

Those Serving This Week...Feb. 5

Those Serving on.....Feb. 12th

<i>Serving</i>	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:45 am	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:45 am
<i>Lay Leader</i>	Al Reinert	Jim Matzke	Merle Schmitzer	Gil Schmitzer
<i>Prayer Partners</i>	Tim & Veronica O'Connell		Marianne Nelson/Gladys Raymond	
<i>Ushers</i>	Bob Gauderer /David Trinklein /DeVaun Eickhoff/ Al Reinert /Fred Irrer	Gil Schmitzer /Tony Quinn /Dale Wesener	Les Davis/Merle & Maxine Schmitzer /Dan Matzke /Randy Hickey	Darin Peterson/Jeff Crawford/Tim Bender
<i>Reader</i>	Chris Bailey	Kevin Czymbor	Miranda Saxon	Lisa Bender
<i>Altar</i>	Gladys Raymond/Vickie Prueter		Gladys Raymond/Vickie Prueter	
<i>Acolyte</i>	Joe Pagel	Josh Riggs	Stephan Trinklein	Naomi Brown
<i>Greeters</i>	Iverne & Diann Duby/Gene Shifter/Pat & Mary Ann Gillett/Jane Schemm/Janet peters/Elaine Thomas	Jim & Carol Matzke/Carol Ferguson/Betty Lamski /Jim & Janet Grant/Tobias Vargo	Elaine Knight /Virginia Roth /Carla Parlberg /Jackie Lee/Wayne & Lois Benkert /Ruth Herzog	Scottie Lemonds /Bill & Carole Gilbert/Ed & Marilyn Henry
<i>Tech Booth</i>	Maddy Bickel/Adelle Kuck /Stacy Trinklein	Julie & Amy Coyle	Paul Kuck/Sandy Gotham	Tom & Ben Coughlin
<i>Nursery</i>		Lori Quinn/Carol Matzke		Tammy & Marcus Bender
<i>Refreshments</i>	Norm Hess thru Fredrick Keith		Mary Keith thru Jackie Lee	

Serving Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012

Lay Assistant: Gene Shifter
Usher/Greeter: Dan Matzke

Serving Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012

Lay Assistant: Kevin Czymbor
Usher/Greeter:: Joe Pirich

Stewardship Corner

As students of the Bible, we have heard of Tabitha, aka Dorcas. We read about her in Acts 9:36-42. A miracle happened to her: She had died but was restored to life again through the ministry of Peter. She is introduced to us as one who “*was full of good works and acts of charity*” (verse 36). Who would think there was anything spectacular about a woman, known only to a small circle of people, who used her gift as a seamstress in service to others? Yet many churches have groups of women who serve others through their gifts and talents and who name themselves after that servant of the Lord, Dorcas. No gift is too small, no talent too inconsequential. God looks at our hearts and honors our gifts of service when they are done out of love and gratitude to Him.



News & Notes - February 5, 2012

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St. Martin Happenings!

Mailboxes

Don't forget to check your mailbox your yearly statements are their along with the monthly newsletter.

All You Can Eat Cod Fish Fry

Friday, Feb. 10th 11:00 am - 2:00 pm & 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Look for the volunteer sign-up sheets and also donation for desserts at the Welcome Center Counter.

CRAFT NIGHT- Benefiting Women's Ministry

On February 17th we will be having a craft night for the women's ministry. It is \$15.00 per person. Children 12 and over accompanied by an adult are free. We will be having drawings for prizes, food and fellowship. So bring your craft supplies (scrapbooking, knitting, sewing, card making, etc.) and be ready to have some fun. It will run from 6:00pm to midnight. Any questions please call Carol or Amelia or Maddy Bickel at 652-0152. Can pay the night of or before to Carol. Sign up sheet at the Welcome Center.

Saginaw Spirit Faith Night

Sunday, February 19th is your opportunity for only \$10 to get an Upper Level seat for the hockey game, a hot dog, a pop, & admission to the Faith Night Program which starts at 2:00pm & the game at 4:00! Hockey Hall of Fame Goalie John Vanbiesbrouk is one of the speakers! We need to have your sign up & payment by Sunday, February 11th. Any questions please contact Randy Bickel.

Spaghetti Dinner & Variety Show

This will be our 6th Annual serving of the tradition menu here at St. Martin of spaghetti with meat sauce, cabbage salad, garlic bread, beverages, and dessert on February 25th at 5:30pm in our Fellowship Center. The Variety Show will showcase talents from within our congregation & community and will immediately follow the dinner and is always a great time! Tickets will be available from the office or Sr. High Youth. **Presale tickets** will be available for \$7.00 for Adults & \$3.00 for children, at the **door ticket prices** will go up a \$1.00 per ticket. This dinner will be one of the ways that you can help support our high school youth and their ministry. Contact the office with any questions or to volunteer. We Hope to see You there!

