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## ***Week of Sept. 24-30 2017***

The parable we hear this coming Sunday might strike church-goers as troubling: what, shouldn't we get paid more if we work longer hours?! The last shall be first? Come to worship, to meditate on the good news found in this story and to receive the meal of God's mercy.

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## ***PLEASE - No through traffic in parking lot***

For safety reasons ('The Little Red Preschool' using lower level rooms, children in area, etc.), please do *NOT* use the parking lot for through traffic. *Thank you!*

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## ***Bobby Rogers Benefit & Fundraiser - Sept. 24th***

*Please help support Bobby and his family through this challenging time in his life.*

Date: Sunday, Sept. 24, 2017

Time: 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Location: American Legion Hall, Cross Plains (2217 American Legion Dr.)

### ***Events***

\* Two 50/50 Raffles

\* Silent Auction

\* Euchre Tournament (Registration 11 to 11:45am, tournament 12 to 3 PM; Entry Fee \$20; Prizes: 1st \$200 2nd: \$100 3rd: \$50)

### **Food**

Will have food available starting around 2:30 PM (with a good will offering).

If you would like to donate contributions can be made out to 'Bobby Rodgers' and sent to:

Kevin Boehnen  
Bobby Rodgers Fundraiser  
3123 Melody Pkwy  
Cross Plains WI 53528

Have a question? Want to make an auction donation, etc.? Contact Kevin at 608-798-2116

*Sponsored by Son's of The American Legion and Friends of Bobby Rogers.*

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## **Sunday 9/24 is Youth Sunday!**

Youth of all ages will be participating in and leading worship Sunday, Sept. 24th.

*You won't want to miss it!*

*Make plans to praise and honor God by worshiping with our youth on Sunday!*

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## **“Workshop Rotation Sunday School” Comes to St. Martin’s Sept. 24th!**

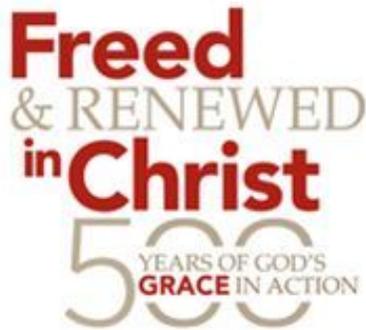
Starting Sept. 24th, St. Martin’s children ages 3 through 4th grade will experience a new and exciting format to build their knowledge of the Bible. Our new program is called “Workshop Rotation Sunday School”, where we teach the same Bible story for five weeks. Each week children (grouped by age/grade) will rotate to a new and unique workshop setting. The Youth and Family Ministry Team and volunteers have been hard at work over the last month re-creating four classrooms that feature art, movie-watching, story-telling/drama, and cooking, so that our kids can learn the main Bible story in a variety of interesting and fun ways, engaging all of their senses. Each five-week rotation begins with a large group gathering of all the children; during that time, they will be introduced to the Bible story, learn well-loved, kid-friendly Bible songs, engage in child-chosen mission activities, and build friendships. This is followed by four weeks of rotation to each of four workshop settings, where the Bible Story is re-learned. Our Sunday School instructional time takes place during the worship service from 9:15 to 9:45 AM each week.

To date, our classroom spaces are almost ready, so be sure to venture downstairs to see the progress. But wait – there’s more: *we are looking for dedicated teachers and shepherds (assistants) to make this important ministry a reality.* Are you passionate about drama, love telling children’s stories, have artistic interests, are a movie buff, can accompany easy songs on the piano or guitar, or like to cook? Do you enjoy working and playing with kids? If the answer is yes to any of these questions, we want to hear from you! Teachers and assistants will sign up to teach

for a rotation of four weeks at a time, for as many rotations as they choose, with just one lesson to teach for the entire four-week rotation. All lesson plans and materials will be provided for teachers. No previous teaching or Sunday School experience is necessary.

