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MEMBERSHIP

"Joyfully Sharing God's Gifts" has become the theme of St. Martin's Lutheran Church and School. It reflects the mission statement adopted by the Voter's and summarizes why we are here. We are the recipients of God's great gifts. We are the benefactors of God's continual love. We are those who know what it means to be blessed by God in our daily lives.

How often do we take the time to sit down and consider how God has blessed us? For most I'm afraid we accept the blessings and then anticipate we can expect them to be always present. But do we ever really take the time to consider how God has blessed us each individually.

God's gifts to us begin with the assurance we have of eternal life with Him in heaven. Not because we are Lutheran; not because we attend; not because we deserve it. We have eternal life because God, Himself, choose to rescue us from our sin and our deserved damnation. What an amazing GIFT we have in our Savior, Jesus' death and resurrection for us. But God doesn't stop there.

He has adopted each of us as His children and He blesses us. God's blessings are not only for after we die and go to heaven. They are for our lives here. Even

in the midst of the devastation and loss that some of us or our neighbors have suffered we see God's hand of blessing. Stories abound in our congregation about how God protected members from injury or death during the flood.

God has continued to bless us with the necessities of life. He has moved the members of our community to band together to work as one to help people know and unknown to them. He has continued to provide all that we need to sustain our bodies and souls. God is good to us and his gifts continue to abound.

Look at the history of St. Martin's. The Body of Christ assembled as St. Martin's Lutheran Church is celebrating 154 years of God's grace and protection. We are here as His witnesses that God is faithful to His promises. He is present with His people. God continues to bless. Our School celebrates more than 143 years of sharing God's Word with member and non-member children. Our Bible classes continue to proclaim God's truth in purity.

In our homes God has blessed us with family to share His love; with friends to be supportive in times of need and frustration. He has given us the fellowship of believers to share this marvelous adven-

ture of living our lives in faith. So how shall we respond? As a congregation we have stated:

We, the redeemed of God, called to be St. Martin's Lutheran Church and School, joyfully commit ourselves to the God-given privilege of sharing the Gospel to make disciples. Utilizing our God-given gifts we will share God's love, teach God's Word, and celebrate God's sacraments. Rejoicing in His gifts, we live as witnesses in the assurance of God's forgiveness and salvation.

As a congregation, this statement is a terrific response. But is it merely a statement or is it how we are living as God's people gathered together at St. Martin's Lutheran Church and School. Do we acknowledge that we all are forgiven children of God who need forgiveness and reconciliation and have been given those gifts to receive and to share? How are we responding to God's many gifts in our lives? Are we "Joyfully Sharing God's Gifts?"

But for the congregation to "Joyfully Share God's Gifts", it requires that we as individuals are actually doing the sharing, the forgiving, and the reconciling. Are you "Joyfully Sharing God's Gifts?" Can you think of someone in your life that needs your forgiveness? Have you considered sharing the joy you have received from Christ?

To joyfully share God's gifts we must first joyfully acknowledge them. To joyfully share God's gifts we need to be enjoying them. Consider how you are responding to God's continued grace in your life. And think about how you might respond to God's gifts. How you might joyfully share them with others. Then take one action, whatever it might be, to share God's gifts. You may be surprised by the joy you find, in "Joyfully Sharing God's Gifts."

-- Pastor Moore



CHRISTIAN BOOK FAIR

St. Martin's Lutheran Women's Missionary League / Women In Mission is sponsoring a **CHRISTIAN BOOK FAIR** beginning LWML Weekend (October 2/3) through October 10. The books will be displayed in the church fellowship hall for you to view before and after services and during the week. A variety of Christian books will be available for you see and orders will be taken that will be filled following the conclusion of the Book Fair.

