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## St. Martin's 'Weekly Bread' Sept. 6-12 2020

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

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### WORSHIP FOR THIS SUNDAY, SEPT. 6

We will be hosting our first online Zoom worship service this Sunday! This will also be the start of our new worship series, *Unraveled: When Plans Fall Apart*. This beautiful worship series from A Sanctified Art complete with original art, poetry, music, and liturgy explores Biblical characters whose lives have become "unraveled" in one way or another, and encourages us to find God at work in the midst of that unraveling. We are excited to share this with you in our new, interactive Zoom format, so please join us! Log in information (both by web and phone) are below. The Zoom meeting will be open by 8:40, so plan to hop on early if you need any help. Worship begins at 9 AM.

We will be celebrating Holy Communion this Sunday, so have communion elements available while you participate in worship (bread and wine are tradition, but feel free to use what you have). Also on this Sunday, we will be having a Blessing of the Screens for all of our students, teachers, and anyone else who is returning to school/work this fall via the internet. This will be in lieu of our traditional Blessing of the Backpacks, so please have your electronic devices for school or work available for this special blessing service!

Finally, remember to stay online after the service is ended for our Coffee With Council. We will be giving you an update about various church matters, including finances and the recent synod assembly/bishop election, as well as asking for feedback regarding worship and in-person meetings. If you can't make it to the Zoom Coffee with Council this Sunday, join us next week at 10:00 for a conference call, no internet or computer required!

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### HOW TO CONNECT TO ZOOM WORSHIP

As noted above, *starting September 6th*, worship will move to Zoom each Sunday morning at 9 AM. This new format will allow for participation from the congregation and for us to see and hear each other! We hope that worshipping in this way will help us to better feel the connection of the Holy Spirit

between us. For those who are unable to attend the live worship services on Zoom, recordings will be available within 24 hours on Facebook and YouTube.

We will open the Zoom meeting at 8:45, so feel free to pour yourself a cup of coffee and settle in a bit early to ensure you are connected. Worship will begin at 9. Don't forget to stick around after worship on September 6th for our Coffee with Council meeting.

There are two ways to connect to Zoom worship (online, via your web connection, or by phone). *This connection information will remain the same each week and it 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! (But please do *not* publish this information on any of your social media accounts.)

Zoom Meeting ID: 932 6362 8643

Pass-code: 331556

**NOTE:** *If you don't have one, you will need to sign-up for a Zoom account -- It is free!*

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:

[Zoom Meeting Link](#) (You may be asked for a pass-code, if so that code is 331556.)

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 932 6362 8643. Next, you may be asked for a participant ID. Simply press # to bypass the participant ID. You will now be in the worship service! *See you on-line, everyone!*

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## A Great Synod Assembly Gathering!

A most unusual synod assembly this year as it was all done virtually using Zoom and Lumi interactive technologies. When it was all over, both of us agreed that it was the BEST synod assembly we had ever experienced.

The day opened with a church service and a wonderful sermon by assistant Bishop Peter Rogness. Throughout the day we were presented with mission moments in our synod. Some sample missions featured included Lutherans United Assisting After Disaster (LUAD), church bible camps like Lutherdale. And one of this year's graduates of Diakonia spoke about this two-year theological education program for lay people. Examples of some other areas supported by the synod included Lutheran Campus Ministry, seminaries and a number of ministry partners.

There were the usual business items presented including the budget, constitution changes, updates to salary schedules (basically a 1.6% COLA) and a change in enumeration for supply pastors. The new schedule is basically \$175 for one service and \$50 for each additional service.

The featured speaker was Reverend Andrea Degroot-Nesdahl. She was the first women pastor in our area. Today we obviously have many women called to be pastors in our congregations and we

are fortunate to have a good one at St Martins.

First Lutheran in Lodi chose to abandon their church building. The congregation will put emphasis on work in their community. They renamed their church Common Ground Church and at the assembly we received them into the SCSW of ELCA under their new church name. It will be interesting to follow the progress of this community ministry model.

