

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

**April A.D. 2024**

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

# The Ship's Log



## ST. MARTIN'S PARISH DIRECTORY

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### PASTOR

THE REV. TROY G. WAITE

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### CUSTODIAN

LINDA BOSKEE

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### 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.

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### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School for all ages 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

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### 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.

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### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Monday afternoons at 5:30 p.m.

## A.D. 2024 CHURCH COUNCIL

### President

Nancy Spiekhout, [REDACTED]  
*Term ends in 2024*

### Vice President

John Pizzo, [REDACTED]  
*Term ends in 2024*

### Council Secretary

Kathy Pizzo, [REDACTED]  
*Term ends in 2025*

### Treasurer

Heather Fordt, [REDACTED]  
*Term ends in 2026*

### Financial Secretary

Sandy Youngert, [REDACTED]  
*Term ends in 2026*

### Fellowship Committee

Katie Gutschow, [REDACTED]  
*Term ends in 2024*

### Health Ministry

Kay Rau, [REDACTED]  
*Term ends in 2024*

### Memorials Committee

Nick Pizzo, [REDACTED]  
*Term ends in 2025*

### Missions Committee

Tamara Howes, [REDACTED]  
*Term ends in 2024*

### Parish Education Committee

Tracie Wilke, [REDACTED]  
*Term ends in 2026*

### St. Martin's Pilots

Tony Meldrum, [REDACTED]  
*Term ends in 2024*

### Property Committee

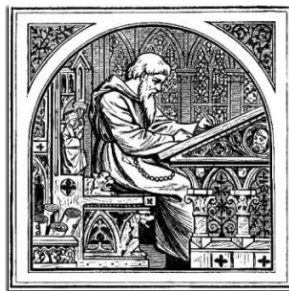
Bill Stieler, [REDACTED]  
*Term ends in 2025*

### Stewardship Committee

Caryann Kaatz, [REDACTED]  
*Term ends in 2024*

### Worship Committee

Roberta Darling, [REDACTED]  
*Term ends in 2024*



## From the Pastor . . .

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Dear Members and Friends of St. Martin's,

As our Easter celebrations continue and come into "full bloom" this month, I wanted to share with the following from the late great Lutheran pastor, Berthold von Schenk's book *The Presence: An Approach to Holy Communion* (American Lutheran Publicity Bureau, 2010). I pray that Pastor von Schenk's great love and admiration for the Blessed Sacrament will not only encourage and edify you, but with God's help will also assist you in your own on-going Easter celebrations, as well. The following is entitled: "The Pledge of the Resurrection." Enjoy and may you be richly blessed!

"Many arguments, of course, can be advanced for proving the resurrection true. But arguments will never convince. Think of the thousands of arguments that are proclaimed from the pulpits. Yet they do little to convince. Their value lies in strengthening the faith of those who already believe. But we must not belittle evidence of any kind, much less that for the fact of the resurrection. Some time ago two of the world's most prominent skeptics were Gilbert West and Lord Lyttleton, and they were two of the most brilliant intellects of their own or any other age. They made fun of Christianity whenever they met. Once in a conversation they said, "There are two things we must explode, and then we will have the Christian religion all tumbled into the ditch, and nothing will be left." Now what were the two things they wanted to explode? They said, "We must explain away the doctrine that Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day as the Scriptures teach; and then we will have to explain away that man Paul who within a few years spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ all over the world."

Gilbert West said, "I will explain away the resurrection of Christ." Lord Lyttleton said, "I will explain Paul." They went away, and after weeks and weeks, by appointment, they met again, and Lyttleton said, "West, what have you to say?" West replied, "Oh, Lyttleton, I have something wonderful to tell you. When I came to explode the doctrine that Jesus of Nazareth rose on the third day from the dead, I had to be candid, I had to be sincere, I had to be honest, I had to search for my evidence. I did this, and in my deepest soul I am convinced that Jesus did rise from the dead, and I prayed to Him and He saved me, and I am His friend."

And then Lord Lyttleton answered, "Thank God, West. I have something just as wonderful to tell you. When I came to explain that man Paul, to get rid of him, I, too, had to be true and candid. I had to search and be true. And you will rejoice with me, when I tell that after I searched and studied about Paul, by and by I found myself down on my knees on that Damascus road, and my cry was this, 'Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?' and I am a Christian also." These two great minds wrote two of the noblest apologies of the Christian religion that have ever been penned.