Voter's Approve Roof Replacement

- > **On Monday, August 23 the Voter's of St. Martin's met and approved replacing of the two roofs on the school building which are leaking. Failure to fix the roof would have put the future of the school in doubt. The building is 80 years old, and the current roof is more than 20 years old having been repaired recently.**
- > **The total cost for the replacement will be approximately \$ 57,000.00. And include both insulation and 40 year guarantee. (\$5,496.00 for the lower roof, \$46,743.00 for the upper roof and approximately \$4,761.00 for replacement of the drain system and any incidentals.)**
- > **St. Martin's received a bequest from the Kathryn Uhlig estate of \$36,800.00, this was an unexpected blessing. The Voter's have designated this money to the repair of the roofs.**
- > **This leaves a need to raise \$20,200.00 to pay the remainder of the cost to repair the roof.**
- > **The Voter's approved an appeal to the congregation for special gifts to meet this need. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this fund as work will begin in the next few weeks. Checks may be made to St. Martin's with "Roof Fund" on the memo line and placed in the collection or handed in at that church office.**



BIBLE MILESTONE

On September 11 and 12 the third graders received their Bible — Peter Badciong, Brayden Borzyskowski, Esther Bronk, Kaitlin Celius, Ethan Glodowski, Caitlyn Going, Ben Johnson, Justice Johnson, Joseph Nagel, Jadya Niemeyer, Kaylee Niemeyer, Jeremy Rivers, Dalton Russeau, Brook Schmidt, Taylor Theusch, and Lance Thorn. As they read God's Word in their Bible, may the Holy Spirit increase their knowledge and faith.

HYMN FESTIVAL REFRESHMENTS SOUGHT

After the Reformation Hymn Festival on October 24, we will be having a fellowship get-together.

Would you be willing to donate one of the following items to help with this get-together? It will be a fall theme...so, pumpkin bars, apple bars, your favorite fall bar or cookie or a gallon of apple cider. Please let Lois Stark or Lois Haase know what you will be bringing.

We appreciate your willingness to share. Thank you!



YAW'LL LIKE A SHAWL?

We'll knit or crochet one for you and send along our prayers -- all at NO COST to you.

The **SHAWL MINISTRY** group (women, girls, and men are invited too) will be meeting for the first time this fall on Thursday, October 14, 7-8:30 pm in the Church Fellowship Room to make shawls or lap robes for shut-ins or anyone in need of our prayers and the warmth and comfort of one. If you don't know how to knit or crochet, come anyway and we will be happy to teach you. We do have some needles and yarn available to starters. If you need more information or have yarn materials to donate, contact Myrtle Shira (452-5224) or Lois Stark (452-6928, ext. 100).



Dear M.D.

In this article, congregation members pose questions to M.D. (our Music Director, not medical doctor) who thus responds with whatever words of wisdom the Lord chooses to give him.

Dear M.D., Can you give me some details about the upcoming Hymn Festival?

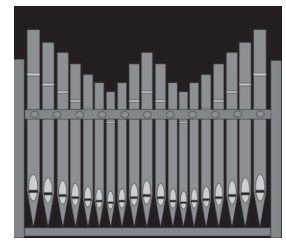
MD: For the basic information of date and time, check the cover of this newsletter. But if you are looking for more details...

Since we are Lutheran and are holding this hymn-sing in later October it only makes sense to celebrate the Reformation. In fact, we are titling the festival: "Gifts of the Reformation." The particular gifts that we will acknowledge that day include: the Word, Baptism, the Lord's Supper, prayer, music, vocation, justification by faith, and hope.

Each section of the festival has meditations written by David Cherwien's wife, Susan Palo Cherwien, and a hymn that highlights each particular gift listed above. We are even singing a hymn from our hymnal that has a poetic text written by her!

For those who are more adventurous, there will be a couple of hymns that might be unfamiliar to members of our congregation, but we made sure that all the others are ones we can sing with great gusto! These include "A Mighty Fortress" (both versions!), "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word," and "God of Grace and God of Glory" among others.

The hymns will be enhanced by Dr. Cherwien's masterful leadership, by our choir, and by other instrumentalists.



And if you are worried you might miss some football if you come sing that day, never fear! The **Vikings** and **Packers** play each other that evening on Sunday Night Football. We even contemplated calling our hymn-sing:

The Border Rivalry Pre-game Hymn Festival

OK, maybe not...

If you have a question you would like addressed, please feel free to ask our Music Director personally, call him at church (452-6928, ext. 104), or send an email (phil.klemp@stmartinswinona.org).



