



Week of May 6-12 2018

St. Martin's 6th Annual Plant Sale – May 4th & 5th

*St. Martin's Plant Sale will be held on **Friday, May 4th & Sat., May 5th** (part of 'Trout Days') from 9 AM - noon each day on the church lawn.*



For you gardeners out there or anyone wanting to help out, what plants in your garden need dividing or thinning? What house plants need downsizing, or any plants that you just don't have room for anymore? Now's the time to take cuttings from house or start plants (annuals, perennials, even fruits and vegetables) from seed. Well-watered plant donations can be accepted – tables near the Prayer Garden will be available for this purpose. There will also be plastic pots available in the same location.

In addition to plant donations the Prayer Garden Team is asking that you tag each donation with the name of the plant and the color of its bloom (if applicable). Flat cardboard boxes for packing sold plants would also be appreciated. We will also need assistance setting-up and taking-down displays on both days of the sale and help with sales on either/both days. Sign-up sheets for donations and assistance can be found near the 2018 Plant Sale display in the Narthex of the church.

Get your green thumbs on and help us make this another successful plant sale!

Proceeds will be divided between costs to maintain our beautiful Prayer Garden and a mission emphasis yet to be chosen.

Questions? Please contact Linda Sebree @ 608-322-7876 (cell) or lindaasebree@gmail.com.

Please note, due to road construction it is likely best to enter the church parking lot from Martin Street, the 'back side' of the church.

2018 Trout Days

Youth Group Will be at Food Stands

The Cross Plains Lions will host the village **2018 Trout Days, Thurs, Friday & Saturday, May 3 - 5** (See more information on the Village web site, or check out the poster -- with of some of the key events -- displayed on a narthex bulletin board.)

Besides garage sales (and other events) the Lions will also have food stands open all three days of the event. Stands will feature brats, hamburgers, hot dogs, water and soda.

St. Martin's Youth Group will be at each of the Lion's Brat Stands (State Bank - Main Branch, Piggly Wiggly, and Kalscheur's Dodge)!

This sale is being used as a fundraiser for Youth Missions (both Houston Hurricane Harvey Mission Trip and the ELCA National Youth Gathering) so please stop by and say 'Hi' and purchase some tasty treats! Doing so helps support St. Martin's missions as well as support the community by your participation in the many activities offered throughout the village. *Thank you, everyone!*

Outreach Team needs "YOU"

As in most all teams within St. Martin's we need people to joyfully serve. The Team looks for ways to simply integrate a presence into our everyday lives outside the walls of our building. Would you prayerfully consider serving on the Outreach Team for 2018? Here is what serving would look like:

- * No known meetings (working via email and phone correspondence).
- * Splitting up action items as to accomplish tasks from overall mission.
- * Tasks would be open for you to take on as per your talents and interest.

Sample tasks:

- * Taking photos at church functions and getting channeled correctly; send follow-up correspondence to visitors/guests per pre-set system; help track data for spreadsheet; write up or create pre-made note cards, etc.
- * Attending area community events for St. Martins.
- * Delivering posters or flyers.

SO... Would you please you prayerfully consider becoming part of this team? Simply email teej3400@gmail.com for more information, questions or joining so we can dig in and do the Lord's work! Blessings all, Tom Johnson, Outreach Team Chair

Financial Update - First Quarter

Submitted by Gordie Esser, treasurer

The chart below shows the total income vs the total expenses for the first quarter of 2018.

Month / Income / Expenses

Jan \$33,061.51 \$17,546.47
Feb. \$18,009.73 \$21,255.47
March \$15,054.43 \$26,318.93

Total \$66,125.67 \$65,120.87

Our budgeted monthly expenses are \$23,202.00. March's expenses include our quarterly donation of \$3,450 to the synod.



VBS – Sugar Creek Day Camp 2018 -- June 11th – 14th

Registration for VBS is now open! Kids 4 years through entering 5th grade are eligible to participate. Registration forms are located near the VBS display in the church narthex or can be found on the St. Martin's website,

www.stmartinscp.org. Please place completed forms with required medical documentation in the office mailbox, or FAX to 798-0492.

The theme this year is *'This Changes Everything!* and is based on Ephesians 2:8; "For by grace you have been saved through faith and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."

Kids will learn what grace is, how it affects them, that God offers grace to all, and that grace changes everyone. Expect fun games, arts and crafts, skits, Bible time, songs, enthusiastic Sugar Creek Bible Camp counselors and more! *Invite your relatives and friends!*

Registration dead line is May 23rd.

Help is needed to make VBS a success. Check out the VBS display to see how you can help. Questions? Call the church office (798-2777) or Karen Windels (VBS Coordinator) at 798-5031.

