



ST. MARTIN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reaching, Bringing, Touching

October 2016

St. Martin Vision and Mission Month

Beginning in the last week of October, we are offering an exciting small group bible study opportunity. These small groups will be discussing the five purpose areas of the church, which will then coincide with Sunday worship and the Sunday morning Bible study.

Program schedule

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Purpose Area</u>
Oct. 30th-Nov 6th	Fellowship
Nov. 7th-13th	Ministry to the Community
Nov. 14th-20th	Discipleship
Nov. 21-27th	Evangelism
Nov 28th-Dec. 4th	Worship

Your participation in this endeavor is crucial as we continue to ask how we can uplift our gifts, and take a careful look at where we can improve on being the church and following God's mission for His church to make and equip disciples.

Sign-up sheets are in the narthex, which provide a variety of times and locations for the small group participation. Our wish is for every member of St. Martin to join one of the small groups. Even if you know you cannot attend all five small group gatherings, please still sign up and attend when you can.

In Christ's service, Pastor Jim

Welcome!

ST. MARTIN—LUTHERAN CHURCH

James Chinery, Pastor

Stephanie Revard, Worship Dir.

Randy Bickel, Family Life/Youth

Lori Quinn, Administrator

Renee Mason, Dir. POM

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Sunday Worship 8 am & 10:45 am

Wednesday 7 pm

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**Therefore go and make
disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name
of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit, and
teaching them to obey
everything I have
commanded you. And surely
I am with you always, to
the very end of the age.**

Matthew 28: 19-20



October 2016 Music Ministry Notes

From the New Director of Music at St. Martin: My name is Stephanie Revard and God has called me to St. Martin Lutheran Church to serve Him in this time and place as Director of Worship and Music.

Did you receive a letter? By now, all church members should have received a letter about serving as Praise Team singers, instrumentalists or choir vocalists.

Meetings have begun: We have begun meetings to assemble Praise Teams (Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.) and Church Choir (Rehearsals will begin on Mondays at 4:00 p.m. starting on October 10 with an Informational Meeting in the Sanctuary for interested choir members.)

Not Musically Gifted? Even if you are not musically gifted, we have needs in the Music Library, Soundbooth, Technology (Powerpoint slides) and Lighting as well as assisting me in various ways with all things music-related.

Music for All Ages I plan to involve worshipping members of all ages (from 3–99+) in Music Ministries during worship. There is something for everyone: including possible children's bell choir (using the colored Kristal Bells), smaller instrumental ensembles, both children's/youth and also adult instrumental ensembles as those gifted in these areas approach me to inform me of their talents, abilities and passions for serving the Lord through Music.

The Focus of Worship

The goal of our Lutheran Worship Services here at St. Martin is to point each worshipper to God's Saving Grace found in Jesus. The primary focus of worship is God's Word and The Lord's Supper. We discover God's will for our lives when we are in His Word. We receive forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith when we receive Jesus' Body and Blood.

Live Music v. Pre-Recorded Production

Because I have a different skill set than our previous music directors, Contemporary Worship will be a somewhat different experience for the congregation as we are now using primarily "live" music led by our Praise Team. This is an adjustment for some and may take some time to understand. In my former congregation, my primary focus was leading the worshipper to God's Word through music.

This will be my focus here, as I know it is the reason God has called me to serve. I will not be making a pre-recorded show during the preceding week to use on Sunday; however, I will be utilizing the wonderful gifts of our musicians as we lead music that points the worshippers to God's Word and the saving works of Christ.

Each month, a contemporary song or hymn will be posted here. Please reflect on the lyrics and how they tie into God's Word and His Will for your life.

Stephanie Revard, Director of Worship

The Heart of Worship

Michael W. Smith

When the music fades, All is stripped away
And I simply come, Longing just to bring
Something that's of worth, That will bless Your heart
I'll bring You more than a song, For a song in itself
Is not what You have required

You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart
I'm coming back to the heart of worship

And it's all about You, It's all about You, Jesus
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You,, It's all about You, Jesus
King of endless worth, No one could express
How much You deserve, Though I'm weak and poor

All I have is Yours
Every single breath, I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself, Is not what You have required

You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart
I'm coming back to the heart of worship

And it's all about You,, It's all about You, Jesus
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
And it's all about You,, It's all about You, Jesus
I'm coming back to the heart of worship

**Songwriter: Matt Redman The Heart of Worship lyrics ©
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Prayer List

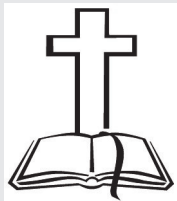
Jason Weigandt
 Paul Helmrich
 Mike Krohn
 Rose Stiger
 Jack Lawrence
 John
 Terry Minar
 Wayne Samson & Fam
 June
 Leigh Ochoa
 Janice Young Schmidt
 Sierra Walker
 Terri Wesener
 Janet Brehaut
 Nancy Bishop
 Carolyn Deshone
 Denny
 Bill E.

Thanksgiving

Joe & Lyn's 25th

Church Triumphant

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Michigan Ranks No. 2 in Human Trafficking -What You Need to Know

Human Trafficking and Sex Trafficking , The Myths The Dangers, The Resources. It affects every county in Michigan and our small towns are not exempt. This presentation is appropriate for ages 7th grade through adult. Please join us Tuesday, October 18th, 6:30 pm at St. Martin Lutheran Church as Melissa Steiner from Underground Railroad shares on this important topic.

HARVEST FEST 2016

Harvest Fest is right around the corner. Bring your family out for a night of games, food and trunk or treating. This is a safe way for the kids to have Halloween fun and for the adults to socialize. No running house to house - especially if it's cold and rainy. October 31st from 530p - 7p. Watch for the pumpkin patch to donate items for this event. It's always a fantastic time. Please pray for God's blessings on a successful event.



MISSIONAL LIVING TRAINING EVENT

Saturday, November 5, 2016 | Our Savior, Lansing

Is following Jesus and sharing our faith simple? Most would disagree, but pastor and author Greg Finke lays out just how simple it is to be an everyday missionary, right where God has already placed us! It's about enjoying people, watching for Jesus at work in their lives, and being available for God's purpose. Join us for this exciting Missional Living Training Event on Saturday, November 5, 2016, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$10/person and includes lunch. Call the church office for