Nothing was more important on this day than selecting our new Bishop. All three ballots were needed throughout the day to elect our Bishop and she won on that final ballot by a 166 to 165 margin. We voted for the two finalists on every round of the balloting and for us it was a difficult decision. Our new bishop is Reverend Joy Mortenson-Wiebe. You can experience the announcement of the winner that we witnessed by clicking here [Bishop Named](#)

Thank you for allowing us to represent St. Martins at this assembly. It was truly an unexpected enjoyable day.

Van and Judy Valaskey

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## Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (Hymn for 9/6)

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Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

2

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
call us to rejoice in thee.

3

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922

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

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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@stmartinscp.org](mailto:pastormaggie@stmartinscp.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

By now you should have received a copy of our membership update letter in the mail. If you haven't already, please return your form in the enclosed self-addressed and stamped envelope.

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

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

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## Youth & Family Update from Lars

Hello St. Martin's families!

We hope you have been finding peace and joy amongst the challenges that we continue to face in

the world. We encourage you and your family to try a new hobby or a game together, or something that brings a sense of unity and calm.

First and foremost, we hope that you enjoyed our very first VBS to-go! We were certainly happy to provide some church outside of church for everyone, and we hope that the activities and lessons were enjoyable and fun. Don't forget to send pictures to us of you and your family doing those activities and games via Facebook Messenger or emailing me at [yfm@stmartinscp.org](mailto:yfm@stmartinscp.org). As we move forward into the next part of the season, we ask that you stay tuned for our idea of Sunday School meetings and activities. We will continue to be virtual just as regular worship currently is, but we want to see everyone again very soon!

Next, our Confirmation will be starting up again virtually on Wednesday, September 16th at 6pm over Zoom. Don't forget to stop by church next Wednesday on the 2nd from 6-7pm to receive your workbooks and Small Catechisms! We're looking forward to another season of learning and fun!

We are hoping to begin our usual Sunday evening meetings for our high schoolers this coming month. Stay tuned for more information! We can't wait to see you all again soon!

Please let me know of any questions you may have at this time. I continue to pray for each and every one of you, and always remember how much endless love God pours out to all of us!

Peace to you all,  
Lars Haskins

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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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## **Don't forget: 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**

Please join us for weekly online Bible study! Currently our Sunday morning class is studying the Gospel of John. All are welcome to join us in our discussion, so please invite your friends! Until further notice, we will continue to meet online via Zoom. Connection information is below:

--**Sundays, 10:30 AM**, Zoom link: [Sunday Zoom bible study link](#)

Password "john".

You can also call in at +1 (312) 626 6799, meeting ID # 946 4619 2594.

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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 Links**

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](#)

*And, as you hopefully know by now, 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) or the office manager (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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## Dane County Health Info and FAQ

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

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**Stay up-to-date with 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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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Sept. Birthdays

7 Gary Trappe, Kylie Klock  
9 Cathy Kittle  
11 Ethan Valaskey  
13 Michelle Schreier, Nolan Esser  
15 Brian Graedel  
19 Doris Fish  
20 Mark Wipperfurth  
23 Jon Roll  
25 Patty Neumueller  
29 John Wenning

### Sept. Anniversaries

9 Oscar & Rebecca Wendt  
12 Steve & Patty Hillebrand  
13 Ryan & Jenni McCulloh  
22 Glen & Debra Meister  
24 Amy & Matt Wildman  
27 Linda & Jim Sebree

*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.

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## Church Office Hours & Email Addresses

*Office hours:* Thursdays, 9a-1pm

*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. 6, 2020**

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

-- 5:30p -- Narcotics Anonymous

**Mon., Sept. 7** -- Labor Day

**Tues., Sept. 8** -- Open Schedule

**Wed., Sept. 9** -- Open Schedule

-- 7:30p -- Mid-Week Devotional (Facebook Live)

**Thur., Sept. 10** -- Open Schedule

**Friday, Sept. 11** -- Open Schedule

*\*Saturday, Sept. 12* -- 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

**On-Line!** Check church website for links: [www.stmartinscp.org](http://www.stmartinscp.org)

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@stmartinscp.org](mailto:PastorMaggie@stmartinscp.org).

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