We shall not certainly belittle the rational approach to Christianity. Doctrinal studies serve a good purpose. Surely, we would all be established in the faith if we did a little more thinking about the great truths of God. But the bare fact that the body of Jesus came out of the tomb after three days would have no religious meaning were it not for the further and higher fact that Jesus manifested Himself as a living moral power, took command of the moral lives of His followers, recreated the timorous and doubting disciples into confident and convinced apostles of His life, and still controls the moral destinies of Christian men. The resurrection power must be a conviction, not only of the mind, but of my entire self, of my own deepest, inmost soul. I must be sure that Jesus Christ is my sure defense. I must know that my Redeemer liveth. I must know that He lives in me. Now this sureness, this certainty of the resurrection has come to many through the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The great answer, the final answer, to all unbelief is that amazing fact that nothing in the world has ever been able to destroy the historic Christian belief in Holy Communion.

What do we believe when we kneel at the altar? This, that we receive nothing less than the risen, glorified body of Christ, who loved us so much that He gave Himself for us on that Good Friday. Again we return to the history of the early Christian Church. How it fascinates us. Martyrs, death, triumphant confession are everywhere. Not only individuals here and there are noted, but Christian heroism becomes the common thing. Thousands glory in the death of martyrdom.

What was their surety? It was their faith in the risen Savior. It was the living Christ in them. This certainty was theirs not through scientific study, or through popular movement. They had the fellowship with the cross, the fellowship with the risen Savior. And down through the ages men and women have died for this faith, fought for it, lived by it, and died in it.

Holy Communion, we see, is not merely a ceremony, nor a remembrance feast in the sense of a mere memorial, but in the Holy Communion Christ is actually, really, present. In the Communion the risen Christ is bodily present as actually as when He appeared to His disciples behind closed doors and said, "Peace be unto you, as My Father has sent Me, so send I you" (John 20:21).

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The Holy Communion, a pledge of the resurrection, is one no one can rationalize. It is not a resurrection which happened years ago, but a living fact now, that is set in our midst; the living Christ down to earth again, centered at the altar of our church. Christ is not merely coming to me, not merely with me, but in me, my hope of glory. Through the Communion the living Christ becomes a reality; through it we enter into fellowship with the mind of Christ, not only the humiliated, but also the exalted Christ. And if we have this mind in us a might energy is let loose. We, too, shall be exalted. Here, then, we find the source for Christian life, the resurrected Christ Himself in us. Here is a source of revival, for a true revival cannot come by stirring emotions, by haranguing indifferent souls, but only through the reality of the resurrection. Christ did not merely leave us His teachings, but He left us Himself. Before a revival can come to the church, Christian people must find their way back to the altar. Whenever the Blessed Sacrament is taught and realized and believed as the heart of religion and the center of the Church's life, then she achieves the supernatural, which alone can touch, move and win the souls of men....

In these days men are again groping for faith. Their experience has told them that there is something fundamentally wrong in the world. They are turning to the church for guidance. The church will fail in its great opportunity as she has failed so often, unless she can direct these groping souls to the altar where they will find the living reality, the risen Savior, the source of Christian life. The revival of the love of the altar will change the whole face of the Church of Christ. It will help to lift our groping, blind leaders, both of clergy and laity, out of the murk of materialism and methodism to a vision of the supernatural.

It was said of Mozart that he brought angels down, and of Beethoven that he lifted mortals up. Jesus of Nazareth does both, and more. Jesus is God's way to man. Jesus is man's way to God. Jesus is the only true Jacob's ladder, by which a sinning man may mount up to God. In the Holy Communion Christ comes down and lifts us up, so that Christ becomes the power in our own person.

That is why the early Christians went out with such courage and fortitude. They believed that Jesus rose from the death and that reality was pledged to them in the Communion. The Church has traveled a long way from that conquering spirit because men and women have lost the way to the altar, where the resurrection becomes a reality. We must keep in mind that God has focused the great truths of our redemption on a special place—at the altar, so that we can see, touch, taste, and physically realize them. Thus He has focused for us at the altar the truth of Bethlehem, the truth of Calvary, the truth of Easter, the truth of Olivet. The Holy Communion links us to these great facts, for the Blessed Sacrament is, indeed, that same body which lay on Mary's lap and hung on the cross, not as it was then, material and limited to space, but as it is now, risen, glorified, triumphant, at the right hand of the Father. Under the veils of bread and wine we have Him who in unveiled glory stands before the throne of heaven, aye, in the very center, surrounded by the saints, the "ten thousand times ten thousand in sparkling raiment bright." Do you now see how we must find our way back to the altar if we want to recapture the Easter courage? There is no other place where we can recapture it in such fullness.

