

Martin's Lutheran Church



June 2021



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

If you take the time, Paul has a lot of wisdom in his writings, but I would also say he has a lot of challenges for the different Christian communities that he is addressing and still for us today. Paul is holding Christians to a standard of how to live with and love one another in community. He sets the bar high with expectations of living our day to day lives, but also that we are to remain focused on how we are all to do this thing called life together as the body of Christ. Here is an example of what I am talking about from Paul's letter to the Philippians, "Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel." (1:27 NRSV) It matters how we treat and take care of one another for the sake of the gospel message for others to see and experience.

Our commitment to each other as sisters and brothers in Christ is super important. We together as members of Martin's have made an agreement that we would support and care for one another. We see this in many ways, like the benefit that we just had for Mike Krabbenhoft, we were able together to raise a little over \$3,000 to help with his needs having been battling the effects of COVID for over a year. We see this in our many education leaders who have stepped up to help teach our children the gospel message that is filled with God's love for all His people regardless of age or any other category we want to put people into. You see we all have been given our unique gifts and talents to support and care for one another in community. An example of this is, where would we be without teachers in our school systems? It is their job to prepare us all for the future filled with hope to use the gifts we unpack during that time, finding out our strengths for the days ahead to serve our communities. Look at farmers, where would we be without them? I do not know about you, but I would probably not survive long without the food they produce for our tables. We are all called to do our part and I believe that is what Paul is talking about when he says, "... whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, ...".

Week after week, month after month, our leaders ask that we make announcements for assistance and needs and many of them are filled when it comes to one-time events, but the needs for continuing parts of our ministry programs do not always get filled. Here is a link to our needs for volunteering for Altar Guild, Sound Booth, and Ushering, [Volunteer Needs | Martin's Lutheran Church \(martinslutheran.org\)](https://martinslutheran.org/volunteer-needs). We can use your help to support your church family in these areas.

What are your plans for the summer? Hopefully, you will be able to do some of the things that you have not been able to do for a while; to go and visit family or friends, or maybe go to a destination that you have not been to for some time, and you want to go back again. If you are like me, there are many things that you have on your new normal bucket list that you want to do. I believe that part of what Paul is saying also, are you taking good care of yourself, not just physically, but mentally/emotionally and spiritually as well. It is

my prayer for all of us that we can all work on this healing together this summer, as I know firsthand for myself that it is indeed something that I need to work on, as I have been struggling. Blessings to you all as we transition into a new season, filled with His love to share with one another in any way that we can!!!

Peace,

Pastor Mike



What is Ordinary Time?

Pentecost comes from the Greek word that means “fiftieth.” This 50th day after Easter celebrates the “birthday” of the church with the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out on God’s people gathered together. On that day, as told in Acts 2, there was a strong wind and what appeared as flames of fire that rested on each of them as the Holy Spirit filled the people and enabled them to communicate with others they normally would not be able to speak to because they grew up speaking different languages. It is an extraordinary event and a celebration of the church that reminds us how powerful the Holy Spirit is to accomplish God’s mission through us in ways that are beyond what we can often imagine. This birthday of the church relates to baptism as the time we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit marking our new birth in faith belonging to God’s family and shining the light of Christ in the world.

Following Pentecost is Holy Trinity Sunday, recognizing our awareness of God in the unity and personhood of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. After these significant celebrations of the church we start marking the days as to how many days have passed after Pentecost until Christ the King Sunday which is the last day of the church year before a new year begins with Advent, the end of November or the beginning of December. So, this largest portion of time in the Christian liturgical calendar that follows Pentecost is sometimes called “ordinary time” because there are not many festivals or celebrations during those 25 weeks. The liturgical color is green like this stole from my home congregation. The Gospel readings often recount Jesus’ ministry like miraculously feeding the crowds, healing the sick, calming the storms, and teaching with parables. These seem anything but ordinary to me.



This year I think we are all looking forward to something “ordinary” which , for us, likely means a time of travel and getting together with family and friends. We are figuring out if it is ok to hug, shake hands, and spend time together indoors again without wearing masks. We are looking forward to less stress and breathing easy, hopefully having made it through a pandemic. Of course, it is still too early to claim everything is back to normal or even that a new normal has been reached, but much progress has been made to decrease the spread of COVID-19 here. We still see some cases of illness in our area and certainly some countries across the world are overwhelmed in trying to care for the sick.

