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The Bread of Life

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 1, 2021

"Gather Us In"



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

Regular text is spoken by the Worship Leader or Pastor

Bold text is spoken by the congregation

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” – arr. V. Floeter

BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN**

“Gather Us In”

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (*1 John 1:9*) Mindful of God's commandments, our sinfulness, and God's mercy; we confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for personal reflection

Father of all,

your name is beyond the greatest wealth;

your favor is more generous than the richest person.

You sow justice; sometimes we plant injustice.

You share bread; sometimes we hoard the crumbs.

You bless the least; we compete for their place in your kingdom.

Forgive our meanness of spirit and hardness of heart. Forgive the things we fail to do in your name and call us to trust again in your ways, and to seek the better part; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (*John 6:35*) By grace we have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior, our sins are forgiven. Through Jesus Christ, our sin is no longer the weight that holds us down.

Amen! Thanks be to God!

***GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 16:2–4, 9–15, 31

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

³¹The house of Israel called it manna; it was like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1–16

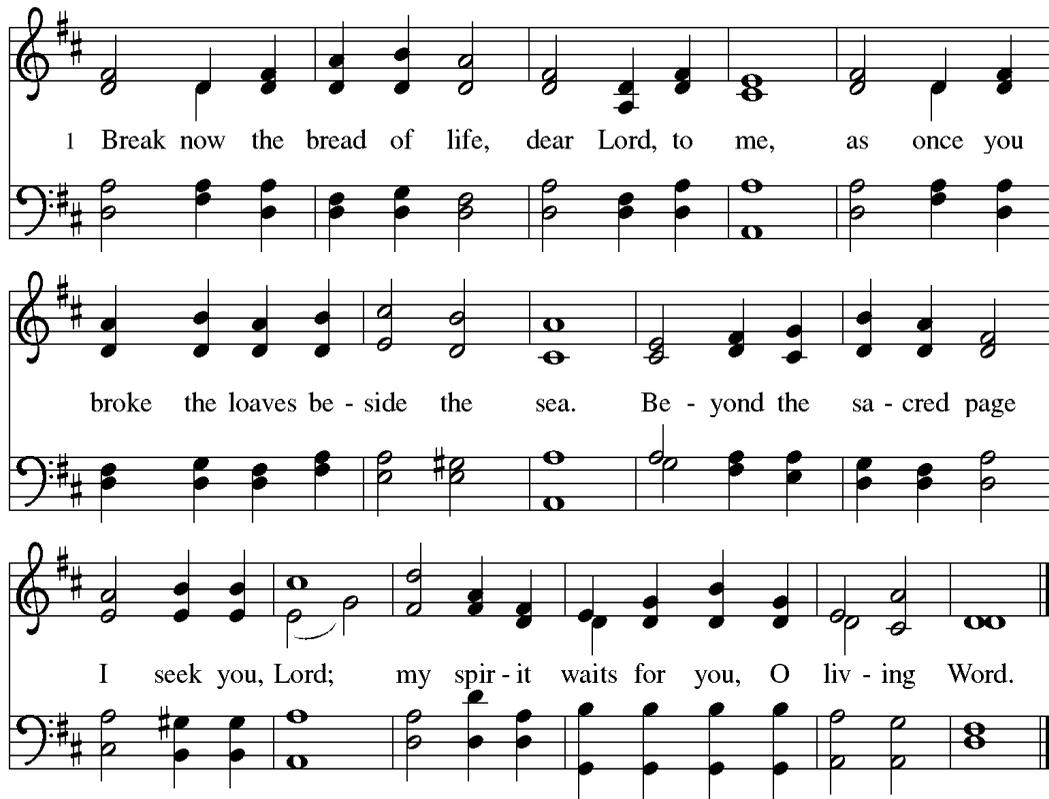
I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.
⁸Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people."

⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



I Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.

*GOSPEL READING

John 6:24-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord!

²⁴So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

MESSAGE

"Buffet or Bread of Life?"

