

The Churchline

A Christ-centered Family Church Growing Forward Together

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When a church loses their pastor, it takes time to understand and accept this loss. While not everyone feels the same degree of loss, there is a larger sense of grief that must be moved through. This is especially when the pastor has had a long tenure and a deep connection like Pastor Adrian had with St. Martin. When churches press on too quickly to find a new pastor, they often end up, unintentionally, setting up the new pastor for a short pastorate. This is similar to when a person loses their spouse to death or divorce then falls in love rather quickly on the “rebound.” What often happens with such relationships is that the new person is related to as the one who was lost, instead of as who they actually are in their uniqueness.

It’s hard to avoid this dynamic. That’s why we must give ourselves the time to face the fact that loss changes things. Simply stated, St. Martin is different now than when it called Rev. Adrian. The world is different. High Ridge has changed. And this means that we need to reacquaint ourselves with who we are, where God is calling us, and who might be the best person to shepherd us into this exciting and challenging future.

Just last week we took a great first step together into this future. Our first **Hopeful Conversations** after worship on May 7 was both well attended and filled with good attention. We had six very vibrant conversations going at once. As I walked around the room and eavesdropped, I was able to listen in on all sorts of heartfelt stories about how and why you are connected to St. Martin. We all have a hunger to be heard, and hearing out our heritage is essential. It shows us how God has been involved in our flourishing. These moments offer good clues to how God might be suggesting possibilities for our future.

Thank you, St. Martin. Thank you for this wonderful beginning to our interim process. Thank you to the 40 or so participants who joined us for lunch and conversation. Thank you to our Search Committee for all their gifted and generous work: Grace Self (chairperson), Rev. John Allen, Joan Cavanagh, John Cole, Cheryl Patton, and Diana Ross. We will take your input and stories to heart as we compose our Congregational Profile and set up our next opportunity to listen and discern.

May we continue to trust these words of the Apostle Paul to guide us throughout this process:

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (Philippians 4:8)

Gratefully,
Pastor Terry



USHERS

- 6-4 Dale Rose Fred Dishner
- 6-11 Marie Gates
- 6-18 Jim Bauer Clardean Schmieder
- 6-25 Gary Malone Shirley Ogden
Richard Small Nancy Huck

**Fellowship Hour
8:30-9:20**

- 6-4 Don & Evelyn
- 6-11 Shirley & Donna
- 6-18 Don & Grace
- 6-25 Gary & Gerri

- 7-2 Ginger & Bette
- 7-9 Lynn/Bev/Jane
- 7-16 Johnny & Bert
- 7-23 Craig & Glinda
- 7-30 Don & Evelyn

**Greeter Schedule
For Worship Service**

- 6-4 Grace Self
- 6-11 Gary Malone
- 6-18 Don Self
- 6-58 Fred Dishner



**Bible
Readings *for the Month***

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| 6-4 | Acts 2:1-21
Ps 104:24-34 | I Cor 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23 |
| 6-11 | Gen 1:1-2:4a
Ps 8 | II Cor 13:11-13
Matt 28:16-20 |
| 6-18 | Gen 18:1-15
Ps 100 | Rom 5:1-8
Matt 9:35-10:8 |
| 6-25 | Gen 21:8-21
Jer 20:7-13 | Rom 6:1b-11
Matt 10:24-39 |

READERS

- 6-4 Gerri Malone
- 6-11 Donna Goede
- 6-18 Don Self
- 6-25 Shirley Miller

June 18 will be Graduate Recognition Sunday. If you know of someone you want recognized, please send their name to the church office or Grace Self by June 11.

REMINDER: We still need memorabilia from any of our church family veterans for the display in the Fellowship Hall.

JUNE Anniversaries

15 Kenneth & Kay Diffey
22-Bill & Lisa Friebel

Thanks to the people who fold the Churchline in May. They are Frankie, Dick and Joan.

Our Church Mission:
To be responsible and caring in reaching out to all people so that everyone may experience the unconditional love and grace of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.



02 Bill Dautenhahn
04 Shirley Miller
09 Jill Bennett
10 Maggie Mills
12 Kay Diffey
12 Lisa Friebel
16 Sharon Cole
17 Harry Grupe
22 Carol Griffin
26 Ann Radeacker
27 Ed Self



Aluminum Cans

Please continue to bring your empty cans to the church-rinsed hopefully! Every little bit helps! Don't forget also to bring your newspapers, junk mail and magazines. Please do not add aluminum pie tins or foil to the cans since the center does not accept them, Thanks to everyone for remembering to bring cans to the container in the Fellowship Hall.

WOMENS FELLOWSHIP

Our meeting for June will be at Sisters Tea House in Fenton. We will meet at 11:30 a.m for lunch. We will have no meeting in July. Enjoy your summer break and join us the first Thursday in August as we prepare for the new activities of the Women's Fellowship. If you have never attended a meeting, August would be a great time to come join us!!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship met the first Saturday of June. We had a wonderful breakfast and fellowship. We are getting ready for Memorial Sunday with a light lunch and we have invited other veterans than our own. Hopefully and prayerfully we will be honored to share with them. The men worked around the church cutting and trimming the grass also picking up fallen tree limbs. We cleaned up the front of the church. John Cole and Ken Holke are getting bids for the roof on the sanctuary. Dale Rose put a metal guard over the door going outside by the elevator so the door won't leak any more. Don Self is gearing up to put a patio in front of the church by the new concrete walk. Don Ford is working on thermostats and electrical in the church. It is a blessing to see our men's fellowship working on our church.

