



Week of Sept. 18-24 2016

Choir Rehearsals have started again - Sunday mornings, 8am

Choir rehearsals are Sunday mornings, 8am in the Choir Room. *As always new members are welcome!*

Confirmation/Pre-confirmation meeting – *mark your calendar!*

There will be a Confirmation/ Pre-confirmation Orientation Meeting on **Sunday, Sept. 25, at 10:30** in the library.

Confirmation and Pre-confirmation Students and Parents/Guardians please plan on joining Pastor Kirsten to talk about the upcoming year, including the curriculum and calendar. We will be meeting weekly again on Wednesday evenings this year.



QUILTS

The quilting group decided to display the quilts made in the past year for two Sundays. They will be blessed on Sunday September 25th and shipped on October 1st to LWR. The group has made 73 quilts this past year. We meet once a month on the second Monday and are always looking for more people to join us. We have decided to send 60 quilts to LWR and the other 13 to a local charity to be determined next month. Thank you to the members of St. Martin's for their donation of flat full size or larger sheets and large pieces of material! These donations and the work of a dedicated group of women help make this mission successful.

New Member Orientation

New members will be received on *Sunday, Oct. 9, 2016.*

If you are *interested in becoming a member* at St. Martin's, please join Pastor Kirsten to find out more. We will *meet after worship and coffee fellowship on Sunday, Sept. 18, at 10:30 in the library.*

Lutheran World Relief Health Care Kits

During Sept we will be collecting: Lightweight bath-sized towels (maximum 52 x 27 dark colors recommended), Bars of Ivory Soap (4-5 oz), Large toothed combs or picks, metal nail clippers and adult sized tooth brushes. You are invited to donate an entire kit (please remove all packaging) or individual items. For your convenience items pre-purchased with Mission funds are for sale on the table in the Narthex, or you can make a financial donation and remit to the box on the Mission table (your giving statement will be credited) and we will do the shopping for you.

Koats For Kids

Join the Sunday School students in collecting 'Koats for Kids' *from Sept. 12-Oct 8*. Only winter outerwear is requested, items in good repair. All sizes in demand, but particular need for infant and toddler, larger teen (sizes 16-22), and oversized (XXXL and larger) adult sizes.

Update From The Committee: Restoring God's House

We have started our ask of support to raise dollars needed to complete the upper parking lot consisting of paint lines and improvements, repairing and painting lines to the bottom parking lot, and paint the church.

The membership voted at the annual meeting in January and we are responding to your vote to move forward and Restore God's House, our church from the recommendations from the property management committee.

The painting of the church took place this summer and came in under budget at \$12,430 and was paid for by the money that was set aside. This leaves us with a goal of raising \$54,000 to complete the upper and lower parking lot.

We need everyone's help to make this happen. We are asking for you to pray on your contribution, make a one time gift and/or pledge over 2016-2017. Make checks payable to St. Martin's Restoring Appeal, mail to the church or place in the basket during our Sunday service offering. Your gift qualifies for Federal/State tax deduction and you will receive a receipt.

Thank you for your support of restoring God's House, our church.

Committee of Restoring God's House

Council Invites Your Input

Starting in September, Church Council welcomes your participation in the first 15 minutes of each Council meeting for the purpose of sharing your ideas and insights. If you are interested in participating in this open forum time, please let one of the Council members know of your interest. Church Council meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the church library. Contact any one of us at the following numbers: Pastor Curtis; 798-2777, Karen Windels; 798-5031, Gordie Esser; 438-4176, Greg Hinz; 798-1556, Kyla Schoenwetter; 434-4950, Mark Richardson; 413-0204 or Ron Goplin; 798-2518.

Audit Team and Finance Team Vacancies

The Church Council is seeking interested persons for both the Audit Team and Finance Team. No experience is required to participate in either – just a willingness to crunch a few numbers, learn from others and monitor St. Martin's finances. The Finance Team meets monthly, while the Audit Team does most of its work in the fall months. Terms of office are three years for both teams. If you are interested in either of these important ministry opportunities, please contact Karen Windels

(798-5031) or Pastor Curtis (798-2777).

Consider donating Appreciated Stock now to St Martin's Legacy Endowment Fund

There can be income tax benefits during your lifetime if you make a donation of appreciated stock to St Martin's Legacy Endowment Fund. It is important to consult with your tax advisor to see how a gift of stock may affect your tax return. Some considerations are your personal income tax bracket and if you itemize deductions.

