



St. Martin's 'Weekly Bread' Sept. 15-21 2019

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

Sunday School & Pre-Confirmation Classes to Begin!

Sunday School (for ages 3 through 4th grade) begins Sun., Sept. 15th. We will continue to use the Rotation Sunday School Model with teams of parents and congregants organized into teams of 3.

Pre-Confirmation Class (for kids in 5th and 6th grade) begins on Thur. Sept. 19th, with Lars and Pastor as lead teachers, accompanied by parent helpers. You may register your child(ren) for either Sunday School or Pre-Confirmation using the registration form located in the narthex or by downloading the form using the link below.

Children's Christian Education Classes are free and open to everyone. *Questions?* Contact any member of the Youth and Family Ministry Team!

Sunday School and Pr-Confirmation Registration Form: << [CLICK HERE for Form](#) >>

God's work. Our hands

"God's work. Our hands," an ELCA day of service is **Sunday, Sept 29th** at St. Martin's. Sign up today at the Mission Table in the narthex – a variety of volunteer opportunities are available to work together as disciples of Christ. God's work.

Our hands T-shirts

If you missed the previous deadline to order a personalized St. Martin's shirt, please contact Maureen at msberghoefer@tds.net by Sunday, 9/23 with quantity and size/s requested. We will need a minimum of ten t's to place an additional order. Price is estimated at \$12 each to personalize the shirts.

Bible Study Starts Sept. 15th

Bible Study with Pastor Maggie will **start on Sunday, Sept. 15th** (the same day Sunday school starts) and will study the Acts of the Apostles, meeting weekly this fall every Sunday after worship at 10:30 in the library. All adults (including high school students) are welcome to attend. If you have a Bible (any translation), please bring it with you, otherwise Bibles are available in the church library. No pre-reading necessary, only an open mind and a willingness to talk and to have fun!

Christian Education Teachers!

St. Martin's Youth and Family Ministry Team has specific needs for those interested in working with our youngest children ages 3 through 4th grade.

We invite you to consider stepping up to teach for just three Sundays during the 2019-2020 school year. Consider these reasons:

- You'll become an instant hero to parents and kids.
- Kids will start waving at you in church.
- You'll become part of a team of new friends.
- Because we all really do have time for what's important and fun.
- Because there is no higher calling than helping raise up a new generation of disciples!

Skills required: The ability to read, a sense of humor, a caring spirit, and the love of God growing in your heart. For more information, contact any member of the Youth and Family Ministry Team; Lars Haskin, Karen Windels, Jenny Niesen, Jenni McCulloh, Redgy Nelson or Pastor Maggie.

Personal Care Kits Sent!

Forty-eight (48!) personal care kits were shipped to Lutheran World Relief this past week with our beautiful quilts. Thank you to everyone who bought a kit from the Missions Table or donated items that were included. There is great need for these items in our world today. We send them with our prayers. Thank you St. Martin's for your generosity and kindness!

Piano Players Needed (Sept. 29th)

Looking for volunteers who will offer their talents on Sept. 29th at Girlie's Manor. The more the merrier! Beginners on up are welcomed. If you can offer to play two or three songs, or have questions, please contact Maureen – msberghoefer@tds.net

It was great to see everyone enjoy Rally Day!

What an awesome event!

Now that we've rallied the kids to back to school and are ready to kick-start the religious education programs at St Martin's, we need to rally around the financial needs at St Martin's. We've seen a decline in monthly giving which has resulted in our taking draws on our line-of-credit throughout the month of August. We've dipped into the line-of-credit to the tune of \$5,000 as of today and have additional obligations which will likely result in future draws very soon.

We are on the cusp of incredible changes at St Martin's and we need to see our receipts increase to help make it all possible.

Please review your last giving statement to see if you are inline with your commitment. If you find that you are, please consider additional giving to help balance our budget. We've come together in the past to recover from such deficits and I have complete faith that we can do it again! Thank you -- Gordie Esser, Church Treasurer.

September Note from Pastor Maggie

It's that time of year again when the days begin to shorten, there's a crispness in the air, and the coffee-shops put out their latest Pumpkin Spice creations. Fall is fast on its way, and with it comes another school year.

I love the start of a new school year because it is so filled with possibilities to reinvent yourself. Whether you are student yourself, know a student, or are an ageless student of life, now is the time to explore an unfamiliar path, learn new skills, discover something exciting, experiment with wild ideas. It's that newness, seeking out new ways of being and new ways of thinking, awakening our Spirit, that keeps us connected with how God is constantly at work in the world, forever creating and recreating. It keeps us young (at heart!) and full of life.

That's not to say that trying out new things is easy. Often it's the things we know we have to do, the big changes we have to make, that are hardest of all. It's hard to learn something different from what we've always thought or done, hard to unlearn old habits, hard to open ourselves up to strange people or ideas.

But there's Good News! We have the most important tool a student can have. More important than any pencil or calculator or eraser.

We have grace. We have the assurance of complete forgiveness. It's like an insurance policy. We have the amazing gift of being able to try and fail, already knowing that we are covered no matter what happens. No matter our mistakes, we are still loved and we can still try again. Moreover, as any science teacher will tell you about experiments, sometimes it's the failures that teach us the most.

So, no matter your age, go out and be a student! Embrace new things and study what God has to teach you in the world. Experiment boldly, because God's grace has you covered.