ALTAR GUILD CHURCH CLEANING

Saturday, October 16, 2010

9:00-11:30 am

EVERYONE WELCOME TO HELP!

CHURCH RECREATION



Don't Hug Me: We will be attending the Don't Hug Me – County Fair play at the Jon Hassler Theatre in Plainview on Sunday, October 10th, leaving at 12:15 for the 1:30 P.M. performance. Cost is \$18 per person. The play is a take-off on the other Don't Hug Me plays set in Bunyan Bay, Minnesota. Some featured songs are: "Our Butter Face Queen" and "If I Could Win Miss Walleye Queen".

Tews Corn Maze: By popular request, we are planning another trip to the Tews Corn Maze in Lewiston. The date is Sunday, October 17th, and we would be leaving around noon from the church to have an afternoon of fun! There is of course the Corn Maze itself, a petting zoo, duck races, hayrides etc. Cost is \$7 a person and free for ages four and under. Let me know if you're interested by Sunday, October 10th.



To sign up to attend either activity, or if you have activity suggestions or questions, please telephone Annamary Seltz, 454-3576 or 452-6928, ext. 127.

St. Martin's Students to Participate in Marathon Fundraiser Oct. 2



The annual Marathon for Non-Public Schools fundraiser will be held Saturday, October 2, at East Lake Park. Once again families are asked to help support this event by soliciting donations for our school to be used for items that will benefit the students of St. Martin's. This year we will be seeking to raise funds to help support the cost of the school roof replacement. All school families are encouraged to participate in this fun event. St. Martin's members can contribute to this fundraiser by giving directly to the school or by contributing to any student who is involved. Thanks for your support!

2010-2011 Chapel Projects



Students this school year will be able to support various chapel projects, selected by their own class, to help give them an understanding of how they can help Christians here at home, or throughout the world. Under the direction and supervision of the classroom teachers, our classes will pick a chapel designation that they would like the school to support through the collected chapel offerings. Our 7th and 8th grade class will be designating or first quarter offerings. Watch the next Church Messenger for their chapel designation.

Christian Education - Soaring on Wings of Eagles



No one would dispute that the primary responsibility for the Christian education of children lies with the parents of the child. St. Martin's Lutheran Church has believed since 1866 that parents are well served in this task by having their Lutheran Day School assist them. It is for the purpose of sharing Jesus through Christian education that our congregation provides our members, as well as members of the Winona community at large, opportunity to have their children grow spiritually each day as they attend St. Martin's Lutheran School. Our school and the dedicated teachers who serve in it are not meant to replace responsible Christian parenting, but are here to support and help parents in their awesome responsibility to "raise their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

As we continue to grow in our understanding of our congregation's statement of mission as it is simply put: "Joyfully Sharing God's Gifts" we need to see how each area of ministry fits into that mission. Our school is a vital part of the overall mission to serve our congregation and to reach out to the Winona area community.

As St. Martin's opens its doors to another year of serving the Lord we celebrate the opportunity to touch the lives of our many students and their families through the educational, athletic, and extracurricular programs and activities that will be offered this year. May God bless all whose lives are touched through this precious ministry entrusted to us.

We welcome the following new children and their families to the St. Martin's School:

- Preschool-3 — Gracey Bauer, James, Bowey, Caitlin Brand, Terrell Conner, Rollin Holtan, Logan Pruksa, Ella Schultz
- Preschool-4 — Lukas Contreras-Shelsby, Mason Dontie, Hallie Durnen, Ike Erdmnczyk, Arvana Korpak, Faith Lorenz, Ella Malenke, Evan Maurud, Angelina Morrell, Ava Ohm, Adriann Paetzel, Ettalia Rivers, Alex Walters, Payton Wicklund
- Kindergarten — Cody Hill, Gianina Morrell, Cole Reed
- 1st Grade — Keegan Rusert
- 2nd Grade — Zander Rusert
- 3rd Grade — Kirsten Cranor, Mackenzie Reed
- 4th Grade — Jacob Rothering, Tova Strange
- 5th Grade — Keagan Cranor, Chelsea Merchlewitz
- 6th Grade — Alexandra Ludford, Adam Rothering, Tristan Rusert, Brynn Strange
- 8th Grade — Alexis Lemmer, Aleesha Rothering, Jacob Ryan



Lutheran Student Fellowship (LSF)

is located very close to the WSU campus (303 Winona Street - Broadway at Winona). All college students are welcome to drop by the house to visit, study, play, work out, or just "hang out" for Christian fellowship. Ruth's office hours are 5:30 to 7 pm on Thursdays, but "The House" is open to students from 10 to 10 daily. Ring the bell if the door is locked.