Open to the Public -- ALL ARE WELCOME!

Steeple To Steeple Ride for Hunger

Saturday, June 9th, 2018

Ride starts and stops at All Saints Lutheran Church
(Fitchburg)

Registration is Open! [CLICK HERE](#)



Last year, the ride raised over \$4,000 for ELCA World Hunger. We hope to continue the success of this ride so that all who are hungry are fed!

When you support ELCA World Hunger, you are supporting life-giving work of providing microloans to start businesses, animal husbandry, clean water through the building of water wells and so much more. Put this date on your calendar and let's all ride together to end hunger!

St. Martin's Facebook Page 'Like us'

St. Martins is re-launching its Facebook page and we need your help to validate it by clicking 'Like' on our page.

CLICK HERE --> [St. Martin's FaceBook Page](#) and 'Like' the page.

Additionally, you can go directly to the church Facebook page by typing (on your browser address line):
www.facebook.com/stmartinscrossplains



Facebook will be additional way to stay in touch, be viewed by members, visitors and others in the community. Thank you everyone!



Hwy P (Church St.) Road Work Continues

As road work continues, the main entrance to the church parking lot (from Hwy P) continues to be unavailable.

You can, however, access the parking lot from Martin St. (on back, or west side of church) so please use alternate routes when coming to church -- Main to Valley to Lewis to Martin St.,

or Brewery Rd to Martin.

Looking for updated project information? Visit the village web page (www.cross-plains.wi.us) or [CLICK HERE](#).

Updates will be posted periodically on the bulletin board by the drinking fountains.

Ushers and Greeters 'Spiff-Up'

If you are an Usher or Greeter, you will notice there is a new name tag system in the office workroom.

Just follow the directions posted on the wall behind the workroom door. New black lanyards are hanging there for your use as well.

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

May

Anniversaries

5/3 -- Todd & Casey Peterson

5/7 -- Jim & Linda Knudtson

5/20 -- Ron & Debra Goplin

5/26 -- Bruce & Sandy Salvo

Birthdays

5/1 -- Steve Broyles

5/2 -- Dana Fuhrman

5/3 -- Alex Kirikov

5/4 -- Ruth Kerl

5/6 -- Nicholas Hinz

5/13 -- Henry Kjol

5/14 -- Greg Valaskey

5/15 -- Sophia Eisele, Linda Sebree

5/17 -- Glen Meister

5/18 -- Thomas Kurr

5/19 -- Jason Niebuhr

5/20 -- Charles Klein

5/24 -- Kevin Boehnen, Seth Johnson

5/25 -- Darwin Goldben, Blake Hartung

5/30 -- Frank Durham

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.

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: Jenny Niesen (798-2132), Mark Richardson (413-0204), Gordie Esser (438-4176), Matt Wildman (798-1882), Gail Johnson (575-0170) or Ryan McCulloh (712-8530).

Weather Issues / Closings

Church closing information can be found on the church web site (www.stmartinspc.org), by calling the office (798-2777), watching 'ticker' on Channel 3, Madison, or check their website, channel3000.com.

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 out 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

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

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

Property@stmartinscp.org

-- Pastor Jeff: Email: stmlcpastorjeff@gmail.com; Cell: (608) 217-9821

Interim Pastor Contact Information

If you need to contact our Interim Pastor, Jeff Tomberlin, you can call the office (798-2777), call him direct (cell: 608-217-9821) or email him (stmcpastorjeff@gmail.com).

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

May 6 - 12

Sunday, May 6

9:00a -- Sunday Worship S

Monday, May 7 -- Open Schedule

Tuesday, May 8

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

Wednesday, May 9 -- Open Schedule

Thursday, May 10 -- Open Schedule

Friday, May 11 -- Open Schedule

Saturday, May 12

8:45a -- Overeaters Anonymous LL

L—Library; FH—Fellowship Hall; S—Sanctuary; LL—Lower Level Classroom

Worship Participants

Sunday, May 6

Presiding Minister -- Pastor Jeffrey Tomberlin

Guest Speaker — Nate Zindars

Accompanist -- Sherri Hansen

Song Leader -- Jason Niebuhr

Greeters -- Van & Judy Valasky

Lector -- Reader / Communion Assistant -- Doris Fish

Communion Assistants -- Gordie Esser, Maureen Berghoefer

Ushers -- Kay Meier, Lee Swanson

Acolytes -- Elli Eisele, Dylan Klock

Counting Team -- Team 2 (Marci Bartlett, Donna Blumer)

Altar Guild -- Deb Goplin

AV Team -- James Hartung

Coffee Fellowship -- Jeannie Hering-Schumann

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