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# The St. Martin Communicator

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

May 2018

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*Come, Holy Spirit!  
Kindle in us the fire of your love!*

Pentecost! God was ready to bring a new thing into existence – the church. The nation of Israel had not proven very effective. There was so much confusion in the community. No one was hearing God. God even stood in their midst through Jesus Christ and they rejected His presence. You can't get any more real than that! But the incarnation gave way to the crucifixion, which gave way to the resurrection. Jesus Christ has risen!

The Lord Jesus Christ had made promises. A counselor would come and we need that. Still, there was plenty of confusion and a lot of hesitancy, especially about being witnesses to all that had happened. Perhaps the disciples were just as happy to wait behind closed doors during those 50 days between the resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit. There were emotions to deal with and fear to overcome. They also missed Jesus! The disciples still didn't understand how it was to their advantage that he went away, ascended to the Father.

Then God fulfilled the promise. There was wind, fire, and tongues. There was power, warmth, and communication as the disciples witnessed. Jerusalem was alive! God brought the church into existence. The church of witnesses, witnessing to the One who has been from the beginning.

God still offers us His promise of power. A power to replace confusion with communication, to fill our house of worship with warmth. A power to stir up, to get us going, and to send us forth. A power to raise us from the dead.

But we must want this power. We must admit that we can't do it alone, that we don't have all the answers, that we can't build a better community or a better church. Not by ourselves. We need comfort, strength, support, and wisdom. And it's available. God opens our hearts to this power through the Holy Spirit.

New Christians, new and renewed congregations, and renewed believers. That is what God is all about on Pentecost.

Be part of the Pentecost Power!

Together in ministry,  
Pastor Devie

## PENTECOST

**Sunday, May 20**

Celebration of the Rite of Confirmation. Join in the affirmation of Baptism of Ian Hawkins and Aaron Wunderlich.

Also on May 20 – Our Daily Bread food truck will be in the parking lot to serve breakfast an hour before worship (8am-9am) and an hour after worship (approx. 10:15-11:15am).

Daily Bread Food Truck is Buffalo's first and only not-for-profit food share truck. Our philosophy is based on the "get one, give one" principle: when you purchase certain items from our menu, the money will help us provide a meal to hungry families in our community. During our first full year of operation, we delivered 777 meals to families in need. We're looking forward to an even bigger year in 2018! The more food purchased from the truck, the more will be given away!

Daily Bread is a completely non-profit truck. 100% of the truck's overhead costs have been provided by generous donations that allow us to take every dollar beyond supplies and staff costs and put it toward food and hot meals in our community.

### MENU:

Breakfast in a Bowl: Fried potatoes, zesty chorizo sausage, crumbled queso fresco cheese; topped with fried or scrambled eggs, sriracha crema and fresh cilantro

Grilled Morning Wrap: Scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, roasted peppers and onions, hickory smoked bacon in a whole wheat tortilla

Strawberry Nutella Crepes: Thin French crepes stuffed with Nutella filling and with fresh berries

Chicken 'n Tot Waffles: Tater tots in the shape of a waffle, fried chicken pieces, topped with country-style pork sausage gravy

Quiche of the Day (Sunday's only): Seasoned egg custard in a deep-dish pastry shell; summer greens with berry dressing.

### GRAB-N-GO

Sticky Buns

Fresh Baked Daily Bread (Flavor changes weekly)

Cookies (Flavor changes weekly)

AND: May 20 is the last day of Sunday School for the summer. There will be cake to celebrate our confirmands and the end of Sunday School.

We can't fit any more activities on May 20<sup>th</sup>! Join us in celebration, good food, and fellowship!

ACOLYTES

May 6 Braydin Weaver & Ian Hawkins
13 Kristen Kania & Nicholas Haring
20 Savannah & Shyanne Powell
27 Lucy Ohrum & Alex Kania

READERS

Jessica Dows
Caroline Thiele
Phyllis Heuerman
Andrew Thiele

"HI" GUYS

Nadene Maxwell
Jeff Root
Steve Knab
Tom Wehling

USHERS: Will Bush - Capt., Bill Hollenbaugh, John Leaver, Dick Leach, David Wanamaker, Andrew Thiele

GREETERS

May 6 Fred Hallgren & Matthew Hallgren
13 Jane McDermott & Ann Zimmerman
20 Robert & Sarah Bohnstadt
27 Tim & Peggy Giberson