If you are interested in sharing your interests and talents with St. Martin's youngest members, please contact Karen Windels, Sunday School Coordinator at 798-5031, or karenwindels@gmail.com. *This is going to be a BLAST!*

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## **Synod-Wide Reformation Events - All Are Welcome!**

Worship Planning teams invites everyone to be involved in one or all of the upcoming celebrations marking the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. These will include a synod event in Janesville – an ELCA event in the Twin Cities – and an ecumenical event (Lutheran and Catholic Bishops co-presiding) in Milwaukee.

Please see information below and articles in following weeks!

### **Oct. 27-28: Reformation Festival Hosted by Luther Seminary and National Lutheran Choir**

Spend this Reformation weekend learning and reflecting on the future of our faith from leading scholars, theologians and musicians assembled by Luther Seminary and the National Lutheran Choir. Everyone from lay people to worship leaders can enjoy this two-day festival filled with workshops and presentations by more than 20 theologians and musicians.

*Other highlights include:*

- An optional Oktoberfest dinner followed by a premiere performance by the National Lutheran Choir of Holy Spirit Mass a new choral work commissioned for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.
- A closing festive worship service at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, with ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton preaching and massed choirs from area churches along with the National Lutheran Choir.

A complete schedule, including registration information is available at:  
<http://www.luthersem.edu/reformation> or < [Click here](#) >



## **Oct. 31st: Reformation 2017 - 500th Anniversary**

***Commemoration Statewide Catholic and Lutheran Faith Event In Milwaukee - October 31 with Catholic and Lutheran Bishops - You Are Invited!***

A special invitation from Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKi, Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and Paul Erickson, Bishop of the Greater Milwaukee Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

On **Oct. 31, 2017**, the ELCA and Catholic bishops of Wisconsin will gather with the faithful at *Ascension Lutheran Church, Milwaukee* to give thanks for the gifts received through the dialogues that have taken place over the last 50 years. You are invited to join in this very special event!

A video invitation awaits you: <https://milwaukee-synod.org/reformation-events/>

## **Nov. 4: Reformation Commemoration Synod-Wide Event!**

*South-Central Synod of Wisconsin invites you to a Special Reformation Commemoration Synod-Wide Event!*  
**SATURDAY, NOV. 4 (at 7:00 pm)**

Join the Reformation 500th Choir! All choirs and singers are invited to join in the SCSW-ELCA sponsored Reformation 500th Commemoration, held at the **First Lutheran Church of Janesville** on Sat, Nov. 4th (7pm).

This ecumenical event will feature full orchestra, handbell groups, and a festival choir composed of many different Protestant and Catholic backgrounds. Through music, word and prayer, we will highlight the role the Reformation has served in the development of the modern age. Above all, our joint commemoration focuses on the amazing mercy and love of God in Jesus Christ, the firm foundation by which all people of God stand.

*For more information and to sign up, please contact Jan Knutson, (jknutson604@gmail.com -- 608-921-6534)*

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**Lutheran World Relief - Blessing of Quilts & Personal Kits  
Sunday 9/24**

There is still time to make a financial donation for the personal kits. Please stop by the Mission Table and place your offering in Penny the Mission Pig.

## **Rally Day Pie Auction *Thank You!***

Thank you to everyone who baked a pie, kept the bidding lively and all who won a pie with a generous bid last Sunday. A special thank you to auctioneer Alan Harper and his helpers who did an excellent job of making it great fun a a huge success. Sixteen pies were auctioned off raising nearly \$900 for Missions!

## **Confirmation Kids -- *Thank You!***

Thank you to the Confirmation Kids who on Wednesday assembled and readied for Sunday's blessing 50 personal Lutheran World Relief kits.

## **Feed Our Children**

Please sign up today at the table in the Narthex if you can help with shopping or packing the week-end snack backpack program for Park Elementary kids. A rotational schedule will be prepared to include all volunteers and make the work load light.