In these times, we hold on to our faith and daily look to God to feed us with hope through the Bible and stories of Jesus carrying out God's ministry to feed, heal, forgive, and save us. This summer may we join in the "ordinary" work of Jesus as we enjoy the gifts God has given us in this life and grow our compassion for the suffering of others that we might support the work that sustains life and healthy communities here and across the globe.

Peace,
Pastor Keith

ELCA Youth Gathering 2022

The ELCA Youth Gathering dates are July 24-28, 2022.

For those going into 8th-12th grades this Fall, start making plans for next summer! We need registration information and a non-refundable deposit of \$150 by September 22nd so look for more information to come in September, but be thinking and planning now so you will be ready when we need to register our group with the Early Bird discounted rate! We will need to set up fundraising opportunities through the coming program year to help cover the travel, hotel, food, offering, and the additional \$200 of the registration cost.



Did you know there are two pre-events to the Gathering? One is "the tAble" pre-event, July 21-24 for ages 14-18 who live with a wide range of physical, cognitive, and emotional disabilities. The Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) is the other pre-event also July 21-24. These pre-events cost \$190 and can be a fun and intentional time of growth for individuals to become wise and courageous witnesses to their faith as they prepare for the experience of the large Gathering to follow.

Also, volunteers can apply now to help make the Gathering run smoothly. If you will be 19 years old at the time of the Gathering and can commit that entire week, July 22-28, 2022, as a volunteer, then consider the Gathering Volunteer Corps (GVCs) or Servant Companions application found online through the ELCA Gathering website.

Scan the QR Code to watch the video and connect through social media to find out more.



Thank you to the volunteers that are working and have worked on making Vacation Bible School a success this summer.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 14th – 7:00pm

Jerome called the meeting to order.

Present-Jerome Crandall, Todd Erickson, Monica Haugen, Pastor Walka, Melissa Grommesh, Pastor Jacobson, Stacy Link, Derek Flanagan, Josiah Crandall.

Opening Devotions led by Pastor Jacobson.

Secretary Report-Minutes from March 10, 2021 were discussed. Todd made a motion, Stacy seconded, to accept the minutes.

Financial Report-Pastor Mike went through the Financials in Broc's absence. He went through the Rev/Exp report. He also talked about some new reports that were created to show the council where the Office Manager gets the dollar amount that is applied to the Principal payment at the end of the month. Fund Summary by Date was the chosen report. Melissa made a motion, Stacy seconded, to approve the financials. The April bills were presented Todd made a motion, Derek seconded, to approve the bills. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Worship/Media-Derek said finding ushers is proving to be a challenge. He is contacting people by email and text right now and is wondering if we should try different forms of communication. He is going to set up a sign-up genius and send it to Pastor Mike to be emailed to the Congregation.

Education-Stacy said there are 2 weeks of Sunday School left. She said last week was awesome with a great turnout. She has gotten several volunteers without asking for VBS. She has another meeting planned for VBS planning.

Property-Todd said the grounds got seeded a week ago. We got rain and snow after the seeding, so he is hopeful for good growth. There was a meeting last night with Sheyenne Garden to help with planning.

Social Outreach and Ministry-Monica is hoping to meet with Wendy Mensing to begin planning for the Summerfest lunch.

Fellowship and Support Committee-Melissa has met with the Funeral group to create a menu page for families to choose from for morning and afternoon funerals.

Old Business

Building project Update:

Stained Glass Window Warranty-Jerome talked about the stained-glass window in the balcony having a couple squares in the wrong place. Terry will be coming and fixing that.

Carpet and Tile Warranty-The tile guys will be coming to work on the sacristy floor and the family bathroom.

JDP Electric Bid-The conversation started about the 2 lights above the chancel area and to look at the idea of extra lights along the sides because it is dark. Grotberg said they have too many big jobs to come back to give us a quote. JDP gave a bid of \$7,790.00. Broc brought up the question of whether we want to spend the money. Pastor Mike gave examples of where money could come from. Ex: Building Fund, Memorial Funds, and some of the Council Money. Todd made a motion to go forward with the scope of the bid using Building Funds. Broc seconded. Stacy wants to go over the funding options for clarification. Motion passed.

Garage Proposals-The proposals range from the largest 24'x24'-\$19,000 to a single car size option-\$8,000 from the school. The color options come from the Menards sample sheet and the colors could match the church. The students would like to get the concrete poured this year so the current students could help. In the

fall two other classes would do the building itself. Broc made a motion to proceed with building a 24'x24' garage with the condition of having the funding in place, Todd seconded. Motion passed.