God Bless, Fred

APRIL SHOWERS

Thank you for all the items we collected for Feed My People. There were very glad to get them. A total of 613 items was collected.

COUNCIL NEWS

At May's Church Council meeting we confirmed the date and times for this year's Vacation Bible School--July 17-21 beginning at 6:30 p.m. We hope all in our church family will encourage children, grandchildren and friends to attend. We also discussed the 150th anniversary coming up next year. Many volunteered to be a part of the planning process, so a committee meeting will be coming in June to start sharing ideas for ways to commemorate the anniversary! We will be scheduling the Pictorial Directory photos this fall. We will be using Universal Church Directory.

Graduate Recognition Sunday was set for June 18 and Strengthen the Church offering will be taken up on the first Sunday in June. Stewardship reported that 613 items were donated to Feed My People for April Showers and that we will again participate in Christmas in July to benefit the food pantry as well. Ginger Washington was selected as the chairman of Stewardship due to Dee's health issues. Grace gave an update on the Search Committee activities and asked the Council some important questions regarding the selection, we are all thinking and praying for the Search Committee as they work to create our church profile and develop a description of who we are and what type of minister we are seeking.

We as a Council are glad the flooding and storms of April have passed. If there are members who need assistance with these natural disasters or are dealing with health issues and could use assistance, please let any member of Council know and we will do our best to get the aid needed.

Donna Goede, Council President

Christian Education

Vacation Bible School will be here soon. This year we will be on a Journey to Congo! Monday, July 17 to Thursday, July 20, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. We welcome all children ages 3-12. Our initial planning meeting will be held Thursday, June 1, at 6:30, at Jane Small's house. This is a wonderful time to get involved with the children in our church and community. If you have a heart for teaching children, we would love your help organizing and participating in VBS. Please contact Jane or Liz for details or questions. Summer blessings to everyone!

ST. MARTIN PRESCHOOL

We will be holding one week of day camp on June 5-9 each day and still have openings if anyone knows of preschoolers who would like to join us. Enrollment for fall classes has also begun and again, any help in finding families who would like to bring their children to a Christian based preschool, just let Donna or Denise know! Thank you to those who have helped with the items on our wish list--the children loved the parachute play and we are looking forward to a picnic table and slide in the play yard. Some of these items have been promised.

SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Search Committee is continuing to meet. Thank you to those who stayed and voiced their opinions at the "Hopeful Conversations." We received some good information and will incorporate it in our church profile. Another Hopeful Conversation is being planned.

Please Remember These People in Prayer:

Shut-Ins

Virginia Ahlvers
Hazel Rose
Joan Roth

Health Concerns

Mary Ann Potthoff
Sheila Zagarri
Judy Cope
Ruth Hart
Virginia Smith
Dee St. Clair
Sara Back
Clare Grupe
Curtis Israel

If you know someone who needs to be added or removed from our prayer list, please contact the church office.



HOMEBOUND NEWS

The visits to St. Martin's Homebound Ladies were delayed a week because of flooded roads. Rev. Terry, Care Pastors Dorothy Scheer, and Frankie Small made the visits on May 9. All were doing well, very glad to see sunshine after lots of rain and gloomy days.

Other St. Martin members who Rev. Terry visited are Clare Grupe and Dee St. Clair. They are recovering in rehab centers and prayers for them are also needed.

God Bless
Care Pastors



Dec 2016 New Members Don & Carol



Communion Sunday



Welcome Reverend Terry



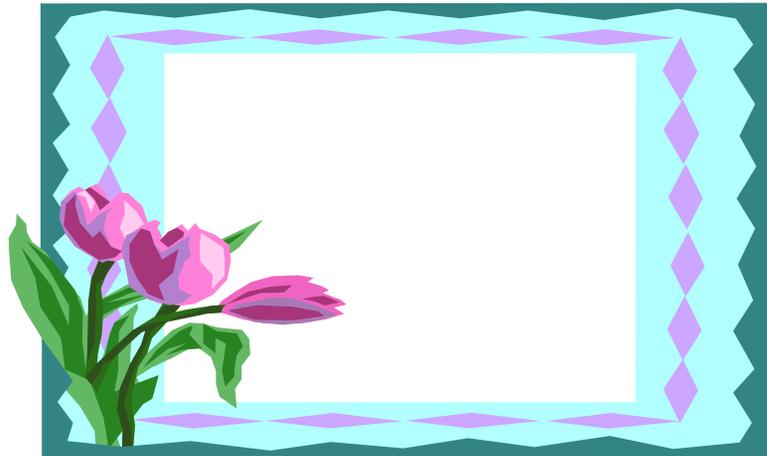
Congregational Gathering to determine who we are.

JUNE 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Women's Fellowship Lunch at Sister Tea Room 11:30 a.m.	2	3 9am Men's Fellowship
4 8:30 Fellowship Hour 9:30 Worship w/Communion & Children's Church Strengthen the Church offering	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 8:30 Fellowship Hour 9:30 Worship & Children's Church	12 Stewardship Mtg. 7:00 pm	13 Council Meeting 7:00pm	14	15	16	17
18 8:30 Fellowship Hour 9:30 Worship & Children's Church Graduates Recognized Father's Day	19 Churchline Articles are due	20 Search Committee 7:00p.m.	21	22	23	24
25 8:30 Fellowship Hour 9:30 Worship & Children's Church	26 Memorial Day	27 7pm Worship Mtg	28 9:00 AM Fold Churchline	29	30	

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THANK YOU!*

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