikes. (By the way, we love them.) We were able to get together with our children and their families after making sure that they were being safe. Two times we were able to spend a week with Brooke and her family at our cabin near Eagle River. The girls ages 2 and 4.5 simply loved being in the Northwoods. Then, I canned and froze vegetables and fruits. Now so much of that is over. So what's going to keep me sane.

It's the one thing that I haven't mentioned. Walking. You may know Bob and Pam Miller from church, but I know them as my wonderful next door neighbors. For the past several years, Pam and I have been walking. At first, it was around the circle in our neighborhood, which is one mile and we'd do that most days. Sometimes I'd call her and bug her to go walking with me; then on the days that I was feeling lazy, Pam would call and get me out walking. Over time, we started to increase the length of our walks and then we even took it to the next level and started walking twice a day. During the summer, we'd jump into our pool and do water running for an hour or two (sadly, the pool is now closed). And all the while, we'd be talking. We never seem to run out of things to talk about. It's better than going to a therapist. We can tell each other anything and know that it's not going to be repeated. Walking is the one thing that has been a constant and helps to keep me sane. But even more so, is having someone to walking with that I can talk to and share my ups and downs. Even when the winter winds come, you'll find us walking as long as it isn't icy.

Just trying to stay sane.

What are you doing to keep sane? If you'd like, share your ways to keep things "normal" and I'll share them in another article. Just shoot me an email at [LoisWeiland@gmail.com](mailto:LoisWeiland@gmail.com). Together we can get through this. After all, Stewardship season is upon us and I think that we're going to recycle last year's theme of Why I Love St. Martin's. From all the comments we received last year, the big one was that we love our church family. So let's look out for each other until we can return to seeing each other in person. Keep sane, wash your hands and wear a mask.

Lois Weiland  
Stewardship Chair

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## Readers Needed for Sunday Zoom Services

Greetings, everyone. Do you feel you could contribute to Sunday (Zoom) services by being a reader?

Reader participation would usually involve reading a Psalm and doing the "ALL" response during the service. (Pastor Maggie can clarify, answer your questions.)

If you can help, please let Pastor Maggie or the office know.

*Thank you!*

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## UNRAVELED PRAYER CHAIN

During this time of uncertainty, as we all feel unraveled, we continue to pray for each other and remember that we are a community woven together in Spirit even when circumstances prevent us from gathering in person. Join us by adding your "unraveled" prayers to our prayer chain.

Every Tuesday and Thursday, from 9 AM to 2 PM, you are welcome to stop by the church, pick up a strip of fabric from the table in the narthex, and use the markers provided to

write or draw your prayer onto the fabric.

Your prayer can be whatever you want: a picture, a poem, a single word or many words. Whatever is on your heart. Place your completed prayer strip in the basket and we will collect them to add to our prayer chain over the next few months.

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## SHOW US YOUR TALENT!

Can you sing? Play an instrument? Write poetry or perform a monologue? We'd love to show off your talent during worship! If you are interested in performing during one of our live Zoom worship services, please let Pastor Maggie know at [pastormaggie@smartinscp.org](mailto:pastormaggie@smartinscp.org). You will need access to a stable internet connection and a device with camera and microphone. If you need help with any of those items, just let Pastor Maggie know!

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## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE FORM

Have you returned your membership update form? If not, please do so in the enclosed self-addressed and stamped envelope you should have received.

If you have not received this form, please let the office know by emailing ([om@smartinscp.org](mailto:om@smartinscp.org)) or calling (608-798-2777) and one will be sent to you.

*All responses are needed and your participation helps us prepare for God's mission for our church! Thank you!*

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## JOIN THE NEW BELL CHOIR!

They produce one of the most distinctive and pleasing sounds to the ear. The mellifluous tones of handbells and chimes are a regular part of the music ministry at many churches. A big part of handbell ringing is that it's something you can do without any musical background at all. It's a matter of learning the counting and techniques of ringing the bells, the different sounds the bells make. The attraction is that so many people can do it, especially people who want to be involved with the music ministry of church. It's also a great way to be involved socially distanced from each other during the time of Covid!