Food Serving Policy/Guidelines-If we go to masks recommended then Melissa thinks we should return to serving food at the same time.

Mask Policy-Melissa suggested May 3rd might be a good time to go to recommended masks because Sunday School will be done and gets us past Confirmation. All residents in ND have had an opportunity to get vaccinated. Pastor Mike cited examples of what some other area churches are doing. He feels that as a council and congregation we have done really well. If May 3rd is the date, it would give people time to get vaccinated and to give proper notice to the congregation of the change, to attend church with or without a mask. Broc thinks if we are letting people not wear masks at Coffee time then we should lift the mask mandate, if we keep the mandate then Coffee hour should be stopped. Melissa doesn't want to stop coffee hour. Broc made a motion for April 18th mask recommended. Motion fails for lack of second. Todd made a motion to go mask recommended May 1st. Melissa seconded. Broc pointed out that the motion is covering keeping coffee hour which we are already doing. Pastor Mike said that he would like to give a specific reason why we are moving from required to recommended. Derek gave examples of the vaccination availability and Sunday School is over by May 1st. Todd is withdrawing his motion. Todd's new motion is to go recommended mask and allow serving of food as of May 1st, Melissa seconded. Motion passed, Broc abstained.

Interior Design-Stacy said the crew met last week, and some items have been ordered to complete certain areas. The art project may exceed Lynn Madsen's memorial funds, so the Design team agreed to cover the overage from their budget if there is any.

New Business

Potential Eagle Scout Project – Josiah Crandall presented an idea for his Eagle Scout project. He would like to have a Prayer Garden; space to honor babies that have died. All of the Council members were excited by his drawings and concept. They asked him to meet with the Landscaping planners to work on his idea.

Summer Worship Time-Pastor Mike said he has received requests to move Sunday worship to evenings during the summer. From the feedback from music, altar guild and ushering only one negative comment was received. First Sunday of June to last Sunday of August is the suggestion. Melissa and Derek feel this would be a good idea to try. Todd and Broc agree. Broc moves that Sunday worship is held at 7pm June 1st to Aug. 31st Derek seconded. Motion passed.

Radio Broadcasted Worship Service-The Truck quoted \$150 each Sunday to have it broadcast on the radio. There is really no way to capture listener numbers for radio. Council is fine with the online presence we have.

Replacing Hymnals back to the pews-The council is fine with the hymnals going back into the pews.

Lockbox for Fire Department-The 9 firefighters that are members are willing to split the cost of a lockbox for the firefighters to have access to the building in case of a fire. Todd made a motion to allow placement of the lockbox. Melissa seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Abolish Nursery Policy-Jerome doesn't think we would need to man the nursery now that there is glass and attached to the Sanctuary. Stacy made a motion to abolish the policy, Derek seconded, motion passed.

PTA Carnival-May 23rd there will be a PTA sponsored carnival and they are asking if anyone would like to run a booth/game? Monica thinks it would take minimal commitment and could be done.

City complaint-There is a complaint that the ditch needs to be put back in place. Todd says the ditches aren't done yet; they are not seeded. He will talk to Kevin Mayer.

Janitorial-The janitor staff has tendered their 2-week notice. Pastor Mike will announce the need for cleaning volunteers.

Pastor's Report and Remarks-Pastor Keith stated we are finishing up Sunday School-87 in attendance. The last Sunday there will be an acknowledgment of the Educators, Stations of the Cross and Butterfly went well. 11 members received First Communion; he has been catching up on sermon notes. Quilters have healthy kits and will have quilts ready for blessing in May. He has visited members with palms and attended the Ministerial meeting. VBS planning is ongoing, Sophie has a piano recital May 15th. He was on vacation and attended a virtual graveside service for his wife's grandma. Pre-marriage meetings are coming up. Music planning for the next few months is scheduled. He is signing up to be a Pastor of the week at Red Willow in July.

Pastor Mike has a baptism on Saturday. New Member Sunday will be May 16th, New Member Gathering will be May 12th, then council meeting. Men of Martins April 19th; By-laws committee have met to go over the examples of by-laws. Tanner, door guy, was here because the handicap door was not latching because of a stress fracture on the hinge. The coffee maker is having noise issues. Bunn recommends putting a filter on the water line and then they will help us recalibrate the machine. Pastor Mike gave last rights to Steve Ramsey, father to Gannon Ramsey. A bungee chair collapsed in the ACTS room. The drum seat has been squeaking so a replacement has been purchased. Semis are using our parking lot as a turn around. Home visits have been completed for the first time in a year. Pastor Mike will see if anyone will volunteer to sing on Traditional Sundays to help the Sound booth follow the music. The quote came for repairs for the insurance claim. The processing will begin. The deductible will be covered.