Sunday School & Youth News

The Gathering for Sr. High Youth

Will be on Sunday, Feb. 12th at Bickel's, 9449 Block Rd. Birch Run, from 7:30 - 9:00pm where we'll give you the time to relax & enjoy some of the many blessings God gives us. Any questions then let Randy know. Hope you can join us for this blessing!

Sr. High Youth

If you'd like help in **explaining your faith** to others on Feb. 18th we have an opportunity to "arm" you to do that @ the Apologetics conference. Three great speakers are coming to VLHS in Saginaw at 9:00am with a **1/3 price** for you! Check with Randy to sign up soon!

Detroit Tigers Home Plate Event

Has some changes to it from last year, information is available online only & there only 5,500 seats available & over 1,620 have been sold! So a sign up will WRAP UP shortly for those who would be interested **in tickets** available to this year's program on April 21st, starting at 9:30am & the game at 1:05pm versus the **Texas Rangers!** This event will include a sharing of faith of some of the professional players & wives, possibly an on the field baseball clinic, and the game! With the Tigers Home Plate Program spots are going fast & seating is first come first serve. Please **Sign Up ASAP** so we can get our order in! More info is posted on the Family Ministries Board by the Narthex closet & any questions check with Randy Bickel. Don't miss this!

Chili Cook-Off & "Dessert Showdown"

Thank You to everyone who helped in any way with the set up, cooking, serving, judging, etc. at the **Chili Cook-Off**, you made the evening go much smoother! Your generous support will help our ministries here at St. Martin. Please watch for our winners display. We hope you can join us next year!

NEW DINNER MINISTRY

We are looking for **volunteers** to be on a list to provide a dinner for families with a new baby and families that have another kind of hardship. We would like to have a large pool of meal providers to call on!! Thanks! Please leave your name and phone number on the sign up sheet in the narthex.

New Small Group/s Forming

The planning meeting was a real blessing and will help with our planning! Watch for more information shortly about our start for this opportunity to grow. Any questions check with Randy Bickel or Beth Chinery.

Spaghetti Dinner & Variety Show Volunteers

If you'd like to share your gift or talent as part of the Show, the sign up sheets are at the Welcome Center. We still need youth & their parents who are interested in not only serving the Lord by working this meal on Feb. 25th, but also want to earn some funds toward their ministry account. YOU can sign up on the sign up forms on the Welcome Center or with Randy.

Ladies Retreat

Ladies Retreat will be March 9 - 11, 2012, theme is God's Promises to a Woman's Heart. Location: The Gilman Springs Camp in Gladwin, MI. All rooms are \$125.00 per person, which includes all meals for Saturday and breakfast on Sunday morning. Final payment due on Monday, February 27th, 2012. Look for the bright pink hand out at the table next to the welcome center. For questions, please contact Veronica O'Connell 989-295-9624 or Jill Armentrout 810-441-5347.

Veteran's Visit

The Sunday School kids will be visiting the VA Hospital on Sun., Feb. 12 in the afternoon. Could you help us once again this year as we take our Love of Jesus and our fellowman to this special place? We need your dollars to bring that joy to these brave and courage men and women who fought for our Freedom that we enjoy in this FREE NATION OF OURS. That freedom was fought for by them on foreign soil, and by all means, **FREEDOM IS NOT FREE**. Look for the red box to place your dollars.

2012 St. Martin Congregational Thrivent Advocates

St. Martin has 6 new volunteer advocates to represent the congregation. They are Brittnay Gillett, Vicki Prueter, Betty Lamski, Sally VanNess, Mary Ann Gillett and Larry Prueter. Please feel free to contact them or Elaine Parlberg, Thrivent Representative for questions concerning Thrivent activities. Watch the newsletter and New & Notes for up coming information on Thrivent Choice Dollars. This program offers a great opportunity for Thrivent members to help our congregation.

Taymouth Firefighter Association to host Annual Pancake Breakfast

Taymouth Firefighter's Ass'n. will be hosting there annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 12. It will held at the Taymouth Community Center, from 8am to 1pm. Menu will include pancakes, sausage, eggs, french toast, applesauce and drinks. There will be a free drawing of a Family Night Out, sponsored by Gohm Insurance and Restoration. The package will include gift certificates for movie at Cinema Hollywood and McDonalds in Birch Run.

Last Week's Attendance.

Wed. 7 pm	15
8:00 am	132
10:45	145
Total	292
Visitors	60

Last Week's Blessings

1/29/2012
Tithes & Offerings \$6,227.00

Mortgage Monthly bill

\$8,950.00 \$5,803.28 \$3,146.72
Est Ave of Monthly bills per 2011/12 budget \$42,769.00 this includes mortgage

Offering total for Month

\$30,556.50
Interest Principal