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# The St. Martin Communicator

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St. Martin Lutheran Church, 322 Old Falls Blvd., N. Tonawanda, NY 14120

April 2018

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*"The Tomb is Empty!"*

The tomb is empty! He is Risen! It is music to our ears. Our sins have been nailed to a cross and the precious blood of Jesus has canceled our debts. We have been redeemed. Our freedom was bought with an immeasurable price. God, through His love in Jesus Christ, thought that you and I were worth it.

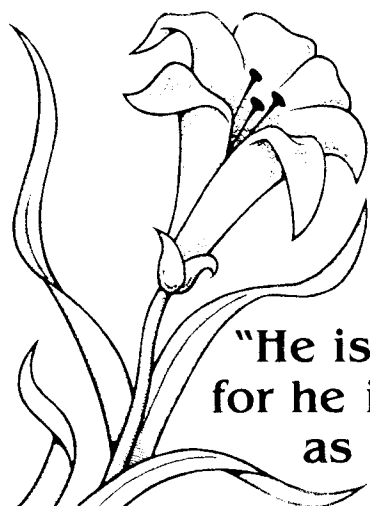
The resurrection is God telling us that Jesus' death is sufficient payment for our sins. Because of the resurrection we have hope: life eternal with our Lord. Death is not the end; there is life! Hallelujah!

He is risen! No other event in human history can fill us with so much hope and confidence. Even in "the valley of the shadow of death," the resurrection gives us triumph and victory. The message of the resurrection gives us strength in the midst of life's struggles. We know that we will live with Him forever.

Jesus won the battle and made the victory certain. Because Jesus conquered death, we need not fear death. His resurrection guarantees our resurrection.

He is Risen! Hallelujah!  
He is Risen Indeed!  
Ta - Da!

Joyous Easter,  
Pastor Devie



**"He is not here;  
for he is risen,  
as he said."**

**-Matthew 28:6**



## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP

MAUNDY THURSDAY - March 29

7:00pm - Worship with Holy Communion

Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY - March 30

11:00 - Worship at Augustana, Tonawanda

7:00pm - Tenebrae Service at St. Martin

EASTER SUNDAY - April 1

7:00am - Sunrise Communion Service

8:15am - Easter Breakfast

9:00am - Sunday School

10:00am - Communion Service

## ACOLYTES

Apr. 1 Kristen Kania & Ian Hawkins (7:00)  
Lucy Ohrum & Alex Goodman (10:00)  
8 Savannah & Shyanne Powell  
15 Alex Kania & Aaron Wunderlich  
22 Jackson Randles & Nicholas Haring  
29 Addison Ohrum & Bryan Weaver

## READERS

Jessica Dows (7:00)  
Laurie Deverell (10:00)  
Will Bush  
Jacob Carter  
David Wanamaker  
Mike Barber

## "HI" GUYS

Nadene Maxwell (7:00)  
Jeff Root (10:00)  
Tom Wehling  
Jeff Root  
Steve Knab  
Tom Wehling

USHERS: Gary Ennis – Capt., Rick Bush, Phillip Owen, Ron Stillinger, Dan Proefrock

## GREETERS

Apr. 1 Ted & Ruth Belling (7:00)  
Brian & Kathryn Peterson (10:00)  
8 Lloyd Ziemendorf & Sally Knox  
15 Keith & Wendy Lange  
22 Tom & Sue Wehling  
29 Dave & Carol Wunderlich

## COMM. SETUP/CLEANUP

Apr. 1 Elders  
Elders  
8 Vivian Cosentino  
15 Laurie Deverell  
22 Sue Ohrum  
29 Barb Bush

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Elders  
Elders  
Nancy Smith & Dennis Sattelberg  
Laurie Deverell & Linda Prohaska  
Sally Knox & Will Bush  
Barb Bush & Jim Wanamaker

If you cannot fulfill your task for communion on a given Sunday, please call a substitute or contact Chris Barber at 525-1149



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! To the following members who celebrate another year of God's blessings in April 2018:

