

St. Martin's Lutheran

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"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

-- 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Summer is over! September is here! It's back to school for the kids and back to a more "normal" life for the rest of us. The hectic days of summer schedules and vacations are behind us. It's time for education to become a major part of the daily lives of most families.

September is a time of re-evaluating our priorities as families and establishing our schedule for the new school year. For most families those things which become part of the fall routine will continue throughout the remainder of the year.

In the text quoted above, we are reminded of the importance of our being involved in the Word of God. We read how Scripture is profitable--that is good for us. We see how the Word of God is the only thing that can truly equip us to live the type of lives that God commands for His children. Bible study, devotions, and church attendance are not merely things to be fit into our hectic schedule. They are the means by which our God comes to us and helps us to grow and equips us to serve Him and live at peace with one another.

September, the end of summer, is an excellent time to evaluate for ourselves if we are indeed receiving the blessings God offers us through regularly spending time in His Word. On September 11th and 12th St. Martin's will celebrate our Christian Education Weekend as part of the all our services. As we do we will be concentrating on the Word of God and how God has promised He will bless us as we study it.

But Christian Education weekend is not just about the kids, the Sunday School or the Parochial School. It is also for the adults--all the

adults, the young adults recently confirmed, the parents, the middle aged and the adults who have retired. Here at St. Martin's we have many opportunities to gather together around God's Word that we might grow and be equipped by God. The opportunities include:

- 1) Saturday Worship at 5:30 PM,
- 2) Sunday Worship at 8 and 10:30 AM
- 3) Sunday Morning Bible Class: 9:15-10:15 AM,
- 4) Ladies Bible Study Tuesdays at 1PM,
- 5) Men's Bible Breakfast Wednesdays 6:45 AM, and
- 5) Junior Confirmation Classes beginning Wednesday, September 8th at 6:30 & 7 PM

An opportunity for Bible study or gathering around God's Word for worship is offered nearly every day. But the question is will we take that opportunity.

Maybe you would like to see a lay-led study in members' homes. Or maybe you have some other idea. The Board of Elders and I are open to all suggestions. Our prayer is that in 2010-2011 the members of St. Martin's will commit themselves to receiving the blessings that God has promised through the study of His Word. As we set our schedules for this fall, let's each of us remember what God tells us is truly profitable. Let's make Bible study and worship a priority.

--Pastor Moore

MEMBERSHIP

Friendship Weekend September 18th & 19th

St. Martin's Lutheran Church will be holding it's Fall Friendship weekend September 18th and 19th. This is an opportunity for you to invite your friends, family and neighbors to join you in worship. Our theme is "Friends in Christ." During our services we will joyfully share the good news that we are friends with God and in Christ. We will celebrate the salvation we have received from our Lord. We will proclaim to our community know that God's Word and God's promises change lives.

The 5:30 Saturday service and 8 AM Sunday service will be held in the sanctuary. The 10:30 service will be held in Sinclair Park. It will be accompanied by the Christian Band known as "*Harbinger*" who are coming from St. Louis to be with us. Following the service they will also perform for us and our community during our Congregational picnic.

Following the outdoor service there will be the annual congregational picnic/potluck. Again this year the Elders will host the picnic supplying burgers, hotdogs, and beverages. The congregation is asked to bring side dishes and deserts to be shared in a buffet style. Providing your own table setting would also be helpful. In addition to games and time for fellowship, *Harbinger* will be performing a brief concert of contemporary Christian music.

Please plan on participating in our Friendship Weekend and our congregational picnic. God has blessed us by making us Friends in Christ...we have much to joyfully celebrate and share!



CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation Orientation Meeting for parents and students in grades 6, 7 and 8 at St. Martin's and the public schools is Thursday, September 2, 2010, (NOTE DATE CHANGE) at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary of the church. Books will be available for purchase.

Confirmation classes for the Day School students will be Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The public school Confirmation Classes are on Wednesday evenings — 6th grade class begins at 6:30 pm and 7th/8th grade classes begin at 7:00 pm.

If you have not received an informational letter, please notify the church office.

