

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

August A.D. 2025

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

The Ship's Log



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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.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

SUMMER CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Bible Study, Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

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

Women's Study Group, 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 9:00 a.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.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Monday afternoons at 5:30 p.m.

A.D. 2025 CHURCH COUNCIL

President

John Pizzo, [REDACTED]

Term ends in 2027

Vice President

Nancy Spiekhout, [REDACTED]

Term ends in 2027

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

Roberta Darling, [REDACTED]

Term ends in 2027

Health Ministry

Jill Meldrum, [REDACTED]

Memorials Committee

Nick Pizzo, [REDACTED]

Term ends in 2025

Missions Committee

Kay Rau, [REDACTED]

Term ends in 2027

Parish Education Committee

Open

St. Martin's Pilots

Tony Meldrum, [REDACTED]

Term ends in 2025

Property Committee

Bill Stieler, [REDACTED]

Term ends in 2025

Stewardship Committee

Open

Worship Committee

Caryann Kaatz, [REDACTED]

Term ends in 2027



From the Pastor . . .

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Dear Members and Friends of St. Martin's,

THERE are so many figures of speech in the English language that we take for granted. I ran across one such figure in my morning devotions last month. It is in Psalm 17:8: "Keep me as the apple of Your eye; hide me in the shadow of Your wings."

The apple of Your eye. I have seen it so many times before, and I am familiar with its meaning. But this time I wanted to know from whence it came. So I decided to do some searching on the internet, and this is what I found.

The phrase "apple of my eye" originates from an Old English term referring to the pupil of the eye, which was thought to resemble an apple. It has been used figuratively for over 1,400 years to describe someone cherished above all others, with early appearances in the Bible and works by Shakespeare. The earliest known use in English dates back to the 9th century in a translation of Pope Gregory the Great's work by King Alfred the Great. The phrase gained popularity in the early 19th century, notably appearing in Sir Walter Scott's novel *Old Mortality*. The phrase appears multiple times in the King James Bible, specifically in Deuteronomy, Psalms, Proverbs, and Lamentations. The original Hebrew expression is *'iyshown 'ayin*, which translates to "little man of the eye," referring to the reflection seen in someone's pupil. This idiom emphasizes the closeness and value of the person being referred to in its use.

David's prayer in Psalm 17 is that God would keep him close to Himself in both proximity and value. In this David knew he would experience safety and peace "from the wicked who do me violence, my deadly enemies who surround me" (Psalm 17:9). Though he does refer to it earlier on in verses 3-5, it is noteworthy that David's appeal in prayer to God does not come from his own steadfast love and faithfulness to God, but to God's steadfast love and faithfulness to David: "Wondrously show Your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at Your right hand" (Psalm 17:7). God's love is steadfast, it is constant, it does not change. And so David's prayer is both simple and powerful: In danger, keep me close to You, O Lord. Let me be the apple of Your eye.

In whatever situation and circumstances we find ourselves, we can count on God's unchanging, steadfast love. God's love toward His people is a love based on His covenant with His people: "But Zion said, 'The LORD has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me.' Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have graven you on the palms of My hands; your walls are continually before me" (Isaiah 49:14-16). Speaking of being graven on the palms of His hands, on the same day I read Psalm 17:8, I also read the following from Max Lucado's *He Chose the Nails*:

Come with me to the hill of Calvary. . . . Watch as the soldiers shove the Carpenter to the ground and stretch His arms against the beams. One presses a knee against a forearm and a spike against a hand. Jesus turns His face toward the nail just as the soldier lifts the hammer to strike it. The crowd at the cross concluded that the purpose of the pounding was to skewer the hands of Christ to a beam. But they were only half-right. We can't fault them for missing the other half. They couldn't see it. . . . Between His hand and the wood there was a list. A long list. A list of our mistakes: our lusts and lies and greedy moments and prodigal years. A list of our sins. The list, however, cannot be read. The words can't be deciphered. The mistakes are covered. The sins are hidden. Those at the top are hidden by His hand; those down the list are covered by His Blood. *Grace for the Moment*. (Nashville: J. Countryman, 2006. Page 204).