We, too, like the women on that early Easter morn, come to our church. We shall not have to worry as to who will roll away the stone from the sepulcher, if our church observes the last testament of the Savior. For when we come we shall not only hear the angelic message, "Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, He is risen" (Matthew 28:5-6), but we shall also meet the Savior Himself, the risen Savior who beckons us. "Reach hither . . . and be not faithless, but believing" (John 20:27).

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What beautiful and faith-filled words, words so much need today as the church seeks once again to be relevant and meaningful witnesses to the world around us. And what a powerful, Christ-filled reminder: Our relevancy as Christ's Church comes not from programs, or movements, or joining in with societal agendas, fads, fashions and trends; rather our relevancy comes from the altar, the place where we meet and are filled once again with our risen Lord and His resurrection life! This Easter and beyond, I look forward to meeting our risen Lord with you frequently at the altar, and I remain . . .

Yours in the friendship of the risen Christ and St. Martin,

*Rev. Troy G. Waite*  
Pastor

✠ **Scheduled to Serve in April A.D. 2024** ✠

**Altar Guild:** Debbie Babel and Karen Bassett

<b>07 April</b>	<b>Low Sunday</b>
Assisting Minister	Caryann Kaatz
Acolytes	Nolan Clemente and Rachel Strate
Lector	Kay Rau
Ushers	TBD
Counters	Joyce Frank and Katie Gutschow
<b>14 April</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Easter</b>
Assisting Minister	Kay Rau
Acolytes	Ryan and Trenton Dean
Lector	Nancy Spiekhout
Ushers	Bill and Janet Welser
Counters	Joyce Frank and Katie Gutschow
<b>21 April</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Easter</b>
Assisting Minister	Nancy Spiekhout
Acolytes	Derek Kierszykowski and Hope Meldrum
Lector	Bill Stieler
Ushers	Don Dean and John Pizzo
Counters	Nick Pizzo and Nancy Spiekhout
<b>28 April</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter</b>
Assisting Minister	Rachel Strate
Acolytes	Alexa Fordt and Brooklyn Pizzo
Lector	Sandy Youngert
Ushers	Jason Dean and Bill Stieler
Counters	Nick Pizzo and Nancy Spiekhout

### 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 the Financial Secretary, Kristine Welser.



**APRIL A.D. 2024**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

10 Janet Paul  
17 Nancy Maul  
24 Avery Jo Wilke  
27 Gina LaLonde  
29 Karen Bassett

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

18 Brent & Heather Fordt  
26 Debbie & Fred Babel

### BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY

08 Tony Meldrum  
09 Pastor Waite  
18 Corbyn Fordt  
30 Derek Kierszykowski  
?? Roberta Darling



### Memorial Service for Jackie Quick

December 27, 1923 - February  
17, 2024

**Wednesday, April 17, 2024**

11:00 a.m.

St. Martin's Lutheran Church  
156 S. William Street • Marine City, MI

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR**

Mark your calendar for the MAY Third Friday of the Month Euchre Party: Friday, May 17, 2024. St. Martin's Church Council will be hosting, with the help of the entire congregation. All proceeds will go to St. Martin's General Fund.





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## **CARD PARTY**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024**

St. Martin's Lutheran Church  
156 S. William St. Marine City

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**HOSTED BY: ST. MARTIN'S ALTAR GUILD**