LADIES GROUPS



St. Martin's **LADIES AID** will hold its meeting on Wednesday, September 1, 2010, at 2:00 pm in the church fellowship hall. Hostesses will be Lorie Steber and Vi Eide. Following a devotion and short business meeting, a time of fellowship is held. All women are welcome.

St. Martin's **WOMEN'S GUILD's** fall meeting will begin with a potluck dinner on Thursday, September 9, at 6 pm. Bring a dish to share and join us. All women are welcome. A devotion and business meeting will follow the meal.

All women of St. Martin's are invited to join with **Circle Phoebe** for an evening of Christian fellowship and Bible study on Tuesday, September 14, starting at 7 PM. We will meet at a location to be determined. Please watch the bulletin or call the church office for more information closer to the date. 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) will meet Monday, September 20, at 7 pm. Hostess for the meeting is Cindy Thompson and the Bible Study/devotion leader is Bobbi Schlesselman. Following the opening Bible study/devotion there will be a short business meeting and plans will be made for LWML Weekend. All ladies are welcome.

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

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY. The Prayer Shawl is intended to be a reminder of God's ever present love which is as near to you as your own body is to your spirit. The crafter has prayed the recipient will feel the closeness of God while draped in the shawl or lap robe and his/her faith will be strengthened knowing that others are praying for them.

We ask for your help by giving us names of someone who could use one of these, stating why you feel this person needs a special touch from God at this time. We will then deliver the shawl with a card enclosed explaining the prayer and mission of our Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Watch the Sunday bulletin for the date of the next work session for the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

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 Doblar (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 Margaret Hohenstein (454-7387) or Myrtle Shira (454-5224)

SOARING ON EAGLES WINGS!!

The children have arrived, the desks are full, and the sounds of laughter and learning fill our classrooms. Ahhh... the start of a new year. I would like to welcome everyone back to a new school year that is full of excitement, changes, and a solid Christian focus. Our theme for this year is **SOARING ON EAGLES WINGS**, based on Isaiah 40:31, "**But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles ...**".



In these first few days of school, we have found that our students can truly accomplish great things and soar in their educational endeavors through Christ working through each of them. I am looking forward to working with all of you-- the parents of these great children, in a Christian partnership to truly help all of our children be the best that they can be, and to be living disciples of Christ. May God Bless this partnership as we journey through this school year together!!

Church Rec News – September

Summer Wrap Up:

We went to two great plays this summer – “Old Man Brunner Country” at John Hassler Theatre and the Shakespeare play here in town called “A Comedy of Errors” which was pretty hilarious.



Our Twins trip on Lutheran night (Aug. 18) turned out very well – we had over 60 people and two buses leaving from St. Martin’s for the successful and exciting game with the Chicago White Sox!

We will be planning another trip to the John Hassler Theatre to see “Don’t Hug Me-County Fair”. Watch the Sunday bulletin for details.

If you have activity suggestions, any questions and/or to sign up for an activity, please telephone Annamary Seltz, 454-3576 or 452-6928, ext. 127.

The next door offering toward budgeted expenses is the weekend of September 4 and 5, 2010. Please prayerfully consider participating in this offering with a gift over and above your regular offering.

God has truly blessed us abundantly.

STUDENT / MILITARY ADDRESSES

Please use the following form or a sheet of paper with the information to let us know at the church your school or military address or your son or daughter’s school or military address so the church may be in contact with them. We also want to minister to students and military personnel through other congregations or agencies of the LCMS near them. Please notify the church office o any changes in the information also.

(Please print clearly all applicable information.)

Name: _____

Complete Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

E-mail Address: _____

Effective Dates: _____ to _____

I am a student at:

____ Winona State University

____ Minnesota State College Southeast Technical

____ St. Mary’s University, Winona

____ City: _____ State: _____

Military Branch: _____ Rank _____

Please return by placing in the collection plate or mailing to or dropping off at the church office or e-mail the information to the church office at: church@stmartinswinona.org.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

The Thrivent Choice program lets 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 along with other Lutheran congregations and organizations, 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 for 2010.

