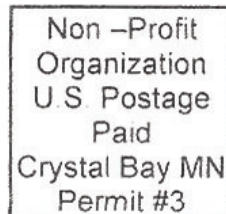




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Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday

8:30: Procession of Palms begins in the Church

10:30: Procession of the Palms begins in the Sam Cook Room - Palm Sunday Reader's Theatre presented by St. Martin's Youth

Maundy Thursday

6:30 pm: The Foot Washing, and Stripping of the Altar. Children begin downstairs, then join us for Holy Communion.

Prayer Vigil

7:30pm-8:00am: Jesus asked, "Will you not stay with me for one hour?" Spend an hour or more at the Altar of Repose, following the stripping of the Altar on Maundy Thursday, through 8am on Good Friday.

Good Friday Tenebrae

6:30pm: Tenebrae, means "shadows", and is one the ancient liturgies for Holy Week, with readings and music. Children will meet downstairs for the Stations of the Cross.

Easter Vigil with Baptism

6:30pm: The Vigil begins in the Sam Cook Room then moves to the Church for the first Eucharist of Easter.

Easter Sunday

7:00am: Easter Day Holy Communion in the Sam Cook Room

8:30am and 10:30am: Easter Day Holy Communion in the Church

9:30 and 11:30am: Easter Egg Hunt

Easter II, April 27th

Annual Spring Brunch, 9:30 am

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Easter Hope, Living Reality

We spent our Lenten journey at St. Martin's exploring Simple Faith: Building a Christian Life from the Ground Up. We started at ground level and moved week by week up a little higher, moving from our basic need for God all the way up through Holy Week. While it is trite to say that Easter is not just about bunnies, blossoms and chocolate eggs, it has become increasingly unclear in our post-modern culture, and often even in our mainline churches, what exactly Easter is.

The late John Updike, author and Episcopal Christian, did understand Easter. In his Seven Stanzas for Easter he wrote:

Make no mistake: if He rose at all, It was as His body; If the cell's dissolution did not reverse, the molecules reknit, the amino acids rekindle, the Church will fall.

Let us not mock God with metaphor, Analogy, sidestepping, transcendence; Making of the event a parable, a sign painted in the Faded credulity of earlier ages: Let us walk through the door.

That door is simple faith and belief in the physical resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. In many ways our approach in building simple faith had it backwards, or at least that is how the early Christians would have seen it. We can't really begin with God or get at God, or at least *this* God, without

getting there through the resurrection. For this is what those early Christians --the women who first encountered the risen Christ on Easter morning, or the men who ran to find the empty tomb, or the disciples on the road to Emmaus-- declared to each other. That declaration: **Christos Aneste , Alithos Anesti** "Christ is Risen, He Has Risen Indeed!" And because He is risen He is, as Thomas declared, after meeting the risen Christ, "My Lord and My God."

The Apostle Paul writing a mere 20 years after that first Easter quotes what most scholars believe to be an ancient baptismal hymn which makes clear the early Christian understanding: "*the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.*" Roman 1: 1-4

Because Christ is risen we have more than just hope, we have the reality of a living God made known to us through a living Jesus. Because Christ is risen our lives can be fully liberated from the fear of death. Simple faith in the risen One introduces us to resurrected, hope and joy filled reality. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Christ is Risen, the Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

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St. Martin's People



Who are you?
This is a picture of me, Char Hovi, taken by my daughter during my last trip to CA. It was unseasonably chilly thus a fur vest.

What drives your life, where do you live, how long have you attended St Martin's, & why did you anchor here?
My home is in Edina which does not make St Martin's a logical choice, however, a little over 5 years ago one of my daughters was going to be married here and so I started attending. And once Jack Kimball corralled me into working on Country Harvest, I was in: hook, line, and Anchor!

What do you do outside the church?
When not involved with church, I have an art and framing showroom at the IMS in Minneapolis named Visual Arts which I have done for 22 years. In my other free time, I am very active with the Guthrie theater, working out, and 2 book clubs one of which is a Mother Daughter group.

What's best about St Martin's?
This community of friends and believers are what makes St. Martin's so special to me. They all are the best!

St. Martin's Youth Really Big Lock-In!

Imagine a night where St. Martin's is filled with fifty teenagers, our youth and their friends. We'll also be joined by youth and leaders from Minneapolis Believer's in Christ Church from Minneapolis's North Side.

We'll begin at St. Martin's in the Church with praise and Worship, and a word from our friend Rev. Joe Sutton. We'll have activities here at the Church, then head out by bus to the Air Maxx Trampoline Park in Eden Prairie and have it all to ourselves for three hours, then back to St. Martin's for a true stay awake if you like Lock-In with amazing activities on each of our three floors. (There'll also be separate guys and girls nap rooms for those who must sleep.)