Next Meeting - May 12th

Motion to adjourn by Broc.

Submitted by,
Joan Carvell

F.Y.I.



Ice Cream Sundays

6:00-6:45pm

June 13

July 11

August 8



We welcomed a new member through the Sacrament of Baptism in May.

Boone Edward Tigges,
son of Tim & Emily Tigges.

WIDOW'S GROUP

Widow's Group will meet on Monday,
June 7th at 10:00 am.
Newcomers are welcome! For information,
contact Judy Orvik.
730-6704

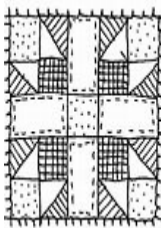


HOLY YOGA CLASSES

Class times for the Summer will be determined. Fee for the classes is a donation to the Food Pantry, as we love our neighbors as ourselves!



June 6th the Men of Martin's are going to kick-off the new summer Worship schedule by serving a brat/burger supper.
5:30pm-6:45pm



The quilters will meet at 9:30am on **Wednesday, June 9th, 23rd, and July 14th, and 28th.** Bring an item to share for potluck lunch and join us to put quilts together, tie and sew. Newcomers are invited to join.

If you or someone you know would like a visit from a pastor, please call or text their cell phones-
Pastor Mike (701-789-1857), Pastor Keith (701-335-6213) or
call the church office (347-4289) or email them:
srpastor@martinslutheran.com
associatepastor@martinslutheran.com

MONEY TALK

BUILDING EXTRA

We have moved in and the "Extras" are fully paid except for one.

Thank you for your generous gifts!

The last extra from the original list is Landscaping. We have begun the landscape planning. If you wish to make a donation to this extra please indicate that on your donation check or you can assign it online for electronic donation. If you need assistance setting this up online or making changes to your current Giving please don't hesitate to call the office or email and Joan will assist you.

347-4289 or office@martinslutheran.com

Reminder of items: Landscaping

Cost: \$35,000

Received: \$33,838.50

May 2021

Monthly Contributions	\$ 15,422.00
Estimated Budget to Date	\$142,084.65
Contributions Year to Date	\$117,903.28
Balance	\$-24,181.34
Budget Expenses	\$128,738.14

All figures are as of 05/21/21

Annual Budget Percentage for General Fund as of 05/21/2021

Account	Budgets with 5% variance are considered at risk			Year is 39% complete	
	Actual	Annual Budget	Variance	% Budget	At Risk
Revenues					
Christian Education	355.00	0.00	355.00	0%	
Contributions	5,211.75	0.00	5,211.75	0%	
Weekly Offering	112,763.28	0.00	112,763.28	0%	
SubTotal Contributions	117,975.03	0.00	117,975.03	0%	
Total Revenues	118,330.03	0.00	118,330.03	0%	
Expenditures					
Associate Pastor	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	
Pastor Continuing Ed	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0%	
Pastor Housing Allowance	8,333.30	20,000.00	11,666.70	41.67%	
Pastor Professional Expenses	135.68	500.00	364.32	27.14%	
Pensions/Medical/Disability	10,713.55	25,713.00	14,999.45	41.67%	
Salary	15,056.70	36,136.00	21,079.30	41.67%	
Social Security Added	1,937.50	4,650.00	2,712.50	41.67%	
SubTotal Associate Pastor	36,176.73	87,999.00	51,822.27	41.11%	
Christian Ed Materials	1,270.34	6,000.00	4,729.66	21.17%	
Conventions	0.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	0%	
Custodian	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	
Salary	1,763.13	12,090.00	10,326.87	14.58%	
SubTotal Custodian	1,763.13	12,090.00	10,326.87	14.58%	
Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	
Ins Building	3,078.50	6,000.00	2,921.50	51.31%	Y
Ins Workers Compensation	0.00	350.00	350.00	0%	
SubTotal Insurance	3,078.50	6,350.00	3,271.50	48.48%	
Miscellaneous	30.00	0.00	-30.00	0%	
Mission Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	
Churches United for the	416.65	1,000.00	583.35	41.67%	
Homeless					
END Synod	6,875.00	16,500.00	9,625.00	41.67%	
Mission - Local	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0%	
Red Willow Bible Camp	833.35	2,000.00	1,166.65	41.67%	
Spec Missions/Sem Scholarship	0.00	500.00	500.00	0%	
SubTotal Mission Outreach	8,125.00	23,000.00	14,875.00	35.33%	
Mortgage Budget	18,001.20	54,003.00	36,001.80	33.33%	
Mortgage Budget Offset	-10,485.92	0.00	10,485.92	0%	
SubTotal Mortgage Budget	7,515.28	54,003.00	46,487.72	13.92%	
Music	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	
Accompanist/Music Leader	2,210.00	4,300.00	2,090.00	51.4%	Y
SubTotal Music	2,210.00	4,300.00	2,090.00	51.4%	
Office Administration	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	
Office Manager	9,713.56	24,882.00	15,168.44	39.04%	
Office Manager Benefits	725.75	1,920.00	1,194.25	37.8%	
SubTotal Office Administration	10,439.31	26,802.00	16,362.69	38.95%	
Office Worship/Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	