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From the Pastor

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We can always count on God's love for us because that love was sealed with the Blood of His Son (1 John 4:10). Trusting in that steadfast love, we will always find in Him a shelter in the time of storm:

*The Lord's our rock, in Him we hide,
A shelter in the time of storm;
Secure whatever ill betide,
A shelter in the time of storm.
Mighty Rock in a weary land,
Cooling shade on the burning sand,
Faithful guide for the pilgrim band-*

A shelter in the time of storm. ("A Shelter in the Time of Storm" by Vernon J. Charlesworth (ca. 1880))

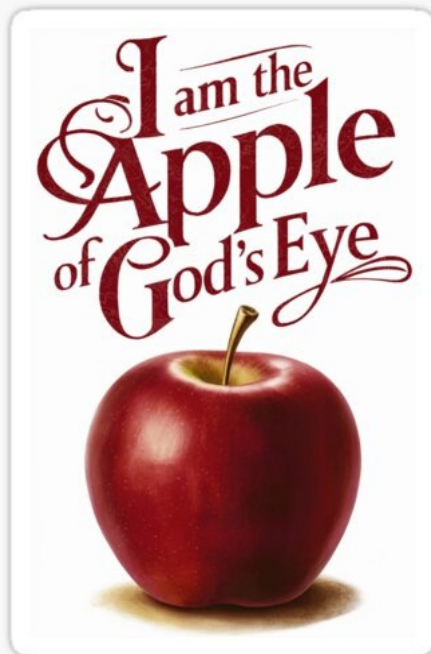
In Christ God's promise is that He will always shelter us, protect us, and, ultimately, bring us safely through to the other side. We can trust that love because, like God Himself, His love never changes (Malachi 3:6a). And those who put their trust in Him and His love, become the apple of His eye—near and dear to Him and His heart, close and valued for all time and eternity.

The time for apple picking will once again soon be upon us. When you go to Blake's or some other orchard this year, or when you are at the grocery store in the produce department and see those delicious apples available for sale, rejoice, child of God, that by faith God has made you the apple of His eye! I remain . . .

Yours in the friendship of Christ and St. Martin,

Rev. Troy G. Waite

Pastor



✠ Scheduled to Serve in August A.D. 2025 ✠

Altar Guild: Carol Joyner and Caryann Kaatz

03 August	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Assisting Minister	Caryann Kaatz
Acolytes	Nolan Clemente and Trenton Dean
Lector	Carol Joyner
Ushers	Brent Fordt and Nick Pizzo
Counters	Bill Stieler and Pam Dueweke
10 August	St. Lawrence, Martyr
Assisting Minister	Tony Meldrum
Acolytes	Alexa Fordt and Brooklyn Pizzo
Lector	Kathy Pizzo
Ushers	Mike Kizer
Counters	Bill Stieler and Pam Dueweke
17 August	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Assisting Minister	Kay Rau
Acolytes	Derek Kierszykowski and Jill Meldrum
Lector	Kay Rau
Ushers	Wayne and Georgia Phillips
Counters	Mike Kizer and Chris Lewis
24 August	St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Assisting Minister	Nancy Spiekhout
Acolytes	Nolan Clemente and Trenton Dean
Lector	Nancy Spiekhout
Ushers	Roy and Cheryl Smith
Counters	Mike Kizer and Chris Lewis
31 August	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Assisting Minister	Derek Strate
Acolytes	Alexa Fordt and Brooklyn Pizzo
Lector	Bill Stieler
Ushers	Kris Welser
Counters	John and Kathy Pizzo

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, Sandy Youngert.

 <p>AUGUST A.D. 2025</p>	<p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY!</p> <p>01 Michael Kizer 05 Cheryl Smith 07 Brooklyn Pizzo 08 Ryan Dean 10 Roberta Darling 15 Heather Fordt 18 Cliff Maul 19 Jeremy Todd 20 Jill Meldrum 21 Jared Kierszykowski 23 Don Dean</p>
<p>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!</p> <p>04 Kevin & Tamara Howes 14 Frank & Heather Ziegenbein Mike & Michele Zobl</p>	<p>BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY</p> <p>11 Kristine Welser 12 Carrie Todd 20 Jack Clemente 24 Marc Rau 26 Sophia Kierszykowski 28 Wayne Kaatz ?? Tess Pizzo</p>



July 28 – August 2
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

ELCA Churchwide Assembly

The ELCA Churchwide Assembly will be held July 28-August 2, 2025 in Phoenix, Arizona. Among other business which will be conducted, a new Presiding Bishop for the ELCA will be elected. Please remember this gathering in your prayers that God will lead and guide His Church to act and make decisions that are in accordance with His Word and will, and that a Presiding Bishop will be elected who has a heart and will for Jesus and the spreading of the pure Gospel.