Starting in the fall of 2020, Kristin Warner will be directing the St. Martin's Handbell Choir. Whether you are new to handbells or are a pro, you are encouraged to be part of the group. Reading music isn't a prerequisite, and if you can't read notes, don't let that stop you from being part of the group. As a director, Kristin's passion is to bring out the emotion and meaning of the music that the choir is playing. She is looking forward to teaching people to go beyond just the basics and create art work.

Tentative schedule: Wednesday evening rehearsals, time TBD. This will all be figured out after I see how many people are interested in being part of the group. My goal is to have our first performance be during Advent, whether it's in person or via Zoom.

If you are interested in being part of the St. Martin's Handbell Choir, or if you just have some general questions, feel free to give Kristin a call or an email.

Kristin Warner  
singingchick1515@me.com  
719-963-9136

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## St. Martin's Emergency Food Pantry (EFP)

*Feeding Those In Need, One Box at a Time!*

Please refer those in need of emergency pre-packaged food to the contact information posted on the St. Martin's outdoor sign (798-2777 extension #7).

Volunteers from the Emergency Food Pantry will arrange for food pick up from the church, or make delivery within 24 hours of receiving the call. We will direct families to MOM or Heights Unlimited for on-going, long term assistance. (Middleton Outreach Ministries -- MOM -- 608-826-3414; Heights Unlimited -- Black Earth -- at 608-767-3663)

*The St. Martin's EFP is made possible through a generous grant from LUAD.*

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## FALL BIBLE STUDY

### Now using a New Link!

After a few weeks' break due to council meetings and vacations, Sunday morning Bible study is resuming this week! We are continuing with our study of John, so feel free to join us Sunday mornings at 10:30 on Zoom. (*Please Note: this is a different Zoom meeting from the Sunday worship. You will need to leave the worship meeting and enter the Bible study meeting to participate*).

All are welcome to join us, whether you have participated before or not! All you need is a Bible in any translation and a curious mind willing to wrestle with important faith questions. Join us and invite your friends!

(NEW LINK!) Join Zoom Meeting:[CLICK HERE for Bible Study Zoom Link](#)

If you'd like to type the link location in your browser, it is:

<https://zoom.us/j/97699728692?pwd=R0xyTlpUN285S2w0VXZ4b2ljbm1ndz09>

Meeting ID: 976 9972 8692

Passcode: john

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## Keep in touch, Congregation!

Do you have a submission for the Weekly Bread? Want to let people know what is going on -- church team, event, something else?

**If yes, please submit by 2pm the Wed. before publication for consideration.**

*Thank you!*

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## Health Reminders ...

A lot of information about COVID can be found on the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) web site: [CDC - COVID-19 Info](#)

or

World Health Organization ('WHO'): [WHO COVID-19 Info Page](#)

If you have questions about Dane County Health orders, check out the following link: [Public Health Dane County](#)

Want to talk to someone at the health office? They can be reached at 608-266-4821

*If you feel unwell (or think you might be contagious) or in doubt we encourage you to consult with your medical provider and stay home. Wash your hands frequently ... Use hand sanitizer frequently ... Avoid touching your face ... Sneeze and cough into a tissue or your elbow ... Use a face cover if going out in public ... Avoid crowds and standing near others.*

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## Ways to continue Giving

*Here are some ways you can continue your support ....*

- Try the old tried and true method - *snail mail!* That's right, mail your check in! (2427 Church St., Cross Plains, 53528)
- Drop off your contribution by using the locked box by the office door. No need to come in contact with anyone and it gets you out of the house for a few minutes. Someone will check this box daily.
- Contact your bank and ask them to help you with online banking. Most banks will send out a check as you direct them to. Most will even pay for the stamp!
- Try Give Plus. Yes, there's an App for that and it's FREE. Easy to use prompts help you get set up easily, quickly. There's no fee to you and a small fee to the church.
- Paypal -- We have PayPal set up on our website. You do not have to have PayPal account of your own.
- Direct Deposit. Many of you already use this method. If you wish to set this up, contact our bookkeeper, Lois Weiland, by calling 608-220-3123.