COMM. SETUP/CLEANUP

May 6 Elders
13 Chris Barber
20 Patty Daboll
27 Kris & Steve Knab

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Elders
Nancy Smith & Will Bush
Linda Prohaska & Laurie Deverell
Barb Bush & Dennis Sattelberg

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 May 2018:

May 1 Carol Wunderlich
2 Cindy Ennis
2 Harold Owen
2 Erica Wehling
8 George Tetter
9 Ken Smith, Sr.
10 Caroline Thiele
11 Dean Weaver
12 Addison Ohrum
12 Lucille Ohrum
15 Kristen Knab
18 Mandy Dantuono
19 Karen Sattelberg
20 Brandon Foss
23 Diane Becken
26 Julie Hallgren

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Mar. 25 115 April 1 13485 April 8 70 April 15 Canceled April 22 83
Maundy Thursday 44 Good Friday 44

THE ANNIVERSARY OF MAY BAPTISMS will be celebrated on May 13: Jeff Borton, Lloyd Dolpp, Rachel Dorogi, Scott Giberson, Alex Goodman, Kelly Goodman, Ken Hallgren, Keri Haring, Nicholas Haring, Kris Knab, Rebecca Leach, Richard Leach, Angela McManus, Dan Ohrum, Sue Panek, Nora Radhakrishnan, Ed Sattelberg, Ken Smith, Caroline Thiele, Michele Thiele, Ann Zimmerman

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BOOK CLUB will meet Tuesday, May 15, at 7:00, at the home of Florence Doran. Read The Silent Sister by Diane Chamberlain and join the fellowship and discussion.

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SPRING CLEANUP DAY - Saturday, May 19, at 9:00am. Bring your rakes, work gloves, and a willing spirit. Your help is needed!

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LUNCH BUNCH will meet at noon on Monday, May 7, at Lumber City Cafe on Erie Ave. Give your reservations to Barb Bush.

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ASCENSION DAY - Thursday, May 10. We will gather at St. Martin with the area Lutheran Cluster churches. There will be a pot-luck dinner at 6:00, followed by worship at 7:00.

THE NEXT FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH is Saturday, May 5, at noon. We're going Italian! The menu includes chicken parmesan, stuffed shells, and meatballs using the Thrivent card. Please sign up in the narthex to bring Caesar salad, garlic bread, antipasto plates or any ingredients to make these (such as salami, pepperoncini, cheeses, olives, artichokes, etc.) or any side dish you'd like to share. Homemade desserts are always greatly appreciated by the attendees. We ask that all donated food items be in the kitchen by 10:30am the morning of each luncheon. Any questions - please see Will Bush.

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SUMMER COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP TIME: Sign up in the narthex to host a coffee hour during the summer months, May 27 - Sept. 2. A snack and a cool beverage for approximately 50 people is all you need.

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GRADUATION RECOGNITION: Please give the names of our high school and college graduates to the church office by May 21. Please include the school they are graduating from and, if college, their degree.



Dear St. Martin Members,

Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, and well wishes for my mother and father, Virginia & Chester Broeker. She recently fell and is having a hard time getting around right now. Please continue to keep them in your prayers and thoughts.

Cheryl Hall

Many thanks to **Sally Knox, Kris Knab, Becca Bush, Wendy Lange, Sue Panek, Florence Doran, & Eileen Belling** for their help in the scheduling and smooth running of the photo-taking days for our 2018 Pictorial Directory in honor of the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Martin.

A special thank you also to **Mike Barber, Tom Wehling, Michele Thiele, Vivian Cosentino, & Pastor Devie** for their particular areas of expertise in the building of this directory,

I am also grateful to our St. Martin family for their fantastic cooperation and participation in this 2018 pictorial directory.

Chris Barber

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MEMORIALS RECEIVED:

In memory of Bruce Belling (all towards kitchen fund) – Sue Panek, Dolores Martin, Donna Belling, Roger Belling, Sondu & Lata Shenoy, William White, Ted & Toni Darlak, James White

In memory of Betty McAninch – Nancy Young, Katherine Hall

In memory of Roy E Masters, Sr. – Lydia Masters (kitchen fund)

In memory of Ronald Doran – Florence Doran (kitchen fund)

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**Another Sunday School year has whizzed by at St. Martin. We will gather together to celebrate and thank our wonderful teachers on May 20th. We are so thankful and blessed to have Linda Prohaska, Dean & Rita Weaver, Jennifer Wanamaker, Jessica Dows, Jim Wanamaker, Dennis Sattelberg, Julien Thiele, and Jeff Thiele on our Sunday School staff. These people have committed to the religious education of the children of God at St. Martin. It is a huge gift that they give of themselves in service to our God. Please take the time to thank each and every one of these dedicated people when you have the opportunity.**



