
ST MARTIN'S CLOAK

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Rector's Notes:

CHRISTIAN FINANCE

Summertime is usually considered a more relaxed time of life with travel, vacations, and family entertainment rising to the fore. But this year for many could be more stressful. Our economy is in difficult shape. Gasoline could reach \$4.00 per gallon. And more folks that we'd like to admit may have been hit by the mortgage meltdown.. whether directly via a home foreclosure, or indirectly through significant losses in 401K plans and other investments.

Many folks have maxed out their credit and/or face the prospect of significant rises in interest rates. A year or so ago I did a sermon on the problem of high credit card rates that particularly disadvantage the poor and crisis-stricken households. Rates as high as 35% are now common, with hefty fees for all sorts of things that simply bomb people more and more into debt. When I was a kid in mill-town New England we had those kinds of rates too... only they were offered by guys we knew as Loan Sharks (and leg-breakers.)

The culture had what was called Usury Laws to protect against too-high credit rates. These came directly from the Bible, where society put limits on how much you could penalize people on the bottom of the system, or who had been put into a debt position that was insurmountable -- whether by their own stupidity and greed or others taking advantage -- precisely so that people would not just get crushed. Living without hope is a bad place to be. . and a bad thing for societies if too many people get there. It is at least part of how you get revolutions and other ugly stuff.

The "un-Christianizing" of American culture, under the guise of "religious freedom," now means that protections like the usury laws are not there. And it is to our shame.

But the church still cares. And we are meant to be a help to one another and others in such difficult times.

Write a letter to a credit card company and/or a senator and let them know how you feel about their rates practices. Also... keep an eye out for friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners who might need a hand.

And if you personally could use some Financial/Credit advice? You might want to call the very same folks that IOCP and WeCAN recommend, Lutheran Social Services @ 1-888-577-2227. I talked with their director just this past week on someone's behalf... they will give a free 60-90 minute counseling session once each year. Good folks.

Blessings,

Leonard Freeman+



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8am Holy Eucharist

10am Holy Eucharist

Every Sunday Children **START** in church...

Leave just before the sermon

Church School goes until 11:15am

(Adults stay for coffee/social time till 11:15).

Family Sunday (Usually 2nd Sundays of the month @10 am)

All children in church, a special parent & child friendly format

4th Sundays 10am: Morning Prayer

The **OTHER** Episcopal service, connecting us to more of the riches of our Anglican tradition.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday
8:30 am to 4:00 pm

St. Martin's by-the-Lake Mission Statement



We the people...

of St. Martin's by-the-Lake Episcopal Church

are a spiritual community

seeking to grow through

- ❖ *Christian Worship*
- ❖ *Christian Education*
- ❖ *Christian Outreach*



FROM THE ASSISTANT RECTOR

At the risk of sounding shallow. I'm having a lot of fun these days here. And I am grateful to all of you for being the faithful and compassionate Christians that you are. There is so much life at St. Martin's, in and through all the ministries that we share.

As I write this, a grave is being dug. The church bell is tolling, for it is noon. Many facets of the parish, from the outreach committee to middle schoolers to choir members, are getting ready for the outreach/spaghetti dinner/puppet show/barbershop quartet event, which will involve people of all ages.

I do believe that people who choose not to be involved in a faith community are the worse off for it – not only them, but their children as well. It is in this place, and other congregations, where we find that strong anchor of faith – an anchor steady enough to hold us and light enough to remind us that it is in God we find the life of perfect service.

Thanks be to God for all his many blessings, especially this parish community.

Lindsay Freeman

**SPRING 2008
FOUNDATION GRANTS**

- WeCAN
\$5000.00
- Millennium Developmental
Goals- Diocese of MN
\$2000.00
- IOCP Interfaith Outreach &
Community Partners
\$3000.00
- Habitat for Humanity
\$2500.00
- Episcopal Homes of MN
\$1000.00
- Episcopal Group Homes
\$5000.00
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- TOTAL: \$18,500

MEMORIAL DAY 2008

We remember and give thanks this Memorial Day for all those who gave their lives in the service of their country; and we give thanks for all who gave Memorial Gifts to St. Martin's (January 1, 2007 - March 31, 2008) in Memory of:
Marge Humphrey
Walter Ringer
Velma Damuth
June Ray
Betsy McCartney
Wanda Johnson
Anthony Antoine
Mary Keating
Ralph Bagley
Beverly Plathe
John Heim
Laura Owen
Missy Latt
May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

NOTES:

To all parents of high schoolers, grades 10-12. Please save the dates of Friday, November 21 to Sunday, November 23 for Teens Encounter Christ (TEC), a 3 day conference at St. Stephen's, Edina. You may have to exert a little pressure (well, why not; don't they pressure you all the time?) but your teenager will experience a great outpouring of God's love, be with other cool teenagers who will share their life experiences, set the stage to be on future teams...and have lots of fun. Talk to Jack Kimball or myself if you have questions or would like receive an application in early fall.