Apr. 1	Minnie Sattelberg	7	Mia Randles	20	Jeff Borton
2	Alex Goodman	9	Nicholas Haring	20	Alyssa McManus
2	Maya Radhakrishnan	12	Mona Belling	23	Marlina Belstadt
3	Lloyd Dolpp	12	Diane Stillinger	23	Dennis Sattelberg
3	Linda Prohaska	13	Andrew Peterson	24	Kaitlyn Livingston
4	Nancy Smith	17	Virginia Wilhelm	24	Kirk Parkes
6	Aaron Wunderlich	20	Eileen Belling	28	Ann Zimmerman

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Feb. 25 75      Mar. 4 87      Mar. 11 76      Mar. 18 92

## MEMORIALS RECEIVED:

In memory of Betty McAninch – Julien Thiele, Denis & Margaret Coughlan, Eileen Belling, Dee & Jim Mowrey, Jeff Root, Fred Hallgren, Estate of Betty McAninch, Alice Cowles, Claire Sheeler, Betty Wehling, Susan, Eric, & Bruce Weinheimer

In memory of Clara Forth – Eileen Belling, Dee & Jim Mowrey, Julien Thiele

In memory of Dave Belling – Lemak Family, Sandra & John DiCillo, Univera Healthcare Sales Dept., Dee & Jim Mowrey, Fran Henn, Donna & Roger Belling, Ann & Sal Sciandra, Todd Kasen, Buffalo Veterinary Group (on behalf of Ashley Mott), Julien Thiele, Eileen Belling, Ted & Ruth Belling, Lydia Masters, Jeff Root

In memory of Bruce Belling – Lemak Family, Sandra & John DiCillo, Dee & Jim Mowrey, Lydia Masters, Daniel & Judith Ohlrich, Carl & Joyce Belling, Jeffrey & Laurie Root, Ann Zimmerman, Ted & Ruth Belling, Julien Thiele, Eileen Belling, Anne & Sheldon Merritt

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THE ANNIVERSARY OF APRIL BAPTISMS will be celebrated on April 29: Connie Bach, Suzanne Belling, Barb Bush, Rick Bush, Vivian Cosentino, Danielle Dorogi, Jessica Dows, Laura Ellis, Marie Feist, Jeff Haring, Bill Hollenbaugh, Sally Knox, Nadene Maxwell, Linda Prohaska, Lora Randles, Jeff Root, Millie Sattelberg, Bud Scheller, Nancy Smith, Betty Wehling, Mike Wendt, Brandon Wunderlich

THE NEXT FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH is Saturday, April 7. We will be serving baked chicken as the main course using the Thrivent card. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex to bring potato and macaroni salads or any side dish you'd like to share. Homemade desserts are always greatly appreciated by the attendees. Sign up today! Please have all food donations in the kitchen by 10:30am the day of the lunch. Any questions - please see Will Bush.



Dear St. Martin Family,

For the wonderful support, cards, phone calls, and hugs over the past 20 years, I sincerely thank everyone at St. Martin...for attending Bruce's Celebration of Life service, Julien doing her magic at the organ, and the wonderful food provided by so many wonderful folks for the luncheon under the leadership of Connie Bach. Carol and the entire Belling family are touched and most grateful.

Last, but certainly not least, thank you to Pastor Devie for the many years she visited us and made sure we had a tape of the Sunday service which Bruce and I enjoyed each week. Bruce always lit up when Pastor Devie would visit. Even in his final days he managed to smile at her...God is so good. Thank you. God Bless each and every one.

Carol and family

Dear St. Martin Family,

We want to express our sincere gratitude to our St. Martin family and friends for the many cards, prayers, visits, and kindnesses shown for our mom, Clara B. Forth. She loved her church and she will be dearly missed. God bless you all and thank you.

We also want to thank Pastor Devie for the beautiful memorial service for mom. We thank you for all your spiritual devotions and many hours of prayer, meditations, and visits, not only for Mom, but for our whole family during her illness. Words cannot truly express the love we have felt at this time. God bless you, Pastor Devie.

Tom, Becky, and family of Clara Forth

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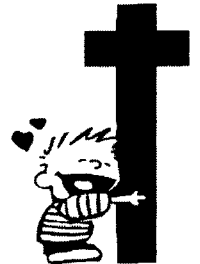
Thank you so much for the surprise celebration for the 25 years I have been your pastor. The flowers are beautiful and it was nice that we could all visit and share the delicious cake. I am blessed. Where did the 25 years go to?