Account	Budgets with 5% variance are considered at risk			Year is 39% complete	
	Actual	Annual Budget	Variance	% Budget	At Risk
Office Equipment	1,301.13	3,200.00	1,898.87	40.66%	
Office Supplies	3,779.95	6,500.00	2,720.05	58.15%	Y
Technology	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0%	
Unknown Exp	0.00	500.00	500.00	0%	
Worship Supplies	798.03	2,000.00	1,201.97	39.9%	
SubTotal Office Worship/Supplies	5,879.11	13,700.00	7,820.89	42.91%	
Property	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	
Cleaning Supplies	732.89	2,215.00	1,482.11	33.09%	
Repairs & Maint Supplies	377.54	3,000.00	2,622.46	12.58%	
Seasonal Plants/Decorations	0.00	250.00	250.00	0%	
Snow Removal	310.00	3,000.00	2,690.00	10.33%	
Utilities	2,224.48	9,000.00	6,775.52	24.72%	
Utilities Natural Gas	2,848.30	3,300.00	451.70	86.31%	Y
SubTotal Property	6,493.21	20,765.00	14,271.79	31.27%	
Senior Pastor	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	
Pastor Continuing Ed	0.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	0%	
Pastor Housing Allowance	10,000.00	24,000.00	14,000.00	41.67%	
Pastor Professional Expenses	211.15	750.00	538.85	28.15%	
Pensions/Medical/Disability	5,515.25	13,236.00	7,720.75	41.67%	
Salary	25,868.80	62,085.00	36,216.20	41.67%	
Social Security Added	2,970.80	7,130.00	4,159.20	41.67%	
SubTotal Senior Pastor	44,566.00	108,501.00	63,935.00	41.07%	
Staff Social Security and Medicare	0.00	3,160.00	3,160.00	0%	
FICA Employer Staff	843.29	0.00	-843.29	0%	
Medicare Employer Staff	197.24	0.00	-197.24	0%	
SubTotal Staff Social Security and Medicare	1,040.53	3,160.00	2,119.47	32.93%	
Stewardship & Evangelism	151.00	1,000.00	849.00	15.1%	
Total Expenditures	128,738.14	369,420.00	240,681.86	34.85%	
Other Revenues					
Bank Interest	120.39	0.00	120.39	0%	
Misc Income	603.75	0.00	603.75	0%	
Total Other Revenues	724.14	0.00	724.14	0%	
Other Financial Sources-Uses					
Transfers In	168,455.68	0.00	168,455.68	0%	
Transfers Out	-4.53	0.00	-4.53	0%	
Total Other Financial Sources-Uses	168,451.15	0.00	168,451.15	0%	
Summary					
Total Revenues	118,330.03	0.00	118,330.03	0%	
Total Expenditures	128,738.14	369,420.00	240,681.86	34.85%	
Total Other Revenues	724.14	0.00	724.14	0%	
Total Other Financial Sources-Uses	168,451.15	0.00	168,451.15	0%	
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Net	158,767.18	-369,420.00	528,187.18		

2021 Senior Recognition

Molly Anderson, daughter of Stephanie & Gary, Casselton helped with Bible camp, attended the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering and volunteered at Martin's. She has been involved in FCCLA, PaY, Science Olympiad, Big Brother/Big Sister, National Honors Society, FFA, Volleyball, Volleyball stats, Wrestling stats, Competitive air rifle, JETS, Golf, and Spanish Club. Her plans include attending Grand Canyon University for Biology with an emphasis of Pre-Med.