The Airmaxx Trampoline Park includes an Arcade, Laser Tag, and Mini Golf. St. Martin's will have the U-Pick-the-Movie-Animation

-Marathon, the We Be Gaming X-Box Room, the Relaxo-Spa, the Jammin' Game Space, and the All-You-Can-Eat-Snack-N-Breakfast Trough. Yeah, all that and so much more!

Also, the St. Martin's student who invites the most friends—by the deadline--wins a Grand Prize for them and their friends. This year's prize: \$10 AMC Theater Gift Cards

To make an event like this work we also need support from many people. There are also many ways you can support our youth, volunteer to chaperone, provide security, provide snacks, make breakfast, and more. Here are some of our needs:

- Six stay-awake Adult Chaperones
- Four Security people to guard our exits
- Set-up Crew

- Breakfast and Clean-Up Crew
- Spa and Games Room Supplies
- Snacks

Sign-up is at the Church.

So, let's get behind our youth! Parents please encourage your child to attend. Students please invite friends. Congregation, please consider volunteering. April 25th, 7:00pm-April 26th, 8:00am. Cost: \$25 per person, \$20 per person for you and any two or more friends you can bring. Deadline: Wednesday, April 23rd.



St. Martin's New Nursery Person
WELCOME to Jessamyn Senneka our new nursery person. Jessamyn worked in the nursery during high school, we are glad to have her back. Jessamyn is a senior at St. Kate's University in St. Paul. Jessie is the daughter of Skip and Mary Senneka.

Spring Brunch Sunday, April 27th
St. Martin's cordially invites one and all to the SPRING BRUNCH on Sunday, April 27th at 9:30am. Please join us for quiche, salad, fruit and dessert as we continue to CELEBRATE the Resurrection!! This event is hosted by the Brothers & Sisters of St. Martin's.

St. Martin's Confirmation
The Class of 2014 will be confirmed Saturday, May 10, 11 am at the Cathedral

of Our Merciful Saviour, Faribault.

Memorial Day Picnic
Sunday, May 25th - Mark your calendars & plan to bring a dish to share! More information upcoming in Sunday bulletins.

Family Camp
Wed. June 25th through Sun. June 29th at Camp Chi Rho in Annandale, MN. Come for FUN & FELLOWSHIP any combination of days or nights! Check out the camp site at www.chirhocenter.org Contact Jack/Barb Kimball kimballjac@aol.com with questions.

Sr Hi Mission to Pine Ridge South Dakota
June 13th-21st (Deadline, May 1st). We depart St. Martin's on the afternoon of June 13th; and return

the evening of June 21st. \$400 per student. (Scholarships available! Invite a friend and each pays \$300; invite two friends and each pays \$200.) Sometimes you need to travel far to make a difference so that you can come home and be the difference. This summer we are looking for at least ten Sr Hiers to travel to Pine Ridge South Dakota to serve with Youthworks, one of the leading faith-based student serving organizations in the country and with Crazy Horse School. Forms are attached.

Adventure Camp @ Crosswoods
July 20th-25th. Deadline June 1st. We depart St. Martin's after the 10:30 service; and return by 6pm on Friday. \$350 per

St. Martin's by the Lake's Mission

Because we believe the Gospel transforms, renews and changes lives, St. Martin's by the Lake is a vibrant Christian community welcoming all to Worship our God, Grow our Faith and Love our world.

student. (Scholarships available.) Camp Crosswoods is an amazing place to test your body, make friends and grow in your trust of God! From High Ropes to the Rave Raft, Mountain Biking to Kayaking, from Rock Climbing to Camp Games like James Bond: there's always an adventure at Crosswoods. Forms are attached.

Save the Dates for Episcopal Creative Arts Day Camp (ECAD) 2014
Episcopal Creative Day Camp, the collaborative efforts of several Episcopal churches, will again be offered during the summer of 2014! Please mark your calendars for July 28th – August 1, 2014 9:00am to 3:00pm at Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral. To register visit: www.ourcathedral.org/events

Vestry News

Website News
We are finally seeing some of the early signs of the seasonal change from winter to spring. Appropriate to the change of seasons, both meteorologic and liturgical, you will soon see changes in our St. Martin's website. In the next few weeks, we will be unveiling a website that is fresher and easier to update. We hope that this will be another tool that will allow us to communicate more quickly and accurately all the wonderful events and activities of the parish.

Once the website is operational, we hope that all of the ministries of St. Martin's will take advantage of it to share their news.

St. Martin's Gardens
One of the other joys of spring is the opportunity to plant and beautify our grounds. Last summer we had a small but dedicated group of volunteers who helped to maintain our gardens and grounds. We will again be looking for volunteers for that ministry. If you have an interest in planting or weeding or other outdoor maintenance, please let me know so that we can include you on our team.

Be watching the calendar for a spring work day on which we will be doing maintenance both inside and outside the church building.
Alison Humphrey, Senior Warden

Your faith, your family, your values!