

Saint Martin's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Marine City, Michigan

April A.D. 2021

"God provides the wind, but man must raise the sails." – St. Augustine

The Ship's Log



Lobe's redeeming work is done,

Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won,

Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids His rise,

Alleluia!

Christ hath opened paradise,

Alleluia!

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PASTOR

THE REV. TROY G. WAITE

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CUSTODIAN

LINDA BOSKEE

BAPTISMS

Arrangements should be made by calling the Church Office. A Baptismal preparation session of parents and godparents is held prior to the Baptism.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance (one year for non-members and inactive parishioners). Pre-marriage classes are required. Marriages are not solemnized during Advent, Lent, or Holy Week.

NEWSLETTER

Items for the monthly newsletter are to be submitted to the Church Office by the third Sunday of the month.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

Track IV Adult Discussion Group, Monday at 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Church Offices are CLOSED on Friday and Saturday

DOWN RIVER BREAD OF LIFE NUTRITION CENTER FOOD PANTRY

First two Mondays of the month (except holidays)

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

SOUP KITCHEN

Tuesday through Friday of the last two weeks of the month

4:45 - 5:45 p.m.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Monday evenings at 5:30 p.m.

A.D. 2021 CHURCH COUNCIL

President

John Pizzo, [REDACTED]
Term ends in 2021

Vice-President

Bryon Spiekhout, [REDACTED]
Term ends in 2021

Council Secretary

Sandy Youngert, [REDACTED]
Term ends in 2022

Treasurer

Evelyn Ikera, [REDACTED]
Term ends in 2023

Financial Secretary

Kristine Welser, [REDACTED]
Term ends in 2023

Fellowship Committee

Jill Meldrum, [REDACTED]
Term ends in 2023

Health Ministry

Katie Gutshow, [REDACTED]
Term ends in 2021

Memorials Committee

Kathy Pizzo, [REDACTED]
Term ends in 2022

Missions Committee

Georgia Phillips, [REDACTED]
Term ends in 2021

Parish Education Committee

Nancy Spiekhout, [REDACTED]
Term ends in 2023

St. Martin's Pilots

Bill Welser, [REDACTED]
Term ends in 2022

Property Committee

Nick Pizzo, [REDACTED]
Term ends in 2022

Stewardship Committee

Carol Joyner, [REDACTED]
Term ends in 2023

St. Martin's Youth League'

Vacant

St. Martin's Women of the ELCA

Vacant

Worship Committee

Caryann Kaatz, [REDACTED]
Term ends in 2021



From the Pastor . . .

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Dear Members and Friends of St. Martin's,

MY favorite Church holiday is Easter, and my favorite flower of all flowers is the Easter lily. One whiff of its intoxicating smell transports me in joyful spirit to just about every Easter Sunday worship service I ever attended throughout my life. Those are wonderful and very cherished memories, indeed. I can still remember in my youngest years traveling back to church with my mom after the late service was over to collect the Easter lily she had ordered in order to bring it home. (Even as very young children, we almost always attended the 6:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service at church. My dad felt that the usual 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. services were just “too crowded.” And at the church I was baptized in, and in which I grew up for the first half of my childhood, people were ushered both in *and* out of their pews; at the conclusion of worship, there was no such thing as a “free flow” out of church. So, you can perhaps begin to understand with the increased attendances at Easter my dad's hesitation to have to wait any longer than usual to exit after worship (my dad always said that my mom never minded the extra time it took to leave church by being ushered out because it gave her more time to spend with people and “you know how she loves to talk!” LOL). Of course, once I joined the Junior and, later, Senior Choirs as I grew older, and still later as I became the organist, I was at church for all three services, usually from 5:00 a.m. until about 1:00 p.m. by the time it was all said and done— and by that time, trust me, it felt like it was about 5:00 in the afternoon!). Still, all very good memories, evoked by the scent of that beautiful flower known as the Easter lily, not to mention its beautiful trumpet shaped blossoms symbolizing purity, hope, and life—the spiritual center of Easter.

But, where did the Easter lily come from? How did it get to be one of the major symbols of Easter for so many people? The following is from the website of Walter Knolls Florist in St. Louis, Missouri (www.wkf.com):

We can thank Louis Houghton, a World War I soldier, for the popularity of the Bermuda lily, better known as the Easter lily. In 1919 he brought a suitcase full of hybrid lily bulbs to the southern coast of Oregon and gave them to family and friends to plant. The climate was ideal for growing this lily, a native of the Ryukyu Islands of Japan, and by 1945, over one thousand west coast growers were producing bulbs for the commercial market. Despite a sales window of only approximately two weeks each year, Easter lilies are the fourth largest potted plant crop in the United States, ranking among poinsettias, mums, and azaleas as America's favorite blooming plants.

History, mythology, and art are filled with stories and images that speak of the beauty and majesty of the elegant white flowers. One of the most famous Biblical references is in the Sermon on the Mount, when Christ said, “Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin and yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.” Often called the “White-robed Apostles of Hope,” lilies are said to have been found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ's agony. At Easter time, churches bank their altars and surround their crosses with masses of Easter lilies, to commemorate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the hope of life everlasting.