Peace in Christ,
Pr. Maggie

Pastor Maggie at the start of 1st grade Sunday School



Audio Visual (AV) Team Looking for New Recruits

Have you ever considered joining the St. Martin's AV team? If not, you don't know what you have been missing! It's a lot of fun and it's not nearly as intimidating as it looks. (Hint: we only use a few of the many bells and whistles on the sound board.) We control the sound during the services and also play Power Point slide shows and the occasional YouTube video. And on Maundy Thursday you get to dim the lights in the sanctuary at the end of the service. The commitment is for one time per month plus a few extra times during Lent, Easter and Christmas. You would receive ample training from friendly AV team members and would not be asked to "go-it-alone" until you feel ready. If you would like to see what it is all about, talk to James Hartung, Bill Windels or Jeff Postle. We can arrange for you to sit at the AV station with us to see if you are interested in learning more. *Thanks for considering this rewarding opportunity to serve!*

Give Plus

As an alternate way of giving, consider using the 'Give Plus' app on your cell phones (can be downloaded through your app store). Once on, do a search for St. Martin's Lutheran Church. Then follow the prompts.



Lower Level Doorbell

As school starts, please remember the lower level doorbell is **only** for use by *Little Red staff and families of Little Red students*. (They don't have staff to answer if you ring.)

All others must enter the church through the upper level door by the office.
Thank you!

Stay up-to-date with Synod Newsletter '*What Matters*'

Stay connected to synod happenings, news, & events! Grow in your faith and leadership! Stay connected to exciting events and stories of our faith in action in our synod!

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 stay connected!*

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER

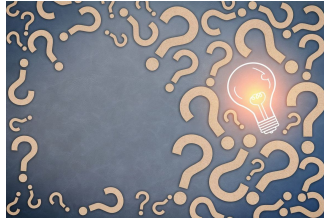
Anniversaries

9/22 Glen & Deb Meister
9/24 Amy & Matt Wildman
9/27 Linda & Jim Sebree

Birthdays

9/15 Brian Graedel
9/19 Doris Fish
9/20 Mark Wipperfurth
9/23 Jon Roll
9/25 Patty Neumueller
9/29 John Wenning

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



Questions? Comments? Concerns?

There's a box for that! A wooden box has been mounted on the wall along hall from Narthex to office, across from drinking fountains, to help with communication between members of the congregation and the Council. Forms are provided next to the box. We welcome all input and ask that you complete all of the fields on the form, including your name, in case clarification or additional information is needed. This is intended to address any questions or concerns people may have for the Council.

Stay Informed!

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

Want to submit something for the bulletin or Weekly Bread?

If yes, **please send it to the office** (om@stmartinscp.org) **by 2pm the Wednesday before publication for consideration.** *Thank you!*

Church Calendar

Wondering about meetings at the church (when, where), if a room is available, etc.? Check the church calendar on the website—www.stmartinscp.org. Events are updated on a regular basis. *Questions?* Send a note to the office (om@stmartinscp.org) or call 798-2777.

Church Office Hours & Additional Email Addresses

Summer office hours:

Mon: 9 - 2 Tue: 10-2 Wed: 9 - 2 Thur: 10-2 Fri: CLOSED

Please call ahead (to make sure someone is here) if you want to stop by. Todd (building manager) may be in lower level office, especially during the morning, so you can call him (444-6765) if you need access to the building.

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

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

Pastoral Care Contact Information

If you would like to contact Pastor Maggie, she can be reached by phone at the church (608) 798-2777 or cell at 608-515-8618 or by email PastorMaggie@stmartinscp.org.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Also available on the church web site (www.stmartinscp.org)

Sunday, Sept. 15

9:00a -- Sunday Worship / Sunday School Starts

10:30a — Bible Study (library)

5:30p — Narcotics Anonymous (library)

6:00p — High School Youth Group (lower level)

Monday, Sept. 16 -- Open Schedule

Tuesday, Sept. 17

6:30p—Youth Mission Trip Meeting (library)

Wednesday, Sept. 18

6:00pm — Church Council (library)

Thursday, Sept. 19

5:00p -- Worship Planning Team (library)

6:00p -- Pre-Confirmation Class (lower level)

6:30p -- AA Meeting (library)

Friday, Sept. 20 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, Sept. 21

9:15a -- Overeaters Anonymous (library)

10am— Rev. Steve Kottke ('Healthy Congregations' presentation)

Upcoming Events

Sept.

15th -- Blessing of the Backpacks

15th -- Sunday School begins (children ages 3 through 4th grade)

15th -- Bible Study begins (after service)

19th (Thurs.) -- Pre-Confirmation Class begins for 5th and 6th graders

Have an update? Please send a note to the office (om@stmartinscp.org)

Worship Participants -- Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Maggie

Accompanist – Kristin Warner

Song Leader – Amy Wildman

Greeters – Jon Roll, Kathy Graedel

Lector / Reader Communion Assistant – Cathy Kittle

Communion Assistants – Kathy Graedel, Van Valaskey

Ushers – Darlene & Ralph Schulenberg

Acolyte – Austin Wildman
Counting Team (1) – Jenny Niesen, Darlene Schulenberg, Gale Kooistra
Altar Guild – Patty Hillebrand
AV Team – Jeff Postle
Coffee —Artis Schulenberg

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