

Those Serving This Week...July 25

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<i>Serving</i>	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:45am	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:45 am
Lay Assistant	Jim Matzke	Dave Sawchuk	Al Reinert	Bill Gilbert
Prayer Partners	Darin & Leah Peterson		Tim & Veronica O'Connell	
Ushers	Alan Hoard/Gene Shifter/Marianne Nelson/Don Meinecke/Wayne Benkert	Kevin Czymbor/Dave Sawchuk/Tyler Perdue	Bob Gauderer/David Trinklein/DeVaun Eickhoff/Al Reinert	Gil Schmitzer/Tony Quinn/Dale Wesener
Reader	Miranda Saxon	Janet Grant	Betty Lamski	Leah Peterson
Altar	Gladys Raymond/Vickie Prueter		Gladys Raymond/Vickie Prueter	
Acolyte	Sara Riness	Marcus Bender	Madeline Bickel	Nicholas Bierlein
Greeters	Linda Engel/Larry & Vicki Prueter/Mary Lee/DeVaun & Betty Eickhoff	Renatta Szukhent/Marianne Nelson/ Kirt & Norma Bierlein	Iverne & Diann Duby/Pat & Mary Ann Gillett/Elaine Thomas/Jane Schemm/Janet Peters	Jim & Carol Matzke/Carol Ferguson/Betty Lamski/Jim & Janet Grant
Nursery		Lori Quinn/Noah Pirich		Gennie, Danielle & Kayla Rychlicki
Refreshments	Daniel Trinklein thru Mark Young		Linda Abdella thru Gerald Brown	

Serving Wednesday July 21, 2010

Lay Assistant:: Ron Loomis
 Acolyte: Lisa Bender
 Ushers: Dan Matzke
 Greeter: Dennis & Melissa Fent

Serving Wednesday July 28, 2010

Lay Assistant: Merle Schmitzer
 Acolyte: Joe Bickel
 Ushers: Joe Pirich
 Greeters: Mary Lee

Stewardship

One of the hardest and most unnatural things to do with our money is to give it away. Only by God's grace are we empowered to do what we cannot do for ourselves. The same grace God gave the Macedonians (2 Corinthians 8) that allowed them to give themselves first and then give financially beyond their means He gives to us. Let us ask God to give us eyes of faith to see giving as a privilege and a joy.



Reaching, Bringing, Touching

News & Notes—July 25, 2010

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VBS HELP NEEDED LOOK FOR SIGN-UP SHEET.

Delivering Offering Envelopes

We have a number of envelopes, in the back of the Sanctuary, which our fellow members have yet to pick up. If you can help us make contact with them in order to give them their envelopes we have a form for you to record who's envelope that you are willing to deliver. This contact we hope will help them reconnect with God through St. Martin. Check with the office if you have any questions, Thanks!

St. Martin Annual Golf Outing

Will be Saturday, August 14th at Willow Springs in Millington. Dinner at 4:00 pm golf to follow. \$20.00 per person (includes golf, dinner and prizes) Any questions, call Tim O'Connell at 624-5299 or Jim Matzke. Sign up sheet at the information center.

VBS Volunteers NEEDED

Are you ready to help children learn about Jesus?- We have our VBS July 26th-30th from 9:00am-Noon and hope to have many children here that we can share God's Love & Word with! At the Education Station in the back of the Sanctuary we have a **Volunteer Sign Up** sheet for those who want to be here and work with the children and a **Donation Sign Up** sheet for those who want to provide materials for the children. Whatever way works best for you, you can serve God by helping with this important ministry! If you have any questions just check Paige Buckley or Randy Bickel, Thanks again

Seed Donation - on the table at back of sanctuary

We had a seed sales rep drop off several bags of flower and vegetable seeds that anyone from the congregation is welcome to take and use. **It has been requested that there is no resale.** Thank you,

Each man should give what he has decided in his hart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7 (See also 2 Corinthians 9 verse 6 thru 15)

Last Week's Attendance...

			Offering total for Month	Interest	Principal
Wednesday 7:00 pm	23	Last Week's Blessings	7/18/2010		
1st Service 9:30 am	80	Tithes & Offerings	\$4,499.00	\$17,455.00	
2nd Service 10:45 am	55				
Total	158	Mortgage Monthly bill	\$10,466.00	\$7,392.28	\$3,073.72
Visitors	26	Est Ave of Monthly bills per 09/10 budget	\$38,855.00	This includes mortgage	

Did You Hear?