The pure white lily has long been associated with womanhood, too. In early paintings, the Angel Gabriel is pictured extending a branch of pure white lilies to the Virgin Mary, announcing that she is to be the Mother of the Christ Child. In other paintings, Saints are pictured bringing vases full of white lilies to Mary and the Infant Jesus. Tradition has it that when Eve left the Garden of Eden, she shed real tears of repentance, and from those remorseful tears spring up lilies. The spiritual principle held here is that true repentance is the beginning of beauty. A mark of purity and grace throughout the ages, the regal white lily is a fitting symbol of the greater meaning of Easter. Gracing millions of homes and churches, the flowers embody joy, hope, and life. Whether given as a gift or enjoyed in your own home, the Easter lily serves as a beautiful reminder that Easter is a time for rejoicing and celebrating.

Easter is a time for rejoicing and celebrating . . . In light of all that has been going on the last couple of years, couldn't we all use a good dose or “whiff” of renewal, new life, rejoicing and celebrating? For as great as it is, however, that cannot be found in an Easter lily. It can be found, however, in what the Easter lily symbolizes. For the BEST news around which we gather and celebrate at Easter is that we can have all of the renewal, new life, rejoicing and celebrating that our hearts can hold—and MORE!— in and through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This year when you walk into church for Easter worship, if your allergies allow, take a big whiff of the joy that awaits you in the proclamation of the Easter Gospel: ALLELUIA! Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! ALLELUIA! Wishing you and yours a very blessed and joyful Easter in Christ our risen Lord, I remain . . .

Yours in the friendship of Christ and St. Martin,

Rev. Troy G. Waite
Pastor


Scheduled to Serve in April A.D. 2021

Altar Guild: Sandy Dean and Carol Joyner

04 April	EASTER SUNDAY
Assisting Minister	Roberta Darling
Acolytes	Ryan Dean and TBD
Lector	Heather Fordt
Ushers	Roy and Cheryl Smith
Counters	Joyce Frank and Katie Gutschow
11 April	Low Sunday
Assisting Minister	Joyce Frank
Acolytes	Trenton Dean & Derek Kierszykowski
Lector	Kathy Pizzo
Ushers	Charles and Joyce Frank
Counters	Nick Pizzo and Linda Boskee
18 April	The 2nd Sunday after Easter
Assisting Minister	Evelyn Ikera
Acolytes	Hope & Jill Meldrum
Lector	Kay Rau
Ushers	Bryon Spiekhout and Kris Welser
Counters	Nick Pizzo and Linda Boskee
25 April	ST. MARK, Evangelist
Assisting Minister	Carol Joyner
Acolytes	Rachel Strate and TBD
Lector	Nancy Spiekhout
Ushers	Don Dean and John Pizzo
Counters	Bill and Janet Welser

Servant Opportunities

If you have been considering serving as an Assisting Minister, Acolyte, Lector or Usher, there is no time like the present! Please contact Pastor Waite and let him know that you are interested in serving in one of these areas. If you would like to serve as a Counter (one who counts the weekly offerings after worship), please contact Kristine Welser, [REDACTED]

 <p>Birthdays & ANNIVERSARIES</p> <p>APRIL A.D. 2021</p>	<p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY!</p> <p>04 Carter Schulte 10 Janet Paul 12 Carol Waldecker 17 Nancy Maul 27 Kaylie Rickert 28 Joe May 29 Karen Bassett Joyce Springborn</p>
<p>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!</p> <p>09 Joe & Cindy Lesch (54) 20 Gary & Jill Rickert (19) 26 Debbie & Fred Babel (47)</p>	<p>BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES</p> <p>06 Joe Lesch 08 Tony Meldrum 09 Pastor Waite 15 Jill Rickert 17 Cherilyn Aubry 30 Derek Kierszykowski Kyle Rickert ?? Roberta Darling</p>

Telephone Directory Updates/Changes

Please note the following updates/changes to the new Telephone/Active Membership Directory:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Thank you to those who reported the above updates/changes. Please continue to share any updates, changes, or corrections to the Pastor so that we may keep our Telephone/Active Members Director current and up to date.

