



## The Cloak

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### Lent at St. Martin's by the Lake

#### CHILDREN AND FAMILY LENTEN-EASTER PROGRAM

A portion of the four special Lenten services will be offered with children's spiritual formation in mind. At each of the liturgies listed below, those children and interested adults will gather downstairs in the St. Martin's Hall. A Godly Play teacher will use the biblical stories, rituals and symbols with simplicity, silence and visuals to help those present understand and engage the meaning of this season and the particular liturgy.

#### March 5, 6:30 - Ash Wednesday Liturgy

- Burn palms from last Palm Sunday and make ashes for the imposition
- Talk about the season of Lent
- Join congregation in sanctuary for Holy Eucharist

#### April 17, 6:30 - Maundy Thursday

- Experience Jesus' Last Passover using Godly Play presentation
- Join congregation in sanctuary for Holy Eucharist and Foot Washing

#### April 18, 6:30 - Good Friday

- Experience Jesus' crucifixion using Godly Play lesson and Stations of the Cross
- Join congregation in sanctuary for vigil around the Cross

#### April 19, 6:30 - Children's Easter Vigil

- Experience Easter Vigil biblical stories acted out by children and using Godly Play presentations
- Experience lighting of Paschal Candle, first Alleluia and Holy Eucharist of Easter

#### April 20, 8:30 & 10:30 - Easter Sunday

- Easter Egg Hunt for Children following each service

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### Holy Week 2014

Palm Sunday  
April 13th,  
8:30 & 10:30am  
Maundy Thursday  
April 17th, 6:30pm  
Good Friday  
April 18th, 6:30pm  
Easter Vigil  
April 19th, 6:30pm  
Easter Sunday  
April 20th,  
7:00am, 8:30am,  
10:30am

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## Simple Faith: Building a Christian Life From the Ground Up—Rev. Dave

On Ash Wednesday we heard the words: "I invite you in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." We begin our journey with Jesus to Jerusalem being reminded that, "you are dust and to dust you shall return."

Sadly, many people have little problem not only beginning, but staying there. The storms of life have battered them pretty hard, grinding them down to the dust. Thankfully, our God does not leave us there. And so many people long to build the life God has designed for them, a good, beautiful and joyful life, but often don't know where to start. That is why we do Lent as a Church, it is a wonderful opportunity to return to the basics of the faith and learn to live a faithful life.

I hope this doesn't come as a shock for you, but even seasoned Christians, clergy included, need Lent for this very reason. Worn out and wearied by the struggles and challenges of life we need to return to the very basics on a regular basis. To recall that our true identity, regardless of the repeated messages of the world around us, comes di-

rectly from God.

During this Lenten season we are offering multiple opportunities to re-learn our identity in God. Our Sunday services will be built around the theme of Simple Faith: Building a Christian Life from the Ground-Up. The Sunday's of Lent will remind us, in order, of: Our need for God; the Reality of Jesus; the God's Living Presence; the Need for Grace; and Our Hope in the Resurrection. Basic and necessary stuff.

I will also be presenting the Lenten Adult Forum series. Our Sunday Forums during Lent will focus on the most commonly asked questions compiled by the Alpha Team at the home of the Alpha Course, Holy Trinity Brompton, London, the questions we will seek to answer are: 'Why Does God Allow Suffering?', 'Is There A Conflict Between Science and Christianity?', 'What About the New Spirituality?', 'Does Religion Do More Harm Than Good?', 'Is the Trinity Unbiblical, Unbelievable, and Irrelevant?', and 'Is Faith Irrational?'

And of course there is also the Alpha Course itself, which has filled with twenty-four guests.

In Lent we begin being reminded that we are but dust, we will finish on Easter being amazed by a God who turns dust into the object of His love and pleasure.



## St. Martin's People

### Who are you?

I'm David Mowers. I'm the seminarian intern here at St Martin's, I am working on becoming ordained as a priest. I'm interning at St Martins to gain practical experience - by participating in the liturgy, preaching, doing pastoral visitation, and generally serving wherever I can. I was married last October at St Martin's to my wife Elizabeth, who is an attorney.

### What drives your life?

I'm passionate about Jesus and about having Him shape the way that we live our daily lives.

### Where do you live?

We live in New Brighton with our cat Olivia.

### How long have you attended St Martin's?

I began working here at St Martin's in January. We anticipate that my internship will last until the end of the summer.

### Why did you anchor here?

Rev. Dave and I had worked together at Messiah Episcopal in St. Paul, my home parish. When it came time for me to find a church and a pastor who were willing to host me for an internship, I was excited to work with Rev. Dave again.

### What do you do outside the church?

I work at Bethel University in Arden Hills, in the Registrar's Office.

### What's best about St Martin's?

I'm still new around here, of course, but one thing is the honesty with which folks at St. Martin's talk about addiction and recovery. I am convinced that recovery work is a part of what Jesus was getting at when he said his mission was to "proclaim liberty to the captives" (Luke 4.18).



## St. Martin'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.

## Faith Formation Schedule Changes

As we shared in the last Cloak:

"Several years ago a new worship schedule as well as Christian Education hour was introduced here. The creation of the Education Hour, and the inclusion of children in worship had strong, and even overwhelming support.

Since the changes were made we have seen a larger early service worship attendance; for much of the year the service has doubled in size. Some of that growth came at the expense of the 10:30 service, which was also to be expected.

We have also attempted to introduce various elements

into the 10:30 service to make it truly inter-generational.