**For the month of May, we are going to review the books of the Bible. We will use our catchy Bible Books song to do this. Please see Michele if you do not have a copy of this CD and would like one.**

**We have shared lots of wonderful fellowship and time learning about God's HUGs this Sunday School year. His Unlimited Grace is the best gift ever! We are so thankful for God's generous gift of love and forgiveness. We can carry this gift in our hearts always and let His light shine through us everywhere we go!**

**You may still support our Sunday School with your offerings during the summer, if you wish. Simply place your envelope in the offering plate during the worship service. We look forward to seeing you all summer!**

**May the Lord Bless You and Keep You,  
Michele Thiele, Sunday School Supt.**

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WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY BEGINS MAY 2 AT 10:00am

A six-session study: "You'll Get Through This. Hope and Help for Turbulent Times." The video portion is led by Max Lucado. In this study, Max Lucado offers refreshing assurance for anyone facing trials. Consider the story of Joseph – tossed in a pit by his brothers, sold into slavery, and wrongfully imprisoned. God weaved what was meant for evil into good. God is in the business of redeeming the broken. He was then, He still is. This Old Testament story is a reminder to trust God to trump evil. "What Satan intends for evil, God redeems for good." Genesis 50:20

ON SUNDAY, May 27, American Legion Post #969, Sanborn, will join us as we celebrate Memorial Day and remember those men and women who fought and died for our freedom.

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HOPE CIRCLE: Tues., May 8 9:30am at church  
Hostesses: Florence Doran & Suzanne Belling  
Bible Study Leader: Sharon Murphy

PEACE CIRCLE: Tues., May 22 7:00pm  
Hostess: Jennifer Wanamaker BSL: Sarah Bohnstadt

THE LUTHERAN CHORALE bids "Farewell" to Thomas J. Mudd, Jr., Director, with its concert, *Thanks and Praise*, on Sunday, May 20, at 4:00pm, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 3512 Clinton St., West Seneca. Tickets are \$12 for adults. Call 649-2662 or go to:  
[www.thelutheranchoraleoftheniagarafrontier.com](http://www.thelutheranchoraleoftheniagarafrontier.com).

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THE 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION of the Niagara Lutheran Health System Guild will be Thursday, May 17, at 11:30am, at GreenField Manor, Lancaster. Luncheon - \$15. See Florence Doran for more information.

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#### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - March 12, 2018

In attendance: Jim Wanamaker, Rick Bush, Dennis Sattelberg, Pastor Devie, Barb Bush, Jessica Dows, Laurie Deverell  
Meeting called to order at 7:35pm.

Pastor Devie led with devotion.

February meeting minutes reviewed, amended, and approved.

Treasurers Report: Giving is back up and budget is ahead of spending.

Pastor: New member joining - Phyllis Heuerman

Elders: Palm Sunday, first communion for Savannah Powell, Shyanne Powell, & Cameron Phillips. Easter is set up for 10:00am. Pastor will be on vacation on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Trustees: Crash bar on front door fixed, straps on couches replaced. Roof drains to be cleared. Box elder bugs need to be exterminated.

Sunday School: The high school class will lead opening and show a short Veggie Tale movie to occupy the children during the special congregational meeting on Sunday. If there is time after the meeting the teachers will conduct a shortened lesson. The Sunday School classes will have pictures taken for the Pictorial Directory on March 25. There will need to be another date set for Jessica's class. Please discuss the timing for Sunday School for Easter Sunday and let Michele know.

WELCA: Helping with Easter breakfast. Help needed for luncheon this Saturday. Catering options mentioned in place of bereavement committee.

Luther League: Shirts will be navy blue. Groups split between 2 hotels. Final payment by May 15.

Memorial Committee: Funding for kitchen and contacting family members from recent memorials to designate funds.

Stewardship: 41 for community lunch, 18 helpers

Investment: None

Prayer Garden: Quiet...in winter mode

Web Page: Photos and VBS

What's After Worship: Food truck on Pentecost, May 20, Our Daily Bread - 1 hour before and after worship service

175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Recipe book - recipes being collected.

Kitchen Cabinet: Approval to move forward needed. Looks like it might be under budget. No new ideas at this point. Handouts available for changes and pricing.

Old Business: Security concerns, no locked doors.