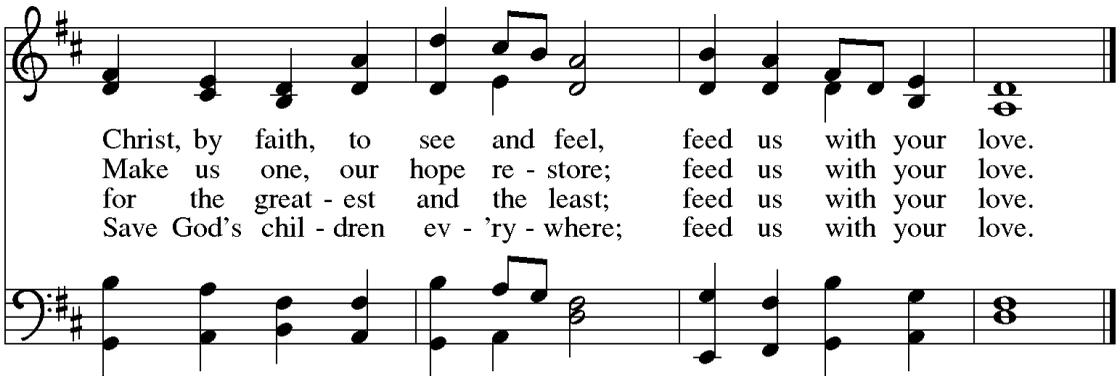
WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal"



1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.
2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.
3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—
4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.



Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.
Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.
for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.
Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

*PROFESSION OF FAITH – *Apostles Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into
heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you. (*We greet one another with the words "Peace be with you"*)

WE SHARE IN THE MEAL

***THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, the Bread of Life, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

“Help Love Find a Way” – Stan Schmidt

***BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

***PRAYER**

All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people extol you. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. *(Psalm 145)*

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

*CLOSING HYMN

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more. I will raise for - ev - er - more.

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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Worship Services: 9:00 am each Sunday, live broadcast on Facebook and YouTube

We welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. - Romans 15:7 ESV

We Welcome All to St. Martin’s Lutheran Church this Sunday as you join us in person and on line to worship our Savior, Jesus Christ. Join us for coffee, cookies and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following the Worship Service.

Worship includes the celebration of Communion today. We will be distributing communion in a continuous fashion. As you come forward you will receive the bread and then you can move to the side to receive the wine. Please pick up your own glass from the wine tray unless you need assistance. The center light-colored glasses are grape juice. Please place your empty wine glass in the basket as you return to your seat by the side aisle.

Sight and Hearing Assistance: Personal PA, Wireless Earphones are available from the worship ushers

The Nursery Room at the back of the sanctuary is available for parents and children during Sunday morning services. We ask that no children of any age be in the nursery without adult supervision.

St. Martin's Worship Servants . . .

Ministers of Worship	-Everyone Present
Acolyte	-Wyatt Gericke
Worship Leader	-Stan Schmidt
Presiding	-Pastor Dana Bjorlin
Organist/Pianist	-Deacon Steve Basselman
Lector	-Melanie Nagel
Usher Team Leader	-Butch Blankenship
Sound System	-Bill Phelps
Altar Guild	-Sandy Thatcher, Robin Trudel
Offering Counters	-Jo Ann Liechty, Butch Blankenship

This Week at St. Martin's

Today – August 1

Worship, 9:00 am, Holy Communion

Tuesday – August 3

Men's Breakfast Fellowship, 6:30 am at McDonalds

Sewing, 9:00 – 12:00, Fellowship Hall, see note

Parkinson Group, 1:00, Fellowship Hall, see note

Wednesday – August 4

Welcome Meal, drive through pick up, 5:15 pm

Thursday – August 5

Women's Breakfast Bible Study, 7:00 am, at Home Restaurant

Bulletin Deadline, 9:00 am

Next Sunday – August 8

Worship 9:00 am

Women’s Sewing, Tuesday, August 3 . . . The ladies have adjusted their sewing schedule. It will now be on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month from 9:00 – 12:00. If you can tie a knot, you can help sew comforters for Lutheran World Relief and Fulton County Christmas Cheer.

Parkinson’s & Care Givers Support Group is Back . . . after 16 months they will be meeting the first Tuesday of the month, August 3 at 1:00 PM at St. Martin's. Everything is the same. Facilitator Bonnie Lauber 419-445-9516. All are Welcomed.

Visit Our Library . . .check out the new 3-minute devotions for women, men, teens and kids. New books are on the white bookshelf straight ahead as you enter the room. No need to check them out, just take, read and return. See the August Newsletter for more books.