ST. MARTIN'S MEMBERS YOU ARE AWESOME

You all know that the second Tuesday of every month is designated as St. Martin's Day at Second Chance Jail Ministry Transitional Housing. That means...OUR CHURCH MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EVENING MEAL at this transition home. The next date is September 14th. I am in awe of the St. Martin's members. You have called and volunteered to provide a dish or an entire meal. Thanks go to Gerri and Kevin for supplying the August meal. NOW, are YOU ready to provide for this home? You are not required to serve the meal or clean up. As you are fixing your regular supper meal, just make a little extra (for 5-7 others). How easy that is! THIS IS OUR WINONA MISSION OUTREACH. Call Lois Haase (507-643-6361)



COINS FOR CHRIST



The Coins for Christ for July/August are designated for Pastor Green and the Second Chance Jail Ministry Transitional Housing. Pastor Green has been hospitalized and currently having a lot of serious health issues. BE SURE AND DROP YOUR COINS IN THE CONTAINER IN THE NARTHEX. Thank you to all of you that continue to support the Coins for Christ projects.

LADIES TUESDAY BIBLE CLASS

The Ladies Tuesday Bible Class, which was meeting in the morning, changed their meeting time to 1:00 in the afternoon. This change is being made to enable Pastor Moore to be able to teach the Ladies Bible Class and the religion classes for Hope Lutheran High School.



*The Elders of
St. Martin's Lutheran Church
and School
Invite You To Attend
The Congregational
Picnic/Potluck
September 19th – Noon
At Sinclair Park*

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 I join the adult choir?

MD: Yes! Notice that I placed NO qualifications on my reply. The normal advertisement for the adult choir stipulates that anyone in high school and older is welcome to join, but we've allowed even younger singers to join. The reason for the mention of high school-aged youth comes from the fact that we have a Primary Choir that includes grades 1-4 from our school, a Junior Choir that includes grades 5-8, and then a Senior Choir (or adult choir) for everyone in high school or older... a natural progression.

There are also no qualifications in regard to singing ability (no auditions), and/or musical knowledge (no test is given). In fact there are some people in our choir that have sung in the group for DECADES and claim not to



be able to read music! There aren't even requirements that you must make most of the rehearsals and scheduled singing opportunities. We only ask that you "come when you can."

So you see, there really is no reason not to come and sing in the choir. We would love to have you!

Our **adult choir** rehearses for one hour on:

Mondays at 6:30pm in the balcony
beginning September 13th.

And if you are looking for another musical challenge, consider joining in our 1-hour **bell choir** rehearsals:

Mondays at 5:30pm in the balcony
beginning September 13th.

And finally don't forget to come and sing at the **Reformation Hymn Festival** in celebration of our 1916 Austin organ's renovation and expansion:

**with Dr. David Cherwien
Sunday, OCTOBER 24TH
4:00pm**

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).

Prayer Suggestions for September 2010

Psalm 62:8: *“Trust in Him at all times O people pour out your heart before Him. God is a refuge for us.”*



1. Help us to set a time each day to pray.
2. Pray the youth will overcome negative peer pressure.
3. May God grant a bountiful harvest.
4. Pray for our enemies as Christ taught us.
5. Help us to tell others what Christ has done for us.
6. Bless all people who labor for their living.
7. Help those without a job to be able to find one.
8. God bless all students and teachers as they start the school year.
9. Help us to meet our Church budget and reduce our debt.
10. God give our young people strength to resist all evil.
11. Help us to be Christian citizens.
12. Pray God to move more members to get involved in Bible Study.
13. Help the Sunday school teachers to do their best and may God bless their efforts.
14. Lead political campaigns to uphold Christian values.
15. Bless all our missionaries as they lead people, O Christ.
16. Pray that abortion will be stopped.
17. Help us to forgive others as Christ forgives us.
18. Thank God for comforting words in the Bible.
19. Thank God for the sacraments.
20. Help us always to speak good of others
21. May we remember we serve Christ by serving others.
22. Bless our Pastors.
23. Thank you for the beauty of autumn.
24. Keep praying for Second Chance ministry and for the men they serve to succeed in their lives.
25. May all students keep trying to do their best.
26. Give us faith that looks only to you, Lord.
27. May more people include Christ in their lives.
28. God give teachers patience as they guide their students.
29. Pray for wisdom for local, state, and national government officials.
30. May we be content with what we have.