In spite of the faithful input and work of many people, we have seen a gradual decline in 10:30 service attendance. So, it is time to assess the direction of our worship. "

With input from our Children's Faith Formation, Worship and Youth Teams, a parent Focus Group met to assess our Faith Formation Schedule. Based on fairly unanimous feedback changes in our Faith Formation schedule will take place immediately on a trial basis.

Starting in Lent, and running through Pentecost, our Children's Godly Play program will

have a new start time. Families are asked to have their children downstairs at 10:15am on Sunday in time to join the circle; children and their teachers will "re-enter" for Holy Communion at the Offertory.

Our Youth and Confirmation Classes and Youth Group will also move to Wednesday nights at 6:30pm starting March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Our Adult Forum will still meet at the 9:30 Education Hour. That hour is available to be used as a rehearsal time for occasional Youth Arts Players productions, Praise Band and Choir practice, and family activities.

## Vestry News

We are thankful for the positive news at our Annual Parish Meeting in January. It is not often that we can tell stories of Stewardship Campaigns that exceed expectations, and an overall healthy picture.

It is also important to thank all those who have served on our Vestry. Dave Howard, our Sr. Warden, and Vestry members Tom Tuttle, Dick Oliver and David Rients served this Church faithfully and well.

At the Annual Meeting we also shared the reality that there were still a number of slots to fill in our Vestry ranks. We have good news to report. While there is still room for an additional vestry member, and the search for a new Treasurer continues,

we have an operational Vestry for 2014:

**Sr. Warden**  
Alison Humphrey

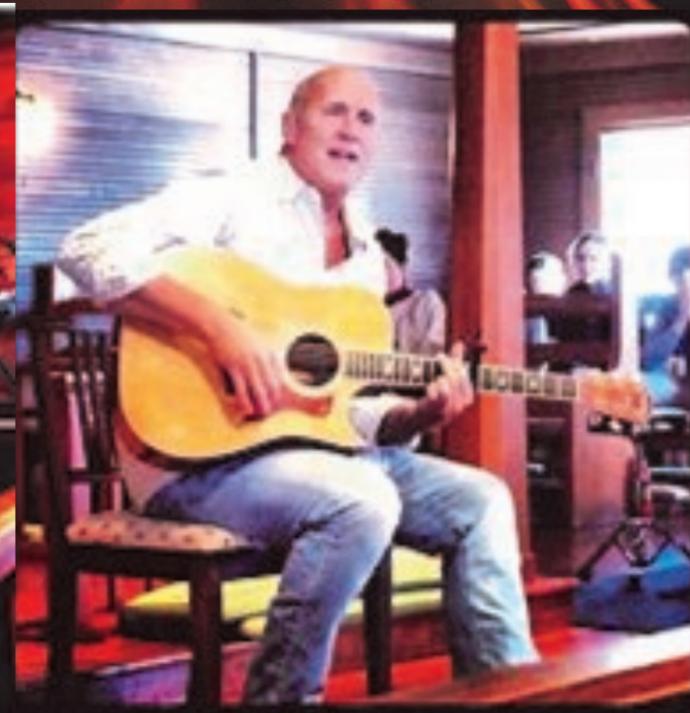
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Jeff Dayton with the St. Martin's Youth Praise Band.



## St. Martin's by the Lake Ministry Opportunities

### Feed My Starving Children

All are invited! We have reservations for 30 people. St. Martin's Lenten project will be to pack food for Feed My Starving Children on **Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 9am to 11am**. We will meet at the Chanhassen location at 18732 Lake Drive east. The age requirement is 5 years of age and up, FMSC does require one adult for every child 5 to 7yrs old.

### Penny Hike

Heads or tails, we'll pick a trail and explore according to the penny toss. We may find spring flowers, frogs singing, and a big stick fort. **Lowry Nature Center, Sunday, 4/6/2014 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM.**

This activity is for everyone at St. Martin's to participate. Head out after lunch at the church and enjoy a spring afternoon with your friends from St. Martin's. We are

asking everyone during Lent to save your pennies and other change so we can make a difference in someone's life. 22 cents provides one meal through Feed My Starving Children. Sign up at the Church.

### Inquirers' Session on Tuesday, April 15, 6:30-8:30

The Rev. Dr. Anne Miner-Pearson will facilitate an evening conversation on the Episcopal Church and our Anglican roots. The topics will range from the history to theology, to the Book of Common Prayer and ethics. Any adult interested in learning more or reviewing is invited. For those considering officially becoming an Episcopalian, this is the spring session to attend for the Laying-on-of-Hands service, Saturday,

May 17th. Please contact Anne: [anneminer-pearson@comcast.net](mailto:anneminer-pearson@comcast.net).

### St. Martin's Nursery Person

Do you know someone who is looking for a job or would like to make extra money? St. Martin's By-The-Lake is looking for a nursery person. You need to be available on Sundays 8:30 and 10:30 services, Easter services, Christmas Eve 4pm and 6:30pm services and other special events at the church. If interested please e-mail a copy of your resume to [smartins@mchsi.com](mailto:smartins@mchsi.com) and we will contact you to set up an interview.

### Communications Feedback

You may have noticed that St. Martin's communica-

tions methods and format have been changing over the last few months. This is part of an ongoing effort to make sure all of our members and friends have access to the information they need about events and news at St. Martin's. We welcome comments, input and ideas from communication's practitioners and members of the parish to help us improve our communication efforts. Please contact Communications Team Chair Cami Farley: [cfarley@wayzatacommunitychurch.org](mailto:cfarley@wayzatacommunitychurch.org)

### Summer Youth Ministry News

Sr. Hi Mission to Pine Ridge June 14th-21st  
Adventure Camp @ Crosswoods - July 20th-25th

### Really Big Spring Lock In

Watch this Space for Info!!!

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