We are also in a place to recommend counselors for your children and teenagers, should they need them as they weather the ups and downs of youth..

HEALING AND SUPPORT

Alain
Marilyn Benson
Mildred Bjornson
Carol
Charles
Richard Check
Cindy
Claire
Diane
Kelly Ann Fayerweather
Alexander Hatori
Linda Kley
Beth Kullberg
Julia
Kate
Katie
Connie Lewis
Mae
Marcia
Martha
Dale Marta
Mary Piper
Claudia Raper
Nadine Rockwood
Patty Ann
Peggy S.
Roger
Steve
Fran Syverson
Miles Thompson
Vaughan
David Verville
George Walker
Wano Weed
Betty Welch
Cara Ziebarth
for those in the Armed Forces,
and for the victims of natural
disasters.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

For the Baptisms of:
Kyle Parker Janes
Anneka Elise Zaun
Ali Sue Butler

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

John Chandler
Eugene McLane
Helen Zaun

A BENEFIT FOR EPISCOPAL GROUP HOMES

St. Martin's Church will host 'Roger Ezell and Friends'
in a concert to benefit Episcopal Group Homes.
Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 1 at 4:00 p.m.

Roger and his friends from St. Martin's, Calvin Presbyterian Church, and others from around the Twin Cities will perform music from Broadway, opera, popular, and sacred traditions. Come for an afternoon of fun, music and refreshment. Help raise awareness and money for the great work of Episcopal Group Homes. See you all here!

PARKING

The Minnetonka Beach City Council took steps in May to resolve a Parking issue that arose recently with regard to our Sunday parking. A Beach resident had been complaining to the Orono Police about people parking on both sides of Westwood Road on Sunday mornings, so that the police had come out and ticketed (with warning tickets) parishioners a few weeks back.

The township is going to put up new signs on OUR side of Westwood that say "No Parking except Sundays from 7am to 1pm" and then will give us special "Bags" that can be put over the signs if we have a mid-week event (such as a large funeral or wedding). We will notify the Orono police and Minnetonka Beach office when we use the bags, so that they are aware in advance. And of course we will encourage people to NOT park on the other (Lafayette Club) side...

It is a creative and practical solution, and we appreciate the thoughtfulness of the Minnetonka Beach Parking task force, and Mayor Joann Anderson and the Council, who resolved this issue for us.

HOW TO TALK TO THE ORGANIST

And so it was that upon the Feast of Pentecost, two gentlemen of the eight o'clock service took umbrage to the closing hymn, and declaring it verily to be a Dirge. I wasn't surprised - it was a rather complicated hymn, and should have more properly been backed by the Parish Choir. However, my disappointment was that these gentlemen used the word Dirge. Whenever anybody doesn't like a hymn, they call it a dirge. The word is used as a catch-all and can mean anything from "The organist is a dope," to "My life is a mess." Then again, the critique may be exactly as presented.

The repetition of Dirge, yet again, caused me more consternation than the critique. The problem is a certain lack of creativity, and the purpose here is to offer some suggestions that won't use the D word. In an effort to affront with a larger lexicon of invective, here are some useful phrases. Some may wish to memorize them, the better to haze the organist at the first opportunity. Better yet, make up your own.

- * No wonder you've got so much gray hair, you're still playing all that funeral music.
- * Monte, nobody but trolls would ever like this music.
- * We understand that people became violently ill after being forced to sing #822.
- * That music will cause entire mountain ranges to dissolve into wind-rows.
- * If you keep that up, our children will never be able to go to Macalester College.
- * When you played that Offertory, I was looking out the window and noticed that all the grass turned brown.
- * How much will it cost to never have to sing that song again?
- * Say, when are you going on vacation, any time soon?
- * You must be quite proud that you actually untuned the universe.

YAP CAMP!!!