Need a ride to St. Martin's for worship services or other activities? Call the house at 454-5431, or e-mail Ruth at badciong@hbc.com, and we'll help you to work out a carpool.

LSF meets every Thursday at 6:00 pm during the WSU Fall and Spring semesters. Please join us at the LSF House for Bible study and Christian fellowship. All students are welcome, so please bring your friends!

LSF October 2010 Calendar

- Thursday Night Bible Study (The Book of Acts) – October 7, 14, and 21 at 6:00 P.M. (Come grow in God's Word with us! We meet for about one hour. Can't make it every Thursday? No problem! Come when you can. All students are welcome!)
- October Social – Meet at the LSF House at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 28 for food, fellowship and fun!

** LSF is on the Web! Check us out at www.lsfwinona.org.

** All activities are free to students and are held at 303 Winona St. unless otherwise noted.

MISSING??

St. Martin's has lost track of members because mail has been returned "unable to forward" or "unable to deliver" and they have not signed the fellowship sheet and included their address. If you are able to provide us with an address or to have someone in the household contact us with a new address for and of the following households or individuals, **it would be very much appreciated.**

—Lois Stark, Secretary

Sabrina Wallow
Koleton Frame
Dean McNally

Ashley Fort
Richard Heise
Shannon Smith

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

The Thrivent Choice program allows Thrivent members choose where some of the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans charitable outreach funds go by directing Choice Dollars.

Both St Martin Lutheran Church and St Martin Lutheran School and other Lutheran congregations, including colleges, universities and seminaries, are eligible to be recipients of your Thrivent Choice Dollars. You may select more than one recipient of Thrivent Choice Dollars; however, you must direct a minimum of \$5 to each organization. Just follow the directions in your "Good news!" letter to direct your designated amount of Choice Dollars.



Test 1-2-3

Hope is testing a new software program to maintain our email mailing list and create our newsletters. This will be used for our weekly email updates and special announcements. Email is the fastest, cheapest and easiest way for us to get information out to you.

We can also add additional email addresses for families and those interested in receiving information about Hope Lutheran High School. If you would like us to add your email, please email the additional address and recipients name to the school office@hopelhs.org.

Website Update: Please check out the updated Hope website at www.hopelhs.org. Thank you to Tom Schwerzler for all your hard work in getting the site updated. It is a work in progress and Tom continues to make updates.

Check out the calendar of events!

Winona's Mission Outreach

The second Tuesday of every month is designated as ST. MARTIN'S day @ Second Chance Jail Ministry. The next date that we are responsible for is October 12, 2010.



Would your family, your group of friends or YOU be willing to prepare a dish or an entire meal. Ask Sue Mrozek or Rita, Helga, Myrt, Gert, Kevin, Gerri, Terry, Diane or Eileen (These precious saints who have helped with this ministry) just what a blessing they received. Just prepare the food...no need to stay, serve or clean up. I really need your help. Lois Haase 507-643-6361 or lehaase@acegroup.cc

"You are the light of the world, let your light so shine before men." Matt 5:14, 16.



COINS FOR CHRIST

The Coins for Christ for September are designated for the support of Pastor Green and his Second Chance Jail Ministry efforts. Please keep Pastor Green in your prayers as he has recently been ill and was diagnosed with cancer. Contributions can be put in the container in the narthex.

Thanks You for so graciously supporting the mission projects.

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to those volunteers who delivered Meals on Wheels for the month of August (part of St. Martin's Church commitment): Holly Egge, Karen Hoover, Don and Joanne Thiesse, Lois and Dave Haase, Annamary Seltz, and Arnold and Marcia Boese.

Prayer Suggestions for October 2010



Psalm 119:73: "Your hands made me and formed me. Give me understanding to learn your commands."