New Business: Youth group leader needed when Jessica steps down.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Bush, Secretary

## CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES FOR THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON APRIL 9, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President Jim Wanamaker at 7:27 pm.

Present were: President Jim Wanamaker, Pastor Devie, Sally Knox, Dennis Sattelberg, Laurie Deverell, Jessica Dows, Dan Daboll, Brian Carter, Rick Bush, Barb Bush, and Treasurer Jeff Thiele

Pastor led opening devotions.

Jeff presented the financial report, with extra explanation of a section detailing the funding of the kitchen renovation project. Giving is ahead of budget, and approximately \$2500 is still needed for the kitchen project.

Pastor's Report: none

Elders' Report: On May 10, we will be hosting an Ascension service (with potluck) for the area churches. Confirmation will take place on May 20 for Ian Hawkins and Aaron Wunderlich, whose candidacy was approved by vote. On May 27, members of the American Legion will be attending our service.

Trustees' Report: Ehrlich exterminators are coming on Thursday to take care of the boxelder bug issue. Our insurance company will be coming this week for an inspection. The downstairs ladies room has a leaking toilet that needs to be fixed or removed.

Sunday School: The last week of Sunday School will be on May 20.

WELCA: The mother/daughter banquet will be on May 1.

Luther League/Youth Gathering: T-shirts are being ordered, and hotel and registration fees are being paid.

Memorial Committee: Family members have been contacted to designate memorial gifts for specific approved projects.

Stewardship/Evangelism Committee: There was a great turnout at the last community luncheon, especially the helpers. Jessica suggested having helping hand packs made up to distribute to people that we see in need. We will try to plan a project to assemble them on June 10.

Investment Committee: The investment lost about \$1,600 in the first quarter.

Prayer Garden: There will be a clean-up day for the garden and flower beds on May 19 at 9 am. We need to get mulch for the beds.

Web Site: No report

What's After Worship: No report, beyond previously discussed plans

175th Anniversary: Meeting on May 7. The caterer selection needs to be finalized.

Kitchen Renovation: The congregation approved the project and funding plan at a special congregational meeting on March 18. Two days later, the air conditioner was installed. Jeff Root has been asked to install posts outdoors to protect the air conditioner unit. The kitchen work will hopefully begin in mid-June.

### Old Business:

With our current bereavement committee members stepping down, we do not plan to continue providing lunches after funerals. Family members are welcome to use the facilities or have a caterer come in, provided that they clean-up afterward.

On June 10, we will have a joint service and chowder lunch with Abiding Savior to celebrate our 175th and their 60th anniversaries. Pastor will be contacting them to see if they would like to use their recipe since we are hosting.

### New Business:

The Chiavetta's chicken BBQ fundraiser will be on September 23. This will be Nancy Smith's last year as coordinator. We are seeking someone to step forward to take on this annual project. Nancy would like to work with the new coordinator during this year to help them to learn the project.

We are getting rid of the portable organ in the fellowship hall. In its location, we will be installing a shelving unit with containers to hold item collections for various projects

Jessica will be beginning new yoga classes (both chair yoga and traditional) starting on April 26, running for 6 weeks.

Mike Barber has been asked to purchase a new clock for the kitchen.

Barb will see that hand soap is purchased for the kitchen.

There will be a wedding here on May 4th.

The minutes from the March meeting were read and approved as revised.

The next council meeting will be on May 14. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Wanamaker, President

# St. Martin Member Giving Report

(through 4/1/18)

Congregation giving - through following number of weeks -

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	General	Benevolence	Total
Offerings received to date	\$ 39,221	\$ 6,881	\$ 46,102
Offerings needed for budget to date	37,178	7,138	44,316
Giving compared to budget	<u>\$ 2,043</u>	<u>\$ (257)</u>	<u>\$ 1,786</u>
<b>Giving is ahead of budget to date</b>			<b>\$ 1,786</b>

Jeff Thiele, Treasurer

## Can Tab Collection Project!



The aluminum can tab collection project has proved to be a successful endeavor that all of our Synod congregations can participate in. The Synod Assembly Planning Team has again decided that we would conduct this project for the 2018 Synod Assembly. Start your congregational collections now, and bring the collected can tabs to the Synod Assembly in June of 2018.

## ***LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF HEADS OFF STARVATION IN SOUTH SUDAN***

A recent New York Times article estimates that much of South Sudan could face severe hunger as early as May, with an official declaration of famine not far behind. This blog post, first published in January 2018, highlights how your support is reaching pregnant mothers and young children in South Sudan with life-saving nutrition. Please continue to help Lutheran World Relief be on the forefront of human need around the world with a gift to our World of Good campaign today.