*Questions? Call Lois!*

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## Prayer List

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please call/email Pastor Maggie ([pastormaggie@stmartinscp.org](mailto:pastormaggie@stmartinscp.org)) or the office manager ([om@stmartinscp.org](mailto:om@stmartinscp.org)). Names will stay on the 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!*

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## Synod Newsletter '*What Matters*'

Stay connected to synod happenings, news, & events! 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 find out what is happening in the synod!*

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### Birthday Addition to List

*Please Note: Another person celebrating her birthday anniversary on Sept. 25th, missed on prior lists, is Pastor Maggie!*

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Sept. Birthdays

25 Patty Neumueller, Pastor Maggie  
29 John Wenning

### Sept. Anniversaries

26 Lorren & Lucille Hoffmann (#67!)  
27 Linda & Jim Sebree

### Oct. Birthdays

5-- Brian Jackson, Kristofer Rhude  
13-- Joelle Jackson  
16-- Kimberly Kahl  
17-- Gus Wenning  
18-- Colton Klein  
22-- Jim Knudtson, Jenna Rogers  
24-- Debra Wipperfurth  
30-- Shirley Coulson

### Oct. Anniversaries

1-- Brian & Kathleen Graedel  
5-- Robert & Pam Miller  
8-- Kay & Tom Meier  
17-- Frank & Barbara Durham

*Know of an addition? Correction? Please let the office know (om@stmartinscp.org). Thank you!*

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## Pastoral Care During COVID-19

During this time, all in-person visits are suspended, save for emergency situations. But that doesn't mean that we aren't here to provide support! Pastor Maggie is available for private phone

calls or Zoom meetings.

If you would like to make an appointment, please call/text her cell at 608-515-8618 or send her an email at [PastorMaggie@stmartinscp.org](mailto:PastorMaggie@stmartinscp.org).

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## Church Office Hours & Email Addresses

*Office hours:* Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30a-1:30pm

*If you want to stop by please call ahead to make sure someone is there.*

**OFFICE Phone:** (608) 798-2777

**OFFICE Email:** [om@stmartinscp.org](mailto:om@stmartinscp.org)

**Property Management Team** (building & grounds maintenance requests / issues):

[Property@stmartinscp.org](mailto:Property@stmartinscp.org)

-- Todd (building manager) can be reached at 444-6765.

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**Stay Informed!** Monthly Church Council Minutes and Financial Reports can be found in the narthex (on the bulletin board), when the church is open, for your review. Please review, make copies as you would like (but please put the original copies back).

**Church Calendar** Wondering about meetings (if happening, when, where), if a room is available (when COVID restrictions are lifted), etc.? *Check the church calendar on the website—* [www.stmartinscp.org](http://www.stmartinscp.org). Events are updated on a regular basis, as the office is notified. *Have a question?* Send a note to the office ([om@stmartinscp.org](mailto:om@stmartinscp.org)) or call 798-2777 (email contact is preferred).

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

*All events are subject to change, especially with COVID-19 Virus restrictions. Calendar is also available on the church web site ([www.stmartinscp.org](http://www.stmartinscp.org))*

### **Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020**

--9:00a -- Sunday Worship. Live on Zoom. (See above for connection info.)

--5:30p -- Narcotics Anonymous

**Mon., Sept. 28** -- Open Schedule

**Tues., Sept. 29** -- Open Schedule

### **Wed., Sept. 30**

--7:30p -- Mid-Week Devotional

**Thur., Oct. 1** -- Open Schedule

**Friday, Oct. 2** -- Open Schedule

**Saturday, Oct. 3** -- Open Schedule

*Have an update? Please send a note to the office ([om@stmartinscp.org](mailto:om@stmartinscp.org))*

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## Worship Participants

*Via Zoom!*

Presiding Pastor -- Pastor Maggie

Musician -- Kristin Warner

Video Team -- Geoff Peterson

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*Pastor Maggie is available!* If you would like to talk to her or make an appointment, please call / text her cell at (608) 515-8618 or send her an email at [PastorMaggie@smartinscp.org](mailto:PastorMaggie@smartinscp.org).

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