Food Donations for the month of Oct and Nov will focus on the Feed Our Children Program. Please bring your offering to the Mission Table in the narthex. Suggested items are: instant oatmeal packets, single serving cereal boxes, granola bars, single serving fruit cups, fruit squeezes, small cans of soup, chicken/tuna, mac & cheese boxes, ramen noodle packets, Spaghetti O's with meat, noodle mixes (Rice a Roni, Knor, etc), crackers packaged in sleeves, peanut butter or Nutella (single servings or 8-12 oz plastic jar), individual packets of pretzels, peanuts, cookies, Goldfish crackers, etc, individual servings of hot chocolate.

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## **Youth & Family Ministry Team Highlight**

The Youth & Family Ministry Team welcomes members with a vested interest in the faith formation of our youth and the strengthening bond faith provides families and intergenerational members of our congregation. This team works to develop and sustain programs, curriculum, and opportunities for our youth to learn about God and to grow spiritually. Programs supported by this team include, but are not limited to; Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Confirmation, and the High School Youth Group. This team encourages involvement of our youth within the work of the church and participation in activities that serve God and our community. The Youth & Family Ministry Team meets once per month to plan and discuss future events and programming. If you are interested in becoming a member of our team, please see Pastor Kirsten or let one of the members know of your interest. Members include Redgy Nelson, Jenny Niesen, Jenni McCulloh and Karen Windels.

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## **Matching Gift Challenge**

The St. Martins Legacy Endowment Fund Board of Directors is pleased to announce a \$10,000 matching gift challenge by a generous anonymous donor. During the challenge, taking place

through Dec. 1, 2017, your contribution will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$10,000. We are required to accumulate \$25,000 in the fund before we can start using interest to promote our fund's mission of spreading the Word of God and helping the needy within and beyond our church walls. Currently we have \$14,383 in the fund and we see this as an opportunity to start putting the Legacy Endowment Fund to work for making a difference in the lives of people.

1. Either make check payable to St. Martins Lutheran Church or Mission Investment Fund and put the following account number in check memo: 54750500005705
2. Or, send check directly to St. Martins Lutheran Church, 2427 Church St, Cross Plains, WI 53528 or use Green Challenge Grant Envelopes in Narthex

*Update: As of 10/21 The Legacy Endowment Fund is \$2000 towards its \$10,000 Matching Campaign goal. Great work St. Martin's. Keep it up!*

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## **Understanding Financial Planning Documents - *taking care of those you love***

You are invited to a no-cost seminar offered by the St. Martin Legacy Endowment Fund. Everyone will come away with information useful for the young or old. Discover ways to donate to what you feel is important and do so with positive tax benefits that will help you "plan smartly"! Learn about simple Power of Attorney and Medical directives and much, much more. All information reduced to simpler terms and take home outlines.

*On either Saturday, Oct. 21, at 9:00am or Monday, Oct. 23, at 6:30pm* you are invited to a seminar at St. Martin's Church where you will be provided with valuable financial insight and recommendations for various types of plans to consider for meeting your goals that would be of benefit to you and the church. The seminar's purpose is to educate. There will be no solicitation of money.

Our presenters will be Oscar Seibel, retired wealth management advisor M&I Bank and Joe Gabriel, financial associate with Thrivent Financial.

Your Legacy Endowment Board

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## **Lower Parking Lot Re-Surfacing**

During lower parking lot work please note:

- Lower lot will be completely closed during work – no parking and no access to building through lower level doors. (Drive from upper lot will be blocked off.)
  - Access to lower level of church building will be through main doors (upper level), then stairs or elevator down until work is completed.
  - Lower level doors should not be used to exit building unless there is an emergency. (Signs will be posted.)
  - Work is expected to take 3-5 days, depending on weather.
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# St. Martin's History

## First Confirmation Classes

Under Rev. Scherbel there were combined confirmation classes from First Lutheran, St. John's at Berry, St John's at Roxbury, St. Paul's at Marxville, and St. Martin's at Cross Plains.