Love,  
Pastor Devie

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"Every morning is Easter morning from now on!" It won't be long now and we will be singing our favorite Easter Sunday School songs together. On Easter Sunday we will meet in the sanctuary at 9:00 A.M. In addition to singing together, the powerful drama, "The Box of Stones" will be presented. Please join us as we celebrate Easter!

Instead of having a memory verse for April, the children will be challenged to memorize the books of the Bible. We will use the Bible books song to help us. If you need a copy of the CD, please see Mrs. Thiele.



For April, we will collect pancake mixes, syrup, cereals, and other breakfast items for the food pantry. By helping others in our community, we say thank you to God for his HUGs!

He's Alive! Let's Rejoice!  
Michele Thiele, Sunday School Supt.

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### St. Martin Member Giving Report

(through 3/11/18)

Congregation giving - through following number of weeks - 10

	General	Benevolence	Total
Offerings received to date	\$ 29,080	\$ 5,460	\$ 34,540
Offerings needed for budget to date	28,599	5,491	34,089
Giving compared to budget	\$ 481	\$ (31)	\$ 451

**Giving is ahead of budget to date \$ 451**

Jeff Thiele, Treasurer

PASTOR DEVIE will be on vacation April 17 - 24. Deacon Ron O'Hara will supply on April 22. Contact Pastor Dave Ellis for pastoral emergencies (264-4646).

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WITH THE CONGREGATION'S APPROVAL at our meeting on March 18, the Kitchen Cabinet is excited to move forward with the kitchen renovation project. Now, we "knead" some "dough!" If you would like to make a contribution, please put it in the offering plate and designate it for the kitchen renovation. Gifts may also be made through the Memorial Fund, either in honor or memory of someone. Please see Jennifer Wanamaker with any questions. Thank you!

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LUNCH BUNCH will meet at 12:00 on Monday, April 2, at The Roman Café, NT. Give your reservation to Barb Bush.

BOOK CLUB will meet Thursday, April 12, at 7:00pm, at the home of Julien Thiele. Read *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle and join the discussion.

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TO CELEBRATE the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Martin, we are assembling a cookbook of beloved family recipes. So, dig deep into your recipe box and print your favorite recipe as you want it to appear in the book. Please place your name and phone number on it in case I need to get in touch with you with any questions. Place the recipes in the manila folder in the narthex or email me at [ohrum71@hotmail.com](mailto:ohrum71@hotmail.com). Anyone interested in helping with the cookbook can contact me (Sue Ohrum) at 550-2102.

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THE LUTHERAN AWARDS BANQUET will be Friday, April 20, at GreenField Manor in Lancaster. Social hour begins at 6:00 with dinner at 7:00. See Pastor Devie for registration.

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#### APRIL CIRCLE MEETINGS:

Hope Circle: Tues. April 10 9:30am Fellowship Hall Hostesses: Connie Bach & Barb Bush BSL: Pastor Devie

Peace Circle: TBA

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Dear friends,

"They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He ... began to tell them what was to happen to the Son of Man... 'they will condemn him to death ...and kill him and after three days he will rise again.'" (Mark 10:32-34).

During the season of Lent, just as the disciples and others were on the road with Jesus and were at times amazed and afraid we are privileged and challenged to walk and work together with our companions in Southern Africa. Accompaniment means sharing hopes and fears, joys and sorrows and learning what it means to participate together in God's mission in the way of the cross.

Last week I attended the Joint Mission Board (JMB) meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mozambique (IELM) in the Indian ocean port city of Beira. Each year the leadership of the IELM meets with Lutheran partners from the ELCA, Brazil, Germany, Geneva, Tanzania, Zimbabwe and South Africa. Bishop Eduardo Sinalo shared the annual report of the church and talked about ways we can collaborate as companions to support the church's ministry and diakonia programs for the coming year.

On the Sunday we were invited to participate in the worship service in the local congregation of Matacuane. Heavy rains the previous night, which flooded many streets, delayed but did not stop the start of the service. After Holy Communion the Sunday School children, youth and women took turns dancing in and out of the church singing. The congregation and guests gathered for a meal and fellowship afterwards.