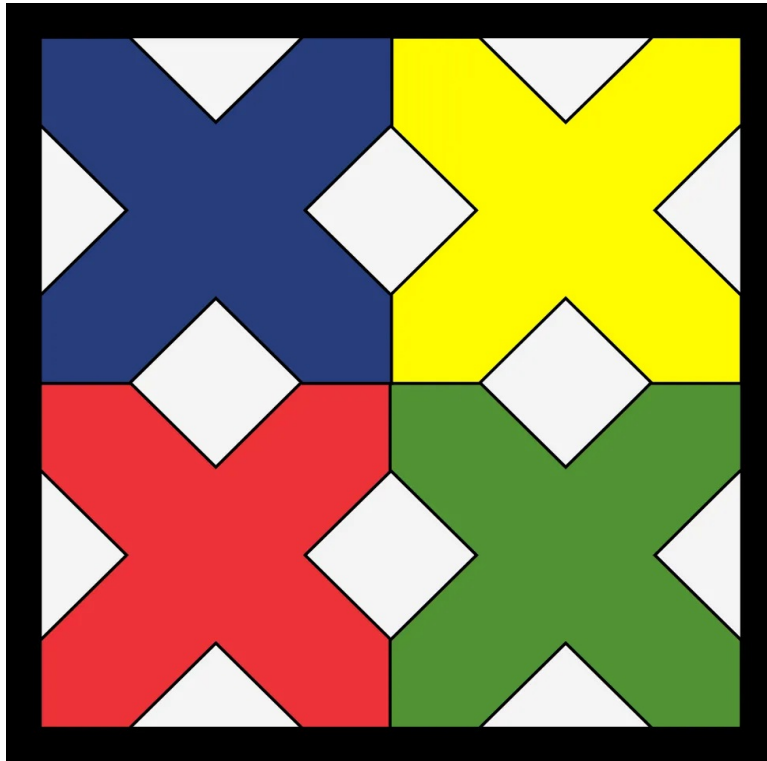
If we don't teach our children to follow Christ,
the world will teach them not to!

YOU ARE NEEDED!

Please consider being a teacher to our young children
here at St. Martin's.
You will make a HUGE difference
and God will guide you.

Please speak with Nancy Spiekhout () or
Kathy Pizzo () with any questions.

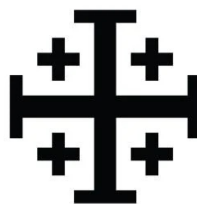




COMING TO ST. MARTIN'S THIS SEPTEMBER!

By vote of St. Martin's Church Council, St. Martin's has joined the St. Clair County Historic Quilt Trail (SCCQT), one of twenty-two quilt trails in Michigan (more information about them can be seen online at www.sccqt.org).

The Quilt Trail is an historic walk or drive to many different sites with a 4x4 painted weather-proof quilt block displayed on a visible location at each site. The sites and their histories are highlighted on a map in a brochure provided by SCCQT.



The symbol we have chosen for St. Martin's is the Jerusalem Cross (pictured above) which represents Christ's command to spread the Gospel around the world. The block will be hand painted in Tennessee and crafted in the classic "flying goose pattern." A QR code will be posted with the block directing viewers to the history of St. Martin's building and congregation. The block will be posted on the church wall in St. Martin's Peace Garden. Funding for the project was made possible through memorials given to the church in loving memory of Pastor Harvey Reh.

The block is scheduled (God willing) to be dedicated on Sunday, September 14, 2025, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. In this one hundred year anniversary of the dedication of our current church building, this is another opportunity to celebrate our beautiful church. We are rich in history and the love of God! There are older brochures from SCCQT available if any one would like to see one (new brochures come out at the end of year). See Caryaan Kaatz or Heather Pizzo for more information.



In the Spotlight

St. Martin's Church Council

THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

*For many years, O God of grace, | This church has been Thy dwelling place
And we Thy congregation.*

*Upon the precious Cornerstone | Our faith is built, and Christ alone
Is still our one Foundation.*

*Today we pray: | "Let us greet Thee, Lord, and meet Thee | Here with singing,
All our praises to Thee bringing." – William M. Czamanske, The Lutheran Hymnal 639*

This past February St. Martin's celebrated the 100 anniversary of the third building in the Congregation's 168 year history. One can only imagine the love, care, dedication, resources, and hard work required to maintain such a beautiful edifice erected to the glory of God. Over the years we have been blessed by the many men and women who given so much to do just that in response to God's goodness, grace, and mercy. A major portion of the charge to keep God's House "up and running" has always fallen to the Property Committee, currently chaired by Bill Stieler. According to C13.07.E97 of St. Martin's *Constitution and Bylaws*, the teams of the Property Committee are Maintenance, Renovations/Additions, and Building Use. As a whole the Property Committee is charged with the following responsibilities:

- keeping the church physical plant, church grounds, and [no longer existing] parsonage in attractive, efficient, and safe condition;
- annually reviewing all insurance coverage and reporting to the Church Council;
- making a detailed inspection of all properties, and making recommendations to the Budget Committee concerning repairs that should be included in the budget;
- reporting to the Church Council all immediately-needed repairs;
- serving on any committee convened to study the needs of the congregation for capital expansion and improvement;
- overseeing the work of the custodian;
- and, supervising and maintaining barrier-free provisions.