According to the History of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, "*Catechism classes met at the First Lutheran Church and were all day classes on Saturdays. Confirmands were expected to attend classes three days a week for a complete school year, necessitating dropping out of public school for that year. A German school was held in the balcony at St. Luke's, taught by the pastor. Rev. Scherbel is well remembered by all who attended his catechism classes. He would begin these with singing, and he would lead them by playing the violin. Catechism instruction was in German. Some children were confirmed in German who didn't understand a word of German—they just had to memorize everything. In the early days, the classes were all confirmed in the First Lutheran Church.*"

From the written records (see picture below):

*First Confirmation Class Confirmed at St. Martin's in 1888.* (Name and date of birth)

John Henry Schuldt (26 Oct 1875)  
John William J. Schuldt (2 Jun 1874)  
Oskar Himar Schurbert (19 Oct 1874)  
Carl Theo Kading (2 Aug 1874)  
William Hy Schuldt (24 Oct 1874)  
John Ad. Paul Grob (5 Jul 1873)  
Ernest John Aug Scheele (28 Jan 1875)  
Williamina Catherine Albrechs (1 Jan 1873)  
Aurelia Adelle Grob (18 Jun 1874)

Confirmed on Sunday April 8 at Saint Martin's, according to the instruction rules set, April 29 permitted to partake in the Holy Communion formalities.

Signed - E.F. Scherbel (Pastor)

Confirmation von 1858 in Cressplaine:

1. John Henry Schachtel geb. 26. Oct. 1853.
2. John H. jun. Schachtel. 2. July 1874.
3. Oscar Henry H. Schachtel. 19. Sept. 1874.
4. Carl Theo. Keding. 2. Aug. 1874.
5. J. H. John Schachtel. 21. Oct. 1874.
6. John W. Carl Schachtel. 5. July 1873.
7. Ernst John Aug. Schachtel. 28. Jan. 1875.
8. Mikkelaini Cath. Albrecht. 1. Jan. 1873. aus Finn.
- + 9. Charles Adolphe Veck. 18. Juni 1874.

Confirmit auf Sonntag Quasi in octavo zeitl.  
(8. April) in der St. Marktskirche zu Cressplaine  
am 29. April zum feil Mannesalt zugehoren.

E. F. Schachtel P.



Choir Director Needed

The Worship Planning Team (WPT) is seeking a volunteer choir director for the senior choir. Our excellent director, Debbie Miller, is stepping back from this position soon so she can devote more time to family, friends, and travel.

We're looking for someone to lead rehearsals at 8:00 on Sundays and be present to lead us in our 9:00 Sunday services as well as special occasions (e.g., Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday).

Ideally, this person can join us at WPT meetings (1st Thursday each month), or we can coordinate and plan through other means as needed. We can provide music selection or coordinate with the director in any way that is helpful.

We are a welcoming choir and hope to find a leader who loves music, singing, and praising God as much as we do. We also have some promises of back-up leaders (with advance notice) including Debbie, so the new director will be supported with regard to their schedule.

This could be a rewarding opportunity for any musician (active or retired) or for a music student at the university or high school level. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in directing our choir, please contact any member of the Worship Planning Team: Pastor Kirsten, Debbie or Jeff Miller, Jan Doyle, Sherri Hansen, Karen Windels, Deb Goplin.

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## Birthday & Anniversary Announcements

Do you (or someone you know) have a birthday coming up? Anniversary? Let the office know by sending a note ([om@stmartinscp.org](mailto:om@stmartinscp.org)) with dates and names. (For birthdays, we only need date ... birth year, age, not needed *unless you want to provide it!*) *Also, please send any corrections that are needed.*

### Sept. Birthdays

9/25 Patty Neumueller

9/26 Jeff Miller

9/29 John Wenning

### Sept. Anniversaries

9/26 -- Lorren & Lucille Hoffmann (64)