ELCA Global Mission accompanies the IELM in its mission outreach, with scholarships for leadership training and support for two rural clinics and programs for orphans and vulnerable children (OVCs).

Thank you for your prayers and support and for your participation in God's mission locally and globally.

Peace and blessings. Yours faithfully, Philip Knutson

Rev. Dr. Philip Knutson, ELCA Global Mission Regional Representative, Southern Africa Johannesburg, Feb. 24, 2018 My blog page address is: <https://southernafricanconnections.wordpress.com/> Please note the link to my online giving page on [www.elca.org:community.elca.org/SouthAfrica](http://www.elca.org:community.elca.org/SouthAfrica)



Ready for an Adventure?

Save the Date for VBS

July 30 - August 3

9:00 - Noon

(At St. Paul Lutheran)

You will not want to miss St. Paul and St. Martin's Vacation Bible School! At Shipwrecked VBS, kids discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms! Shipwrecked VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos, team-building games, surprising adventures, incredible music, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help everyone discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life - something called God Sightings.

Your children will also participate in a hands-on mission project, through a program called Operation Kid-to-Kid, that will provide seeds for families in Haiti to grow food!

For more information and to register your child,  
go to [stmartinlutheran.org](http://stmartinlutheran.org) and follow the Shipwrecked link.

We need teens and adults who would like to be Crew Leaders! Crew Leaders may register online or may sign up on the VBS bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please let us know your shirt size and plan to attend the Training Meeting at 7:00 P.M. on July 24th at St. Paul.

If you have any questions or would like to join our team, please contact  
Michele Thiele at 983-4759.

Should you go to church on Sunday?

Do you have something better to do?

Yes

No.

You sure about that?

Still think it's more important?

No.

Yes.

Yes.

No.

I just want you to hear yourself say it first, out loud: "I am going to do \_\_\_\_\_ on Sunday, and it is more important than worshipping the Lord." Go ahead and say it.

Does this thing involve works of necessity?

Yes

Now that you've said it to yourself, say it again to the Lord. Go on.

Could this be done at another time or on another day?

No.

Yes.

Is this a sporting event?

Go in peace.

No.

Maybe

Go to Church.



Please join the Women's Group of Trinity Old Lutheran Church at 7:00 pm on **Wednesday, April 18** for a very special evening of spiritual refreshment, fellowship, and laughter with guest speaker Lynn Whitworth. Lynn has been a Conference Deacon in the Niagara Frontier Conference of the Upstate NY Synod, ELCA for several years and is currently part of a transition team at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Farnham, NY.

Lynn is widely known as a speaker whose messages resonate with all women. Don't miss this opportunity to hear her!



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WOMEN'S GROUP  
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LESLIE BAHLER | 2011  
JILL BUERK | 2012  
ROSEANN DENI | 2013  
JANICE DILLMAN | 2014  
MARIA GOODRICH | 2015  
LINDA MABRY | 2016  
PAUL SCHLOSSMAN | 2017  
KAREN SCHMID | 2018  
MELISSA THORBURN | 2019  
REBECCA TORRES | 2020

**HARTS**  
Musical Relief

**Sunday, April 8 | 2 pm.**  
**Holy Trinity**  
**Lutheran Church**  
**1080 Main Street, Buffalo**

| All funds raised will go to the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response.



# April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> HAPPY EASTER! 7:00 Sunrise Service 8:15 Easter Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	<b>2</b> 12:00 Lunch Bunch at Roman Café	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 12:00 Free Community Lunch
<b>8</b> 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School	<b>9</b> 7:00 Church Council	<b>10</b> 9:30am Hope Circle	<b>11</b> 7:00 Choir	<b>12</b> 7:00 Book Club	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Confirmation	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:00 Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:00 Lutheran Awards Banquet at Greenfield	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:00 Worship Supply—Ron O'Hara 10:15 Sunday School	<b>23</b> MAY NEWSLETTER TYPED	<b>24</b> 7:00 WELCA Spring Assembly at Prince of Peace, Depew	<b>25</b> 7:00 Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:00 Worship Anniversary of Baptisms 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Confirmation	<b>30</b>	<b>May 1</b> Mother-Daughter Banquet			Pastor Devie will be on vacation April 17-24.	