Wesley Anderson, son of Stephanie & Gary, Casselton worked with the Food Pantry. His academics also included Trap Shooting, air rifle shooting and being a Football statistician. He will be joining Work Force.

Gracie Baumgarten, daughter of Joel & Erin, Wheatland participated in Softball, JETS, Big Brother/Big Sister, BOLD, National Honor Society and FFA. Her plans include attending NDSU for Paramedic studies.

Callie Flick, daughter of Travis & Kathy, Amenia helped in the Pre-School room at Martin's. She has participated in Volleyball, Basketball, and Big Brother/Big Sister. She was also a statistician for Wrestling, and Football. She will be studying Elementary Education at Valley City State University.

Garrett Gehrke, son of Joel & Tami, Casselton was involved in Sunday School, MYO, ACTS 29, BLAST, Lent Suppers, Poverty Exercise, served Fall Dinners, mowed the church yard, helped with the sound board and was Baptized at Martin's. While attending Central Cass he played Golf, lettered in Football 3 years, and played in the Band. He was in Destination Imagination, 4H and shooting sports. In June he will start school at Bismarck State College in the Lineman Program to receive his Associate Degree.

Ellie Giermann daughter of Dean & Tonya, Wheatland, enjoyed helping with Vacation Bible School and participated in BLAST & ACTS 29. While at Central Cass she played Volleyball and was in FCCLA, BOLD, National Honor Society, Prom Committee, PaY, Big Brother/Big Sister and was a JETS. She will be going to NDSU to major in Elementary Education to become a teacher.

Rylee Goettle, daughter of Bob & Connie, Casselton attended ACTS 29, BLAST, Bible study and the Poverty Exercise. Throughout high school she has been involved in BOLD, FCCLA, PaY, JETS and Volleyball. She received the Squirrel award for Volleyball and academic letters, along with being a member of the National Honor Society. Her plans after schooling are to graduate with a bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems with minors in Business Administration and Pre-Law. She wants to become a lawyer.

Josh Gunderson, son of Gary & Audrey, Wheatland was in Golf, Baseball, Football, DECA, and the Honor Society at Central Cass. He plans to attend NDSU to major in Finance.

Max Kobbervig, son of Mike & Beth, Casselton attended Sunday School and Confirmation. He played Basketball, Baseball and was in the National Honor Society and Big Brother/Big Sister. He will be attending Mayville State University to major in History/Math Education. He will also be playing baseball for the University.

Jett Kundert, son of Joy Kundert & Kye Kundert, Mapleton has attended Sunday School and the National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. Jett has spent most evenings after school his junior and senior year working at his job at Hornbacher's. He would like to work for a year or two then enlist in the military.

Aubree Lindstrom, daughter of Jeremy & Julie of Casselton helped with Sunday School and attended Confirmation. At school she was in Volleyball (All-Region Team as a senior), Softball (ND Scheels All Star Team). FCCLA, Big Brother/Big Sister, JETS, and in National Honor Society. She will be attending NDSU to major in Nursing.

Nicholas Martin, son of Ryan & Jo Sinner of Casselton and the late Donald Martin attended BLAST, ACTS 29, Confirmation and assisted with the soundboard. At Central Cass he played Football, Baseball and Track and Field. While doing that he went to the Babe Ruth State Tournament in 2018, he received the Haymaker Award for outstanding participation in 2019 and 2020 with the Legion team. He was also Pitcher of the Year in 2020. He has qualified for State Track in discus in 2019 & 2021 and for Shot Put in 2021. He

also is in National Honor Society and Band (Woodwind ensemble starred in State Band in 2019 & 2021 and was chosen for the Gilmore Award for Outstanding Performance in 2020). He plans on attending Valley City State University for major in Math Education and participate in Track and Field.

Paris Mensing, daughter of Scott & Wendy, Casselton went to VBS then volunteered with VBS, went to the National Youth Gathering, Sunday School, Confirmation and helped with Lenten Supper, Carmel Roll Sundays and volunteered as a Para for Sunday School. She also attended Red Willow Bible Camp. Her academic career includes Band, National Honor Society, Just for Kix and being a statistician for Wrestling. She will be going to UND to major in Elementary Education.

Morgan Olson, daughter of Nathan & Ashley, Wheatland went to the National Youth Gathering in Texas, Confirmation and was a volunteer server for Breakfast at Martin's. She was a member of the Choir, Swing/Pop Choir and State Choir. She will be attending Valley City State University for Elementary & Special Education.