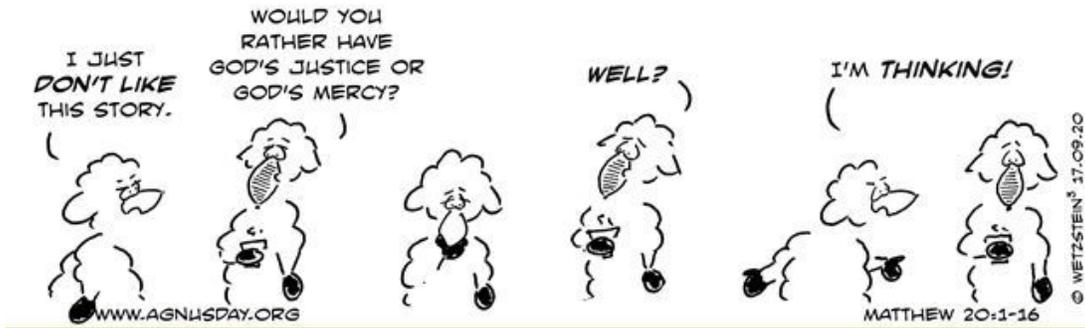
9/27 -- Linda & James Sebree (37)

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## Council Invites Your Input

Church Council welcomes your participation in the first 15 minutes of each Council meeting (third Monday of month) 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. Council meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the church library. Contact any member at the following numbers: Pastor Curtis (798-2777), Mark Richardson (413-0204), Gordie Esser (438-4176), Matt Wildman (798-1882), Kyla Schoenwetter (434-4950), Jenny Niesen (798-2132) or Ron Goplin (798-2518).

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## 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).

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## Suicide Prevention

*Need to talk to someone, or know someone who needs to talk to someone?*

Dane County Suicide Crisis Line: (608) 280-2600

National Suicide Prevention Line:

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433)

For Veterans Press 1, En Español Oprime El 2

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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

*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](mailto:om@stmartinscp.org)

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

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

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

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

*Also available on the church web site ([www.stmartinscp.org](http://www.stmartinscp.org))*

**Sept 24 - 30 2017**

**Sunday, Sept. 24**

9:00a - Sunday Worship (Youth Lead)

**Monday, Sept. 25** -- Open Schedule**Tuesday, Sept. 26**

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

7:00p - Boy Scout Troop 87 LL / FH

7:30p - AA Meeting L

**Wednesday, Sept. 27**

6:00p - Confirmation—Bible Lesson

**Thursday, Sept. 28** -- Open Schedule**Friday, Sept. 29** -- Open Schedule**Saturday, Sept. 30**

8:45a - 10a Overeaters Anonymous LL

*L—Library; FH—Fellowship Hall; S—Sanctuary; YR—Youth Room; LL—Lower Level Classroom*

**Save the Dates!**

\* **Oct. 15th** Go Pack! The Pew! Sunday, October 15th. Come dressed in your best Packer gear!

Prizes for best costumes!

\* **Dec. 2nd** Holiday 'Cookie Walk' Sat, Dec. 2nd (9-11am) Have a question? Please contact Gail Johnson [gailjmadwi@gmail.com](mailto:gailjmadwi@gmail.com).

## Worship Participants - Sunday, Sept. 24, 2017

Presiding Minister—Pastor Kirsten Curtis

Accompanist -- Eileen Porter

Song Leader -- Jason Niebuhr, Timmy Curtis

Greeters -- Jon Roll, Kate Wenning, Ollie Wenning

Lectors / Readers / Communion Assistants -- Timmy Curtis

Communion Assistants -- Gus Wenning, Ryan Roenneburg

Children's Message — Elizabeth Boehnen, Valerie Niesen

Message — Grace Hartung, Henry Hartung, Nick Hinz, Shawn McCue

Ushers -- Tyler Duhr, Jenna Rogers

Acolyte -- Kemper Curtis

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

Altar Guild -- Deb Wipperfurth

AV Team -- Bill Windels

Coffee/Treats — Lexi Boehnen, Ella Rogers, Lexi Hellenbrand

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