Anyone who has worked on or with the Property Committee knows that, just as with our own homes, there is ALWAYS something that needs to be done around the church. Again, we have been so blessed by God with folks who have been willing to step in and help whenever the call has been put out. If you are interested in this type of work, or in helping in any way with the physical upkeep of the church, the Property Committee would love to welcome you—and, no, you don't have to join the Committee to help out! Speak with Bill Stieler today!

Daily Scripture Readings
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 St. Peter's Chains; St. Paul, Ap; The Holy Maccabees, Mm 1 Samuel 13:19--14:15 Acts 9:1-9 Luke 23:26-31	2 St. Stephen I, BpM 1 Samuel 14:16-30 Acts 9:10-19a Luke 23:32-43
3 8th Sunday after Pentecost; Finding of the Body of St. Stephen, First Martyr 1 Samuel 14:36-45 Romans 5:1-11 Matthew 22:1-14	4 St. Dominic, C 1 Samuel 15:1-3, 7-23 Acts 9:19b-31 Luke 23:44-56a	5 1 Samuel 15:24-35 Acts 9:32-43 Luke 23:56b--24:11 (12)	6 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD; St. Xystus II, Bp & Comp, Mm 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Acts 10:1-16 Luke 24:13-35	7 St. Donatus, BpM 1 Samuel 16:14--17:11 Acts 10:17-33 Luke 24:36-53	8 St. Cyriacus & Comp, Mm 1 Samuel 17:17-30 Acts 10:34-48 Mark 1:1-13	9 Vigil of St. Lawrence St. Romanus, M 1 Samuel 17:31-49 Acts 11:1-18 Mark 1:14-28
10 ST. LAWRENCE, M 9 th Sunday after Pentecost 1 Samuel 17:50--18:4 Romans 10:4-17 Matthew 23:29-39	11 Sts. Tiburtius & Susanna, Vmm 1 Samuel 18:5-16 (17-27a) 27b-30 Acts 11:19-30 Mark 1:29-45	12 St. Clare, V 1 Samuel 19:1-18 (19-24) Acts 12:1-17 Mark 2:1-12	13 Sts. Hippolytus & Cassian, Mm 1 Samuel 20:1-23 Acts 12:18-25 Mark 2:13-22	14 Vigil of the Dormition St. Eusebius, C 1 Samuel 20:24-42 Acts 13:1-12 Mark 2:23--3:6	15 DORMITION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 1 Samuel 21:1-15 Acts 13:13-25 Mark 3:7-19a	16 ST. JOACHIM, Father of the BVM 1 Samuel 22:1-23 Acts 23:26-43 Mark 3:19b-35
17 10th Sunday after Pentecost; Within the Octave of the Dormition 1 Samuel 23:7-18 Romans 11:33--12:2 Matthew 25:14-30	18 Within the Octave of the Dormition; St. Agapitus, M 1 Samuel 24:1-22 Acts 13:44-52 Mark 4:1-20	19 Within the Octave of the Dormition 1 Samuel 25:1-22 Acts 14:1-18 Mark 4:21-34	20 St. Bernard, AbD; Within the Octave of the Dormition 1 Samuel 25:23-44 Acts 14:19-28 Mark 4:35-41	21 Within the Octave of the Dormition 1 Samuel 28:3-20 Acts 15:1-11 Mark 5:1-20	22 Octave Day of the Dormition; St. Timothy & Comp, Mm 1 Samuel 31:1-13 Acts 15:12-21 Mark 5:21-43	23 Vigil of St. Bartholomew 2 Samuel 1:1-16 Acts 15:22-35 Mark 6:1-13
24 ST. BARTHOLOMEW, Ap; 11 th Sunday after Pentecost 2 Samuel 1:17-27 Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 25:31-46	25 St. Louis IX, King of France, C 2 Samuel 2:1-11 Acts 15:36--16:5 Mark 6:14-29	26 St Zephyrinus, BpM 2 Samuel 3:6-21 Acts 16:6-15 Mark 6:30-46	27 2 Samuel 3:22-39 Acts 16:16-24 Mark 6:47-56	28 St. Augustine, BpCD St. Hermes, M 2 Samuel 4:1-12 Acts 16:25-40 Mark 7:1-23	29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist; St. Sabina, M 2 Samuel 5:1-12 Acts 17:1-15 Mark 7:24-37	30 Sts. Felix & Adauctus, Mm 2 Samuel 5:22--6:11 Acts 17:16-34 Mark 8:1-10
31 12th Sunday after Pentecost 2 Samuel 6:12-23 Romans 14:7-12 John 1:43-51						

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