Aidan Olson-Tingelstad, son of Jeff & Kelly, Casselton attended the Poverty Exercise and Youth Bible camp. His school activities include PaY, Wrestling, Football, Track, Baseball, E-sports, and band. He will be studying Psychology at Concordia in the fall.

Paige Priewe, daughter of Chad & Trish of Amenia has been involved with Vacation Bible School and went to Houston, TX for the ELCA Youth Gathering. At school she was in Volleyball, Basketball, Track and Field, Philanthropy and Youth, FCCLA, National Honor Society, Big Brother/Big Sister and on the Prom Committee. She is planning to attend Bismarck State College in the fall for Medical Lab Science then transfer to the University of North Dakota to further her education in Medical Lab Science as well as Forensic Science.

Welcomed New Members at Martin's –May 16, 2021

We welcomed 5 new members into Martin's church family during worship on Sunday, May 16th. They are:

Evan Bates & Erin Grieger 1052 1st St N Casselton: Evan and Erin live in Casselton with their dog, Scout. Erin teaches 6th grade FACS at Discovery Middle School in Fargo. Evan is a Sales Agronomist in Buffalo for Grieger Sales & Service.

Dustin & Cara Batsch, Hailey 611 3rd St Mapleton: Dustin, Cara and Hailey live in Mapleton. Dustin an Automotive Technician at Dan's Service Center. Cara is a nurse at Sanford and their daughter, Hailey, is a 5th grader at Mapleton Elementary.

Shaped by the Winds of God

Most times, when I'm called to conduct a funeral of a loved one from the church, I'm asked by the funeral director if I'd like to ride with them rather than to drive my own car. And most times, I take them up on the offer, for it is more relaxing not to have to worry about driving. I must say that I've had some interesting and informative drives out to the cemetery. One director told me about the effect God's Wind has on things that grow. It seems that over time, trees that have to stand out in the open become shaped in the direction the wind is blowing. Unless there are other trees around to block it from happening, a tree will eventually be shaped by the force and direction of the wind. Then, as living proof, the funeral director began to point out to me tree after tree that had all been shaped in this way, trees that I confess I had passed by many times, but had never really seen until then. Once this was pointed out to me, I began to see them everywhere. The cemetery was literally filled with them! All shaped by the Winds of God!

I leave you with this question. Like those trees in the cemetery, do we, as individuals, and as a congregation, show any evidence of being shaped by the Winds of God's Spirit? Is the new beginning Pentecostal experience a fresh, yet continuing presence in our lives?

David R. Cartwright, Sermons for Sundays after Pentecost (First Third): Guided by the Spirit, CSS Publishing Company, Inc.

June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Holy Yoga Schedule TBD	1	2	3 2:00pm Rachel Circle	4 Pastor Keith off 5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal	5 4:30pm Schwehr/ Larson Wedding
6 1:00pm VBS Helper Orientation 5:30pm Brat/ Burger Supper 7:00pm Worship w/Communion	7 Pastor Mike off 10:00am Widows Grp 1:00pm VBS	8 Joan out in morning 1:00pm VBS	9 9:30am Quilters 1:00pm VBS 7:00pm Church Council	10 1:00pm VBS Pastor Mike out 10-12	11 Pastor Keith off	12
13 6:00pm Ice Cream Sunday 7:00pm Worship w/Communion	14 Pastor Mike off Pastor Keith out 14-27	15	16	17	18	19
20 7:00pm Worship w/Communion	21 Pastor Mike off	22	23 9:30am Quilters	24	25	26
27 7:00pm Worship	28 Pastor Mike off	29	30			

July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Holy Yoga Schedule TBD			1 Pastor Keith off	2 Pastor Keith off	3
4 7:00pm Worship w/Communion	5 Office Closed	6	7	8 2:00pm Rachel Circle Pastor Mike out 8-15	9 Pastor Keith off	10
11 6:00pm Ice Cream Sunday 7:00pm Worship w/Communion	12 Pastor Mike off	13	14 9:30am Quilters	15	16 Pastor Keith off	17
18 7:00pm Worship w/Communion Pastor Keith @Red Willow 18-24	19 Pastor Mike off	20	21	22	23 Pastor Keith off Summerfest	24 Summerfest Picnic
25 7:00pm Worship	26 Pastor Mike off	27 2:00pm Folding Newsletter	28 9:30am Quilters	29 Joan out 30-2	30 Pastor Keith off	31 10:00am Engle Baptism



SERVICE GROUP # 4

Service Group #4 will have service duties for the month of **July**. Lee & Sheila Krueger will be Coordinators and will contact you.