*Join us for cards, fun and fellowship*

**Eight Rounds of Cards**  
**\$10.00**

**Food, Refreshments**  
**Prizes, Raffel, 50/50**

**Registration begins at 6:30**

**Games begin at 7 p.m. sharp**

players must be 18 years or older

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

*Daily Scripture Readings*  
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1 EASTER MONDAY</b>  Jonah 2:1-10 Acts 2:14, 22-32 John 14:1-14	<b>2 EASTER TUESDAY</b>  Isaiah 30:18-26 Acts 2:36-41 (42-47) John 14:15-31	<b>3 Easter Wednesday</b>  Micah 7:7-15 Acts 3:1-10 John 15:1-11	<b>4 Easter Thursday;</b> St. Isidore, BpCD  Ezekiel 37:1-14 Acts 3:11-26 John 15:12-27	<b>5 Easter Friday</b>  Daniel 12:1-4, 13 Acts 4:1-12 John 16:1-15	<b>6 Easter Saturday</b>  Isaiah 25:1-9 Acts 4:13-21 (22-31) John 16:16-33
<b>7 Low Sunday</b>  Isaiah 43:8-13 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-7	<b>8 ANNUNCIATION OF THE BVM</b> [From March 25]  Daniel 1:1-21 1 John 1:1-10 John 17:1-11	<b>9</b>  Daniel 2:1-16 1 John 2:1-11 John 17:12-19	<b>10</b>  Daniel 2:17-30 1 John 2:12-17 John 17:20-26	<b>11 St. Leo I, BpCD</b>  Daniel 2:31-49 1 John 2:18-29 Luke 3:1-14	<b>12</b>  Daniel 3:1-18 1 John 3:1-10 Luke 3:15-22	<b>13 St. Hermenegild, M</b>  Daniel 3:19-30 1 John 3:11-18 Luke 4:1-13
<b>14 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Easter</b> St. Justin, M; St. Tiburtius & Comp, Mm  Daniel 4:1-18 1 Peter 4:7-11 John 21:15-25	<b>15</b>  Daniel 4:19-27 1 John 3:19--4:6 Luke 4:14-30	<b>16</b>  Daniel 4:28-37 1 John 4:7-21 Luke 4:31-37	<b>17 SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, Spouse of the BVM</b>  Daniel 5:1-12 1 John 5:1-12 Luke 4:38-44	<b>18</b>  Daniel 5:13-30 1 John 5:13-20 (21) Luke 5:1-11	<b>19</b>  Daniel 6:1-15 2 John 1-13 Luke 5:12-26	<b>20</b>  Daniel 6:16-28 3 John 1-15 Luke 5:27-39
<b>21 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Easter</b> St. Anselm, BpCD  Wisdom 1:1-15 <i>or</i> Genesis 18:22-33 1 Peter 5:1-11 Matthew 7:15-29	<b>22 Sts. Soter &amp; Caius, BppMm</b>  Wisdom 1:16--2:11, 21-24 <i>or</i> Jeremiah 30:1-9 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 6:1-11	<b>23 St. George, M</b>  Wisdom 3:1-9 <i>or</i> Jeremiah 30:10-17 Colossians 1:15-23 Luke 6:12-26	<b>24</b>  Wisdom 4:16--5:8 <i>or</i> Jeremiah 30:18-22 Colossians 1:24--2:7 Luke 6:27-38	<b>25 ST. MARK, Ev</b>  Wisdom 5:9-23 <i>or</i> Jeremiah 31:1-14 Colossians 2:8-23 Luke 6:39-49	<b>26 Sts. Cletus &amp; Marcellinus, BppMm</b>  Wisdom 6:12-23 <i>or</i> Jeremiah 31:15-22 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 7:1-17	<b>27</b>  Wisdom 7:1-14 <i>or</i> Jeremiah 31:23-25 Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 7:18-28 (29-30) 31-35
<b>28 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter</b> St. Vitalis, M  Wisdom 7:22--8:1 <i>or</i> Isaiah 32:1-8 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 Matthew 7:7-14	<b>29</b>  Wisdom 9:1, 7-18 <i>or</i> Jeremiah 32:1-15 Colossians 3:18--4:18 Luke 7:36-50	<b>30 St. Catherine of Siena, V</b>  Wisdom 10:1-4 (5-12) 13-21 <i>or</i> Jeremiah 32:16-25 Romans 12:1-21 Luke 8:1-15				

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<b>7 Low Sunday</b>  9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	<b>8 ANNUNCIATION OF THE BVM</b> [From March 25]  9 am - 12:30 pm Food Pantry Open  5:30 pm AA 7 pm Track IV	<b>9</b>  6:30 pm Executive Committee 7:15 pm Church Council	<b>10</b>	<b>11 St. Leo I, BpCD</b>   6:45 pm Divine Mercy 7 pm Holy Eucharist	<b>12</b>	<b>13 St. Hermenegild, M</b>  9 am Women's Study
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