St. Martin's 3rd Annual YAP CAMP!!! is scheduled for the week of August 18 - 22. Yappers will meet from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. each day, with supper at 6 p.m. There will be another rehearsal on Saturday, September 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 :30 p.m. The performance will be on Welcome Sunday, September 7.

The play has not yet been chosen, but it would help considerably, if interested youth would sign-up now. That way, the director can find a play that will best fit the cast. Put your name on the list in the Music/YAP office, or contact Mr. Mason directly. This event is for 5th grade (as of this fall) through high school.



ST. MARTIN'S BOOK CLUB WOMEN

invite you to attend our next session

Next meeting :

Tuesday , June 17

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Selection: *Moral Man and Immoral Society:*

A Study of Ethics and Politics
(Library of Theological Ethics)
by Reinhold Niebuhr

Facilitator: Lindsay Freeman

Join us in the St. Martin's library for discussion and light refreshments.

Book is in stock on Amazon (both new and used copies)

Questions contact Mindy Hargrove
Claire@haiint.com
or call 952-449-9896

PLANS, TRIPS, AWARDS SUMMER, FALL , ETC.

As graduations come up and plans for the fall are finalized, make sure to tell us what your young people are doing - where and when they might be going to college, any mission trips or awards they are receiving, interesting things in their lives. Here or not, they are part of our parish family.

Email LANDL30@aol.com.

Thank you.

Lindsay Hardin Freeman

JUNE 2008

EVENTS SERVICES MEETINGS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:00a Holy Eucharist 10:00a Holy Eucharist 11:15a Puppet Play/ second part 4:00p Benefit for Episcopal Group Homes	2 6:00p Working Women 7:00p AA	3 10:30a Staff Meeting	4 9:00a Outreach	5	6	7
8 8:00a Holy Eucharist 10:00a Family Sunday Holy Eucharist	9 7:00p AA	10 10:30a Staff Meeting	11	12 7:00p Women's Book Club	13 <i>Cloak Deadline</i> 4:00p Rehearsal for Leu/ Olson wedding	14 4:00p Leu / Olson wedding
15 <i>Father's Day</i> 8:00a Holy Eucharist 10:00a Holy Eucharist & Baptisms	16 7:00p AA	17 10:30a Staff Meeting	18	19	20	21 9:00a Blood Drive
22 8:00a Holy Eucharist 10:00a Morning Prayer	23 7:00p AA	24 10:30a Staff Meeting	25	26 2:30p Hillcrest	27	28
29 8:00a Holy Eucharist 10:00a Holy Eucharist	30 7:00p AA					



PERFECTION
Only two things are needed for a perfect life:
WD40 and Duct Tape.
If it moves, but won't.....use WD40
If it moves, but shouldn't... use Duct Tape.

JUNE 2008 ——— MINISTRIES

June 1 3 rd Sunday of Pentecost	June 8 4 th Sunday of Pentecost	June 15 5 th Sunday of Pentecost	June 22 6 th Sunday of Pentecost	June 29 7 th Sunday of Pentecost
Lay Readers 8- Polly McCrea 10- Cami Farley, Vicki Raiche	Lay Readers 8- Jim Lane 10- Rocel Kingman, Greg Young	Lay Readers 8- Cindy Piper 10- Blyth Brookman. Doug Marinaro	Lay Readers 8- Judy Rients 10- David Howard, Gary Kumerfield	Lay Readers 8- Bill Jensen 10- Cindy Hillgers, Mike Mason
Crucifer: Sophia Nord Acolytes Emily Nord, Hannah Striggow Mom: Michelle Striggow	Crucifer: David Freeman Acolytes Elizabeth Mason, Eva Martinuzzi Mom: Jennifer Martinuzzi	Crucifer: Jessamyn Senneca Acolytes Katherine & Lucy Kearney Mom: Pam Kearney	Crucifer: Kristine Sherburne Acolytes Jackson Striggow, Hannah Striggow Mom: Debbie Sherburne	Crucifer: Eva Martinuzzi Acolytes Elizabeth Mason, Grace Humphrey Mom: Alison Humphrey
Altar Guild * Mona Harmann	Altar Guild * Gail Rector	Altar Guild * Elaine Moulton	Altar Guild * Molly Jaffray	Altar Guild * Tracy McCartney
Ushers Dale & Debbie Sherburne	Ushers Steve & Laura Inglis	Ushers Jack & Judy Holscher	Ushers Jim & Joni Lane	Ushers David & Jolanta Howard
Altar Flowers	Altar Flowers	Altar Flowers	Altar Flowers	Altar Flowers
Preaching Rev. Lindsay Freeman	Preaching Rev. Leonard Freeman	Preaching Rev. Leonard Freeman	Preaching Rev. Lindsay Freeman	Preaching Rev. Leonard Freeman