With the recent passing of some of our members it has been expressed the need to communicate with many members this type of news. The Church Council would like you; as you fill in the Friendship Register today, to ***write down your email address and your current phone number*** on the page. We are looking for ***2 volunteers who have good communication & computer skills*** to help with the organizing & follow up from this ingathering of information. If you can help please contact Randy Bickel, Thanks!

NEW VOLUNTEER POSSIBILITIES

Wanted

We are looking for individuals with good computer skills and/or understanding of technology to ***help in the Tech Booth during our worship services*** at one or more than one of the areas. If you can help then check with Lance or Randy, Thanks!

Children's Ministries Update

We thank God for the children & parents that are blessed by hearing and growing in God's Word through these programs! We are looking for school year teacher/s & aides for ***Sunday School***. Please contact Randy Bickel if you can help, Thanks

Volunteer or Volunteers for Heading up Euchre Night

Looking for one or two people that could lead the Euchre Night that have been held on the 3rd Saturday of the month from September to May at 6:00 pm. If interested call the church office at 624-9204. Thanks!

Reminder

Just a friendly reminder that the staff and our volunteers for our helping hands committee on Sunday are here to worship and business can be done thru the week Monday thru Friday during business hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone that said prayers, sent cards and made phone calls while I was in the hospital and at home recovering from my illness. Thanks, Lori Quinn

A Scrapbook Event

Will be held at St. Paul, Millington on Sat., Aug. 7th from 9AM–7PM in the Parish Hall. Pre register \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 at the door. PLEASE **R.S.V.P.** in the school office 871-4581 or with Susan Jensen 871-4866 or e-mail: [jen-co33@yahoo.com](mailto:jenco33@yahoo.com). Scrapbooking makes memories that last a lifetime...Jesus makes memories that last forever!

Sunday School

As the summer season continues, the children will have classes restructured for those months & will continue to meet during the regular time, each Sunday at ***9:15am*** and ***wrap up at 10:30am***. We hope all of you take advantage of this blessing. Our school year teachers are being refreshed through Bible Classes over this season, ***we will need volunteers*** to serve as teachers & aides during this time. If you can help minister to God's Children on a regular or by a sporadic schedule please contact Leah Peterson or Randy Bickel or sign up at the calendar. Thank You!

Sr. High Youth Sunday Morning B.C.

The Answers Academy will help you look for the answers to the questions that face you when someone challenges your faith. Join us at 9:30 to find the answers from God's Word to help you & your friends.

New Veggietales Movie

Veggietales Sweetpea Beauty at Cinema Hollywood Birch Run Saturday July 31, 2010 10:00am & 11:30am Admission: \$1.00 Tickets at Noah's Cove Prime Outlets Mall or Cinema Hollywood-Birch Run

Parades

Thanks to all who helped in the Birch Run parade. It was great to see St. Martin connecting with our community. We look forward to the remaining parades which are Aug.8 - 2PM in Vassar; Aug. 13 - 6PM in Millington; and Aug.21 - 1PM in Montrose. Please join us for those as well. You will be blessed as you reach our communities for Christ and St. Martin.

Prayers for Filling Chairs

This upcoming week we're restarting ***our exercise*** for encouraging each of us to follow God's Word and share the Good News of Jesus with those around us. Forms are available in the Sanctuary for you to ***write down the name***, either ***specifically***: John Doe or ***generally***: Shannon/my neighbor, and then you place your form on a chair in the Growth Area Seating for you & others to pray for that person to come to worship our Great God! You can place more than one and if your prayer is then fulfilled then you can pull the card from the seat. Then you can follow up all of these prayers with some faith talk. May God use us to make His Kingdom grow!

11th ANNUAL HOSPICE OF HOPE GARAGE SALE

Lutheran Home Care Agency is now accepting donations of gently used items for their annual garage sale. We will accept items from now through September 8th. Please call 989-652-4663 for more information. Tax receipts are available. Supplemental funding provided by Thrivent for Lutherans. If you have any questions contact Beverly Knoll, Hospice of Hope Volunteer Coordinator 989-652-4663.