Daily Scripture Readings
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 MAUNDY THURSDAY Jeremiah 20:7-11 (12-13) 14-18 1 Corinthians 10:14-17; 11:27-32 John 17:1-11 (12-26)	2 GOOD FRIDAY Wisdom 1:16--2:1, 12-22 <i>or</i> Genesis 22:1-14 1 Peter 1:10-20 John 13:36-38 <i>or</i> John 19:38-42	3 HOLY SATURDAY Job 19:21-27a Hebrews 4:1-16 Romans 8:1-11
4 EASTER SUNDAY Exodus 12:1-14 Isaiah 51:9-11 Luke 24:13-35 <i>or</i> John 20:19-23	5 EASTER MONDAY Jonah 2:1-10 Acts 2:14, 22-32 John 14:1-14	6 EASTER TUESDAY Isaiah 30:18-26 Acts 2:36-41 (42-47) John 14:15-31	7 Easter Wednesday Micah 7:7-15 Acts 3:1-10 John 15:1-11	8 Easter Thursday Ezekiel 37:1-14 Acts 3:11-26 John 15:12-27	9 Easter Friday Daniel 12:1-4, 13 Acts 4:1-12 John 16:1-15	10 Easter Saturday Isaiah 25:1-9 Acts 4:13-21 (22-31) John 16:16-33
11 Low Sunday St. Leo the Great, BpCD Isaiah 43:8-13 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-7	12 Daniel 1:1-21 1 John 1:1-10 John 17:1-11	13 St. Hermenegild, M Daniel 2:1-16 1 John 2:1-11 John 17:12-19	14 St. Justin, M; Ss. Tiburtius & Comp, Mm Daniel 2:17-30 1 John 2:12-17 John 17:20-26	15 Daniel 2:31-49 1 John 2:18-29 Luke 3:1-14	16 Daniel 3:1-18 1 John 3:1-10 Luke 3:15-22	17 St. Anicetus, BpM Daniel 3:19-30 1 John 3:11-18 Luke 4:1-13
18 2nd Sunday after Easter Daniel 4:1-18 1 Peter 4:7-11 John 21:15-25	19 Daniel 4:19-27 1 John 3:19--4:6 Luke 4:14-30	20 Daniel 4:28-37 1 John 4:7-21 Luke 4:31-37	21 SOMENITY OF ST. JOSEPH ; St. Anselm, BpCD Daniel 5:1-12 1 John 5:1-12 Luke 4:38-44	22 St. Soter & Caius, BppMm Daniel 5:13-30 1 John 5:13-20 (21) Luke 5:1-11	23 St. George, M Daniel 6:1-15 2 John 1-13 Luke 5:12-26	24 Daniel 6:16-28 3 John 1-15 Luke 5:27-39
25 ST. MARK, Ev 3 rd Sunday after Easter Wisdom 1:1-15 <i>or</i> Genesis 18:22-33 1 Peter 5:1-11 Matthew 7:15-29	26 Ss. Cletus & Marcellinus, BppMm Wisdom 1:16--2:11, 21-24 <i>or</i> Jeremiah 30:1-9 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 6:1-11	27 Wisdom 3:1-9 <i>or</i> Jeremiah 30:10-17 Colossians 1:15-23 Luke 6:12-26	28 St. Vitalis, M Wisdom 4:16--5:8 <i>or</i> Jeremiah 30:18-22 Colossians 1:24--2:7 Luke 6:27-38	29 St. Peter of Verona, M Wisdom 5:9-23 <i>or</i> Jeremiah 31:1-14 Colossians 2:8-23 Luke 6:39-49	30 St. Catherine of Siena, V Wisdom 6:12-23 <i>or</i> Jeremiah 31:15-22 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 7:1-17	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7 pm EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 9 pm ALL NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL Begins	2 GOOD FRIDAY 9 am ALL NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL Ends 10 am CROSS WALK 1 pm SOLEMN LITURGY OF OUR LORD'S SUFFERING & DEATH 7 pm TENEBRAE	3 HOLY SATURDAY 8 pm EASTER VIGIL <i>(Potluck Hors d'oeuvre Reception follows in Kitchenette)</i>
4 EASTER SUNDAY 10:15 am MASS OF EASTER SUNDAY	5 EASTER MONDAY - <i>Church Offices CLOSED</i> - 9 am Food Pantry 5:30 pm AA	6 EASTER TUESDAY	7	8 6:45 pm Divine Mercy 7 pm Holy Eucharist	9	10 9 am Women's Book Study 1 pm Reichle Bridal Shower/Fellowship Hall
11 Low Sunday 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	12 9 am Food Pantry 5:30 pm AA 7 pm Track IV	13 6:30 pm Executive Committee 7:15 pm Church Council	14	15 6:45 pm Divine Mercy 7 pm Holy Eucharist	16	17
18 2nd Sunday after Easter 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	19 5:30 pm AA 7 pm Track IV	20 4:45 pm Soup Kitchen 6:30 pm Pilots (Men's Fellowship)	21 SOMENITY OF ST. JOSEPH 4:45 pm Soup Kitchen	22 4:45 pm Soup Kitchen 6:45 pm Divine Mercy 7 pm Holy Eucharist	23 4:45 pm Soup Kitchen	24 9 am Women's Book Study
25 ST. MARK, Ev <i>3rd Sunday after Easter</i> 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	26 5:30 pm AA 7 pm Track IV	27 4:45 pm Soup Kitchen	28 4:45 pm Soup Kitchen	29 4:45 pm Soup Kitchen 6:45 pm Divine Mercy 7 pm Holy Eucharist	30 4:45 pm Soup Kitchen	