FLAG DAY JUNE 14TH

June 14, 1777 In order to establish an official flag for the new nation, the Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act: "Resolved, That the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation." The Continental Congress left no record to show why it chose the colors. However, in 1782, the Congress of the Confederation chose these same colors for the Great Seal of the United States and listed their meaning as follows: white to mean purity and innocence, red for valor and hardiness, and blue for vigilance, perseverance, and justice

PUZZLEMENT CAMP

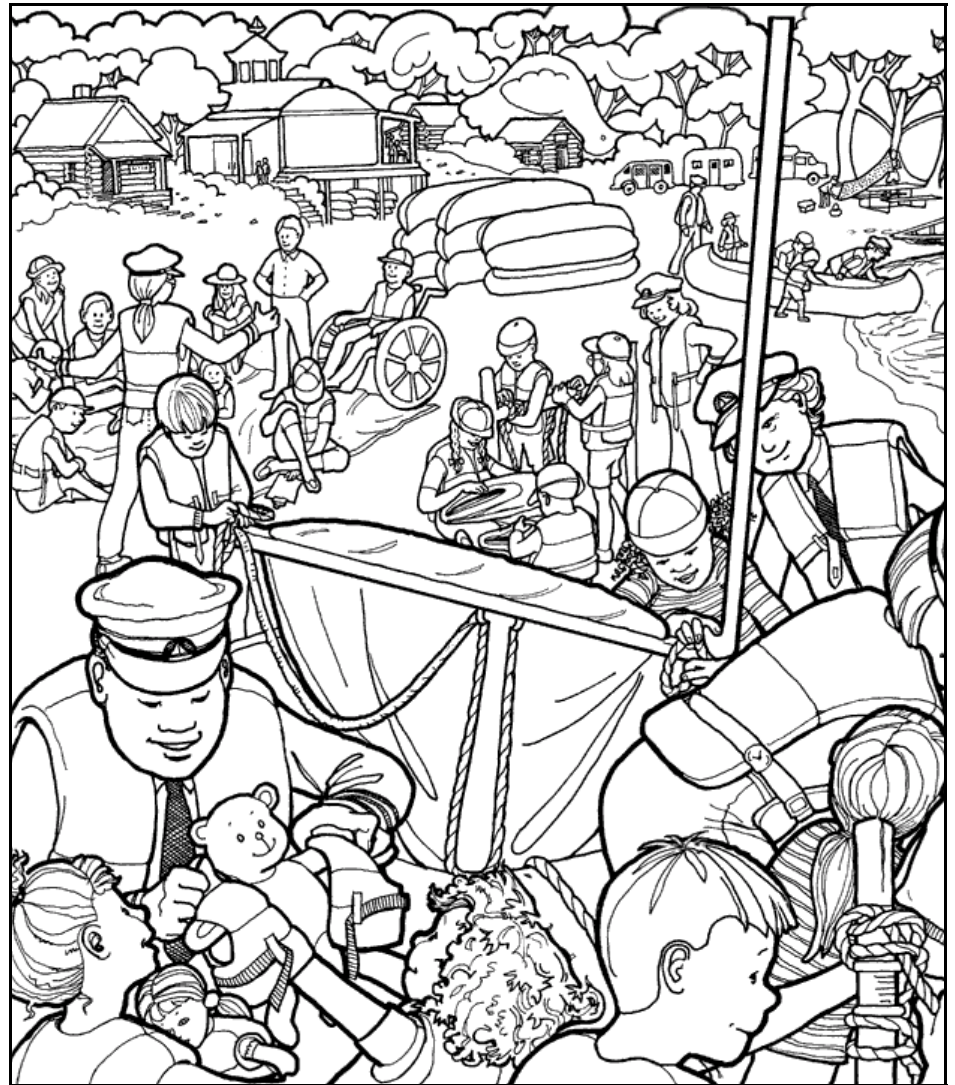
COURAGE AND RENEWAL, June 6-8

A Spring Retreat based on the work of Quaker author Parker Palmer, June 6-8, at the House of Prayer in Collegeville, led by Sandy Gehrig and Joyce McFarland.
Cost \$250.00.