1. Praise God for the beautiful autumn season.
2. Be with the alcoholic and their families, help them to recover.
3. Thank Jesus for dying in our stead for our sins.
4. May each of us bring another person to Jesus.
5. Pray our shut-ins and their ministry of prayer.
6. Thank God for your church and school.
7. May our confirmands grow in faith.
8. Give comfort to the physically and mentally disabled.
9. May St. Martin's TV ministry bring people to Christ.
10. Thank you Jesus for dying in our stead.
11. Comfort the sick and grant a return to health.
12. Thank God for all the years of teaching ministry at St. Martin's school.
13. May husbands and wives work together to strengthen their marriage.
14. Help people realize abortion is murder.
15. Pray for a good harvest.
16. May more people attend Bible Study classes.
17. Thank the Lord for all our blessings.
18. Help our country become strong spiritually.
19. Pray for the people at Second Chance ministry that they change their lives for the better.
20. Thank the Lord for his Words that teach us how to live.
21. Bless the teachers in our day school, Sunday school, and high school.
22. Pray for people in prison.
23. May people include God in their lives.
24. Help us set aside a time to pray each day.
25. Remember to pray for your coworkers.
26. Pray for workers, staff, and volunteers in God's work.
27. Thank God for the courage and witness of Martin Luther.
28. Help our youth to be strong when faced with temptation.
29. Thank you Lord, for a good year and a good harvest.
30. May we support our Missions and Missionaries.
31. Help us to celebrate Reformation Day and God's protection of His Word.

NEW MEMBER, BOARDS AND STAFF GET-TOGETHER

Saturday, October 16, 6-10 pm
at Holzinger Lodge.

Bring an appetizer or snack to share.



LADIES GROUPS

St. Martin's **LADIES AID** will hold its meeting on Wednesday, October 6, at 2:00 pm in the church fellowship hall. Hostess for October is Marilyn Volkman. Following a devotion and short business meeting, a time of fellowship is held. All women are welcome.

All women of St. Martin's are invited to join with **Circle Phoebe** for an evening of Christian fellowship and Bible study on Tuesday, October 12, starting at 7 P.M. We will meet at the home of Diane Vaujin, 666 Walnut Street (474-7596). Annamary Seltz will lead the Bible study. Phoebe Circle is an active, growing, multi-generational group of Christian women who would love to have you join us, so please come and bring friends!

P.S. We will be collecting a freewill offering for our mission project: providing tuition for five students at the Lutheran school in Banda Aceh, Indonesia.

WOMEN IN MISSION (WIM) meets Monday, October 18, at 7 pm. Hostess for the meeting is Myrtle Shira and the Bible Study/devotion leader is Margie Steber. Following the opening Bible study/devotion there will be a short business meeting. All ladies are welcome.

WIM is the coordinating group for the LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML).

Watch for information on the Fall Whitewater Conference Rally at Stewartville on October 30.

You are welcome to attend any of the ladies group meetings and activities. For more information or if you would like to be part of one of the ladies organizations at St. Martin's for the

Altar Guild contact Marjorie Steber (452-3419)

Ladies Aid contact Irene Doblak (454-2794)

Women In Mission (LWML) contact the church office (452-6928, ext. 100) or any WIM member

Women's Guild & Circles contact Annamary Seltz (454-3576 or 452-6928, ext. 127)

Prayer Shawl Ministry contact Myrtle Shira (454-5224).



St. Martin's Women's Guild FALL FESTIVAL

November 6, 2010

Now is the time to plan for the Fall Festival on November 6th! We need contributions of pies, baked goods, candy, deli items, handmade items, nearly new items, or anything you feel could be added to the Silent Auction. If you'd like to contribute your time to helping out, that would be great too! Call the church office or Annamary Seltz if you need any further information. Thank you!

Proceeds used to support St. Martin's and mission projects.

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to the

Reformation Hymn Festival "Gifts of the Reformation"

Sunday, October 24 at 4:00 pm

at St. Martin's Ev. Lutheran Church, Winona

Guest Organist: David Cherwien

No admission cost. A freewill offering will be received at the door.

A reception will follow the hymn festival.