One Example: Sale of stock or alternative donation to St Martin's Legacy Endowment Fund

1. Assume you purchase stock for \$10,000 and today it is worth \$50,000 for a long-term capital gain of \$40,000.
2. Assume you are married filing a joint return with taxable income over \$75,000 or single with taxable income over \$37,650.

Your \$50,000 gift could only cost you \$30,800 when you consider the tax savings that may be available. Your tax savings could be higher or lower depending on your taxable income and if you itemize deductions. That is why it is important to discuss this type of donation with your tax preparer to determine how you may benefit. This is one of the topics that will be discussed at the workshops this fall plus how something like this might be accomplished.

God has called us to help those in need and to spread the gospel. It is important to remember everything we have, be it health, intelligence, physical assets or cash are gifts from God. This is your opportunity to answer his call so that when your time comes, your legacy of helping others and spreading the gospel will live on for generations to come..

Mark Your Calendar

Workshops to learn more about the St. Martin Legacy Endowment Fund will be Sat., November 5th and repeated Wed., November 9th. Watch for details!

Please note that this Endowment Fund is NOT a part of any other St. Martin Capital Campaign or SHOULD NOT replace any regular offering to St. Martins. The St. Martin Legacy Endowment Fund is a way of leveraging you're planning to spread the Gospel and serves those in need for generations into the future.

Please contact any current Board of Directors member for confidential assistance in direction: James Hartung, Hilary Kirkow, Tom Johnson, Van Valaskey or Lois Weiland.

Because it is important that you have a will with specific language regarding your donation, it is crucial to have someone with expertise help with the preparation. _For more information regarding this, please contact your own attorney and/or financial planner._

Free advice for funding the St. Martins Legacy Endowment is also available at:

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Youth and Family Ministry Team Opportunity

The Church Council is seeking to establish a Youth and Family Ministry Team as outlined in our Constitution. This Team will work with Pastor and, hopefully, a Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator to establish and oversee our Christian education programs for St. Martin's children of all ages. We are hoping to get this Team off the ground in September. The Team would likely meet monthly to make programmatic and procedural decisions, as well as support our staff in executing the programs. If you are interested in serving in this vital ministry opportunity please contact Karen Windels (608-798-5031, or karenwindels@gmail.com). Thank you!

Next Book Club Book — *The Tiger's Wife*

The supreme storyteller Téa Obreht weaves together masterfully a narrative that is mesmerizing. The reader gets lost in the stories of war, death, love and life. Pick up a copy and start reading today, and put **Oct. 24th** on your calendar to get together and discuss this wonderful book!

Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator Position

St. Martin's is seeking to hire a half-time, Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator who can work effectively with children of all ages.

The purpose of this position is to direct and coordinate a comprehensive and expanding ministry for our children, youth and families. This position will work with Pastor, our Youth and Family Ministry Team, parents and other lay ministers.

Send or email a cover letter and resume to St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 2427 Church St, Cross Plains, WI, 53528 or om@stmartinscp.org. A job description can be viewed on our web site, stmartinscp.org. (Or call Deb McCue – 798-3294)

Stayed 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).

'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

Call ahead if you want to stop by (in case there has been a last minute change).

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

-- Pastor Kirsten: PastorKirsten@stmartinscp.org

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

Upcoming Schedule (Also available on the church web site - www.stmartinscp.org - and in the Weekly Bread):

Sept. 18 - Sept. 24

Sunday, Sept. 18

* 8:00a -- Choir Rehearsal

* 9:00a -- Sunday Worship

* 10:30a -- New Member Info Meeting L

Monday, Sept. 19

* 6:30p -- Council Meeting L

Tuesday, Sept. 20

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

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

Wednesday, Sept. 21 -- Open Schedule

Thursday, Sept. 22

* 6:30p -- Centering Prayer

* 7:00p -- Race Equity Meeting (Pastor Kirsten's house)

Friday, Sept. 23 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, Sept. 24

* 9:00a -- 10a 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; K - Kitchen

Worship Participants - Sunday, Sept. 18

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Kirsten Curtis

Accompanist -- Debbie Miller

Special Music -- Brian Graedel, Ed Neumueller

Greeters -- Ryan & Jenni McCulloh

Lector / Reader -- Jenni McCulloh

Communion Assistants -- Katie Doyle, James Krot

Ushers -- Gary Trappe, Bob Nelson

Acolyte -- Elizabeth Boehnen, Joelle Jackson

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

Altar Guild -- Kim Mahaffey

AV Team -- Jason Niebuhr, Jeff Postle

Coffee / Treats — Karen Seibel, Dana Fuhrman

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