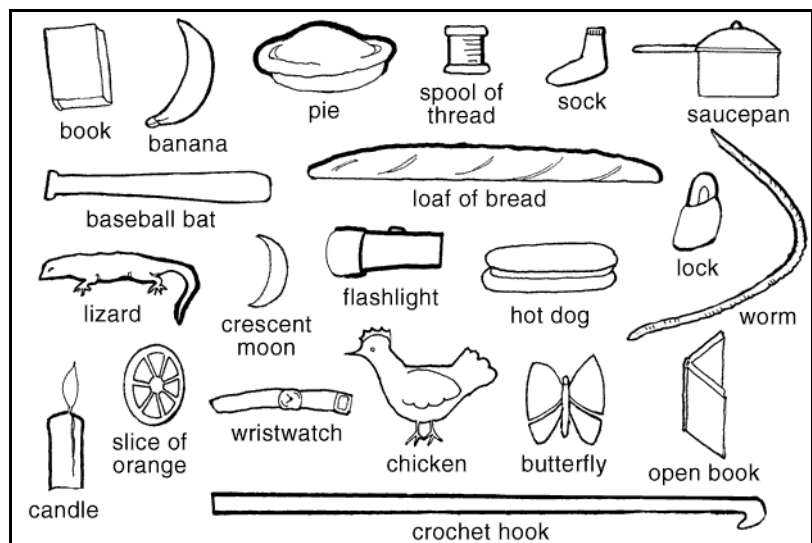
To sign up send \$100 to:
Episcopal House of Prayer,
PO Box 5888,
Collegeville, MN 56331
(phone: 320-363-3293).

LIFETOUGH PHOTO DIRECTORY.

If you missed getting your photo taken, we have a list of alternative sites you can make an appointment at. Our understanding is that you may also be able to submit a digital or hard copy photo, but that photos from the previous Lifetouch directory (2002) are not useable. Check with our office (952-471-8429) for details on the above.



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Include St. Martin's by-the-Lake
as a beneficiary on your IRA



Greetings,

Summer is here, the weather is finally warm, and the fish are biting. First off, I want to thank everyone who helped this year with church school, I am very happy with how the year went and the credit for that goes to the teachers and everyone who helped out.

We have several exciting things being planned for the youth during this summer. The Bishop Whipple club will be doing a “lock in” soon which involves our youth getting together and spending a night in the church having fun and enjoying each other’s fellowship. We also hope to take a group of youth and anyone else interested to a Twins game or a St. Paul Saints game. Be sure to check out these events!

Vacation Bible School is coming quickly and volunteers are still needed for things like snacks, crafts, story time, activity time, and all the other fun things that go with VBS. Please contact me if you are willing to help out and please sign your children up as soon as possible if they would like to attend, we need to submit t-shirt orders ASAP. The theme for VBS this year is **Globe Trekking With The Saints**, the children will learn about saints both in the recent past and the distant past and what makes them so special.

Thank you to all who have donated children’s books, our library has been expanded and I know the children enjoy them. If your spring-cleaning turns up children’s books that your family doesn’t use anymore, please consider donating them.

Finally, as we all take a collective sigh with summer finally here, I encourage everyone to make the most of your free time this summer. Consider adding five minutes in to your day for prayer or meditation on scripture. The Bible promises us if we seek to grow closer to God, we will find him and be blessed. I hope we can all strive to make the most out of our summer, get some much needed time off, and draw ever closer to our loving God. May God bless you this summer!

Blessings,

Derek Vander Molen





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GIVE BLOOD TODAY. SAVE A LIFE TOMORROW.

St. Martin's by the Lake is hosting a blood drive with the Memorial Blood Center Mobile on Saturday, **June 21st** in the front parking area.

Donating blood is a serious decision. But consider every year, thousands of patients rely on Memorial Blood Centers for the blood and blood components that help save their lives. Donating blood takes less than an hour and you could save as many as three lives with one donation.

WHO CAN DONATE?

Volunteer blood donors must:

- ♥ be in good health.
- ♥ be at least 17 years old.
- ♥ feel well for seven days following a cold or flu.
- ♥ be off oral antibiotics for 24 hours.
- ♥ weigh at least 110 pounds.
- ♥ eat a meal within six hours before donating.
- ♥ have gotten adequate sleep in the past 24 hours.
- ♥ wait at least 56 days between donations.

Please contact the church office to schedule a time on June 21st to donate blood at St. Martins. If you have any questions or would like additional information, contact Michelle Striggow.