In South Sudan, a severe food crisis fueled by severe drought and deadly civil war has left the country on the brink of famine. The conditions are exacerbated by extreme poverty, weak infrastructure and lack of access to basic services, including health care.

You are bringing critical aid to the most vulnerable affected by this crisis: infants and young children who are so severely malnourished that they are at risk of starvation. Many of these children are also suffering from malaria and other diseases, which exacerbate malnutrition.

With your support, LWR has set up three emergency treatment centers in extremely poor areas of South Sudan where there are no other medical facilities. The medical centers provide children and mothers nursing infants with 24-hour care until they are disease-free and the children reach a healthy weight.

They also offer outpatient monitoring and feeding program for children and mothers who are malnourished but healthy enough to be treated at home. The treatment centers are serving an area with a population of 290,000, of whom an estimated 4,200 are currently suffering from severe malnutrition. Another 11,000 people are believed to be moderately malnourished. The need was immediately apparent.

The first day the healthcare workers did an assessment and measured the circumference of children's arms and of pregnant or lactating women approximately half of the people who were measured qualified for the program. Almost every household had somebody who was referred to the program. The following day, villagers were invited to the clinic for food distribution and health screenings. They waited patiently as a light rain fell. This is an absolutely critical program. These are the people on the margins of life and death.

Thank you for your unwavering support for families suffering around the world. You are truly doing a world of good.



Ready for an adventure?!!  
July 30th - August 3rd is sure  
to be a week to remember!  
Let's get "rescued by Jesus"  
together!

Registration for Shipwrecked VBS has begun! Just follow the link at [stmartinlutheran.org](http://stmartinlutheran.org) to register your child. Once your family is registered, pick up a CD in the narthex of all of the amazing music.

VBS is down the street at St. Paul Lutheran from 9:00 - Noon. Please remember to send your child in sneakers, play clothes and sunscreen. We will be having an active, fun time!

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

SOS! Help needed gathering supplies!  
You can be a HUGE part of VBS by taking a life preserver off of the bulletin board and shopping for that item.  
Please return items to the kitchen by July 15th.  
(Please refrigerate items that need to stay cold.) Thanks in advance for your support!

We are also in need of an adult to lead the Opening and Finale gatherings. Please see Michele if you'd like to join the team!

# HOLY YOGA



## Location:

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

For more information,  
contact Jessica Dows at:

[jessicadows@yahoo.com](mailto:jessicadows@yahoo.com)  
814-490-4866 (c)

## Christ Focused Yoga with Jessica

Led by Jessica Dows, R-HYI

**6 Week Series - Thursdays**

**From April 26<sup>th</sup> – June 7<sup>th</sup>**

(No class May 10th)

**5:00-6:00pm: Chair Yoga Practice**  
This class is great for those who want the benefits of yoga but might not be able to get down on the floor and their mat.

**6:30-7:30pm: Gentle Practice**  
This class is great for those who are able to comfortably get down on the floor and back up again.

\$10 Suggested Donation per Class

## Each class includes:

- Prayer
- Meditation on Scripture
- Breath work
- Yoga poses and pose modifications



# May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:00 Mother/Daughter Banquet	2 10:00am Bible Study 7:00 Choir	3 5:00 Wedding Rehearsal	4 2:30 Rebecca Leach/ Patrick Engasser Wedding	5 12:00 Free Community Lunch
6 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School	7 12:00 Lunch Bunch at Lumber City Café 7:00 175th Anniversary Committee Meeting	8 9:30am Hope Circle	9 10:00am Bible Study 7:00 Choir	10 Ascension Day! 6:00 Pot-Luck Dinner 7:00 Worship	11	12
13 9:00 Worship Anniversary of Bap- tisms 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Confirmation Practice	14 7:00 Church Council	15 7:00 Book Club	16 10:00am Bible Study 7:00 Choir	17 11:30 60th Anniversary Celebration of the Guild at GreenField Manor	18	19 9:00am Spring Clean-up
20 Pentecost 9:00 Worship Confirmation 10:15 Sunday School Coffee Hour Daily Bread Food Truck Before & After Worship	21	22 7:00 Peace Circle	23 10:00am Bible Study	24	25	26
27 Memorial Day Weekend 9:00 Worship with American Legion Post #969 in Attendance 10:15 Coffee Hour	28	29	30 10:00am Bible Study	31		