Joel & Erin Baumgarten
 Kevin & Charlene Blumhardt
 Eric & Stacy Boe
 Dave & June Calderwood
 Aric & Wendy Christiansen
 Steve & Amy Dooley
 Brent & Kelly Everson
 Justin & Jamie Fletschock
 John & Teresa Gulleon
 Gary & Audrey Gunderson
 Blake & Molly Hermanson
 Glenn & Carol Holland
 Jason & Mistie Holland
 Jeff & Elisha Hoye
 Missy Jacobson
 Sommer Kennedy
 Terry & Geri Kranzler
 Lee & Sheila Krueger
 Travis & Tami Lemar
 Carolyn Lewis
 Mitch & Jennifer Oakland
 Dave & Samantha Overland
 Scott & Brenda Radloff
 June Reitan
 Mike & Kathy Sundquist
 Brian & Jami Verkuehlen
 Dan & Jennifer Young

Your cooperation is much appreciated!



The service groups will be hosting one Sunday in June, July and August. The Ice Cream Sundays are **June 13, July 11, Aug. 8**

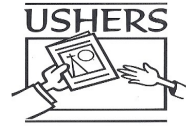
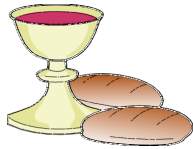


SERVICE GROUP # 5

Service Group #5 will have service duties for the month of **August**. Marty Kapaun will be Coordinators and will contact you.

Evan & Kayla Anderson
 Dallas & Patty Auka
 Bob & Mary Christianson
 Jerome & Lori Crandall
 Diane Ernst
 Jason & Rebecca Faller
 Kelsey Grommesh
 Ellie Guy
 Jesse & Carrie Hagen
 Larry & Amy Hartze
 Brent & Monica Haugen
 Andrew & Andrea Horning
 Marty Kapaun
 Matt Kapaun
 Tina Kapaun
 Ron & Faye Kingsley
 Dustin & Erin Lampert
 Steve & Stacy Link
 Mitch & Kari Lyter
 Wayne & Bonnie Oberlander
 Mert & Shelle Palmer
 Vera Raaum
 Justin & Kaylah Stangler
 Matt & Nicolette Vrchota
 Adam & Jessica Watterson

Your cooperation is much appreciated!



Our volunteers are important to us! There are many opportunities to help. Please check the Volunteer Needs listed at <https://www.martinslutheran.org/volunteer-needs> to see how you can help. **Please note the time change for worship.**

ALTAR GUILD & WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

We are currently seeking assistance for setting up and cleaning up for communion and communion servers. If you want more info on either of these areas, please contact Kristen Hackmann at kris@parall18.com or catch her following worship!

SOUND BOARD

Now that we are in the new building the sound board is new and we need volunteers. Please call Evan Anderson at 701-320-5139 or email at evanjon@hotmail.com

USHERS

We have returned to receiving Communion so, we are looking for Ushers for Sundays. Under the Giving tab of Martin's website is a Sign-Up Genius link or contact Derek Flanagan. dflanagan@eidebailly.com

VBS 2021 Theme: Faith Grows Here!

We will learn how God grows our faith with Water – (Baptism), Soil – (Community), Seed – (Faith), and Sun – (Jesus)!

June 7th – 10th, Monday through Thursday from 1pm-4pm

Theme verse: “Your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.” 2Thes. 1:3

PreK (or age 4) through 5th grade (having just completed 4th)



Readers, we have open Sundays in June, all of July and August. Please call or email Joan if you are available to read. 347-4289 or office@martinslutheran.com

June-13, 27

July-4, 11, 18, 25

Aug-1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 6

7:00pm-Worship (ELW)
w/Comm.

June 13

7:00pm-Worship (PW)
w/Comm.

June 20

7:00pm-Worship (CBW)
w/Comm.

June 27

7:00pm-Worship (SOW)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 4

7:00pm-Worship (ELW)
w/Comm.

July 11

7:00pm-Worship (PW)
w/Comm.

July 18

7:00pm-Worship (CBW)
w/Comm.

July 25

7:00pm-Worship (SOW)

MISSION STATEMENT

Named, claimed, and sustained by God, Martin’s Lutheran is a worshipping community which gathers together to hear the Word, learn about God’s love, and to provide support for one another. Together we respond to Christ’s command to share the Good News and to serve our neighbors -- across the street and across the world.