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 September 2010 Calendar

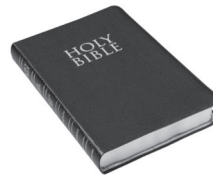
- Thursday Night Bible Study (Book of Acts) – September 2, 9, 16 and 23 at 6:00 PM. (Come grow in God's Word with us! We meet for about one hour. Can't make it every Thursday? No problem! Come when you can. All students are welcome!)
- September Social – Meet at the LSF House at 6:00 PM on Thursday, September 30, 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.

THIRD GRADE MILESTONE

As children entering the third grade are now able to read Scripture for themselves, we celebrate this **“Milestone”** by placing the Bible in their hands.



This is an important **“Milestone”** and we will be celebrating it in worship services the weekend of **September 11 and 12**. In the **“Milestone Celebration”** St. Martin's will present them with a Bible embossed with their name on the front cover. We encourage you, your whole family and extended family to attend this important event in your child's life.

Scripture tell us, **“Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” Psalm 119: 105.**

MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY

July 20, 2010 through August 18, 2010

BAPTISMS:

8/1—Austin William Wieczorek, born July 3, 2010, son of Daniel and Sheyann (Tullius) Wieczorek

8/15—Alexander Samuel Emery, born April 12, 2009, son of Samuel and Nicole (Alexander) Emery

RECOGNITION OF BAPTISM:

8/15—Isabella Pearl Alexander, born and baptized April 16, 2009, daughter of Joseph and Erin (Potter) Alexander

TRANSFERRED TO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT:

7/29—Louis Hansemann

FUNERAL:

8/5—Leslie N. Borgwardt, service 8/9

WEDDING:

8/7—Tonia Fishbaugher and Christopher Lecy



OFFICE NOTES

Please call or contact the church office when . . .

a member of your family is ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL—locally or out-of-town—so that visits can be made. The hospitals can not notify us without your permission to do so.

you are HOMEBOUND and wish the pastor to call; when you would like homebound COMMUNION; or would like to receive an audio tape of the Sunday service.

your church group is planning a MEETING or ACTIVITY, so that it can be placed on the CALENDAR.

PLANNING A WEDDING, which will be held at St. Martin's, contact the church office and pastor to place it on the calendar(s) BEFORE making any other commitments or signing contracts.

a new BABY ARRIVES; and when PLANNING FOR BAPTISM. (Contact Pastor to make an appointment to plan for the baptism and to complete the information form.)

When you or a member of your family goes to COLLEGE; enters the MILITARY, MARRIES, or ESTABLISHES A HOME. Please let us know the complete ADDRESS.

when you are PLANNING TO MOVE—out-of-town or locally, let us know your new address and date it's effective; and/or when your home or cell PHONE NUMBER changes.

when you relocate temporarily (WINTER HOME) please notify the church office of the winter address and telephone number and also the dates they are in effect.

you are relocating out of the area to request a LETTER OF TRANSFER OR RELEASE when you find a new church home.

a NEW FAMILY moves into your neighborhood.

you feel the church can assist you in any way.

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Pastor Moore (home).....474-0355
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School Fax Line.....452-8992
Church e-mail address.....church@stmartinswinona.org
School e-mail address.....school@stmartinswinona.org
Church web site.....www.stmartinswinona.com

WORSHIP SERVICE TRANSPORTATION



The taxi cab ride service is provided by St. Martin's to enable members, who do not have transportation, to attend worship services. The service is available for the three weekend services. To use this service contact the church office and a number will be assigned to you and procedures explained.

Your gift in support of this non-budget service, over and above your regular gifts for the Lord's work, is welcomed. Just write "cab service" and the amount on the blank line on your contribution envelope and place it in the offering plate.

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

Holly Fruetel and Family
Curtis Huwald
Christgen Pierce
Joyce Starks
Shelley Voelker
Gregory Williams

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MESSENGER September 2010



The Fall Quarter of Sunday School

begins September 12, 2010

9:15 am to 10:15 am

Classes for 3-year old through 8th grade.

Opening service in the church sanctuary.

Parents are invited to attend.