Also in the Library – Free Books to take home and not return are available just inside the library! These are extra copies or older references that you may enjoy. While you are there, take a look at the many NEW BOOKS on the white shelf. New Max Lucado and Gary Moreland as well as devotions for kids, teens and adults are waiting to be read!

Last Week & Last Year at St. Martin’s . . .

Receipts Week of July 25, 2021, Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	\$2,599.00	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	\$5,670.00
Benevolence Received	\$55.00	Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Need	\$567.00
Other Designated Income	\$129.00	As of 6/30/2021	
Total Income	\$2,783.00	YTD Operating Received	\$127,144.87
		YTD Operating Expenses	(\$123,043.21)
Attendance	64	Net Income/(Deficit)	\$4,101.66

SCHOOL, BABY CARE & PERSONAL CARE KIT ITEMS . . .



School supply sales have started! Be on the look-out for the following items. After you find a good sale, bring the items to the Fellowship Hall after August 1. Tables will be set up for your donations.

What is our goal you ask! In 2020 we sent 360 school kits which was the largest since we have been keeping a count total. Our average is pretty close to 250 so that is our goal again in 2021. Personal Care kits goal is 50. Updates on count will be included in Sunday Bulletins.

School Kit Items

- 4—70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper app. 8" X 10½"
- 1—30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters & inches
- 1—pencil sharpener
- 1—blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades)
- 5—~~unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers~~ have enough
- 5—ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 1—box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1—2½" eraser

Personal Care Kit Items:

- 1 – Light to medium-weight, bath-size towel (52" X 27" or smaller), dark color
- 2 - Bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, original wrapping
- 1 – Adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- 1 – Sturdy comb, remove packaging
- 1 – Metal nail clippers (with or without attached file)

Baby Care Kit Items:

- 2 – Long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- 2 – Receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square
- 1 – Jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- 1 – Hand towel, dark color recommended

St. Martin's Prayer Line

For our prayers in worship this morning and our daily devotions in the coming week, we remember:
All Believers as we look for the coming Messiah, may we be ready to see the Son of Man coming
in a cloud with power and great glory

All in Need both body & soul that we might know the joy we have in the presence of our Lord,
Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and King

Bishop Daniel Beaudoin, Synod Staff members and all the office staff, that they may be
supported in their ministry to the Church

The Bethel Parish of Dodoma, St. Martin's Companion Congregation, may they continue to carry
out God's ministry and mission in Tanzania

Mission Partner Congregation of Redeemer Lutheran, Toledo may they continue to carry out
God's ministry and mission in the Toledo Area

St. Martin's congregation and all involved in the process of calling the next Pastor to St. Martin's
All First Responders, Hospital Staff, Caregivers who have been in harm's way since the outbreak
of the coronavirus, may we know the ever-present grace of God

All who have lost family members and friends to the corona virus, may we know the comforting
presence of our Lord Jesus Christ

For those who need healing, may they know the healing hand of God

Margaret Benecke, Dan & Jeff Benecke's aunt

Phillip Calvin, Tanya Howell's brother

Jeff Cook, Ann Ott's son

Steven DeNault, June Hayes' friend

Jerry Geiger

Patricia Grover, friend of Melanie Nagel, ACT friends, cancer

Sharon Heckel

Pam Howell-Beach, sister of Dennis Howell, cancer treatments

Kirk Hummel, son-in-law of Carl & Becky Collins, cancer

Sue Hurst, Archbold area friend

Shelly Kammeyer, daughter in law of Sharon, Leukemia

Amanda Karduck, friend of Sara Adams & Jan Delaney

Diana Kosier, sister of Connie Lauber, cancer treatments

Lois Mininger, June Hayes' cousin

Samantha Nienberg, friend of Jan Delanie, cancer

Ann Ott

Lu Wolf, Judy (Paul) Wyse's mother

Joe Wyse

Our Shut-ins Rex Detwiler, Dorothy Huner, Louise Wyse

For those who need God's protection and the assurance that he is near

All St. Martin's Members as they prepare for Ministry

Our College students both close to home and far away

All members, family & friends who serve in our military, Steve & Sara (Delaney) Adams,

Patrick Cirenza (June Hayes), Bradley Nilsson (Pat Richards), Christopher Goertz,

Brendon Johns, Spencer Short

①① Prayer requests for the people of St. Martin's ①①

Please contact the church office by 9:00 am. Thursday

(Note, we include a person's name with permission.)